



GBCA Cannon



A Note from our Commodore

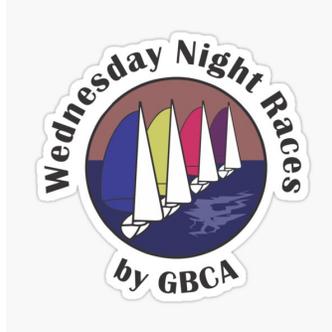
By Commodore Scott Tuma

Summer is coming to an end and so are our series races; Wednesday Nights on Clear Lake, Galveston Bay Women's Championship and Rum Races. Our Rum Races draw a wide range of experience, competition levels and boat handling skills. Many of the racers that attend the Rum Races chose these races because of the more relaxed atmosphere. This gives the opportunity to bring out people who may not have a lot of sailing/racing experience, and/or families that don't want the highly competitive buoy racing, or even some of the competitive racers that want to go out in a more relaxed arena. This is not the time and place for close quarter maneuvers, risky crossings, or complicated overlaps at marks. Let's keep Rum and Ice races to what they were originally intended; fun casual racing on Galveston Bay.



Racing with GBCA...

Wednesday Night Races by GBCA



We are halfway through the final Series 5 of GBCA's first year of WNR. The weather has been spectacular for evening racing except for one in Series 4. As the front line rolled down from the north, most of the fleet started the race and continued to "race to the crane". A few dropped sails and motored back in just after rounding the "boat mark", and a handful finished the course in 20-30 knots of wind and pounding rain. Spectating can be done from BARge 295 from the upper deck. More information will be detailed on www.GBCA.org and on the GBCA Facebook page. We plan to keep the CLRA website up for at least another year to see how to transition away from it. The End of Year party is scheduled for 7pm September 21 at BARge 295.



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2022 Cruzan Rum Race Series

The Rum Races have averaged about 45 boats this year with the “old school” course. This year, we replaced Boater’s Cut #8 and H Mark with J Mark for the course. We are going with a pirate theme for the last Rum Race on October 1 naming it *Defeat Lafitte*.

Texas Monthly states a blurb of Lafitte’s history as “From 1817-20, Lafitte headquartered his smuggling business on Galveston Island, which was then part of Spanish Texas. He and his older brother, Pierre, patrolled the Gulf of Mexico as pseudo-agents of New World governments that had revolted against Spain, exploiting the naval routes that linked the Gulf Coast to the rest of the globe.” There still sits a historical marker along Harbourside where his village, *Camanche*, used to reside.

CRUZAN RUM

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GBCA RUM RACE #7

DEFEAT LAFITTE!

EVENT DATE: OCTOBER 1ST

PIRATE PARTY AFTER RACING!

75 Years of GBCA

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2022 GBCA Offshore Regatta

The 2022 Texas Race Week was canceled this year due to lack of participation. The other clubs have also been struggling with participation. In the next few months, we will discuss ideas that we can implement for future offshore regattas.

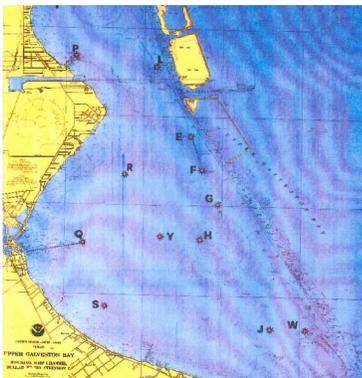
GBCA Women's Regatta

17 boats competed in 3 classes on Galveston Bay for the Women's Regatta on August 20. The 7 Cruising Club boats sailed 2 triangle courses that gave some close finishes despite the rating differences. The 4 non-spinnaker boats sailed two triangle windward/leeward courses. The 4-mile windward/leeward course gave the 6 boat spinnaker fleet some tight racing. During race 1, the wind shifted about 20 degrees left as a squall passed by and challenged the competitors with some 20 knot breeze and overstood laylines. The wind stabilized back to the windward mark for race 2 but bounced back and forth 15 degrees giving some tactical passing options. Congratulations to Haley Walker 1st Spinnaker; Lucy Lack 1st Non-Spinnaker; and Jennifer Herzberg 1st Cruising Club. Thank you to Charles Scott for donating his boat and Kelley Dees for helping with Race Committee. You can find full results at the following link: [Women's Regatta Results](#)



GBCA J Mark

Some may ask why did we name this thing “J” Mark? This came from the original “J” Mark that was one of the many oil rig platforms in this area that became a heavily utilized racing mark in Galveston Bay. This mark provided a long upwind leg in a typical sea breeze and was part of the original GBCA Rabbit Races that turned into the Rum Races. Over the years, and with the help of a few hurricanes, “J” Mark started to collapse and became unsafe to navigate around. Galveston Bay received a huge clean up effort where all the oil platforms in the Upper Galveston Bay, west of the Houston Ship Channel, got removed; except one - H Mark. The new J Mark is a USCG permitted buoy located at 29°31.345’N 094°55.490’W with a flashing light upgrade made possible by generous GBCA members. In the effort to promote sailboat racing, all clubs are welcome to use the mark. A huge thanks to all who donated their time, money, labor and delivery boats to make J Mark happen



Buoy donation QR

Get Ready for....

- [Charge! Cup: 9/10](#)
- [Rum Race #7 - Defeat Lafite: 10/1](#)
- [Fall Series #1: 10/29](#)
- [Fall Series #2: 11/12](#)
- [Fall Series #2/Chili Chase: 12/3](#)



2022 GBCA

Fall Series



October 29
Fall Series 1

November 12
Fall Series 2

December 3
Fall Series 3
(Chili Chase Regatta)



More info at www.gbca.org

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GBCA Socially...

75th Anniversary and Commodore's Ball!

If you missed Galveston Bay Cruising Association's 75th Anniversary and Commodore's Ball, you will have to wait 25 years until the next big anniversary event. It was an evening of comradery, annual awards, and celebration of our long standing history of the Place to Race since 1947! Andrea Hanson and Olivia Holzhaus did a fantastic job of designing and organizing the event and coordinating the volunteers. There were a multitude of tables full of GBCA memorabilia of photos, regatta posters and old copies of *The Cannon*. OGRE provided live entertainment as a photo collage of GBCA's history played in the background.

[Commodore's Ball Pictures](#)

Battleship Texas Watchparty/Flotilla

Several GBCA members were part of the crowd that watched the Battleship Texas be transported to Galveston for some much needed repairs.



The GBCA burgee is looking good with "Big T" in the background





Membership/Volunteer Opportunities...

Ever wanted to help out with GBCA and not sure how? We will be updating our volunteer list this winter and recoding some of the opportunities available. These opportunities include but not limited to:

- Regatta Chairperson (Finds people to run the regattas)
- Race Committee (We'll train ya)
- Board member (responsibilities vary)
- Rum Race set-up
- Icicle Race set-up
- etc...

Membership

Why be a member of GBCA? Membership dues are what keeps the club going and the lights on. Our Rum Race Series, Icicle Race Series, and Fall Series races are funded by membership. The food, drinks and supplies for each of these events are all dependent on member dues. Our membership per year is cheaper than any of the yacht club's monthly dues. And, we don't have a monthly minimum to meet. For more information about membership and renewal, follow this [link](#).



Merchandise update

Check out www.redbubble.com or the app. Search for artist G-B-C-A. Make it a favorite! Get essential GBCA gear delivered to your door. You'll find everything from hats, hoodies, mugs, pillows, throw towels, dresses and even leggings. One of the best selling items are the stickers. The GBCA and Wednesday Night Racing stickers are laser cut and durable enough for outdoor use. Your G-B-C-A purchase helps spread the word and contribute to the club. Other independent artists are featured at the Redbubble site. Search for "pirate" you see all kinds of fun stuff!



Also, be sure to check out the www.GBCA.org, Click the "[Ships Store](#)" tab and you'll find another spot for your online shopping. It's the place to go to get our high quality locally made burgees and other merchandise.

Looking ahead: The 2022 Fall Series fleeces are available for purchase. Just in time for cooler weather! Contact [Chris Kelley](#) for ordering.

This is just a mock up.
Actual product may look like a variation.



Sponsors for 2022!

The sponsors really do take care of us, so let's take care of them...support the following business for 2022 and mention that GBCA sent ya!



Sponsors for 2023!

-Banner Sponsors for 2023. Are you interested in being a sponsor? Gold, Silver and Bronze level sponsorship levels are available for next year.

Contact Kevin Bednar at BOG@gbcasailing.com

-Calendars for 2023 are in progress. Would you like to sponsor a month featuring your boat?

Contact Bill Tarnick at BOG@gbcasailing.com

Also, it's a good time to update your mailing address and contact information for Fall season <https://www.gbca.org/PublicMemberDirectory>



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Have some news to share? Or do you know someone who deserves a little limelight? Nominate our next member spotlight by emailing BoG@gbca.org - it's an opportunity to get to know some of the sailors in the community and promote sailboat racing on Galveston Bay.

