



**2022 PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP REGATTA
(and Cajun Jitterbug Day Races)
May 27 through May 30, 2022**



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

DESCRIPTION: Three days of racing are planned for this event. The first five multihulls to register and complete offshore race #1 ("Step One" – from Galveston to Port Arthur) will be awarded a \$50 certificate for purchases at Blackburn Marine. The first five registrants overall will be awarded a free forecast package from our weather sponsor Weather Routing Incorporated (WRI).

- **Organizing Authority:** The Houston Yacht Club, Shoreacres Texas
- **Day 1: THE PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP, Race 1.** Friday, May 27. This is a handicap race with a time window start (for details contact billvanrav@gmail.com) for multihull boats only, from Bolivar Roads G 11 to the finish line off Sea Rim State Park (vicinity of the Port Arthur (Sabine Lake) channel). All will be TOMA multihull classes.
- **Day 2: The Cajun Jitterbug.** Saturday, May 28. 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 PAYC PHRF boats. All PAYC members are invited to participate!
- **Day 3: THE PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP, Race 2.** Sunday, May 29. This is a handicap race with a time window start 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 30. 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.
- b. Boats equipped and rated with power winches may use same. This modifies RRS 52.
- c. Boats sailing Single or Double-handed may use autopilots. This modifies RRS 52. 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 a handicap race with a time window start.
- k. The Saturday race (The Cajun Jitterbug Series):
 - i. Will feature Rule 26 starts on windward/leeward, or triangle courses.
- l. The Sunday race will feature a handicap race with a time window start.





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- 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 (and fly a yellow flag + inform the RC at the finish line), 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 PAYC PHRF racers.
- b. Single, and double-handed entries are urged to employ full harness, tethers and jack lines regardless of weather conditions.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. Potential classes will be:
 - i. TOMA Trimaran pursuit
 - ii. TOMA Catamaran pursuit
 - iii. For the Saturday Jitterbug race PAYC PHRF boats are most welcome!
- f. Boats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com using the on-line entry form.
- g. Thank you for registering:
 - i. The first five participants will receive a FREE race package from our sponsor Weather Routing Inc. (WRI)
 - ii. The first 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.
- b. The entry fee for PAYC members is \$50. This includes two tickets for the Mosquito Fleet Shrimp Feast Saturday night.
- c. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.



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4. SCHEDULE

Friday	<u>May 20</u>	2400	Regatta entry deadline.
Wednesday	May 25	2400	Refund deadline. No entry fee refunds after this point.
Thursday	May 26	0900	Deadline for the Race Committee to email final Sailing Instructions to registered competitors
Thursday	May 26	1900	Optional Skipper’s meeting at Willie G’s in Galveston. Review final Sailing Instructions. RSVP BvR to get a seat.
Friday	May 27	0800	Starting window opens at GA marker 11 for the race to Sea Rim State Park. Individual start times are determined by each skipper within the 1-hour 2 hour starting window. The Race Committee will capture each individual start time.
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Friday	May 27	0900	Starting Window is open.
		10:00	
Friday	May 27	24:00	Time limit expires at the Sea Rim finish line
Saturday	May 28	09:30	Sailboat racing clinic, hosted by PRO Billy Richnow.
Saturday	May 28	10:00	Cajun Jitterbug Skipper’s Meeting.
Saturday	May 28	11:00	Cajun Jitterbug Event. No starts announced before 11 am.
Saturday	May 28	15:00	No starts announced after 3 pm.
Saturday	May 28	Evening	Party with the HYC Mosquito Fleet!!! Shrimp boil, music by BAYOU SOUNDS. Free rum!!! Awards for Cajun Jitterbug regatta in the clubhouse.
Sunday	May 29	11:00	Starting window opens off Sea Rim State Park for the race to GA marker 11. Individual start times are determined by each skipper within the 2-hour starting window. The Race Committee will capture each individual start time.
Sunday	May 29	1100 to	
		1300	Starting Window is open.
Sunday	May 29	24:00	Time limit expires at the GA marker 11 finish line
Sunday	May 29	24:00	Protest deadline
Monday	May 30	13:00	Awards ceremony poolside at HYC. Register for a guest card at the HYC front desk. Wear a swimsuit, please...

5. MEASUREMENT

- a. ALL yachts racing must have a valid 2021 or 2022 TOMA handicap certificate.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Draft Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event Regatta Network site..
- b. 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

- a. All offshore races will be sailed in the waters between Galveston GA marker 11 and Sea Rim State Park.
- b. Saturday races will be sailed on Sabine Lake.

8. THE COURSES



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



9. SCORING:

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

10. BERTHING

- a. Thursday evening HYC: All competitors are welcome to rig and launch their boats at HYC. Vacant 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.
- 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.

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".

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



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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.
 - There are many hotels in the vicinity of HYC and Uber/Lyft service is well developed in the area.
- 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
 - TownePlace Suites by Marriott: 2700 Port Plaza Dr, Port Arthur, TX 77642 (409) 722-2700
 - Residence Inn, Port Arthur: 2740 Jimmy Johnson Blvd Port Arthur, Texas 77640 (844) 684-9427
 - Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen and the Saltgrass Steak House are walking distance from the Home2 and TownePlace hotels.
 - Seoul Food Korean BBQ is walking distance from the Home2 and TownePlace hotels.



SOCIAL EVENTS:

- Meals and parties
 - 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. Additional tickets available for \$20 each). Free keg beer and rum, (or BYOB) bring your own mixer.
 - Additional shrimp boil 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 Memorial Day poolside activities. We strongly urge participants to wear a swimsuit while in the pool...