



2024 J. Kevin Box Conundrum Regatta

March 23, 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 (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 competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats.
- 3.2. All classes shall have no more than 2 people.
- 3.3. Expected classes include ORC, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, GBCA Club Handicap, GBCA Club Handicap Spinnaker, and Multihull classes.
- 3.4. Boats entered in the PHRF-GB Spinnaker and ORC classes are eligible for the J. Kevin Box Conundrum Trophy.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **18:00 hours on Wednesday, March 13, 2024** and includes:
 - Regatta registration fee
 - Post-race social with food/drinks
- 4.2. Late Registration deadline is **18:00 hours on Friday, March 22, 2024** and includes:
 - Regatta late registration fee
 - Post-race social with food/drinks
- 4.3. Entries after the Late Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Boats may be entered at: [REGISTRATION](#)

5. FEES

- 5.1. Registration: The entry fee is \$60 for current GBCA Senior members.
- 5.2. Registration: The entry fee is \$70 for non-GBCA members.
- 5.3. Late Fee: A late fee of \$20 shall apply for all registrations after the Registration deadline.

6. SCHEDULE

Wednesday March 13 th	18:00 hours	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, March 20 th	18:00 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, March 22 nd	16:00 hours	Sailing Instructions available online
Friday, March 22 nd	19:00 hours	Skipper's Meeting at GBCA clubhouse
Saturday, March 23 rd	11:00 hours	Warning signal
Saturday, March 23 rd	19:00 hours (approx.)	Social – GBCA Clubhouse

6.1. Number of races

- All classes are intended to complete one race.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Monohulls shall have a valid [PHRF-GB](#), [ORC Club or ORCi certificate](#), or [GBCA Club Handicap rating](#).
- 7.2. TOMA qualified multihulls shall have a valid TOMA certificate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, March 22nd 16:00 hours on at: [Sailing Instructions](#)

9. VENUE

- 9.1. 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.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. All classes will sail around fixed marks in Galveston Bay.
- 10.2. There are 3 marks and a pivot mark that form 6 legs where competitors chose which order to sail to/from each of the 3 marks back to the pivot mark.

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 scheduled to constitute a regatta.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats 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.
- 14.2. 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. 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.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be given as determined at Registration Deadline as follows:
 - 3 Boats First place prize
 - 6 Boats First and second place prize
 - 9 Boats First, second, and third place prize
 - One additional prize for every three boats entered.
- 15.2. The winner of the largest spinnaker class including PHRF and ORC shall be awarded the J. Kevin Box Conundrum perpetual trophy.
- 15.3. Additional prizes for entries after the Early Registration Deadline shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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:

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