

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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2017 REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT: It is important to register well in advance of the trip for 2 reasons. Due to the limited number of trips it is possible they could sell out far in advance of the trip date. Or if undersubscribed at two weeks prior to a trip date the trip may have to be cancelled because the cost of the charter cannot be covered.

Reservations are accepted on a **FIRST-PAID, FIRST-RESERVED** basis only. Spaces will not be held without payment in full. The website [SCHEDULE](#) is always kept up-to-date so you can check on the status of remaining open spaces on any trip.

To reserve and confirm your space on the trip please read the [Terms and Conditions](#) and fill out and sign the [Registration form and Participant Survey](#) and mail them both along with a check for the full amount of each trip to: Texas Pelagics / Garrett Hodne, 30 Dakota Ridge Place, The Woodlands, TX 77381 >. Make checks payable to "Texas Pelagics / Garrett Hodne". **For multiple trips please send one check for each trip and write trip date on the check.** If each participant is not going on all the same trips use separate forms.

WAITING LIST: If a trip is already full when we receive your payment you will be added to the waiting list. To be kept on or added to a waiting list for any trip that is already full we will need to have your full payment and completed and signed forms in hand. There is usually a fair percentage of turnover in the trip participant list in the months prior to the trip, so your odds of getting on a trip are decent up until the final weeks before the trip.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations will be accepted and refunded minus a \$25.00 handling fee up to one month prior to the trip date. With less than one month before the trip date refunds will be issued only if the trip is full when we sail. With less than two weeks prior to the trip date no refunds will be issued. You are free to give your paid spot to someone else as long as they aren't already signed up for the same trip. Or you can donate your spot to a student birder in need of pelagic birds. If you need help we can always find field biology students who can fill spots for free.

WEATHER: Infrequently during the summer the weather prevents a trip from going. Fall weather can be more problematic. We carefully monitor the weather forecasts beginning the Monday before a trip date and we will send out an email notifying all participants of the forecast. However, no calls on GO vs No GO are made any sooner than 24 hours before sailing. We will email all participants late in the morning of the day before the trip to inform everyone that trip is called as GO or NO GO. Even if it is called as a "GO" the day before, the final judgment on the weather is made at the dock the morning before we sail, as it is always possible the forecasts and conditions have changed overnight. Please keep this in mind when making travel plans and hotel reservations. Our experience has been that with seas any greater the 5 ft for the Gulf it is not possible to have a viable pelagic trip as it would prevent us from reaching the deep waters greater than 50 miles offshore. With this forecast or conditions the trip will be cancelled. If the trip is weathered out you will receive a full refund of the fare. We cannot be held responsible for other incidental costs you may incur should a trip be cancelled due to the weather.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Texas Pelagics and its leaders act only as an agent for the boat operator of these trips and cannot be held responsible for any injuries, accidents, lost, stolen or damaged articles, seasickness, or any other misfortunes resulting from participation on these trips. Each participant acknowledges and accepts that offshore Pelagic Birding carries inherent risks and dangers and agrees to hold Texas Pelagics and its leaders harmless from any liability.

PREPARING FOR A TEXAS PELAGIC: Please thoroughly read and follow the advice and directions in the "Preparing for a Texas Pelagic" document available on www.TexasPelagics.com. This document should answer all of your questions about What to Bring, What to Wear, Where to Stay, etc. and will help you have a better time when you're prepared for a long day at sea. Please arrive at the dock no later than 30 minutes prior to departure time. We are not responsible if you miss the boat.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Due to unstable footing and balance and other hazards these trips are not recommended for people with certain physical limitations, certain health problems, expectant mothers or children under 12 and they should not sign up. Please inquire if you have any questions. No Pets are permitted aboard the boat. **No smoking on-board!**

TRIP REGISTRATION

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Complete and Sign this form, the Participant Survey and a check for the full amount of each trip and mail them all to:

- Texas Pelagics / Garrett Hodne, 30 Dakota Ridge Place, The Woodlands, TX 77381
- Make checks payable to "Texas Pelagics / Garrett Hodne". **Please write one check for each trip.**

Please email us when you mail your registration. When we receive your payment you will receive an email confirmation / receipt. If you don't receive an email confirmation / receipt after about a week or so please email us again to check on the status of your registration.

PARTICIPANT #1

(Please Print)

PARTICIPANT #2

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

CITY, STATE ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

MOBILE # _____

MOBILE # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW:

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE # _____

PHONE # _____

1. TRIP DATE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

2. TRIP DATE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

3. TRIP DATE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

4. TRIP DATE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

5. TRIP DATE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

6. TRIP DATE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

7. TRIP DATE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

I (we) have read and understand all the terms regarding payments, cancellation policy, weather and waiver of Liability stated in the Terms and Conditions, and agree to all these terms and conditions as stated herein. I have also read and understand all the information in the "Preparing for a Texas Pelagic" document.

#1 SIGNED: _____

#2 SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

PARTICIPANT SURVEY

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1. How many previous Texas Pelagics have you been on from South Padre Island prior to this season from 2000 to 2016? _____
2. How many previous Texas Pelagics from either Port O'Connor, Port Aransas or Freeport had you been on prior to 2000? _____
3. Have you been on pelagics in other states? Y / N
4. Which states and how Many? _____
5. Do you use Facebook? Y / N Are you a member of these FaceBook Groups?
 - Texas Pelagics? Y / N
 - Texbirds? Y / N
 - Liked Texas Pelagics Page? Y / N
 - Real Texbirds Y / N
 - Rio Grande Valley Birding Y / N
 - Texas Chase Birds? Y / N
6. Do you belong to Texbirds listserv? Y / N
7. Which source do you rely on the most for getting information about upcoming Texas Pelagics?
 - The www.TexasPelagics.com website? _____
 - Posts to the Texas Pelagics group on Facebook? _____
 - Posts to the Texas Pelagics page on Facebook? _____
 - Posts to the Texbirds group on Facebook? _____
 - The Texbirds listserv? _____
 - Newsletter emails from Texas Pelagics? _____
 - Word of mouth? _____
 - Other? _____
8. The Following questions all refer to the www.TexasPelagics.com website:
 - How frequently do you check it for regular updates on upcoming pelagic trips? _____
 - Do you ever browse past Trip Reports? _____
 - Have you visited the Seabirds Pages? _____
 - What would you like to see added to the website? _____

 - Other suggestions for the website? _____

9. What is you means of transportation to South Padre Island? _____
10. How far is the distance travelled from your home to SPI? _____
11. Do you carpool to SPI? _____ Would you like to carpool if you could arrange it? _____
12. Where do you prefer to stay for lodging the night prior to and following the Pelagic? _____

13. Do you combine birding in other locations with your trip to SPI for the Texas Pelagic? _____

14. What suggestions do you have for Improving Texas Pelagics? Please only address things that are within our control. Weather and numbers of birds seen are things we cannot control, other than getting out to deep waters. _____

