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# 2015 GBCA Performance Cup Regatta & J/24 Circuit Stop

Galveston Bay  
March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Galveston Bay Cruising Association

1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Building #113B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565



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## Notice of Race

**Amended 3/18/2015**

### Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

### Eligibility

This regatta is open to all boats with valid 2015 PHRF-GB certificates (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), boats entering for GBCA Club Handicap, and others that can form a one design class and supply a set of class rules, subject to the discretion of the race committee. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. Classes which have formed by 1700 hours Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will be awarded trophies as follows:

- 3 boats: 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 4-6 boats: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- 7-9 boats: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 10-12 boats: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> place
- 13 or more boats: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place

Classes which form after 1700 hours Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 are eligible for trophies but trophies may not be available for presentation at the awards ceremony.

### Entries

Competitors may enter online at:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_club\\_events.php?CLUB\\_ID=162](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162) .

PHRF certificates may be uploaded at the time of registration (preferred), or delivered to the competitors briefing. The entry fee will be \$75.00. Current members of US Sailing will receive a \$5.00 discount. Entry fees will be refunded if the entry is withdrawn prior to the entry deadline. The deadline for all entries is Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 1930 CST; however, entries received after 2359 CST, Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

J/24 class boats will pay an additional \$5.00 circuit fee to provide for end of year trophies.

## **Courses**

Courses will be windward-leeward of various lengths, distance course around fixed marks or a combination of; located in that part of Galveston Bay bounded by The Bayport Ship Channel, The Houston Ship Channel and the shoreline between Red Bluff and San Leon.

## **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> and at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_club\\_events.php?CLUB\\_ID=162](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162).

Any change to the sailing instructions or to the schedule of races will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

## **Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the door of the GBCA office and at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_club\\_events.php?CLUB\\_ID=162](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162).

## **Scoring**

One completed race constitutes a series.  
No races will be excluded from scoring. This Modifies RRS A4.

## **Schedule of Events**

A Competitors Briefing will be held at GBCA clubhouse, at 1900 Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>2015.

As many races as practical will be run during the regatta. Subsequent races for each class will be started as soon as possible after the class has finished the prior race. The warning signal for the first race for each day of the regatta will not be before 1100 hours.

Following the conclusion of each day's races, festivities will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 1800 hours and awards presentation on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> There will be a party with food, drinks and entertainment. Tickets are \$10. Two will be included in the skipper's packet. You can purchase tickets early on our website. **The location of the party and awards will be the newly renovated Watergate Restaurant building(#124), second floor, located to the northwest of the GBCA clubhouse.**

### ADDENDUM TO NOR FOR J/24 CLASS

- This is the first Circuit Stop of the 2015 J/24 Texas Circuit.
- The Regatta is open to all J/24 yachts as defined by the IJCA and whose entries are accepted by the organizer (“Competitors”). Helmsmen must be full members of a NJCA or the IJCA. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, complete all requirements set forth in the Notice of Circuit for the J/24 Texas Circuit and pay all required registration fees to become official participants. The Notice of Circuit for the J/24 Texas Circuit is located at [www.j24texas.com](http://www.j24texas.com).
- Races will be sailed on windward/leeward courses or variations thereof. Offset weather marks and leeward gates may be used.
- The Regatta will consist of as many as six (6) races over two (2) consecutive days. Three (3) races must be completed to count towards the overall 2015 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores. No race scores will be excluded from a boat’s Regatta score. This modifies rule A2. The scoring penalty as provided by RRS 44.3 and as modified by the sailing instructions will apply.
- All Competitors are subject to inspection and measurement at any time during the Regatta. The mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker must all have the same sail numbers as their J/24 yacht hull number. In accordance with Class Rule 2.5.3, all yachts must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate. Any yacht without a Measurement Certificate should contact a class measurer or the Governor to arrange for yacht measurement in order to obtain a Measurement Certificate. Any yacht without a Measurement Certificate may race in the Regatta with the prior approval of the Governor. All yachts must also carry aboard the *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* per Class Rules 2.5.6 and 3.7.3. This form is the sole responsibility of each owner or helmsman and does not require a class measurer to complete. All Competitors will be subject to crew requirements pursuant to Class Rule 5 and encapsulated corrector weights pursuant to Class Rule 3.7.2. Scales will be provided at registration for weighing all crew members. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the Regatta.
- If you have questions or need additional information regarding the Texas Circuit, contact Kelly Holmes-Moon, District 14 Governor, at 940-399-9805 or Bryan Dyer, Texas Circuit Representative, at [bdyer@woodmont.com](mailto:bdyer@woodmont.com)