

***Rockport Yacht Club***  
***Offshore Regatta***  
**“Port Aransas”**

**Notice of Race**

September 19, 2015

**Registration and Skippers Meeting: 6:30 pm Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

Location: Port Aransas, TX

Hosted by: Rockport Yacht Club

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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.”) 2013-2016 except as modified by this Notice of Race, and by
- b. the 2012-2013 US Edition of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Mono-hulls & Multi-hulls, including *US Sailing Prescriptions* for Category 3 (“ISAF Special Regulations”), except as modified by section 2.2 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(c) 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 penalties other than disqualification.

1.9 All modifications to the rules will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY, EQUIPMENT, AND ENTRY**

2.1 The Race Committee shall have full authority to determine the suitability of any boat for entry in the regatta, and may divide entrants into classes at its sole discretion.

2.2 Each boat shall conform to the ISAF Special Regulations (see paragraph 1.1.b), with the following exceptions:

a) Paragraph 3.14.6(c) 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 4.23.1 is modified to allow the use of Coast Guard approved flares in lieu of SOLAS flares so long as the type and quantity comply with the requirements of the paragraph and they are not older than the expiration date.

2.3 It is recommended that all 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.

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

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

2.7 Entry is not complete until the Race Committee receives a Waiver and Release of Liability from each skipper and crew member. Skipper's waivers are submitted during the entry process. All crew waivers shall be submitted 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 submit a Waiver and Release of Liability prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid. The skipper shall insure that each crew member is listed on the listing of waivers received.

2.8 All boats listed in the US Sailing PHRF HANDICAPS manual shall be eligible for entry. Boats not listed, may be assigned a PHRF handicap rating and allowed entry at the discretion of the race committee.

#### **4. CLASSES**

As a minimum, the following classes will be established:

- Non-Spinnaker – Racing
- Spinnaker – Racing
- Multi-Hull – Racing
- Cruising Class (just going to Island Moorings)

#### **5. FEES**

The Race Entry Fee: \$80 (includes 2 dinner wrist bands).

Late Race Entry Fee: \$100.00 (includes 2 dinner wrist bands).

Cruising Entry Fee: \$40 (includes 2 dinner wrist bands).

Additional wrist bands \$15 each.

RYC will provide water and sodas, bring your own drink otherwise.

No outside Drinks allowed in "Pool Area"

#### **6. SCHEDULE**

**Monday Sept 14 7:00pm @ RYC**

Information and safety meeting for all interested in participating.

**Tuesday Sep 15th 6:30pm @ RYC**

Registration and Skippers Meeting

**Friday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 12 noon deadline for late registration**

**Saturday Sept 19th afternoon offshore**

Start of the Offshore Race at 10:00AM from #3 sea buoy outside of the Port A jetties

## **Saturday Sept 19th Island Moorings Pavilion**

Check in, welcome racers and cruisers upon arrival at Island Moorings

## **Saturday Sept 19th 5:30pm Island Moorings Pavilion**

Happy Hour and Shrimp Boil followed by Awards

## **Sunday Sept 20th**

Boats head home

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

## **8. VENUE**

Primary berthing and event facilities will be located at the Island Moorings Marina after the race. The Sailing Instructions will contain additional information regarding the marina facilities.

## **9. THE COURSE**

The course will run for approx. 12 miles from the #3 sea buoy (start line) to A rig and back for about approx. 12 miles to the finish line within the Port A Jetties.

## **10. SCORING**

The regatta will be scored based on single number PHRF time-on-distance scoring.

## **11. DOCKING**

The Island Moorings Marina will be the primary regatta facility, with dockage to be reserved in advance with the Island Moorings Harbormaster.  
888 749 9030

## **12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

For safety reasons, VHF radios will be required. In addition, each boat will be required to provide race committee with a cell phone number that will be aboard. Race Committee may require vessel check in before the race as well as check in once finished, via text message or phone call. Per Sailing Instructions.

### **13. PRIZES**

13.1 **Classes:** Trophies will be awarded in each class.

13.2 **Additional Trophies:** Trophies will also be awarded for:

- a. Best Fishing story Award
- b. Creative Log Award
- c. Other awards to be determined by the Race Committee

### **14. 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 Rockport Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the sponsors of Offshore 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.

**15. 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.

### **16. PHOTOGRAPHY**

For and in consideration of participation in the regatta, each boat's skipper(s), owner(s), charterer(s), and crew extend Rockport Yacht Club and it's 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.

### **17. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

The Official Notice Board will be online at:

[http://www.rockportyachtclub.org/Offshore\\_regatta\\_Notice\\_Board.php](http://www.rockportyachtclub.org/Offshore_regatta_Notice_Board.php)

### **18. “SPOT” TRACKING**

Each boat is encouraged to use a “SPOT” tracking device. These devices may be rented or purchased online. Utilization of a “SPOT” device will allow friends and family on shore to track the boat’s progress during the race. It is also very helpful during emergency situations.

### **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For additional information, please contact Bill Coxwell at [coxwell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coxwell@sbcglobal.net) , or Herman Koster at [herman@4u.com](mailto:herman@4u.com)