



Organizing Authority: Texas Corinthian Yacht Club

Kemah, Texas
The Gulf of America

NOTICE OF RACE

2025 TEXAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OFFSHORE REGATTA

Texas Corinthian Yacht Club invites all entries to the 2025 Texas Corinthian Yacht Club Offshore Regatta to be sailed on the Gulf of America and adjacent waters on and off the coast of Galveston, Texas on September 20th, 2025

This Regatta will count for points towards the 2025 TORC. The 2025 TORC is defined by competitor participation in three offshore events. These are:

- The 2025 Quantum Cup Regatta hosted by the Houston Yacht Club (May).
- The 2025 Texas Corinthian Yacht Club Offshore Regatta (TCYCOR) (September)
- Eaglescliffe Run hosted by the Galveston Yacht Club (November)

The winner of the 2025 TORC PHRF Spinnaker Class will be awarded the Commodore Edwin Moore Trophy. Edwin Ward Moore served as commander-in-chief of the Navy of the Republic of Texas. The trophy is sponsored by the Texas Navy Association and can be seen at the Houston Yacht Club.

The winner of the 2025 TORC PHRF non-Spinnaker Class will be awarded the S. Rhodes Fisher Trophy. Samuel Rhoads Fisher was secretary of the Navy of the Republic of Texas. The trophy is sponsored by the Texas Navy Association and can be seen at the Houston Yacht Club.

DESCRIPTION:

- The TCYC Offshore Regatta is a single race starting between channel marker 11 and the beach (with a window start) and continuing around fix marks in the Gulf and finishing at the start line. Course length will be adjusted for Classes and weather conditions. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the PHRF Spinnaker class and displayed at TCYC. Additional awards will be presented for each class based on number of participants.
- Winners in both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes are awarded points toward the 2025 TORC series.

1. RULES: Racing will be governed by:

1. 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.
2. Boats equipped and rated with power winches may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
3. Boats sailing Single or Double-handed may use autopilots. This modifies RRS 51. Use of

autopilots is only permitted when more than 500 yards from the start line and up to 500 yards from the finish line. Otherwise, the yacht must be steered manually. This changes Rule 52.

4. RRS 41 is hereby modified to allow all entrants to communicate hazards amongst themselves on the hailing channel VHF 16 and then on whichever channel they choose to meet.
5. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the Rules of Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
6. The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
7. The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the PHRF Galveston Bay.
8. The current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for COASTAL events. These requirements are available at [US Sailing SER](#). 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.
9. The current IMS Rule (measurement), ORC Rating Systems (ratings) rules and regulations. (www.orc.org/rules), the rules of PHRF Galveston Bay, and TOMA regulations.
10. 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).
11. The race will feature a starting window. Start times will be captured by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 26. If there are fewer than 3 entrants in the ORC Spinnaker class by 20:00, September 18th, the class will default to PHRF Galveston Bay spinnaker.
12. 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

1. The Race is open to sailing yachts whose overall length is at least 28 feet. Each yacht shall conform to the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls.
2. This regatta is designated a "Coastal" event.
3. Any competitor who wishes to enter a yacht measuring less than 28 feet may do so upon approval from the race committee. A written statement of qualifications covering the skipper's experience, the crew's experience, the level of boat preparation / condition and any relevant training / certifications will be required for review by the committee.
4. It is strongly recommended that each crew consist of at least four members including, as a minimum, a navigator and a watch captain who have each successfully participated (i.e., completed the designated course) in at least 3 offshore races while performing their duties as navigator or watch captain.
5. Double-handed entries: In a MOB situation each person must be capable of retrieving

the other single-handed.

- i. Single, and double-handed entries are urged to employ full harness, tethers and jack lines regardless of weather conditions.
6. It is strongly recommended that at least one crew member attend an offshore safety at sea seminar presented by a recognized boating organization within the last three years.
7. A minimum of two yachts will constitute a class.
8. 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.
9. Potential classes will be:
 - a. PHRP Spinnaker
 - b. PHRH Non-Spinnaker
 - c. ORC Club Spinnaker
 - d. TOMA MultihullBoats may enter at www.regattanetwork.com using the on-line entry form.

3. FEES

1. The entry fee is \$125.
2. Entries after registration has closed may be accepted upon special request to the Race Committee and a late fee may be assessed

4. SCHEDULE

1. Registration Closes: Wednesday 9/17/2025 16:00.
2. Competitors Meeting: Friday 9/19/2025 18:00 Texas Corinthian Yacht Club.
3. Start Window: Saturday 9/20/2025 10:00 until 11:30.
4. Prize Giving: Sunday 9/21/2025 16:00.

5. MEASUREMENT

1. ALL yachts racing in the ORC class MUST have a current USSAILING ORC Club certificate. If fewer than three yachts register for the ORC class (with ORC Club ratings) by the deadline stated in section 4, the class will default to a PHRF Spinnaker Class which requires current PHRF Galveston Bay rating certificates.
2. ALL yachts racing in the PHRF Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker class MUST have a current PHRF Galveston Bay rating certificate.
3. All multihull entries must be compliant with the TOMA rating system for that class.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Draft Sailing Instructions will be posted on Regatta Network for your review and consideration well before any deadline to enroll.
2. Please engage the race committee with questions you may have (Doug@DougMcMurrey.com) On request, the Race Committee may be available to personally meet with competitors and their team to review details of the race.
3. Final SI's will be sent to registered competitors via email no later than 23:00, September 12, 2025.

7. VENUE

1. All races will be sailed offshore in the waters in The Gulf of America and adjacent inland waters near Galveston, TX.

8. THE COURSES

1. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). Specific course lengths and course configuration selected may vary by class and weather forecast. Course lengths are anticipated to be approximately in the range of 20 to 60 NM.

9. SCORING:

1. Appendix A of the RRS applies.

10. SCORING: The S Rhodes Fisher & The Commodore Edwin Moore Trophies

1. A single race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
2. The series includes the TCYC Offshore Regatta, The Quantum Offshore Regatta and the Galveston Yacht Club Eaglescliffe Run.
3. Competitors for each respective Class award must participate in all three events listed in 10. 2. Participation is defined as registering for the event.
4. The series shall be scored as described in Appendix A, section A2.1 of the RRS.

11. BERTHING

1. Friday evening Galveston: The Galveston Yacht Basin (reservations: 409.765.3000) has slips available. The transient rate is \$3 / foot, please bring a copy of your current insurance.

12. PRIZES:

1. 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 at registration close.
2. A TCYC Offshore Regatta perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the PHRF Spinnaker Class.

13. REQUIRED CHARTS:

1. This event requires charts that cover at least the upper Texas coast that covers the greater Galveston area, Galveston Bay Entrance and Galveston Bay.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

1. 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.

Amendments to this NOR will be posted to RegattaNetwork