

Notice of Series

2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series

Galveston Bay, TX

You are cordially invited to participate in the Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series to be held April 2019 through October 2019. The Championship consists of four Women's Regattas held on Galveston Bay.

1. Rules

This series of Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 edition of the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, an individual Women's Regatta's *Notice of Race*, an individual Women's Regatta's *Sailing Instructions* and this Notice of Circuit.

- 1.1. US Sailing Prescriptions and US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall also apply.
- 1.2. RRS Rule 87 will be changed to read as follows: *The sailing instructions may change a class rule.*
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. The respective individual Women's Regatta race committees and protest committees shall have authority on all matters within their respective jurisdiction.

2. Eligibility and Entry

The 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series is open to all competitors who meet individual Women's Regatta registration requirements as started in that event's *Notice of Race* in order to become participants in the 2019 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.

3. Fees

There are no separate entry fees for the 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series. Successful entry, registration, and participation in an individual Women's Regatta automatically enters a helmswoman in the 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series.

4. Schedule

Four scheduled Women’s Regattas comprise the 2019 Galveston Bay Women’s Championship Series:

GBCA Women’s Regatta	June 1, 2019	Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Catherine Spiller Regatta	June 15, 2019	Houston Yacht Club
Fairfax Moody Regatta	June 16, 2019	Houston Yacht Club
Carol Becker Race	Sept 28, 2019	Texas Association of Social Sailors

5. Measurement

It is expected that all yachts meet PHRF-GB, GBCA Cruising Club, and TASS Cruising Club rules.

6. Sailing Instructions

There are no Sailing Instructions for the 2019 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*.

7. Venue

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

8. Courses

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

9. Scoring

9.1. To be scored for the 2019 Galveston Bay Women’s Championship Series, a competitor must race in the same class for each of the qualifying regattas.

9.2. Overall winner for each qualifying class will be identified as champion for that particular class.

9.3. 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 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series plus one (1) point for that individual Women's Regatta.

- 9.4. Each competitor's individual Women's Regatta score shall be the total of the Series points awarded in their best (lowest) three (3) completed individual Women's Regattas. The competitor with the lowest Series score wins, and others shall be ranked accordingly.

10. Prizes

Awards for the 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series will be presented to the final overall top three Series competitors for each qualifying class. Optional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the hosting organizations. 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series prizes will be awarded at the Carol Becker Race awards presentation.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in an individual Women's Regatta and the 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *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.

12. Additional Information

For more information on the 2019 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series, contact:

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