



# 2024 GBCA Women's Regatta

Galveston Bay

July 20, 2024

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*.
- 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. For each race in the regatta, each boat competing shall be helmed by a female from the warning signal for her class until she is finished. Crew may be female or male.
- 3.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat more than 75% of each race for the regatta.
- 3.3. This regatta is open to all boats with valid 2023 PHRF-GB certificates, 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.
- 3.4. Three (3) boats are required to make a class. A class may be subdivided if the division allows boats of similar performance a more competitive race. Any division will be at the discretion of Race Committee.
- 3.5. GBCA Senior membership is not required to enter but encouraged.
- 3.6. Expected classes include, but not limited to, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, One-Design classes, and Beach Catamaran
  - 3.6.1. A class that does not meet the requirements will be merged into the next appropriate class; and according to their rules. For example, a Cruising Class boat that may be merged into the PHRF Non-Spinnaker class will be scored with an appropriate PHRF-GB rating, not their CC rating.
- 3.7. Handicap classes shall race Time on Time.

### 4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **1200 hours on Friday, July 12, 2024**, and includes:
  - 4.1.1. Regatta registration
  - 4.1.2. Post race food and drink
- 4.2. Late Registration deadline is **1700 hours on Friday, July 19, 2024**, and includes:
  - 4.2.1. Regatta registration
  - 4.2.2. Late registration fee
  - 4.2.3. Post race food and drink

- 4.3. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Boats may be entered at: [GBCA Women's Regatta registration](#)

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. Registration entry fee is:
  - 5.1.1. GBCA Senior member: \$40
  - 5.1.2. Non-GBCA Senior member: \$45
- 5.2. Late Registration entry fee shall be:
  - 5.2.1. All late entries: \$55

**6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

- 6.1. This regatta is a qualifying regatta for the [Galveston Bay Womens Championship Series.](#)

**7. SCHEDULE**

Friday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	1200 hours	Registration Deadline
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Friday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	1700 hours	Late Registration Deadline
Saturday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	1000 hours	Competitor's Briefing
Saturday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	1300 hours	Warning Signal all classes
Saturday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	2 hours after RC docks	Award Presentation TBD

- 7.1. Competitor's Briefing
  - 7.1.1. The Competitor's Briefing will be in person at the GBCA Clubhouse.
- 7.2. Number of races
  - 7.2.1. All classes are intended to race at least one (1) race. Classes may race up to five (5) races.
- 7.3. Awards presentation and post-race social.
  - 7.3.1. The availability and location of the awards presentation and post-race social will be made available at the Competitor's Briefing.

**8. MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1. Each handicap boat shall have a valid rating certificate.

**9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2000 hours at the link: [Sailing Instructions](#)

**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. Classes shall sail a windward/leeward, or a fixed mark distance course identified in Sailing Instructions.

**12. PENALTY 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

### **14. SUPPORT BOATS**

14.1. Support boats shall be marked with their club representative burgee and check in with race committee.

### **15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

15.1. N/A

### **16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

16.1. N/A

### **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, with a regatta replay 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. Prizes will be given as determined at Registration Deadline (July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 hours) as follows:

- 3-5 Boats First place prize
- 6-8 Boats First and second place prize
- 9-11 Boats First, second, and third place prize

18.2. Additional prizes for entries after the Late Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

18.3. Scores from this event will be applied to the Galveston Bay Women's Championship.

### **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 3**, 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. All competitors acknowledge with their entry they are familiar with, and understand, the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Inland Rules of the Road.

### **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.

### **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

21.1. For further information please contact, Scott Tuma at 281.705.3712 or [RaceCommitteeTX@gmail.com](mailto:RaceCommitteeTX@gmail.com) or [www.gbca.org](http://www.gbca.org)