

Notice of Series

2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series

Galveston Bay, TX

Galveston Bay Cruising Association (GBCA), Houston Yacht Club (HYC) and Texas Association of Social Sailors (TASS) cordially invite you to participate in the Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series to be held July 2021 through October 2021. The Championship consists of five Women's Regattas held on Galveston Bay.

1. Rules

This series of Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)* (RRS), an individual Women's Regatta's *Notice of Race*, an individual Women's Regatta's *Sailing Instructions*, and this Notice of Series.

- 1.1. US Sailing Prescriptions and US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall also apply.
- 1.2. Appendix A Changes: A2.1 is changed so that each competitor's score shall be the total of the points awarded of their best (lowest) four (4) completed/scored individual Women's Regattas. The competitor with the lowest Series score wins, and others shall be ranked accordingly.
- 1.3. The respective individual Women's Regatta race committees and protest committees shall have authority on all matters within their respective jurisdiction.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. No restrictions on competitor's advertising.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series is open to all competitors who meet individual Women's Regatta registration requirements as stated in that event's *Notice of Race*, to become participants in the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series. Helmswomen and crew are not required to be a member of any of the host sailing organizations or yacht clubs. For each event, the qualifying factors for the individual overall trophy do not change per this series.

4. Classification

- 4.1. The Championship Series is reserved to PHRF-GB and One-Design Classes (e.g. no Championship Series for "Club" Classes).

5. Fees

- 5.1. There are no separate entry fees for the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series. Successful entry, registration, and participation in an individual Women's Regatta automatically enters a helmswoman in the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series.

6. Qualifying Series and Final Series

- 6.1. Competitors for the series shall qualify through the requirements of each of the regattas listed in Section 7. Schedule.
- 6.2. In order to qualify for the series, competitors must have sailed and finished at least four (4) events in the same class.
- 6.3. Helmswomen shall not be required to race the same boat for each qualifying event of the series.

7. Schedule

- 7.1. Five scheduled Women's Regattas comprise the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series:

Catherine Spiller Regatta	July 31, 2021	Houston Yacht Club
Fairfax Moody Regatta	August 1, 2021	Houston Yacht Club
GBCA Women's Regatta	August 21, 2021	Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Carol Becker Women's Regatta	September 11, 2021	Texas Association of Social Sailors
Mermaid Regatta	October 9, 2021	Houston Yacht Club

Scheduling reflects anticipated dates that may be subject to change. Competitors should watch the clubs' web sites for potential changes and Notice of Race (NOR) to be issued for each of the individual regattas.

8. Measurement

- 8.1. It is expected that all boats meet PHRF-GB, or published one-design class rules.
- 8.2. All boats sailing under a PHRF rating class shall have a current and valid 2021 PHRF-GB Certificate.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. There are no Sailing Instructions for the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series. *Sailing Instructions* will be provided at each individual Women's Regatta as designated in each individual Women's Regatta *Notice of Race* per the schedule outlined in Section 7.

10. Venue

- 10.1. Each individual Women's Regatta venue will be described in its' respective *Notice of Race*.

11. Courses

- 11.1. Racing will take place on various courses described by each individual Women's Regatta *Sailing Instructions*.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. To be scored for the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series, a competitor must race in the same class for each of the qualifying regattas.
- 12.2. Overall winner identified as Galveston Bay Women's Champion shall be the one with the least cumulative points in the PHRF-GB Spinnaker class of their best four races.
- 12.3. In the event a class does not form that a helmswoman had sailed in a previous event, the score for the class sailed will be included in the helmswoman's final series scores.
- 12.4. Each competitor shall be awarded Series points based upon their overall finish in a completed individual Series Regattas as follows:

<u>Finishing Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
First	1
Second	2
Third	3
Fourth	4
Fifth	5
Sixth	6
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point

A competitor that did not enter or did not come to the starting area for any of the races in an individual Women's Regatta with the intent to race, shall be scored the number of participants in the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series plus one (1) point.

- 12.5. Each competitor's series score shall be their cumulative individual Women's Regatta score awarded in their best (lowest) four (4) completed individual Women's Regattas.
- 12.6. In the event of a tie, all five regattas shall be counted as the first tie breaker with the second tie breaker shall be the one with the lowest cumulative corrected times for all five regattas.

13. Prizes

- 13.1. Class awards for the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series will be presented to the final overall top series competitors for each qualifying class and presented after the Carol Becker Woman's Regatta on October 3. The number of awards presented will be dependent on the number of entries.
- 13.2. The perpetual trophy for the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series will be awarded to the overall winner at the 2022 GBCA Commodore's Ball.
- 13.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the individual regattas making up the series, per the Notice of Race of each individual regatta.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1. Competitors participate in an individual Women's Regatta and the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, *Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority(ies), Hosts, sponsors, and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after a Regatta.

15. Insurance

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of an amount specified in the *Sailing Instructions* of each respective event.

16. Additional Information

- 15.1. For more information on the 2021 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series, contact:
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 - GBCA Fleet Captain Chris May by email at may.chris.w@gmail.com
 - TASS Vice Commodore Andrew Clark by email at vicecommodore@sailtass.com.