2024 Nacra 50th Year Regatta

Crystal Beach, TX

June 13-15

Texas City Dike Yacht Club & Bolivar Yacht Club

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. The regatta is open to all Nacra manufactured boats.
- 3.2. All boats shall be grouped into a Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker handicap class.
 - 3.2.1.When (3) three boats of a one design criteria enter, they can be separated into a one design class.
 - 3.2.2. Boats of a similar handicap rating may be grouped into a Level Rating Class.
 - 3.2.2.1. Affected boats shall agree unanimously.
- 3.3. Handicap classes shall race SCHRS.
- 3.4. All boats racing shall be scored under SCHRS for an overall fleet ranking.
- 3.5. Due to regatta insurance requirements, this is a Hobie Class Association North America (HCANA) sanctioned event and at least on crew person per boat is required to be a member of the HCANA. Temporary event membership is available for \$30 at

https://hcana.hobieclass.com/join/

4. **REGISTRATION**

- 4.1. Early Registration includes:
 - 4.1.1. Early Regatta registration discount
 - 4.1.2. (2) Regatta shirts for doublehanded
 - 4.1.3. (1) Regatta shirt for singlehanded
- 4.2. Registration includes:
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4.2.4.Classes are formed

- **4.3.** Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Regatta information can be found on Regatta Network
- 4.5. Boats may be entered at: <u>REGISTRATION</u>
- 4.6. Refunds shall be given if requested before Registration Deadline minus a 5% administration fee.
- 4.7. No refunds after Registration Deadline.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Early Registration:
 - 5.1.1.The entry fee is \$125 for doublehanded entries.
 - 5.1.2. The entry fee is \$100 for singlehanded entries.
- 5.2. Registration:

5.2.1.The entry fee shall be \$150 for all entries.

6. SCHEDULE

| Date | Time | Event | Where |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday, May 3 | 1700 hours | Early Registration Deadline | REGISTRATION LINK |
| Saturday, May 24 | 1700 hours | Registration Deadline | REGISTRATION LINK |
| Saturday, May 24 | 1700 hours | Classes are formed | Per registration number |
| Thursday, June 12 | 1900 hours | Welcome party | TBD in Sis |
| Friday, June 13 | 0900 hours | Skipper's Meeting | Regatta Headquarters |
| Friday, June 13 | 1200 hours | Warning Signal first start | TBD from Skipper Mtg |
| Saturday, June 14 | 0900 hours | Skipper's Meeting | Regatta Headquarters |
| Saturday, June 14 | 1200 hours | Warning Signal first start | TBD from Skipper Mtg |
| Sunday, June 15 | 0900 hours | Skipper's Meeting | Regatta Headquarters |
| Sunday, June 15 | 1200 hours | Warning Signal first start | TBD from Skipper Mtg |
| Friday, June 13 | TBD in Sis | Awards Party/Social Event | TBD in Sis |

6.1. Number of races

- 6.1.1. Distance races are intended to have one long race per day.
- 6.1.2. Buoy races are intended to have multiple races per day with intent discussed at daily Skipper's Meeting.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Stock boats shall be rated under published SCHRS handicap.
- 7.2. Modified boats shall be rated using the <u>SCHRS Rating Calculator</u> found online.
 - 7.2.1.Entrants with modified sails shall submit the sail dimensions and sail area to Scott Tuma at <u>RaceCommitteeTX@gmail.com</u> upon registration.
 - 7.2.2. Race Committee may perform random boat/sail measurements.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Late Registration Deadline on at <u>SAILING</u> <u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>

9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be in the Gulf of Mexico off Bolivar Peninsula.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions but are intended to consist of triangle windward/leeward, windward/leeward and/or distance courses utilizing buoy and fixed marks.
- 10.2. Races are anticipated to start (a version of Le Mans style) and finish off the beach as well as traditional starts/finishes with a committee boat and pin.
- 10.3. The marks of each race will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and determined at the daily Skipper's Meeting

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. 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. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1
- 12.5. Distance races shall count double.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Support boats shall be marked with blue TCDYC flag.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1. No haul out restrictions.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1. N/A

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. Boats are allowed to use performance tracking devices (RaceQs, YoNav, Kwindo for example) during the regatta provided that the information communicated is available to all competitors and not used to gain an unfair advantage. AIS receivers and transceivers are also allowed.
- 16.3. It is heavily encouraged for each boat to have an operational VHF radio.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Registration Deadline as follows:
 - 3 Boats First place prize (skipper and crew)
 - 6 Boats First and second place prize (skipper and crew)
 - 9 Boats First, second, and third place prize (skipper and crew)
 - One additional prize for every three boats entered.
- 17.2. First, Second, and Third place trophies will be given for overall fleet results.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks

include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

19. INSURANCE

19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further information please contact Scott Tuma at 281.705.3712 or RaceCommitteeTX@gmail.com

