



# NOTICE OF RACE

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HMR 101 <sup>1</sup>	10:00 AM Saturday, July 15, 2023
Early Registration Deadline	11:59 PM Saturday, August 26, 2023
Registration Deadline	11:59 PM Sunday, September 24, 2023
<b>NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED after Saturday, October 14, 2023</b>	
HMR Safety Day Seminar	8:00 AM Saturday, September 30, 2023
Skippers' Meeting	7:00 PM Friday, October 20, 2023
Race Start	2:00 PM Thursday, October 26, 2023

Location: Galveston, Texas to Port Aransas, Texas  
Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation  
Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club  
Contact: [HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com](mailto:HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
- the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"),
  - the Safety Equipment Requirements for Coastal Races ("SER") as published by US Sailing and as modified for this Regatta, available at [www.HarvestMoonRegatta.com](http://www.HarvestMoonRegatta.com), applies [NP],
  - the rules of the Harvest Moon Regatta<sup>®</sup> Cruising Class for monohulls (See 1.11 below) in
    - the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet,
    - the Cruising Spinnaker Fleet,

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<sup>1</sup> HMR 101 is an optional seminar intended to introduce sailors to the regatta and provide a basic orientation about what to expect of the race.

- 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 Non-Spinnaker and all Cruising Fleets,
- f. the rules of the Texas Offshore Multihull Association (“TOMA”) for Multihulls, and
- g. if a Rally Cruising Class is formed, additional rules for that class will be posted on the HMR website.

1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.

1.3 Competitors are reminded that, under the preamble of Part 2 to RRS, 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 (“IRPCAS”) or government right-of-way rules.

1.4 The IRPCAS replaces RRS Part 2 from sunset until sunrise.

1.5 **Interfering With Commercial Traffic:** If the Race Committee receives a confirmed report from a disinterested party that a boat interfered with commercial traffic in violation of the I.R.P.C.A.S. while transiting to the race area, while *racing*, or while transiting to her mooring after *finishing*, the Race Committee will protest that boat and seek disqualification. **ANY BOAT AND SKIPPER SO DISQUALIFIED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ANY FUTURE HARVEST MOON REGATTA® or LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB EVENT.**

1.6 **Inspections:** The Race Committee may inspect a boat any time after the Registration Deadline and prior to the awards ceremony. An inspection may be performed, at the discretion of the Race Committee, in person or by requesting photographic or video evidence that a boat meets specific requirements. If the boat is not made available for inspection, the Race Committee may protest that boat. Boats not intending to berth in the vicinity of Port Aransas after the finish shall make prior arrangements with the Principal Race Officer.

1.7 RRS 62.1(c) is modified by deleting the words in parentheses so that a boat may request redress in the event of giving help in compliance with RRS 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 number on her sail. This changes RRS Appendix G.

1.9 Power-driven winches are permitted in the Multihull C Class. This changes RRS 52.

1.10 Rule 40.2(a) is changed so that the phrase “while *racing* in that race” is replaced with “while *racing* in that race except when the competitor is below decks.” Rule 40.2(b) is changed so that the phrase “at all times while afloat that day” is replaced with “at all times while afloat during the race except when the competitor is below decks.”

1.11 The following rules apply to the Cruising Fleets only:

- a. Power-driven winches are permitted. This changes RRS 52.
- b. Headsails, foresails, or oversized jibs, greater than the largest jib rated on entry, shall not be used in the Non-Spinnaker Fleet.
- 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 divisions (both spinnaker and non-spinnaker) shall only use mainsails and headsails constructed of woven polyester such as Dacron.

1.12 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 The event is open to all sailboats of at least 27 feet length on deck. Classes may include ORC Bacardi Cup, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Cruising Classic Canvas Spinnaker and Cruising Classic Canvas Non-Spinnaker, Multihulls and an unscored Rally Cruising Class.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form [available here](#) or by following the link to register at [www.HarvestMoonRegatta.com](http://www.HarvestMoonRegatta.com) and timely paying the required fees. Registration is not complete until payment is made. If paying by credit card, please note that if a refund is later issued, a portion will be retained as processing fee.

3.3 The Race Committee shall have full authority and discretion to determine the suitability of any boat or competitor for entry, or for entry in any fleet, and may divide any fleet into divisions at its sole discretion.

3.4 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.

3.5 Each boat must be properly documented with the U.S. Coast Guard or properly registered with a jurisdiction within the United States. Vessels registered with a jurisdiction outside the United States may enter with prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer.

3.6 Each boat shall conform to U.S. Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements for Coastal Races, with exceptions and changes as listed on the on HarvestMoonRegatta.com under "Race Information."

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

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

3.9 Entry is not complete until the Organizing Authority receives a Waiver and Release of Liability from each skipper and crew member. Skippers' waivers are submitted during the entry process. Each crew member shall submit a waiver online no later than the Skippers' Meeting by following the [Complete Crew Waiver](#) link.

The Skipper must ensure that before the Skippers' Meeting (a) all crew members are listed in the boat's registration and (b) every crew member has executed a Waiver and Release of Liability. No crew member substitutions or additions will be permitted after the Skippers' Meeting. The skipper shall ensure that each crew member is listed on the on-line listing of waivers received.

3.10 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 2023 ORC certificate.
- b. Each boat entering a Cruising Fleet shall provide a copy of her current 2023 PHRF-GB certificate.

- c. Each multihull boat shall provide a copy of her current 2023 Texas Offshore Multihull Association rating certificate. Contact: Michael Zotzky (832) 656-4123 or email: michaelzotzky@gmail.com.

3.11 Rating certificates may be scanned and uploaded with your registration or may be sent to the attention of Harvest Moon Regatta® at HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com.

#### 4. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$325 plus a City Marina Docking/Raft Fee based on overall length:

Up to 40 foot	\$96
40.1-50 foot	\$146
50.1-60 foot	\$195
Over 60 feet	\$292

US SAILING members receive a \$10.00 discount. Entries received and paid by the Early Registration Deadline will receive two complimentary Harvest Moon Regatta T-Shirts, a \$50 value. After 11:59 pm CT September 24, 2023 a \$100 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

HMR Safety Day	Saturday, September 30	8:00 AM
Early Registration Deadline	Saturday, August 26	11:59 PM
Entry Deadline	Sunday, September 24	11:59 PM
Late Entry Cutoff with late fee	Saturday, October 14	9:00 PM
Skippers' Meeting	Friday, October 20	7:00 PM
First Start –Galveston	Thursday, October 26	2:00 PM
Finish Deadline	Saturday, October 28	1:00 PM
Welcome Sailor Rum Party	Saturday, October 28	4:30 PM
BBQ	Saturday, October 28	5:00 PM
Awards	Saturday, October 28	7:00 PM
Donuts and Coffee	Sunday, October 29	7:30 AM

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available online in advance of the Skippers' Meeting. A limited number of printed copies may be available on request 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) and the Matagorda outer buoy (RW "MB" Mo (A) WHIS) to starboard. The race will finish in the vicinity of the Port Aransas Ship Channel at approximately 27° 50' N and 96° 59' W. The approximate course length is 140 miles.

## **9. SCORING**

The Cruising and PHRF classes will be scored based on **PHRF Time-on-Time** scoring. The Bacardi Fleet will use **ORC Time-On-Time** scoring. The Multihull classes will be scored based on **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. 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. Skippers who fail to pre-pay this Dock/Raft fee may be denied dockage at the City Marina. Payment may be made at the time of Registration but shall be made no later than the day before the Skipper's Meeting.

## **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. The MMSI Number registered to the Boat will be required with registration information.

## 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 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* RRS 3, Decision to Race. **The Race Organizers (including Lakewood Yacht Club, Bay Access, 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 the Special Equipment 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 and can be reached by [following this link](#), which also will be available on [HarvestMoonRegatta.com](http://HarvestMoonRegatta.com)

## **17. MANDATORY RACE TRACKING**

17.1 Race tracking utilizing YB Tracking devices will be mandatory. YB Tracking device rental is included in the registration fee for the race. For an additional fee of approximately \$40, the tracking device can be available for the return trip. Rental devices must be turned in at the Check-in Table in Port Aransas pavilion (or at the LYC guard shack no later than 4:00 PM on November 1, 2023, if using the device for the return trip). Trackers will be distributed at the Skippers Meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club. A credit card number will be required as a deposit; there is a charge of approximately \$920 by YB Tracking for any Tracker that is lost, damaged, or not timely returned.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For additional information, contact Harvest Moon Regatta® Chair Robert Best via email to [HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com](mailto:HMR@LakewoodYachtClub.com) or contact the Principal Race Officer, David Comeaux at [davidcomeaux@live.com](mailto:davidcomeaux@live.com) or 832-993-5933.