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22nd Annual HARVEST MOON REGATTA[®]

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Notice of Race

October 16 - 18, 2008

Location: Galveston, Texas to Port Aransas, Texas

Organizing Authority: Lakewood Yacht Club

Presented by Bay Access, Inc.

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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 *U. S. Edition 2008 – 2009 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls including US SAILING prescriptions* for Category 3, except as modified by section 3.4 of this Notice of Race.
- 1.2 Failure to meet a Category 3 requirement is not subject to protest by another boat; this modifies R.R.S. 60.1. The Race Committee may investigate a report of flagrant disregard of the Category 3 requirements and may file a protest based on its investigation.
- 1.3 The rules will be modified to allow for arbitration of protests.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1.7 R.R.S. 62.1 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 The rules will be modified to allow penalties other than disqualification.
- 1.10 All modifications to the rules will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

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 Cruising Fleet is open to any Cruiser/Racer or Racer/Cruiser of at least 27 feet length on deck. Boats in the Cruising Fleet shall comply with the Cruising fleet rules.

3.2 The Racing Fleet is open to any ORC Club rated monohull of at least 27 feet length on deck.

3.3 The Multihull Fleet is open to any Multihull of at least 27 feet length on deck.

3.4 Each boat shall conform to the *ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for 2008-2009 including US SAILING Prescriptions* for Category number 3, with the following exceptions:

- a) Paragraph 3.14.6(a) is modified to allow vinyl or other coating on the lifelines provided any stained coating is removed to establish that the lifelines have not corroded.
- b) Paragraph 4.26.4 is modified to remove the requirement of a storm jib. It is strongly recommended that persons in charge consult their designer and sailmaker to decide the most effective means to provide safe propulsion for the yacht in severe weather.

3.5 It is recommended that all Cruising Class boats comply with ISO 12217-2, Category B. Note: An ISO 12217-2 Category B compliant boat is designed for waves up to 4 meters significant height and winds up to 40 knots. If you are unsure of your boat's stability, you should contact the designer or another competent authority. Multihull and ORC Club boats shall comply with the stability requirements imposed by their rating authorities.

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

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

3.8 Entry is not complete until the Organizing Authority receives a signed Waiver and Release of Liability from each skipper and crew member. All waivers shall be turned in no later than the Skippers' Meeting. In the event of a crew member substitution or addition after the Skippers' Meeting, the new crew member must provide a signed Waiver and Release of Liability prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.

3.9 Each boat shall provide the required handicap information no later than the entry deadline. A link to the handicapping questionnaire will be e-mailed to you upon submission of your entry.

- a. Cruising fleet entrants are requested to fill out the questionnaire within 48 hours of submitting her entry. The Race Committee will assign ratings to each boat entering a cruising fleet. Cruising fleet boats who fail to fill out the on-line handicapping form by the entry deadline will have no grounds to challenge their assigned ratings.
- b. Each boat entering an ORC Club fleet shall provide a copy of her current ORC Club certificate or current ORC International certificate.
- c. Each multi-hull boat shall provide a copy of her current Texas Offshore Multihull Association rating certificate.

3.10 Rating certificates may be scanned and uploaded with your registration, or may be hand delivered to the Lakewood Yacht Club clubhouse office, or may be mailed to the attention of the Harvest Moon Regatta® Committee at Lakewood Yacht Club, 2425 NASA Rd. One, Seabrook, Texas 77586 or may be sent to the attention of Harvest Moon Regatta® via facsimile to 281-474-3502.

4. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$125. U.S. SAILING members receive a \$12.50 discount. After September 28, a \$50 late entry fee will be added.

5. SCHEDULE

Captains' Roundtable	Saturday, September 13	8:30 AM
Entry Deadline	Sunday, September 28	5:00 PM
Late Entry Cutoff	Sunday, October 5	5:00 PM
Skippers' Meeting	Friday, October 10	7:00 PM
First Start –Galveston	Thursday, October 16	2:00 PM
Waffle Breakfast-Island Moorings	Saturday, October 18	8:00 AM
Finish Deadline	Saturday, October 18	1:00 PM
Welcome Sailor Rum Party	Saturday, October 18	4:30 PM
Awards & Banquet	Saturday, October 18	5:30 PM
Rum Mary Party	Sunday, October 19	9:00 AM

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available 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 and Island Moorings Yacht Club and Marina after the race. The Sailing Instructions and the Harvest Moon Regatta® Web site at www.harvestmoonregatta.com will contain additional information regarding the marina facilities.

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), the Matagorda outer buoy (RW “MB” Mo (A) WHIS), and the Aransas Pass Ship Channel buoy (R”6” Fl R 4s BELL) to starboard. The race will finish inside the jetties at Port Aransas, Texas. The approximate course length is 150 miles.

9. SCORING

The ORC Club Spinnaker Fleet will use performance line OFFSHORE scoring. The cruising fleets will be scored based on time-on-distance scoring. The scoring method for the multi-hull fleet will be determined by the Texas Offshore Multihull Association.

10. DOCKING

The Port Aransas City Marina will be the primary regatta facility, with dockage on a first come, first served basis. Boats docking at City Marina may be required to raft up. Docking will also be available at Island Moorings Yacht Club and Marina where slip reservations will be taken. Docking information will be updated when available on the regatta Web site.

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.

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 boat in the ORC Spinnaker Fleet. The Cameron Cannon will be awarded to the first place boat in the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet. The Commodore’s Trophy will be awarded to the first place boat in the Cruising with Spinnaker 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 mono-hull to sail the course and finish the race. The Mayor’s Trophy will be awarded to the first multi-hull to sail the course and finish the race.

12.4 All-Women Crew: The Luna Trophy will be awarded, based on lowest corrected time, to an all-women crew in the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Fleet.

12.5 Additional Trophies: Additional trophies may be awarded, including Manufacturers’ Trophies. Please check the Harvest Moon Regatta® website for updated information.

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, Inc., 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 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 of the boat's skipper(s), owner(s), charterer(s), and crew extend to Lakewood Yacht Club and Bay Access, Inc. 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

Until the start of the race, the Official Notice Board will be online at **www.harvestmoonregatta.com**. Amendments to the Notice of Race or to the Sailing Instructions will be posted there, and will also be made available at the Lakewood Yacht Club office. After the race start, the Official Notice Board will be located in the City Marina Pavilion in Port Aransas, Texas.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact the following:

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