



2020 Fall Series Chili Chase Regatta

October 24, November 28, & December 5

Galveston Bay

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

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 1.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and any supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at Regatta Network.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 3.2. **Sailing Entries** - Expected classes include Racing Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, Shorthanded, GBCA Club Handicap Multihull, Level, and One-Design classes.
- 3.3. **Chili Entries** - There will be a separate Chili Competition open to any individual or group. Entrants are requested to provide enough Chili for sampling by 10 judges. Judges will be selected by the GBCA Commodore or his delegate.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **1700 hours Wednesday, November 18, 2020** and includes:
 - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
 - 4.1.2. Registration for Fall Series
- 4.2. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.3. Boats may be entered at: [Registration](#)

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration entry fee for Chili Chase is \$70 for all classes.
- 5.2. Entries after the registration deadline are eligible for awards that may not be available for presentation at the awards ceremony. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of Race Committee.
- 5.3. There is no entry fee for Fall Series #1 or Fall Series #2. To qualify for the overall Fall Series, participants must enter Chili Chase.

6. SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, October 24, 2020 | 1100 hours pursuit warning | Fall Series #1 |
| Wednesday, November 18, 2020 | 1700 hours | Registration Deadline |
| Saturday, November 28, 2020 | 1100 hours pursuit warning | Fall Series #2 |
| Friday, December 4, 2020 | 1700 hours | Late Registration Deadline |
| Friday, December 4, 2020 | 1900 hours | Competitor's Briefing |
| Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 110 hours pursuit warning | Chili Chase Regatta |
| Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 1800 hours | Chili judging and awards to follow |

6.1. Competitor Briefing Options:

- 6.1.1. In person at GBCA Clubhouse
- 6.1.2. Conference call: 605-313-5580 PIN: 186082
- 6.1.3. Zoom Meeting

6.2. Number of races.

- 6.2.1. There shall be one race per day for each Fall Series and Chili Chase.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each handicap monohull shall have a valid rating certificate.
- 7.2. Multihulls may be listed in a new Cruising Club Multihull class which follow the same rating adjustments as GBCA Cruising Club. A competitor's base rating shall be their TOMA rating. If a competitor does not have a rating, the Fleet Captain may assign one.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available after Friday, October 23, 2020 online at: [Sailing Instructions](#)
- 8.2. Any change to the sailing instructions or to the schedule of races will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

9. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 9.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted online at: [Notices to Competitors](#)

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The racing area shall be in Galveston Bay, between the Houston Ship Channel, the Bayport Ship Channel and the shoreline between Eagle Point and Red Bluff.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be as follows:
 - 11.1.1. **Fall Series #1:** Icicle Course Standard
 - 11.1.2. **Fall Series #2:** Icicle Course Reverse
 - 11.1.3. **Chili Chase:** As defined by Sailing Instructions.

12. PENELTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
- 12.2. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The scoring system will be low point as stated in RRS 90.3
- 13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 13.3. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1
- 13.4. Finish results for Fall Series #1 and Fall Series #2 shall be entered at <http://racing.gbca.org/>
- 13.5. Final scoring for the series will be through Regatta Network.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support boats shall be marked with a GBCA burgee.

14.2. It is requested that any support boats during Chili Chase Regatta check-in with Race Committee

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1. No haul-out restrictions.

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

16.1. No restrictions.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1. Except in emergencies or to avoid collision a boat that is racing shall not communicate either by voice or data systems, information regarding wind, current, course, speed or any other information with any other boat to gain an unfair advantage.

17.2. Boats are encouraged to use RaceQs during the regatta, and a regatta replay will be available at the post-race social. AIS receivers and transceivers are also allowed. Tracking devices (e.g. SPOT, InReach) are allowed provided that the information communicated is available to all competitors and not used to gain an unfair advantage. It is encouraged to turn off live mode in these devices.

18. PRIZES

18.1. Awards will be given as entered: Fall Series, Chili Chase Regatta, & Chili Judging.

18.2. For participants to be considered for the overall Fall Series, they must enter the Chili Chase Regatta.

18.3. There is no entry fee for those submitting for the chili competition.

18.4. Sailing awards will be given as determined at Registration Deadline as follows for:

- 3 Boats First place prize
- 6 Boats First and second place prize
- 9 Boats First, second, and third place prize
- One additional prize for every three boats entered.

18.5. Chili awards will be awarded for the following:

- The best overall chili
- The best chili submitted by a competitor who sailed in the regatta.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, volunteers, or sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19.2. The concept of RRS 4 extends to any social gathering and the chili competition. By participating, each individual holds GBCA, their sponsors, volunteers and chili donors harmless of any personal injury or any health issues sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

20. INSURANCE

20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20.2. Participants should be able to provide proof of insurance if requested.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1. For further information please contact Fleet Captain, Scott Tuma at 281.705.3712 or TexasTuma@Comcast.net or www.gbca.org