

Organized by

Bay Access, Inc.

A charitable organization supporting amateur racing

Lakewood Yacht Club/Gulfport Yacht Club Galveston to Gulfport Race Notice of Race

As amended on March 19, 2012



Standard Entry Deadline Midnight **May 6, 2012**
Late Entry Deadline Midnight **May 13, 2012**

Tel 281-474-2511
Email: G2G@LakewoodYachtClub.com
Web: GalvestontoGulfport.com

1st Biennial Galveston to Gulfport Yacht Race **Notice of Race**

May 25 – May 31, 2012

Location: Galveston, Texas to Gulfport, Mississippi

Organizing Authority: Bay Access, Inc.

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club and Gulfport Yacht Club

Contact: G2G@LakewoodYachtClub.com

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- a. the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (“R.R.S.”) except as modified by this Notice of Race, and by
- b. the current Edition of the *ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls including US SAILING prescriptions* for Category 2 (“ISAF Special Regulations”), except as modified by section 3.4 of this Notice of Race.
- c. the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (“PHRF”) including:
 1. the open PHRF rules in the Spinnaker Class of the PHRF Fleet
 2. the PHRF Non-spinnaker Fleet rules in the Without Spinnaker Class of the PHRF Fleet
 3. the definitions of the Racer/Cruiser Fleet in the Spinnaker Class of the Cruising Fleet
 4. Cruising Canvas Fleet rules in the Without Spinnaker class of the Cruising Fleet, and by
- d. the rules of the Texas Offshore Multihull Association (“TOMA”) for Multihulls.

1.2 Failure to meet a Category 2 requirement is not subject to protest by another boat; this modifies R.R.S. 60.1. The Race Committee may investigate a report of flagrant disregard of the Category 2 requirements and may file a protest based on its investigation.

1.3 The rules will be modified to allow for arbitration of protests.

1.4 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 and Inland Navigation Rules. In addition, the Sailing Instructions will provide that the rules of Part 2 of the R.R.S. are replaced by the Inland and International Navigation Rules between sunset and sunrise.

1.5 The rules will be modified to allow disqualification of any competitor interfering with commercial traffic and disqualification from future races sponsored by the organizing or hosting entities..

1.6 The rules will be modified to allow immediate disqualification if a boat is unavailable for inspection by the Race Committee after *finishing* but prior to the awards, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal Race Officer.

1.7 R.R.S. 62.1(c) will be modified so that a boat may be given redress in the event of giving help in compliance with R.R.S. 1.1, even if help is to herself or her crew.

1.8 The rules will be modified to allow cruising boats to carry a sign with a number assigned by the Race Committee in lieu of a sail number conforming to Appendix G of the R.R.S.

1.9 The rules will be modified to allow penalties other than disqualification.

1.10 All modifications to the rules will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

1.11 Prior to the race start, each skipper will be required to certify that the yacht is compliance with the rules, including but not limited to the ISAF Special Regulations, and the skipper and crew have attended the required training.

2. ADVERTISING

As a courtesy to our valued sponsors, no advertising may be displayed in the Gulfport 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 Gulfport.

3. ELIGIBILITY, EQUIPMENT, AND ENTRY

3.1 Monohull boats shall be at least 30 feet length on deck. The Race Committee may make exceptions to this rule on a case by case basis.

3.2 The Race Committee shall have full authority to determine the suitability of any boat for entry in any fleet, and may divide any fleet into divisions at its discretion.

3.3 The Multihull Fleet is open to any TOMA-rated Multihull of at least 27 feet length on deck.

3.4 Each boat shall conform to the ISAF Special Regulations, with the following exceptions:

- a) Paragraph 3.14.6(c) 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.
- b) Paragraph 4.23.1 is modified to allow the use of Coast Guard approved flares in lieu of SOLAS flares so long as the type and quantity comply with the requirements of the paragraph and they are not older than the expiration date.
- c) Paragraph 6.01 is modified to recommend compliance for 30% of the crew but not less than two members of the crew..
- d) Attendance at the Safety & Navigation Seminar at Lakewood Yacht Club by 30% of the crew, but not less than two, is required.

3.5 Monohulls shall have a minimum crew of four capable sailors.

3.6 Multihulls shall have a minimum crew of three experienced and capable sailors.

3.7 Entry is not complete until the Organizing Authority receives a Waiver and Release of Liability from each skipper and crew member. Skipper's waivers are submitted during the entry process. All crew waivers shall be submitted on line no later than the Skippers' Meeting at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=4819

In the event of a crew member substitution or addition after the Skippers' Meeting, the new crew member must submit a Waiver and Release of Liability prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid. The skipper shall insure that each crew member is listed on the on line listing of waivers received.

- 3.8 Each boat shall provide the required handicap information no later than the entry deadline.
 - a. Each monohull boat shall provide a signed copy of her current PHRF-GB certificate.
 - b. Each multihull boat shall provide a copy of her current Texas Offshore Multihull Association (TOMA) rating certificate.

3.9 Rating certificates may be scanned and uploaded with your registration, or may be hand delivered to the Lakewood Yacht Club clubhouse office, or may be mailed to the attention of the G2G Committee at Lakewood Yacht Club, 2425 NASA Rd. One, Seabrook, Texas 77586 or may be sent to the attention of G2G Committee via facsimile to 281-474-3502.

3.10 All boats shall carry a SPOT device with tracking enabled at all times during the race. Tracking devices will be available to rent through the Regatta Merchandise link.

4. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$275. US SAILING members receive a \$25 discount. After May 6, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. a \$50 late entry fee will be added.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

6. VENUE

Primary berthing and event facilities will be located at Lakewood Yacht Club before the race and at Gulfport Yacht Club and Gulfport Municipal Marina after the race.

7. SCHEDULE

Safety & Navigation Seminar	Saturday, April 14	8:00 AM
Entry Deadline	Sunday, May 6	11:59 PM
Late Entry Cutoff	Sunday, May 13	11:59 PM
Skippers' Meeting	Friday, May 18	6:00 PM
Cruising Fleet Starts –Galveston	Friday, May 25	Not earlier than 2:00 PM
<i>The Cruising Fleets include a Without Spinnaker Class racing under PHRF Cruising Canvas rules, and a Spinnaker Class racing under PHRF Racer/Cruiser definitions</i>		
PHRF Fleet Starts –Galveston	Saturday, May 26	Not earlier than 2:00 PM
<i>The PHRF Fleets include a PHRF with Spinnaker Class and a PHRF without Spinnaker Class</i>		
Multihull Start	Saturday, May 26	Not earlier than 2:00 PM
Finish Deadline	Thursday, May 31	1:00 PM
Awards & Banquet	Thursday, May 31	

Gulfport to Pensacola Race, sponsored by Southern Yacht Club, will follow on June 15, 2012. Racers desiring to stay over in Gulfport and participate in this race will need to make docking arrangements and contact the race organizer separately.

8. THE COURSE

The race will begin inside the jetties at Galveston and proceed seaward through the jetties and then southeast around the boot of Louisiana, always off-shore at a distance to avoid shoal waters. Once clear of Louisiana, the race will turn north and enter the safety fairway and then the marked channel that terminates at the Port of Gulfport, Mississippi. Precise marks and roundings will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

The regatta will be scored based on single number PHRF time-on-distance scoring.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

VHF radios will be required and will be used extensively. In addition, each boat will be required to carry a cell phone. Satellite phones are encouraged but not required.

11. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the first four places in each division with at least eight boats.

12. 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 R.R.S. 4, Decision to Race.* **The Race Organizers (including Lakewood Yacht Club, Bay Access, Inc., Gulfport Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the Galveston to Gulfport Committee,**

the sponsors of the Galveston to Gulfport Race, 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 personal injury or death of any competitor 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 2 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.

13. 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.

14. PHOTOGRAPHY

For and in consideration of participation in the regatta, each boat's skipper(s), owner(s), charterer(s), and crew extend to Lakewood Yacht Club and Bay Access, Inc. and their personnel the absolute right and permission for any photography and video footage taken of persons and/or boats during the event to be published in any media worldwide for any editorial, promotional, and/or advertising purpose or to be used in press information.

15. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board will be online at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=4809

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact G2G@LakewoodYachtClub.com