



# Harvest Moon Regatta® & Sail-a-thon for Ovarian Cancer Awareness

## NOTICE OF RACE

*Amended 8/9/2016*

<b>Deadline for Discounted Entry</b>	<b>Midnight</b>	<b>Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b>
<b>Standard Entry Deadline</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, September 25, 2016</b>
<b>Late Entry Deadline</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, October 2, 2016</b>
<b>Skippers' Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Friday, October 7, 2016</b>
<b>Race Start</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday, October 13, 2016</b>

Location: Galveston, Texas to Port Aransas, Texas

Organizing Authority: Bay Access

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

Contact: [HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com](mailto:HMR@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 Safety Equipment Requirements for Coastal Races (“SER”) as published by US Sailing and as modified by this Notice of Race, and by
- c. the rules of the Harvest Moon Regatta<sup>®</sup> Cruising Class for monohulls in
  1. the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet,
  2. the Cruising Spinnaker Fleet.
- d. the rules of the Offshore Racing Congress Club Rule (“ORC Club”) for Monohulls competing in the Bacardi Fleet.
- e. the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Galveston Bay (“PHRF”) for Monohulls competing in the PHRF Spinnaker class.
- f. the rules of the Texas Offshore Multihull Association (“TOMA”) for Multihulls.

1.2 Failure to meet a Safety Equipment Requirement is not subject to protest by another boat; this modifies R.R.S. 60.1. The Race Committee may investigate a report of yacht’s disregard of the Special Equipment Requirements and may file a protest based on its investigation.

1.3 The rules will incorporate alternate procedures for dispute resolution under Appendix T, as set out in the U.S. Prescriptions to the R.R.S..

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

1.10 The following rules apply to the Cruising Fleets only:

1. For boats in any PHRF division of the Cruising without Spinnaker Fleet, PHRF rules supersede these Cruising Fleet rules.
2. Power-driven winches are permitted. This changes R.R.S. 52.
3. Headsails, foresails, or oversized jibs, greater than the largest jib rated on entry, shall not be used.
4. 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. For purposes of this rule, a staysail on a cutter rigged boat is not considered a headsail.
5. Pole lifts and down hauls may be used.
6. 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.
7. Staysails shall not be used except on boats in the Cutter division to which the staysail is furled or hanked onto an inner forestay permanently attached at the mast.
8. The Cutter division is limited to boats with a Displacement to Length ratio over 200.
9. 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.
10. The intent of the Cruising Canvas divisions is that all sails will be woven polyester such as Dacron.

1.11 CLEAN REGATTA PLEDGE: We pledge our commitment to clean waters and shores by participating in Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. We vow to fulfill, and encourage others to fulfill, the goals and requirements of Clean Regattas as set forth by Sailors for the Sea, and to work to protect and restore our waters for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations.

*Clean Regattas is a program of Sailors for the Sea, a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters*

## **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 U. S. Sailings Safety Equipment Requirements for Coastal Races, with the following exception(s):

An EPIRB or Personal Locator Beacon is highly recommended but is not required.

Flares specified under the SER are highly recommended but US Coast Guard approved flares may be substituted.

Vinyl coated lifelines may be used so long as any discolored coating is removed to show that no corrosion is present.

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=13037](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=13037)

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. Cruising fleet racers can fill out an online handicap questionnaire during registration.

- 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 ORC Club certificate.
- c. Each multihull boat shall provide a copy of her current Texas Offshore Multihull Association rating certificate. Contact: Michael Zotzky (832) 656-4123 or email: [michaelzotzky@gmail.com](mailto:michaelzotzky@gmail.com)
- d. Each boat entering the PHRF Spinnaker or PHRF Without Spinnaker Division of the Cruising Fleet shall be on the current PHRF-GB valid list or shall provide a copy of her current PHRF-GB certificate.

3.10 Rating certificates, if required, 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.

3.11 Each boat shall provide a list of all crew on the on line registration form prior to the day or the Skippers' Meeting and shall keep the list up to date at all times after that.

#### 4. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$180 plus a City Marina Docking/Raft Fee based on overall length:

Up to 30 foot	\$60
30.1-40 foot	\$80
40.1-50 foot	\$120
50 feet plus	\$150

US SAILING members receive a \$10.00 discount. Entries received and paid before midnight August 14<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$20 early entry discount. After September 25, 2016 a \$50 late fee will be added to all unpaid entry fees. Boats making arrangements to dock at facilities other than City Marina do not need to prepay the City Marina Docking/Raft Fee but shall indicate their docking plans during the registration process and update their registration if those plans change.

## 5. SCHEDULE

Discounted Entry Available	Wednesday, July 13	
HMR 101: Intro to Offshore Sailing	Saturday, August 13	
Discounted Entry Cutoff	Sunday, August 14	
Captains' Roundtable	Saturday, September 10	
Entry Deadline	Sunday, September 25	5:00 PM
Late Entry Cutoff	Sunday, October 2	5:00 PM
Skippers' Meeting	Friday, October 7	7:30 PM
First Start –Galveston	Thursday, October 13	2:00 PM
Finish Deadline	Saturday, October 15	1:00 PM
Welcome Sailor Rum Party	Saturday, October 15	4:30 PM
BBQ	Saturday, October 15	5:00 PM
Awards	Saturday, October 15	7:00 PM
Donuts and Coffee	Sunday, October 16	7:30 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 after the race.

## 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 Multihull, Cruising, and PHRF classes will be scored based on single number PHRF time-on-distance scoring. The Bacardi Fleet will use Performance Line OFFSHORE scoring.

## 10. DOCKING

The Port Aransas City Marina will be the primary regatta facility, with dockage assigned by the Docking Committee upon arrival. Any boat docking at City Marina may be required to raft up and shall comply with all instructions from the Docking Committee. Skippers intending to leave their boats at City Marina shall pre-pay a two day Dock/Raft fee through the online Regatta Store. Payment may be made at the time of Registration but shall be made no later than the day before the Skipper's Meeting. Limited 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 ORC Club Spinnaker boat in the 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. An Overall Monohull Champion will also be recognized.

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. Trophies in honor of Judy's Mission will be presented for fundraising to the first, second, and third place skippers who raise the most money to benefit the Sail-a-thon for Ovarian Cancer Awareness. A special trophy will be presented to the skipper who has the most individual donations, regardless of the total amount raised. 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., the Race Committee, the Harvest Moon Regatta<sup>®</sup> Committee, the sponsors of the Harvest Moon Regatta<sup>®</sup>, 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 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=13036](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=13036)

## **17. RACE TRACKING**

17.1 Race tracking utilizing “SPOT” or DeLorme In-Reach tracking devices will be mandatory. A limited number of SPOT personal tracking devices will be available to rent via Trackleaders. All Competitors shall register their personally owned or rented device at the Trackleaders site - <http://trackleaders.com/harvest-signup> . Competitors shall provide cell phone information during the registration process so that the Race Committee can send text messages to competitors during the race.

17.2 SPOT trackers rented from TrackLeaders will be distributed at the October 7 skippers meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club, and they must be returned at the conclusion of the race to the "Tracking" booth at Port Arkansas.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For additional information, contact Harvest Moon Regatta® Chair Rex Bettis via email to [HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com](mailto:HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com) or call the Principal Race Officer, Dwight Bengtson at 832-457-5154.