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**Bay Access, Inc. proudly presents**

***20<sup>th</sup> Annual HARVEST MOON REGATTA***

**Notice of Race**

**(Revised on Sept. 11, 2006)**

October 5 - 7, 2006

Location: Galveston, Texas to Port Aransas, Texas

Organizing Authority: Lakewood Yacht Club

Sponsor: Bay Access, Inc.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The regatta is a Category 3 (no life raft required) event as defined by International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Special Regulations found on the USSAILING.ORG Web site. Failure to meet a Category 3 requirement is not subject to protest by another boat; this modifies RRS 60.1.
- 1.3 Category 3 requirement 3.14.6(a) is modified to allow vinyl or other coating on the lifelines provided any stained coating is removed to establish that the lifelines have not corroded. Competitors are advised to exercise special care to insure that any coated lifelines have been tested prior to racing, as evidence of corrosion is not always visible.

- 1.4 RRS 60.1 will be modified to eliminate a boat's ability to enforce "luffing" rights between sunset to sunrise.
- 1.5 The rules will be modified to allow immediate disqualification of any competitor interfering with commercial traffic.
- 1.6 Competitors are reminded that, under the preamble of Part 2, when a boat sailing under the rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules require that she comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or government right-of-way rules.
- 1.7 All modifications to the rules will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

## **2. ADVERTISING**

As a courtesy to our valued sponsors, no advertising may be displayed in the Port Aransas marinas without prior written permission of the Race Committee. Generic class flags or manufacturer's flags, not personalized with a particular boat's name or logo dominant, are considered advertising and shall not be displayed. This rule applies from the time a boat checks in to race until the boat leaves Port Aransas to return to her home port.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Unless racing in the Short-handed Offshore Sailors of Texas class, boats shall be at least 27 feet in length.
- 3.2 Unless racing in the Short-handed Offshore Sailors of Texas class, mono-hulls shall have a minimum crew of four capable sailors.
- 3.3 Multi-hulls shall have a minimum crew of three experienced and capable sailors.
- 3.4 Entry is not complete until the Organizing Authority receives a signed waiver and release from each skipper and crew member. All waivers shall be turned in at registration at the Skipper's Meeting. In the event of a crew member substitution after the Skipper's Meeting, the new crew member must provide a signed waiver of liability prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.
- 3.5 Each boat entering an ORC Club fleet shall provide a copy of her current ORC Club certificate or current IMS certificate. Boats may obtain ORC Club ratings by contacting the ORC Club Fleet Administrator at [atodaro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:atodaro@sbcglobal.net). Each boat entering the PHRF Spinnaker fleet shall provide a copy of her current PHRF-GB certificate. Rating certificates may be hand delivered to the Lakewood Yacht Club clubhouse office, mailed to the attention of the HMR Race Committee at Lakewood Yacht Club, 2425 NASA Rd. One, Seabrook, Texas 77586, or sent via facsimile to 281-474-3502. Rating certificates must be received prior to the entry deadline unless special arrangements are made with the Race Committee Chair.
- 3.6 Multi-hulls will be assigned ratings by the Texas Offshore Multihull Association.
- 3.7 Boats entering a Cruising fleet, either "Cruising Non-Spinnaker" or "Cruising with Spinnaker," shall provide all required handicapping information and will be assigned ratings by the Race Committee based on the boat's PHRF-GB handicap if any; or on information from PHRF-GB sister ship ratings, IMS sister ship ratings and the latest National PHRF book. Boats who fail to provide all required data by the entry deadline will have no grounds to question their assigned ratings.

- 3.8 Boats entering the Short-handed Offshore Sailors of Texas (“SOS-TEX”) class must be skippered by a current member of SOS-Tex whose offshore sailing experience meets all requirements set by the SOS-Tex fleet captain.

#### **4. FEES**

The Entry Fee is \$110. USSAILING members receive an \$11 discount. After September 17, a \$50 late entry fee will be added.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

Captains’ Roundtable	Saturday, Sept 9	9:00 AM
Entry Deadline	Sunday, Sept 17	5:00 PM
Late Entry Cutoff	Sunday, Sept 24	5:00 PM
Skipper’s Meeting	Friday, Sept 29	7:00 PM
First Start –Galveston	Thursday, Oct 5	2:00 PM
Salty Sailor Party	Friday, Oct 6	7:00 PM
Finish Deadline	Saturday, Oct 7	1:00 PM
Welcome Sailor Rum Party	Saturday, Oct 7	4:30 PM
Awards & Banquet	Saturday, Oct 7	5:30 PM
Rum Mary Party	Sunday, Oct 8	9:00 AM

#### **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skipper’s Meeting.

#### **7. VENUE**

The Sailing Instructions and the Harvest Moon Regatta Web site at [www.harvestmoonregatta.com](http://www.harvestmoonregatta.com) will contain additional information regarding the marina facilities.

#### **8. THE COURSE**

The race will start at Galveston, Texas. Boats will race to Port Aransas, Texas, leaving the Freeport outer buoy (RW “FP” Mo (A) WHIS), the Matagorda outer buoy (RW “MB” Mo (A) WHIS), and the Aransas Pass Ship Channel buoy (R”6” Fl R 4s BELL) to starboard. The race will finish inside the jetties at Port Aransas, Texas. The approximate course length is 150 miles.

#### **9. SCORING**

The ORC Club spinnaker fleet will use performance line OFFSHORE scoring. The ORC Club non spinnaker fleet will use performance line circular random scoring. Information on ORC Club handicapping, and performance line scoring, can be found on the Offshore Racing Congress Web site at <http://orc.org/index.php?id=85>. All other fleets will be scored based on time-on-distance scoring unless class rules require another method of scoring.

#### **10. DOCKING**

The Port Aransas City Marina will be the primary regatta facility, with dockage on a first come, first served basis. Boats docking at City Marina may be required to raft up. Docking will also be available at Island

Moorings Marina where slip reservations will be taken. Docking information will be updated when available on the regatta Web site: [www.harvestmoonregatta.com](http://www.harvestmoonregatta.com).

## 11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

VHF radios will be required and will be used extensively. In addition, each boat will be required to carry a cell phone.

## 12. PRIZES

- 12.1 **Divisions:** Trophies will be awarded to the first four places in each division with at least eight boats.
- 12.2 **Fleets:** The Bacardi Cup will be awarded to the first place boat in the ORC Spinnaker Fleet. The Cameron Cannon will be awarded to the first place boat in the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet. The Commodore's Trophy will be awarded to the first place boat in the Cruising with Spinnaker Fleet.
- 12.3 **First to finish:** The Bill Hall Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the first mono-hull to sail the course and finish the race. The Mayor's Trophy will be awarded to the first multi-hull to sail the course and finish the race.
- 12.4 **Manufacturer's Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded, based on PHRF lowest corrected time for boats manufactured by the following:
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| Catalina      | Pacific Seacraft | C&C     |
| Beneteau      | Hunter           | Caliber |
| Tartan        | Pearson          | Corsair |
| Island Packet |                  |         |
- For purposes of comparing boats racing with spinnakers to boats racing without spinnakers, twelve seconds per mile (or 30 minutes over the course of the 150 mile race) will be added to the PHRF corrected time for each boat racing in a spinnaker fleet. Any ORC Club boat competing for a manufacturer's trophy that does not have a current PHRF-GB rating will be assigned a rating using the same procedure used to handicap LYC cruising class boats.
- 12.5 **All-Women Crew:** The Luna Trophy will be awarded, based on lowest corrected time, to an all-women crew in the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet.

## 13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. *See* RRS 4, Decision to Race. **The Race Organizers (including Lakewood Yacht Club, Bay Access, Inc., the Race Committee, the Harvest Moon Regatta Committee, the sponsors of the Harvest Moon Regatta, the Protest Committee, and/or their respective members, officers, board of directors, staff or representatives) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event, regardless of the fact that such damage may be, in whole or in part, due to negligence. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the Race Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law, whether caused in whole or in part by negligence.** Neither the adoption of Category 3 requirements, their use and modification by the Organizing Authority, nor the inspection of a boat in any way reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper and crew of a boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in a sailing event.

## 14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

## 15. PHOTOGRAPHY

For and in consideration of participation in the regatta, each of the boat's skipper(s), owner(s), charterer(s), and crew extend to Lakewood Yacht Club and Bay Access, Inc. and their personnel the right to reproduce and use for any purpose, in their sole discretion, any photographs, drawings, and other pictorial representation of any persons racing on that boat.

## 16. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

Until the start of the race, the Official Notice Board will be online at [www.harvestmoonregatta.com](http://www.harvestmoonregatta.com). Amendments to the Notice of Race or to the Sailing Instructions will be posted there, and will also be made available at the Lakewood Yacht Club office. After the race start, the Official Notice Board will be located in the City Marina pavilion in Port Aransas, Texas.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact the following:

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