



2021 Cruzan Rum Race Series

Galveston Bay

May 29-October 16, 2021

Galveston Bay Cruising Association



Amendment #1

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 posted on the GBCA website; www.gbca.org.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the GBCA website; www.GBCA.org

4. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. 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.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 6.2. Expected classes include Racing Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap (non-spinnaker), GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, Shorthanded; and Multihull

7. FEES

- 7.1. There is no registration fee for entry. However, **membership in GBCA is kindly requested**.
- 7.2. Yachts must be owned by a GBCA senior member in good standing to be eligible for series awards.

8. SCHEDULE

May 29 th	Standard
June 12 th	Reverse
July 10 th	Standard
July 31 st	Reverse
August 14 th	Standard
September 4 th	Reverse
October 16 th	Standard

- 8.1. Socials will be held at the GBCA clubhouse following each race, unless otherwise posted at the GBCA office and/or social media outlets by 8:00am the day of the race. The GBCA office is located at 1500 Marina Bay Dr., Building 113B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565.
- 8.2. Time limit – The race ends at 21:00 hours. Any boat that has not finished by this time will not be scored.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. Each handicap monohull boat, except for Cruising Club Classes, shall have a valid PHRF rating certificate.
- 9.2. Cruising Club classes will have a valid GBCA Club Handicap rating. Information on obtaining a rating can be found at: <https://gbca.org/CruisingClass>
- 9.3. Multihulls shall have a valid TOMA rating
 - Smaller multihulls shall be rated under SCHRS.

10. CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

10.1. The Classes are defined as follows:

- **Racing Spinnaker class** – Any boat that has either of symmetrical or asymmetrical (tacked on bow or any length sprit) cut and a Sail Area to Displacement ratio (SA/D) greater than 19.0. This handicap will be assigned by PHRF-GB. Eligibility if further defined at <http://www.phrfgb.com/racer-cruiser-definitions>
- **Racer/Cruiser Spinnaker class** – Any boat that has either of symmetrical or asymmetrical (tacked on bow or any length sprit) cut and a Sail Area to Displacement ratio (SA/D) less than or equal to 19.0. This handicap will be assigned by PHRF-GB. Eligibility if further defined at <http://www.phrfgb.com/racer-cruiser-definitions>. Any yacht without a current PHRF-GB rating shall race in the GBCA Club Handicap classes with rating guidelines applied.
- **Non-Spinnaker class** – The boat may not fly a spinnaker but may pole the jib or genoa out using a whisker pole. This handicap will be assigned by PHRF-GB. Yachts in this class shall use their PHRF-GB assigned non-spinnaker rating. Any yacht without a current PHRF-GB rating shall race in the GBCA Club handicap classes with rating guidelines applied.
- **GBCA Shorthanded** class will sail in accordance with the GBCA Shorthanded rules and will not subdivide. This handicap will be assigned by PHRF-GB.
- **GBCA Club Handicap Non-Spinnaker** class is intended for those owning cruising boats and/or novice racers. Boats that are raced by prominent racers or that are known to be racing class

boats may be assigned a more conservative handicap (lower/faster) than the established PHRF rating by the Fleet Captain or their designee. This class shall be non-spinnaker.

- **GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker** class is intended for those owning cruising boats and/or novice racers with a spinnaker, asymmetric or symmetrical and to be a steppingstone between the GBCA Club Handicap Non-Spinnaker class and the PHRF Spinnaker class. Boats that are raced by prominent racers or that are known to be racing class boats may be assigned a more conservative handicap (lower/faster) than the established PHRF rating by the class coordinator or the GBCA Board. Any new boat entering this class will initially start with a PHRF handicap, or a PHRF handicap assigned by the Fleet Captain or their designee.
- **Multihull shall** use their TOMA assigned rating. Boats without an established handicap, shall have one assigned by Race Chairman or Fleet Captain.

10.2. PHRF Handicaps and SA/D (Sail Area to Displacement ratio) are those shown on each yacht's 2020 PHRF-GB rating certificate. Yachts may not take adjustments for different headsail sizes on a per race basis. Yachts may elect to race in any class on a per race basis. Points earned in one class will not be transferred to another. Skippers who do not have a valid Galveston Bay PHRF certificate may obtain a provisional rating from the Fleet Captain at may.chris.w@gmail.com or 713-591-8115. Skippers are urged to obtain a PHRF-GB certificate (www.PHRFGB.com) as provisional ratings tend to be more conservative (lower/faster) than a valid PHRF-GB certificate and are intended only for first time racers or those new to the area.

A yacht that qualifies as Racer/Cruiser may race in the Racing Spinnaker Class with the Fleet Captain's approval from a written request.

10.3. GBCA Club Handicap Handicap Registration: Yachts intending to participate in the GBCA Club Handicap class no longer need to register beforehand. If you have a valid Cruising Club Rating, you just need to participate in the race and submit your time like all other classes. This will add/update your boat into the scoring database. See Finishing below. If you do not have a Cruising Club rating, contact Fleet Captain at may.chris.w@gmail.com. Skippers are urged to obtain a PHRF certificate [phrfgb@gmail.com], as provisional ratings tend to be more conservative (faster) than a valid PHRF-GB certificate and are intended only for first time racers or those new to the area.

Ratings will be adjusted based on fleet performance after each race.

View the current club ratings and recent changes to ratings based on prior performance - <http://racing.gbca.org/club.html>

11. CLASS FLAGS

11.1. Yachts racing in the Rum Series shall **clearly display** their class flag(s) from the backstay or other prominent **visible position on the stern of the yacht throughout the race**.

- The Racing Spinnaker class flag is **pink**
- The Racer/Cruiser Spinnaker class flag is **white**.
- The Non-spinnaker class flag is **dark**.
- The Shorthanded class will display a **white** flag over a **dark** flag.
- The GBCA Club Handicap class flag is **bright orange**.
- The GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker class flag is **green**
- Multihulls do not have a class flag.

12. RACING AREA

12.1. 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.

12.2. **BOATS SHALL NOT ENTER THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL. THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SHALL RANK AS AN OBSTRUCTION. BOATS THAT ENTER THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED WITH FUTURE PARTICIPATION UNDER REVIEW BY GBCA BOARD.**

13. COURSES

13.1. **Marks of the course:**

- The Start/Finish line will be between Clear Lake Entrance Marker #1 and Marker # 2, located in Galveston Bay.
- Clear Lake Entrance Marker #2 - **N29 33.164' W094 59.551'**
- Mid-bay channel marker #8 - **N 29° 32.419' W 094° 55.077'**
- GBCA "E" mark: Houston Ship Channel low range mark - **N 29° 35.779' W 094° 56.934'**
- GBCA "H" mark: Oil rig house - **N 29° 33.255' W 094° 56.542'**

In the event any of these marks are missing, boats shall round the coordinates given.

13.2. **Course Headings and Distances:**

- Standard Course:
 - Leg 1: #1/#2 to "#8" approximately 3.95 nm bearing approximately 101°
 - Leg 2: "#8" to "H" approximately 1.52 nm bearing approximately 303°
 - Leg 3: "H" to "E" approximately 2.55 nm bearing approximately 352°
 - Leg 4: "E" to #1/#2 approximately 3.47 nm bearing approximately 221°
- Reverse Course:
 - Leg 1: #1/#2 to "E" at approximately 3.47 nm bearing approximately 041°
 - Leg 2: "E" to "H" at approximately 2.55 nm bearing approximately 172°
 - Leg 3: "H" to "#8" at approximately 1.52 nm bearing approximately 123°
 - Leg 4: "#8" to #1/#2 approximately 3.95 nm bearing approximately 281°

The total course length is 11.49 nautical miles

13.2. Starting Times

The starting times are listed in Attachment #1. Participating yachts may obtain the correct time on any WWV frequency or by calling 1-303-499-7111, or from a GPS. The start times in Attachment #1 & #2 are based on a course length of 11.49 nautical miles and are computed so that a yacht with a rating of 285 will start (base start time) at 16:30 hours. If you do not find your rating in Attachment #1, you may compute your start time as follows:

For PHRF: Let **R** be the yacht's PHRF or GBCA Club Handicap rating and **S** be the starting time adjustment in seconds.

$$S = 11.49 \times (285 - R)$$

Starting Time = base time + S

13.3. Finishing

All skippers who would like to be scored for series results will submit their start and finish times to <http://racing.gbca.org/>

The first yacht in each class to cross the finish line will be the winner of the class and be required to record the next TWO places in her class by legibly recording the boat name and or sail numbers. When uploading your yacht's time, you should include the next two places in the appropriate fields. We do not need times for the next two boats, just the places.

Pro-Tip: When submitting the form, if you include your email, it will "prefill" the form the next time you open it. You will only need to update the finish time. Times submitted shall be CST, (UTC-6, see IV. Starting Times).

Please use military time, i.e.: 18:42:00. AM/PM is not allowed on the form.

Any discrepancies to actual start and/or finish times shall be submitted to the Fleet Captain within 24 hours of the respective race. It is not required that you keep a record of your race (via GPS tracks or photographic with timestamp), but in the case of a conflict, those with supporting data will certainly be more persuasive. If you find a discrepancy, please contact Fleet Captain at may.chris.w@gmail.com, 713-591-8115. If there is evidence of incorrect results, changes will be made after the awards to correct the overall standing, but the results at the time of awards will be final for race trophies (we will not hand out additional rum for those late to enter results, etc.).

We encourage you to enter your results via mobile phone. However, there may be a computer available at the clubhouse to complete the form. You are expected to enter your results as soon as possible, and all results will become final 24 hours after the start of a given race. You may modify the results (using the same link) at any time before awards. Again, these will only be accepted if the site is not functioning.

The race ends at 21:00 hours. Any boat that has not finished by this time will not be scored.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The Two-Turns penalty is in effect for all violations of the rules. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.
- 14.3. There is no formal system for protest. However, a boat may be disqualified without a hearing for serious violations of the Rules or these sailing instructions by the Fleet Captain, Regatta Chairman, and/or GBCA Board. This changes RRS 60 & 61.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Trophies will be awarded as follows by class: 3 boats with recorded finish – 1 award, 6 boats with recorded finish – 2 awards, 9 boats with recorded finish – 3 awards
- 15.2. High point scoring will be used for series awards
- 15.3. Points will be given for the series as follows:

Place	Points
1 st	8
2 nd	7
3 rd	6
4 th	5
5 th	4
6 th	3
7 th	2
8 th	1

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. **Per race prizes:** Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 3 Boats with recorded finish First place prize
 - 6 Boats with recorded finish First and second place prize
 - 9 Boats with recorded finish First, second, and third place prize
 - One additional prize for every three boats entered.
- 16.2. **Series awards:** Prizes will be given as follows
 - Average of 3 boats with a recorded finish: First place prize
 - Average of 6 boats with a recorded finish: Second place prize
 - Average of 9 boats with a recorded finish: Third place prize

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. **Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

18. INSURANCE

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1. For further information please contact Fleet Captain, Chris May at 713-591-8115 or may.chris.w@gmail.com or www.gbca.org

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Attachment #1

PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time	PHRF	Start time
285	4:30:00 PM	238	4:39:00 PM	191	4:48:00 PM	144	4:57:00 PM	97	5:06:00 PM	50	5:15:00 PM
284	4:30:11 PM	237	4:39:12 PM	190	4:48:12 PM	143	4:57:12 PM	96	5:06:12 PM	49	5:15:12 PM
283	4:30:23 PM	236	4:39:23 PM	189	4:48:23 PM	142	4:57:23 PM	95	5:06:23 PM	48	5:15:23 PM
282	4:30:34 PM	235	4:39:35 PM	188	4:48:35 PM	141	4:57:35 PM	94	5:06:35 PM	47	5:15:35 PM
281	4:30:46 PM	234	4:39:46 PM	187	4:48:46 PM	140	4:57:46 PM	93	5:06:46 PM	46	5:15:46 PM
280	4:30:57 PM	233	4:39:57 PM	186	4:48:58 PM	139	4:57:58 PM	92	5:06:58 PM	45	5:15:58 PM
279	4:31:09 PM	232	4:40:09 PM	185	4:49:09 PM	138	4:58:09 PM	91	5:07:09 PM	44	5:16:09 PM
278	4:31:20 PM	231	4:40:20 PM	184	4:49:20 PM	137	4:58:21 PM	90	5:07:21 PM	43	5:16:21 PM
277	4:31:32 PM	230	4:40:32 PM	183	4:49:32 PM	136	4:58:32 PM	89	5:07:32 PM	42	5:16:32 PM
276	4:31:43 PM	229	4:40:43 PM	182	4:49:43 PM	135	4:58:44 PM	88	5:07:44 PM	41	5:16:44 PM
275	4:31:55 PM	228	4:40:55 PM	181	4:49:55 PM	134	4:58:55 PM	87	5:07:55 PM	40	5:16:55 PM
274	4:32:06 PM	227	4:41:06 PM	180	4:50:06 PM	133	4:59:06 PM	86	5:08:07 PM	39	5:17:07 PM
273	4:32:18 PM	226	4:41:18 PM	179	4:50:18 PM	132	4:59:18 PM	85	5:08:18 PM	38	5:17:18 PM
272	4:32:29 PM	225	4:41:29 PM	178	4:50:29 PM	131	4:59:29 PM	84	5:08:29 PM	37	5:17:30 PM
271	4:32:41 PM	224	4:41:41 PM	177	4:50:41 PM	130	4:59:41 PM	83	5:08:41 PM	36	5:17:41 PM
270	4:32:52 PM	223	4:41:52 PM	176	4:50:52 PM	129	4:59:52 PM	82	5:08:52 PM	35	5:17:53 PM
269	4:33:04 PM	222	4:42:04 PM	175	4:51:04 PM	128	5:00:04 PM	81	5:09:04 PM	34	5:18:04 PM
268	4:33:15 PM	221	4:42:15 PM	174	4:51:15 PM	127	5:00:15 PM	80	5:09:15 PM	33	5:18:15 PM
267	4:33:27 PM	220	4:42:27 PM	173	4:51:27 PM	126	5:00:27 PM	79	5:09:27 PM	32	5:18:27 PM
266	4:33:38 PM	219	4:42:38 PM	172	4:51:38 PM	125	5:00:38 PM	78	5:09:38 PM	31	5:18:38 PM
265	4:33:50 PM	218	4:42:50 PM	171	4:51:50 PM	124	5:00:50 PM	77	5:09:50 PM	30	5:18:50 PM
264	4:34:01 PM	217	4:43:01 PM	170	4:52:01 PM	123	5:01:01 PM	76	5:10:01 PM	29	5:19:01 PM
263	4:34:13 PM	216	4:43:13 PM	169	4:52:13 PM	122	5:01:13 PM	75	5:10:13 PM	28	5:19:13 PM
262	4:34:24 PM	215	4:43:24 PM	168	4:52:24 PM	121	5:01:24 PM	74	5:10:24 PM	27	5:19:24 PM
261	4:34:36 PM	214	4:43:36 PM	167	4:52:36 PM	120	5:01:36 PM	73	5:10:36 PM	26	5:19:36 PM
260	4:34:47 PM	213	4:43:47 PM	166	4:52:47 PM	119	5:01:47 PM	72	5:10:47 PM	25	5:19:47 PM
259	4:34:59 PM	212	4:43:59 PM	165	4:52:59 PM	118	5:01:59 PM	71	5:10:59 PM	24	5:19:59 PM
258	4:35:10 PM	211	4:44:10 PM	164	4:53:10 PM	117	5:02:10 PM	70	5:11:10 PM	23	5:20:10 PM
257	4:35:22 PM	210	4:44:22 PM	163	4:53:22 PM	116	5:02:22 PM	69	5:11:22 PM	22	5:20:22 PM
256	4:35:33 PM	209	4:44:33 PM	162	4:53:33 PM	115	5:02:33 PM	68	5:11:33 PM	21	5:20:33 PM
255	4:35:45 PM	208	4:44:45 PM	161	4:53:45 PM	114	5:02:45 PM	67	5:11:45 PM	20	5:20:45 PM
254	4:35:56 PM	207	4:44:56 PM	160	4:53:56 PM	113	5:02:56 PM	66	5:11:56 PM	19	5:20:56 PM
253	4:36:08 PM	206	4:45:08 PM	159	4:54:08 PM	112	5:03:08 PM	65	5:12:08 PM	18	5:21:08 PM
252	4:36:19 PM	205	4:45:19 PM	158	4:54:19 PM	111	5:03:19 PM	64	5:12:19 PM	17	5:21:19 PM
251	4:36:31 PM	204	4:45:31 PM	157	4:54:31 PM	110	5:03:31 PM	63	5:12:31 PM	16	5:21:31 PM
250	4:36:42 PM	203	4:45:42 PM	156	4:54:42 PM	109	5:03:42 PM	62	5:12:42 PM	15	5:21:42 PM
249	4:36:54 PM	202	4:45:54 PM	155	4:54:54 PM	108	5:03:54 PM	61	5:12:54 PM	14	5:21:54 PM
248	4:37:05 PM	201	4:46:05 PM	154	4:55:05 PM	107	5:04:05 PM	60	5:13:05 PM	13	5:22:05 PM
247	4:37:17 PM	200	4:46:17 PM	153	4:55:17 PM	106	5:04:17 PM	59	5:13:17 PM	12	5:22:17 PM
246	4:37:28 PM	199	4:46:28 PM	152	4:55:28 PM	105	5:04:28 PM	58	5:13:28 PM	11	5:22:28 PM
245	4:37:40 PM	198	4:46:40 PM	151	4:55:40 PM	104	5:04:40 PM	57	5:13:40 PM	10	5:22:40 PM
244	4:37:51 PM	197	4:46:51 PM	150	4:55:51 PM	103	5:04:51 PM	56	5:13:51 PM	9	5:22:51 PM
243	4:38:03 PM	196	4:47:03 PM	149	4:56:03 PM	102	5:05:03 PM	55	5:14:03 PM	8	5:23:03 PM
242	4:38:14 PM	195	4:47:14 PM	148	4:56:14 PM	101	5:05:14 PM	54	5:14:14 PM	7	5:23:14 PM
241	4:38:26 PM	194	4:47:26 PM	147	4:56:26 PM	100	5:05:26 PM	53	5:14:26 PM	6	5:23:26 PM
240	4:38:37 PM	193	4:47:37 PM	146	4:56:37 PM	99	5:05:37 PM	52	5:14:37 PM	5	5:23:37 PM
239	4:38:49 PM	192	4:47:49 PM	145	4:56:49 PM	98	5:05:49 PM	51	5:14:49 PM	4	5:23:49 PM

ATTACHMENT #2



This area is provided as a convenient place to record finish time, boat ahead, and boat behind until it can be uploaded electronically.

Race: _____

Date: _____

Start Time: _:__:__

Finish Time: :__:__

Boat Ahead: _____

Sail #: _____

Boat Behind: _____

Sail #: _____

2nd Boat Behind: _____

Sail #: _____