



# Harvest Moon Regatta®

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## NOTICE OF RACE

**Amended Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Standard Entry Deadline</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, September 17, 2017</b>
<b>Late Entry Deadline</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, September 24, 2017</b>
<b>Skippers' Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Friday, September 29, 2017</b>
<b>Race Start</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday, October 5, 2017</b>

Location: Galveston, Texas and the Gulf of Mexico  
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. This modifies R.R.S. A5 and 63.1.

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. This modifies R.R.S. A5 and 63.1.

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:

- a. Power-driven winches are permitted. This changes R.R.S. 52.
- b. Headsails, foresails, or oversized jibs, greater than the largest jib rated on entry, shall not be used.
- c. 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.
- d. Pole lifts and down hauls may be used.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. The Cutter division is limited to boats with a Displacement to Length ratio over 200.
- h. Boats in the Cruising Poleless 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 “P”.** The spinnaker may be used with or without a pennant, adjustable tack line, snuffer, or furler. No other spinnakers are allowed.
- i. Boats in the Cruising Classic Canvas divisions shall only use sails constructed of 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 Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) marinas or grounds 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 LYC 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.

3.5 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=15229](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=15229)

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 boat entering the Bacardi Racing Fleet shall provide a copy of her current ORC Club certificate
- b. Each boat entering the PHRF Spinnaker Division shall provide a copy of her current 2017 PHRF-GB certificate.
- c. Each boat entering the Cruising Division shall provide a copy of her current 2017 PHRF-GB certificate.
- d. 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 .

3.9 Rating certificates may be scanned and uploaded with your registration, or may be sent to the attention of Harvest Moon Regatta® via facsimile to 281-474-3502.

3.10 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. US SAILING members receive a \$10.00 discount. Entries received and paid before midnight August 13<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$20 early entry discount. After 5pm CT September 17, 2017 a \$50 late fee will be added to all unpaid entry fees.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

HMR 101: Intro to Offshore Sailing	Saturday, August 12	
Captains' Roundtable	Saturday, September 9	
Entry Deadline	Sunday, September 17	5:00 PM
Late Entry Cutoff	Sunday, September 24	5:00 PM
Skippers' Meeting	Friday, September 29	7:30 PM
First Start –Galveston	Thursday, October 5	2:00 PM
Finish Deadline	Saturday, October 7	1:00 PM
Welcome Sailor Rum Party	Saturday, October 7	4:30 PM
BBQ	Saturday, October 7	5:00 PM
Awards	Saturday, October 7	7:00 PM

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online and at the Skippers' Meeting.

## 7. VENUE

Primary berthing and event facilities will be located at Lakewood Yacht Club before and after the race. Visitors to Lakewood Yacht Club who will need berthing after the race should make arrangements in advance with Lakewood's Harbormaster Lynda Hall at 281-474-2511.

## 8. THE COURSE

The race will start at Galveston, Texas. Boats will race in the Gulf of Mexico on a distance course to be established before the warning signal for each Fleet. The race will finish in the area of Galveston Island. The approximate course lengths will be between 100 and 170 miles.

## 9. SCORING

The Multihull, Cruising, and PHRF classes will be scored based on **PHRF Time-on-Time** scoring. The Bacardi Fleet will use **ORC Club OFFSHORE Time-On-Time** scoring.

## 10. DOCKING

Lakewood Yacht Club will be the primary regatta facility, with dockage assigned by the Docking Committee and/or the LYC Harbormaster upon arrival. Any boat docking at the LYC Inner Harbor may be required to raft up and shall comply with all instructions from the Docking Committee. Skippers intending to leave their boats at the LYC Inner Harbor shall inform the LYC Harbormaster in advance. Limited docking may also be available at Lakewood Yacht Club where slip reservations may be taken by the LYC Harbormaster.

## 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 *John Broderick Memorial 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.

### 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=15230](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=15230)

## **17. MANDATORY 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 for the race and return trip. Rental devices must be turned in at the Check-in Table at LYC no later than 12 noon on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All Competitors shall register their personally owned or rented device at the Trackleaders site - <https://form.jotformpro.com/trackleaders/harvest17> . 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 September 29<sup>th</sup> Skippers Meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club, and they must be returned at the conclusion of the race to the "Tracking" booth at LYC.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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