



2022 Wednesday Night Races

April 6 – September 14, 2022

Galveston Bay Cruising Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)*.
- 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 tasteful competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 3.2. Expected classes include PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Portsmouth, Multi, and One-Design classes.
- 3.3. PHRF Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **17:00 hours on Wednesday, March 30, 2022** and includes:
 - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
- 4.2. Entries after the Late Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.3. Boats may be entered at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/html/calendar.php?series=1>

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration – Active GBCA Senior Members: The entry fee is \$100 for the full season of racing for all classes.
- 5.2. Registration – Non-GBCA Senior Members: The entry fee is \$210 for the full season for all classes.
- 5.3. Registration – Series: The entry fee is \$50 for a single series for all classes.
- 5.4. Registration – Single Race: The entry fee is \$20 for a single race for all classes.

6. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 30 th	19:00 hours	Skipper's meeting/Kick-off party at BARge
Wednesday, April 6 th	18:15 hours	Series 1, Race 1, first warning signal.
Wednesday, May 4 th	19:00 hours	Bye-week, no racing. Series awards at BARge.
Wednesday, May 11 th	18:15 hours	Series 2, Race 1, first warning signal.
Wednesday, June 8 th	19:00 hours	Bye-week, no racing. Series awards at BARge.
Wednesday, June 15 th	18:15 hours	Series 3, Race 1, first warning signal.
Wednesday, July 13 th	19:00 hours	Bye-week, no racing. Series awards at BARge.
Wednesday, July 20 th	18:15 hours	Series 4, Race 1, first warning signal.
Wednesday, August 17 th	19:00 hours	Bye-week, no racing. Series awards at BARge.
Wednesday, August 24 th	18:15 hours	Series 5, Race 1, first warning signal.
Wednesday, September 21 st	19:00 hours	End of Season awards at BARge.

6.1. Number of races

6.1.1. All classes will race one race per scheduled day.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Each handicap monohull boat shall have a valid rating certificate.

7.2. Each Portsmouth boat shall use the US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick rating.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Wednesday, March 30th 16:00 hours at :
www.gbca.org and Regatta Network event site.

9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be in Clear Lake, North of the Clear Creek channel, between the Nassau Bay Hilton to the west and the Lakewood Yacht club breakwater to the east.

10. COURSES

10.1.1. All classes will sail distance courses around fixed marks. Courses will be designed at varying lengths.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The scoring system will be low point as stated in RRS 90.3.
- 12.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no excluded scores.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. No support boats are planned. However, any designated support boat shall be marked with a GBCA burgee.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. 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.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be given per series as follows:
 - 3 Boats First place prize
 - 6 Boats First and second place prize
 - One additional prize for every three boats entered.
 - Details about Championship awards will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, volunteers, or sponsors shall not bear any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. For further information please contact PRO Darin Keever at darin@keever.cc, GBCA Fleet Captain Chris May at may.chris.w@gmail.com, or www.gbca.org

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