



Hosts the 26th Annual

Harvest Moon Regatta®

Notice of Race

Early Entry Bacardi® Blast	7:00 PM	September 8, 2012
Standard Entry Deadline	5:00 PM	October 7th, 2012
Late Entry Deadline	5:00 PM	October 14th, 2012

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October 25-27, 2012

Location: Galveston, Texas to Port Aransas, Texas

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

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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 2012-2013 US Edition of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls, including *US Sailing Prescriptions* for Category 3 (“ISAF Special Regulations”), except as modified by section 3.4 of this Notice of Race.
- c. the rules of the Harvest Moon Regatta[®] Cruising Class for monohulls in
 1. the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet,
 2. the Cruising Spinnaker Fleet.
- d. the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (“PHRF”) for Monohulls competing for the Bacardi Cup.
- e. the rules of the Texas Offshore Multihull Association (“TOMA”) for Multihulls.

1.2 Failure to meet a Category 3 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 3 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 Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (“I.R.P.C.A.S.”) or government right-of-way rules. In addition, the Sailing Instructions will provide that the rules of Part 2 of the R.R.S. are replaced by the I.R.P.C.A.S. between sunset and sunrise.

1.5 The rules will be modified to allow immediate disqualification of any competitor interfering with commercial traffic.

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 The following rules apply to the Cruising Fleets only:

1. Power-driven winches are permitted. This changes R.R.S. 52.
2. Headsails, foresails, or oversized jibs, greater than the largest jib rated on entry, shall not be used.
3. Two headsails may not be carried at the same time, except that while changing headsails, the replacing sail may be set and trimmed before the replaced sail is lowered.
4. Pole lifts and down hauls may be used.
5. A whisker pole may be used to wing out a headsail, the luff of which must be attached to a headstay. A whisker pole or spinnaker pole may not be used to wing out an asymmetrical spinnaker.
6. Staysails shall not be used except on boats that are provided with a permanent inner forestay to which the staysail is furled or hanked on.
7. Boats in the Cruising Spinnaker Fleet shall be limited to carrying two spinnakers. Only asymmetric spinnakers, or symmetric spinnakers flown like an asymmetric spinnaker by means of a tacking device such as an ATN Tacker, are allowed. No more than one spinnaker may be flown at a time. The Tack Point of Spinnaker ("TPS") must be attached at the centerline of the boat at the stem or on a fixed bowsprit. In no event shall TPS exceed 125% of "J". Maximum Spinnaker Girth ("MSW") shall be no greater than 183% of J and maximum Spinnaker Luff ("SL") shall be no greater than 102% of "I". The spinnaker may be used with or without a pennant, adjustable tack line, snuffer, or furler. No other spinnakers are allowed.
8. The intent of the Cruising Canvas divisions is that all sails will be woven polyester such as Dacron.
9. For boats in the PHRF division(s) of the Cruising without Spinnaker Fleet, PHRF rules supersede these Cruising Fleet rules.

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, EQUIPMENT, AND ENTRY

3.1 Boats shall be at least 27 feet length on deck.

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 sole discretion.

3.3 The Multihull Fleet is open to any TOMA-rated Multihull of at least 27 feet length on deck. The multihull fleet will include a cruising division.

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.

3.5 It is recommended that all Cruising Division boats comply with ISO 12217-2, Category B. Note: An ISO 12217-2 Category B compliant boat is designed for waves up to 4 meters significant height and winds up to 40 knots. If you are unsure of your boat's stability, you should contact the designer or another competent authority. Multihull and PHRF rated boats shall comply with the stability requirements imposed by their rating authorities.

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

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

3.8 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=5734

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.

3.9 Each boat shall provide the required handicap information no later than the entry deadline. A link to the handicapping questionnaire will be e-mailed to you upon submission of your entry.

- a. Cruising Division entrants are requested to fill out the questionnaire within 48 hours of submitting their entry. The Race Committee will assign ratings to each boat entering a Cruising Division. Cruising Division boats who fail to fill out the on-line handicapping form by the standard entry deadline will have no grounds to challenge their assigned ratings.
- b. Each boat entering the Bacardi Racing Fleet shall provide a copy of her current PHRF-GB certificate.
- c. Each multihull boat shall provide a copy of her current Texas Offshore Multihull Association rating certificate.
- d. Each boat entering the PHRF Without Spinnaker Division of the Cruising Fleet shall provide a copy of her current PHRF-GB certificate.

3.10 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 Harvest Moon Regatta® Committee at Lakewood Yacht Club, 2425 NASA Rd. One, Seabrook, Texas 77586 or may be sent to the attention of Harvest Moon Regatta® via facsimile to 281-474-3502.

4. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$150. US SAILING members receive a \$10.00 discount. After October 7, 2012 a \$50 late entry fee will be added.

5. SCHEDULE

Early Entry Bacardi Blast	Saturday, September 8	7:00 PM
Captains' Roundtable	Saturday, September 29	9:00 AM
Entry Deadline	Sunday, October 7	5:00 PM
Late Entry Cutoff	Sunday, October 14	5:00 PM
Skippers' Meeting	Friday, October 19	7:00 PM
First Start –Galveston	Thursday, October 25	2:00 PM
Finish Deadline	Saturday, October 27	1:00 PM
Welcome Sailor Rum Party	Saturday, October 27	4:30 PM
Awards & Banquet	Saturday, October 27	5:30 PM
Donuts and Rum Mary Party	Sunday, October 28	8:00 AM

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

7. VENUE

Primary berthing and event facilities will be located at Lakewood Yacht Club before the race and at Port Aransas City Marina and Island Moorings Yacht Club and Marina after the race. The Sailing Instructions and the Harvest Moon Regatta[®] website at 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 in front of the Channelview Condominiums inside the jetties at Port Aransas, Texas at approximately 27° 50.447N and 97° 03.117W. The approximate course length is 150 miles.

9. SCORING

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

10. DOCKING

The Port Aransas City Marina will be the primary regatta facility, with dockage assigned by the Docking Committee upon arrival. Boats docking at City Marina may be required to raft up and shall comply with all instructions from the Docking Committee. Docking may also be available at Island Moorings Yacht Club and Marina where slip reservations may be taken.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

VHF radios will be required and will be used extensively. In addition, each boat will be required to carry a cell or satellite phone and shall provide necessary information and authority so the Race Committee can send text messages to the yacht during the event.

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 PHRF rated boat in the Bacardi Racing 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 Spinnaker Fleet. The Founders' Award will be awarded to the first place boat in the Multihull fleet.

12.3 **First to finish:** First to finish awards will be based on elapsed time. The Bill Hall Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the first monohull to sail the course and finish the race. The Mayor's Trophy will be awarded to the first multihull to sail the course and finish the race.

12.4 **Luna Trophy:** To encourage women in yacht racing, the Luna Trophy will be awarded in the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet based on lowest corrected time, to a boat whose skipper and primary crew are women. One male owner's representative may be part of the crew but may not act as the person in charge.

12.5 **Additional Trophies:** Additional trophies may be awarded, including Manufacturers' Trophies. A trophy in honor of Judy's Mission will be awarded to the boat that raises the most money to benefit the Sail-a-thon for Ovarian Cancer Awareness. Please check the Sailing Instructions for updated information.

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* R.R.S. 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 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.

16. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board will be online at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=5719

17. RACE TRACKING

Race tracking utilizing "SPOT" tracking devices with the "Track Progress" function will be mandatory. Competitors may use race tracking in lieu of Freeport rounding check in requirements. Specific details will be available on the web site and in the Sailing Instructions. A limited number of SPOT personal tracking devices will be available to rent in the On Line Store. Competitors shall provide cell phone information during the registration process so that the Race Committee can send text messages to competitors during the race.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact Harvest Moon Regatta Chair Dwight Bengtson
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