



2015 GBCA Offshore TMCA Spring Fling Offshore Gulf of Mexico May 22nd – 25th, 2015 Galveston Bay Cruising Association

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



Notice of Race

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, boats entering for TMCA 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 Saturday, May 16th, 2015 will be awarded trophies as follows:

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

Classes which form after 1700 hours Saturday, May 16th 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_registration_form.php?regatta_id=9531

PHRF certificates may be uploaded at the time of registration (preferred), or delivered to the competitors briefing.

The entry fee for the offshore race will be free. Participants are encouraged to register for the TMCA Spring Fling on their website. The TMCA Spring Fling fee of \$175 will get you three nights slip fee, seminar and party access. Those that do not register for the Spring Fling will need to make their own slip arrangements.

Course

The race and course will be a pursuit style start going from Marker 11 in the Houston Ship Channel at Bolivar Roads, proceeding out the jetty into the gulf, then to the Sabine Lake entrance jetty, finishing inside the jetty at Sabine Channel RGE B Low Range.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at the GBCA office after 1900 Friday, Friday May 15th and at 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 .

Scoring

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

This is the third race in the series for spinnaker boats competing for the Texas Navy Cup and non-spinnaker boats competing for the S. Rhoads Fisher Cup. Participation in this race and the LYC Heald Bank and the HYC Offshore, culminating with the second GBCA offshore race to be held in the fall on September 26, 2015 are required to contend for the Navy and Fisher Cups.

Schedule of Events

A Competitors Briefing will be held at GBCA clubhouse, at 1900 Friday, May 15th 2015.

Race will be held Friday May 22nd, 2015.

Festivities will be held on Saturday, May 23rd for awards presentation.