



**2020 PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP REGATTA  
(and Cajun Jitterbug Day Races)**

October 23, 24 and 25 2020

The Houston Yacht Club and the Port Arthur Yacht Club  
Shore Acres and Port Arthur, Texas



**NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)**

**DESCRIPTION:** Three days of racing are planned for this event.

NOTE: This regatta is a fund-raising event for the Lake Charles Yacht Club, recently destroyed by Hurricane Laura.

NOTE: This regatta is officially designated an offshore Mermaid-class eligible event. To qualify, boats must have an all-female crew. A single male safety officer is permitted.



- **Day 1: THE PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP, Race 1.** Friday October 23, 2020. This is a Pursuit race from Bolivar Roads G 11 to the finish line off Sea Rim State Park (vicinity of the Port Arthur (Sabine Lake) channel) for all TOMA and Cruising Cat multihull classes.
- **Day 2: The Cajun Jitterbug.** Saturday October 24, 2020. This will be a series of possibly three, day-races on Sabine Lake featuring Rule 26 starts and a windward/leeward (with a possible reaching leg) course around fixed and floating marks for all TOMA, Cruising Cat and **US Sailing Yardstick multihull classes. All beach cats welcome!**
- **Day 3: THE PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP, Race 2.** Sunday October 25. This is a Pursuit race from the start line offshore of Sea Rim State Park (vicinity of the Port Arthur channel) to the finish line at Bolivar Roads G 11 for all TOMA and Cruising Cat multihull classes.

**1. RULES**

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the 2020 US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations for Multihulls except as altered by this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- b. The starts:
  - i. The Port Arthur Two-Step races will feature Pursuit starts. This changes Rule 26.
  - ii. The Cajun Jitterbug will feature Rule 26 starts.
- c. Appendix T will apply.
  - i. Appendix T1.b is modified to read: “A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise, a Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.”
- d. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rules V1 and V2 will apply.
  - i. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rule V2 is modified to read: “After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race officer that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise a 30% Scoring Penalty shall apply, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c).





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- e. However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. This event is designated as nearshore per the US Sailing definition. Protests based on the 2020 US Sailing Safety Equipment Rules (SER) will not be heard. This changes RRS 60.1.
- f. By entering as boat or crew, all participants agree to abide by any COVID-19 related measures of the Race Organizers. All participants must wear masks inside the Houston Yacht Club clubhouse, maintain social distance of 6 feet, and avoid group gatherings of more than 10 people.
- g. Competitors are encouraged to self-screen before attending the event by referring to the latest Open Texas Checklist for Outdoor Events located at <https://open.texas.gov>.



**2. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

- a. The Port Arthur Two-Step race is open to multihull sailing yachts whose overall length is at least 19 feet (16 feet for beach cats).
- i. The Saturday Cajun Jitterbug race also welcomes beach cats.
- b. A copy of the safety equipment regulations may be downloaded from [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) and searching "SER". Or by clicking here: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>
- c. Single, and double-handed entries are urged to employ full harness, tethers and jack lines regardless of weather conditions.
- d. It is strongly recommended that at least one crew have attended an offshore safety at sea seminar presented by a recognized boating organization within the last three years.
- e. A minimum of two yachts will constitute a class
- i. A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form and may be assigned to another class, or an entry fee refund may be requested.
- f. All Mermaid class entrants must comply with the Mermaid Class Association rules as posted on RegattaNetwork for this regatta.
- g. Potential classes will be:
- i. TOMA Trimaran pursuit
- ii. TOMA Catamaran pursuit
- iii. Cruising Catamaran class
- iv. Beach Cat Yardstick
1. Two or more Mermaid entrants may petition the Race Committee to create a special, separate **Mermaid class** aligned with the above handicap categories.
- h. Boats may enter at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com) using the on-line entry form.
- i. The first 5 boats to enter will receive a FREE race package from our sponsor Weather Routing Inc. (WRI)



**3. FEES**

- a. The entry fee for TOMA boats is \$200. This includes registration for the Saturday Cajun Jitterbug regatta. The fee also includes:



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- i. Traditional Cajun dinner for up to 4 people – Friday and Saturday evening
- ii. Light breakfast and sandwich bar for up to 4 people – Saturday and Sunday morning.
- b. The entry fee for beach cats is \$70. This includes registration for the Saturday Cajun Jitterbug regatta only. The fee also includes:
  - i. Light breakfast and sandwich bar, plus light dinner (up to 2 people) Saturday only.
- c. Extra meal tickets for the weekend will be available for \$80 (2 x breakfast, lunch and Cajun dinner) per person.
  - i. Extra meal tickets for Saturday only are \$40 (breakfast, lunch, Cajun dinner) per ticket.
- d. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.



**4. SCHEDULE (all 2020 dates)**

Tuesday	17 Oct	2400	Regatta entry deadline. No entry fee refunds after this point
Thursday	22 Oct	0900	Deadline for emailing final Sailing Instructions to registered competitors
Thursday	22 Oct	1900	Skipper's meeting at HYC Clubhouse. Review final Sailing Instructions. Zoom link available upon request.
Friday	23 Oct	1100	Scratch start time at GA marker 11 for the pursuit fleet race to Sea Rim State Park. Individual start times are as listed in the sailing instructions. As an aid in planning, sample start times are posted on the Our Club/News section at <a href="http://Houstonyachtclub.com">Houstonyachtclub.com</a>
Friday	23 Oct	18:00-20:00	Homemade Cajun Gumbo dinner with the Port Arthur Yacht Club
Friday	23 Oct	24:00	Time limit expires at the Sea Rim finish line
Saturday	24 Oct	8:00-9:00	Light breakfast and build your own sandwich bar with the Port Arthur Yacht Club
Saturday	24 Oct	10:00	Cajun Jitterbug Event. No starts announced before 10 am.
Saturday	24 Oct	15:00	No starts announced after 3 pm.
Saturday	24 Oct	Evening	Party with BAYOU SOUNDS. Food and rum. Awards for Cajun Jitterbug regatta in the clubhouse.
Sunday	25 Oct	7:00 – 8:00	Light breakfast and build your own sandwich bar with the Port Arthur Yacht Club
Sunday	25 Oct	11:00	Scratch start time off Sea Rim State Park for the pursuit fleet race to GA marker 11. Individual start times are as listed in the sailing instructions. As an aid in planning, sample start times are posted on the FAQ document at <a href="http://Houstonyachtclub.com">Houstonyachtclub.com</a>
Sunday	25 Oct	24:00	Time limit expires at the GA marker 11 finish line
Sunday	25 Oct	24:00	Protest deadline
Monday	26 Oct	13:00	Awards ceremony in the HYC Porthole

**5. MEASUREMENT**



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- a. ALL yachts racing offshore must have a valid 2019 or 2020 TOMA handicap certificate or a GBCA Cruising Cat club handicap rating. Any yachts without such a rating must contact the TOMA Handicapper ([michaelzotzky@gmail.com](mailto:michaelzotzky@gmail.com) or call 832-656-4123) “sooner rather than later”... Or the GBCA handicapper ([texasuma@comcast.net](mailto:texasuma@comcast.net)).
- b. Beach cats racing in the Saturday Cajun Jitterbug race must be rated under US Sailing Yardstick.

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Draft Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HYC web site.
- b. Final SI’s will be sent to registered competitors via email no later than the time listed in the “SCHEDULE” section above.

**7. VENUE**

- a. All races will be sailed offshore in the waters between Galveston GA marker 11 and Sea Rim State Park.

**8. THE COURSES**

- a. For Races 1 and 3 – Friday and Sunday:
  - i. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions (SIs)
  - ii. All boats will race between Galveston and Sea Rim State Park
  - iii. Courses will be approximately 40.7 nm in length
- b. For Race 2 – The Cajun jitterbug Saturday race
  - i. Courses will be detailed in a separate set of Sis
  - ii. There will be a windward/leeward course with an optional reaching leg on the waters of Sabine Lake just in front of the PAYC.



**9. SCORING:**

- a. Appendix A of the RRS applies.
- b. Races 1 and 3 (Friday and Sunday) will be scored as a series.
- c. Race 2 (Saturday) will be scored as a separate series.

**10. BERTHING**

- a. Thursday evening 22 October HYC: All competitors are welcome to rig and launch their boats at HYC. Non-leased slips will be available for overnight storage at no charge. Competitors participating in the HYC Offshore Regatta and the Port Arthur Two-Step are welcome to leave their trailered boat in an assigned parking space at HYC at no charge.
- b. Friday evening Port Arthur: Competitors are welcome to dock in unused slips / t-heads with full power and water at no charge all weekend. Ice is free. Reservations will not be accepted; first come – first served. Members of the Port Arthur Yacht club will be on-hand to assist with docking.
  - i. Beach cats will beach launch

**11. PRIZES:**

- a. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registrants per class. The number of finish positions to be awarded will be determined based on registration numbers two weeks before the event to allow time for engraving.



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- b. If, due to late registrations more trophies are required, winners will be awarded trophy IOU's; the actual trophy will be delivered later at a mutually agreed date/time/place.
- c. Planned trophies are: Overall Offshore (2 races) Trimaran, Overall Offshore Catamaran, and Overall Multihull (tri and cat). Total of 3 first place trophies
- d. The Cajun Jitterbug races will be scored as a separate "event" by the Port Arthur yacht Club.
  - i. Beach cats will be a separate class.
- e. **Mermaid class trophies:**
  - i. **If there is a single all-female entrant, and that entrant finishes first in her class, they shall be awarded the Mermaid Cup for the Regatta (including the Cajun Jitterbug Event). Otherwise, they shall be awarded standard class trophies as per their finish position.**
  - ii. **If there are multiple all-female entrants, they shall form a separate Mermaid class; the first-place finisher shall be awarded the Mermaid Cup, other finishers shall be awarded as per their finish place.**

**12. REQUIRED CHARTS:**

- a. This event requires charts that cover at least the upper Texas coast, Galveston Bay, Galveston Bay Entrance, and the Port Arthur Channel Entrance and Harbor.

**13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- a. 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.
- b. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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. 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.

**14. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- a. Please note that the bridge height at Sabine Pass is 65 feet. Yachts which cannot negotiate the Sabine Pass Bridge must continue North up the ICW to One Thousand Foot Cut to enter Sabine Lake. They shall then navigate South to the Pleasure Island Marina.
- b. The event chair will post an FAQ with detailed information on the News section of the HYC Website as details evolve.
- c. For further information please contact the Port Arthur Two-Step Event Chairman at [billvanrav@gmail.com](mailto:billvanrav@gmail.com)

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

- o HYC: Hotel rooms are also available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff (281.471.1255) for availability and rates.
- o Port Arthur: Entrants are welcome to overnight in the Port Arthur marina as transients at no charge. There are restrooms and shower facilities available. If you bring an air mattress



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you are welcome to crash in the PAYC clubhouse youth hostel style. If there is interest in hotel accommodations the regatta will provide shuttle service to these two hotels (13 miles – 20 mins each way):

- Home2 Suites by Hilton: 2750 Home Two Plaza, Port Arthur, TX 77640 (409) 999-3464
- TownePlace Suites by Marriott: 2700 Port Plaza Dr, Port Arthur, TX 77642 (409) 722-2700
- Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen and the Saltgrass Steak House are walking distance from both hotels.

**SOCIAL EVENTS:**

- Meals for up to 4 crew (2 for beach cats) are included in the entry fee. This includes:
  - *Friday light dinner on arrival to Port Arthur Yacht Club and the official regatta party Saturday evening...*
  - *Light breakfast*
  - *Sandwich bar to prepare lunches to eat on the water.*
- SATURDAY: Port Arthur Yacht Club dinner and awards ceremony. Live music by a legendary Port Arthur band (**BAYOU SOUNDS!!!**). Adult beverages available with a donation toward the Lake Charles Yacht Club relief fund..
- MONDAY: Awards at HYC in the Porthole poolside bar. Showers and changing areas available. Guests are encouraged to enjoy HYC poolside activities.