



**2021 PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP REGATTA
(and Cajun Jitterbug Day Races)**
May 28 through May 31, 2021



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

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

- **Day 1: THE PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP, Race 1.** Friday May 28, 2021. 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 multihull classes.
- **Day 2: The Cajun Jitterbug.** May 29, 2021. 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 and **US Sailing Yardstick multihull classes. All beach cats welcome!**
- **Day 3: THE PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP, Race 2.** Sunday May 30. 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 multihull classes.
- **Day 4: Monday, May 31.** Awards at the HYC pool. Enjoy the Memorial Day festivities!



1. RULES: Racing will be governed by:

- a. The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as may be modified herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions. If there is one-design racing and there is a conflict between Class Rules and the RRS, Class Rules shall apply.
- b. Boats equipped and rated with power winches may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
- c. Boats sailing Single or Double-handed may use autopilots. This modifies RRS 51. Use of autopilots is permitted when more than 500 yards from the start line and up to 500 yards from the finish line. This changes Rule 52.
- d. RRS 41 is hereby modified to allow Single or Double-handed entrants to communicate amongst themselves by VHF Radio.
- e. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- f. The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- g. The current PHRF Regulations as administered by TOMA of Galveston Bay.
- h. The current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER). These requirements are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>. A copy of these requirements should be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- i. Each boat shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 13, 14, 16, 68, 72 and a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the Race Committee (via your registration).
- j. The Friday race will feature a Pursuit start with pre-defined start times. This changes Rule 26.
 - i. For the Offshore Catamaran Class, starts will be within a 2-hour starting window. This changes Rule 26.
- k. The Saturday race (The Cajun Jitterbug Series):
 - i. Will feature Rule 26 starts on windward/leeward, or triangle courses.



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- ii. Beach cats are welcome!
 - l. The Sunday race will feature a Pursuit start with pre-defined start times. This changes Rule 26.
 - i. For the Offshore Catamaran Class, starts will be within a 2-hour starting window. This changes Rule 26.
 - m. Appendix T1 will apply.
 - n. 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.”
 - o. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rules V1 and V2 will apply.
 - p. 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 office 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). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**
- a. The Race is open to multihull sailing yachts whose overall length is at least 19 feet.
 - i. The Saturday Cajun Jitterbug race also welcomes beach cats of any size.
 - b. A copy of the safety equipment regulations may be downloaded from 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. Potential classes will be:
 - i. TOMA Trimaran pursuit
 - ii. TOMA Catamaran pursuit
 - iii. Beach Cat Yardstick
 - g. Boats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com using the on-line entry form.
 - h. Thank you for registering:
 - i. The first five participants will receive a FREE race package from our sponsor Weather Routing Inc. (WRI)



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- ii. The first five seven participants will receive a FREE Certificate good for \$50 of purchases at Blackburn Marine, in Seabrook Texas. These same registrants will be exclusively included in a drawing for a certificate for a NEW HALYARD courtesy of Stix n’ Rigg’n (NE Ropes Viper - XHMPE core). That’s up to \$350 value!!



3. FEES

- a. The entry fee for TOMA boats is \$200. This includes registration for the Saturday Cajun Jitterbug regatta. The fee also includes.
 - i. Light dinner for up to 4 people at the Saturday evening shrimp boil. Times are TBD.
 - ii. The entry fee for beach cats is \$50. This includes registration for the Saturday Cajun Jitterbug regatta only. The fee also includes two tickets to the Saturday evening Shrimp boil.
- b. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.



4. SCHEDULE (all 2020 dates)

Friday	<u>May 21</u>	2400	Regatta entry deadline.
Wednesday	May 26	2400	Refund deadline. No entry fee refunds after this point.
Thursday	May 27	0900	Deadline for emailing final Sailing Instructions to registered competitors
Thursday	May 27	1900	Optional Skipper’s meeting at Willie G’s in Galveston. Review final Sailing Instructions. RSVP to get a seat.
Friday	May 28	0800	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 will be posted on the event site on Regatta Network.
Friday	May 28	0800 to 1000	Starting Window for Offshore Catamaran class.
Friday	May 28	18:00-20:00	Hot grill feast! Bring your own protein and sides. Free rum.
Friday	May 28	24:00	Time limit expires at the Sea Rim finish line
Saturday	May 29	08:30	Cajun Jitterbug Skipper’s Meeting hosted by PRO Billy Richnow.
Saturday	May 29	10:00	Cajun Jitterbug Event. No starts announced before 10 am.
Saturday	May 29	15:00	No starts announced after 3 pm.
Saturday	May 29	Evening	Party with the HYC Mosquito Fleet. Shrimpboil, music by BAYOU SOUNDS. Free rum. Awards for Cajun Jitterbug regatta in the clubhouse.
Sunday	May 30	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 Houstonyachtclub.com
Sunday	May 30	1100 to 1300	Starting Window for Offshore Catamaran class.



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Sunday	May 30	24:00	Time limit expires at the GA marker 11 finish line
Sunday	May 30	24:00	Protest deadline
Monday	May 31	13:00	Awards ceremony poolside at HYC. Register for a guest card at the HYC front desk. Bring your swimsuit, please...

5. MEASUREMENT

- ALL yachts racing must have a valid 2020 or 2021 TOMA handicap certificate. Any yachts without such a rating must contact the TOMA Handicapper (michaelzotzky@gmail.com or call 832-656-4123) “sooner, rather than later”...
- Beach cats racing in the Saturday Cajun Jitterbug race must be rated under US Sailing Yardstick.
- The Offshore Catamaran Class will race under a GBCA Handicap established by the GBCA Handicapper (texastuma@comcast.net). He should be contacted “sooner, rather than later”...

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Draft Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event Regatta Network site..
- Final SI’s will be sent to registered competitors via email no later than the time listed in the “SCHEDULE” section above. They will be very similar to the example set available upon request from the race committee (billvanrav@gmail.com)

7. VENUE

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

8. THE COURSES

- For Races 1 and 2 of the offshore series – Friday and Sunday:
 - Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions (SIs)
 - All boats will race between Galveston and Sea Rim State Park
 - Courses will be approximately 40.7 nm in length
- For the Cajun Jitterbug series, Saturday race
 - Courses will be detailed in a separate set of SIs
 - 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:

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

10. BERTHING

- Thursday evening 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.



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- 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.
 - 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.
- 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".
 - i. Beach cats will be a separate class.

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. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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

HOTEL INFORMATION

- 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.
- 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 you are welcome to crash in the PAYC clubhouse youth-hostel style. For hotel accommodations please see:
 - Home2 Suites by Hilton: 2750 Home Two Plaza, Port Arthur, TX 77640 (409) 999-3464



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- 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 and parties
 - Friday night: Hot grill feast! Bring your own protein and sides, free rum, bring your own mixer.
 - Saturday: Feasting with the HYC Mosquito Fleet!!! Shrimp boil prepared and presented by the HYC Mosquito Fleet. Music and dancing by BAYOU SOUNDS, Port Arthur’s premier Cajun, Zydeco and Swamp Pop Musicians! Admission included with entry (4 tickets for offshore registrants, 2 for beach cat registrants. Additional tickets available for \$20 each). Free keg beer and rum, (or BYOB) bring your own mixer.
 - Additional meals may be purchased for \$20 per person.
 - Monday: Awards at HYC in the Porthole poolside bar. Showers and changing areas available. Guests are encouraged to enjoy HYC Labor Day poolside activities.

