



2024 Ruff Riders

50th year up the ditch

Port Isabel – Corpus Christi, TX
August 31-September 1, 2024
Texas City Dike Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and any supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at Regatta Network.
- 1.3. Participants shall understand and be familiar with the Inland Rules of the Road.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. No restrictions on competitor advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all catamaran manufactured boats with a SCHRS rating of 1.440 or less.
- 3.2. Trimarans shall have a current TOMA rating.
- 3.3. Custom boats will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.4. Singlehanded entries must submit qualifications to Race Committee for approval.
- 3.5. Each entrant shall acknowledge they have attended and understand the Safety Presentation.
- 3.6. Entrants may use GPS devices. This forgives a class rule that prohibits GPS devices.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Early Registration includes:
 - 4.1.1. Early Registration discount
- 4.2. Registration includes:
 - 4.2.1. Regatta registration
- 4.3. Entries after the Registration deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee with an additional fee.
- 4.4. Regatta information can be found on [Regatta Network](#)
- 4.5. Boats may be entered at: [REGISTRATION](#)
- 4.6. Refunds shall be given if requested before the Registration Deadline minus a 10% administration fee.
- 4.7. No refunds after Registration Deadline.
- 4.8. Before the Registration Deadline, all entries shall verify that skipper and crew watch and understand Safety Presentation.

5. FEES

5.1. Early Registration:

5.1.1. The entry fee is \$100 for all entries.

5.2. Registration:

5.2.1. The entry fee shall be \$200 for all entries.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Where
Monday, July 1	1700 hours	Early Registration Deadline	Regatta Network
Saturday, August 10	1900 hours	Safety Presentation	Hardheads on Bolivar & via Zoom
Saturday, August 17	1700 hours	Registration Deadline	Regatta Network
Saturday, August 17	1700 hours	Gear bag reservation deadline	Regatta Network
Saturday, August 17	1700 hours	Classes are formed	From registration
Friday, August 30	1900 hours	Welcome Party/Skipper's Meeting	TBD
Saturday, August 31	0900 hours	Warning Signal first start	Defined by Sis
Saturday, August 31	TBD	Fleet arrives at mid-point	Hobie Hilton: 26°59.810'N, 97°26.941'W
Saturday, August 31	1900 hours	Ground Crew party	TBD
Sunday, September 1	0900 hours	Warning Signal first start	Hobie Hilton: 26°59.810'N, 97°26.941'W
Sunday, September 1	TBD	Fleet finishes	Doc's: 27°38.001'N, 97°14.401'W
Sunday, September 1	1 hour after last finisher	Awards Party	Doc's Seafood & Steaks

6.1. Number of races

6.1.1. Two races are expected to be scored: one for Saturday and one for Sunday.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Stock boats shall be rated under published SCHRS handicap.

7.2. Modified boats shall be rated using the [SCHRS Rating Calculator](#) found online.

7.2.1. Entrants with modified sails shall submit their modifications (i.e. sail dimensions and sail area) via pdf to Race Committee at RaceCommitteeTX@gmail.com upon registration.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Registration Deadline on at [SAILING INSTRUCTIONS](#)

9. VENUE

9.1. The racing area shall be between Port Isabel and Corpus Christi bounded between Padre Island, Mustang Island and the mainland.

10. COURSES

10.1. **Saturday:** Start to mid-way point (defined as Hobie Hilton) honoring ICW channel marker #61 to starboard.

10.1.1. Hobie Hilton located at 26°59.810'N, 97°26.941'W; approximately 56.8nm from start.

10.2. **Sunday:** Hobie Hilton to finish at Doc's Seafood & Steaks.

10.2.1. Finish Line located at 27°38.001'N, 97°14.401'W; approximately 40 nautical miles from Hobie Hilton.

11. CHASE BOAT - SAFETY

11.1. There are expected to be some chase boats following the fleet, but competitors are

responsible for their own safety and be prepared for their own rescue if necessary.

11.2. A chase boat driver makes the final decision if rescue assistance is too dangerous or puts their assets at risk.

11.3. Chase boats shall be marked with an orange flag.

12. GEAR TRANSPORT

12.1. A team may place one (1) 40# bag on a chase boat for a cost of \$40.

12.2. It is encouraged for everyone to carry their own equipment/gear as a chase boat may be assisting a competitor or sustain a breakdown.

12.2.1. There shall not be a refund if their gear is not available at the mid-point (finish for Saturday).

12.3. Bag reservations must be made before the Registration Deadline on a first come first served basis.

12.4. The chase boat driver has full authority to inspect the contents of each bag. If any illegal substance is found, an immediate DSQ from the regatta and authorities will be contacted. A future ban from TCDYC events may be implemented.

12.5. The team is responsible for waterproofing their bag. The chase boat driver is not responsible for wet/soaked gear.

12.6. A team's trash is to be taken by them on their boat or placed in their chase boat bag and sealed.

12.7. A chase boat shall not carry beach wheels or cradles outside their gear bag as defined in NOR 11.1.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

14. SCORING

14.1. Primary classes will be handicap spinnaker and handicap non-spinnaker classes.

14.1.1. Sub classes may be formed with at least 5 one-design or level boats entered and paid.

14.2. All boats racing shall be scored under SCHRS (as defined in NOR 13) for class and an overall fleet ranking.

14.2.1. It is intended to score an Overall Fleet, Spinnaker Fleet, and a Non-Spinnaker Fleet

14.3. A boat's series score shall be the cumulative corrected score of their two races.

14.4. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1. There is no time limit for either day of racing.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1. No haul out restrictions.

17. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

17.1. Except in emergencies or to avoid collision a boat that is racing shall not communicate either by voice or data systems, information regarding wind, current, course, speed or any other information with any other boat to gain an unfair advantage.

17.2. Boats are encouraged to use [RaceQs](#) during the regatta, and a regatta replay will be available at the post-race social. AIS receivers and transceivers are also allowed. Tracking devices (e.g. SPOT, InReach) are allowed provided that the information communicated is av

ailable to all competitors and not used to gain an unfair advantage.

- 17.3. If a boat has a breakdown, or has paused racing, they shall contact the chase boat, or notify nearby competitors to relay the information to a chase boat and/or Race Committee.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Boats shall be ranked by their cumulative corrected time; fastest to slowest as lowest to highest respectively.
- 18.2. Prizes will be given as determined at Registration Deadline as follows:
- 3 Boats First place prize
 - 6 Boats First and second place prize
 - 9 Boats First, second, and third place prize
 - One additional prize for every three boats entered.
- 18.3. The number of trophies will depend on the number of entries and may be dictated by sponsor donations.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 19.2. The Intercoastal Waterway has commercial traffic and entrants (skipper and crew) are to acknowledge they viewed and understand the Safety Presentation that includes, but not limited to, Rules 5, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, & 20 of the Inland Rules of the Road.
- 19.2.1. Link to [Nav Rules Handbook](#) for reference
- 19.3. A registered team assumes the responsibility, including but not limited to financial, of being rescued and/or rescue efforts.

20. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Race Committee will conduct random spot checks for required equipment. If equipment is not present, a penalty of DSQ for that day may be applied.
- 20.2. Each boat shall have:
- 20.2.1. (1) PFD for each person with workable whistle
 - 20.2.2. Magnetic compass (may be digital or analog)
 - 20.2.3. Working GPS
 - 20.2.4. A multi-tool
 - 20.2.5. At least (1) submergible rated VHF radio.
 - 20.2.6. Fully charged flashlight
 - 20.2.7. Full roll of duct tape
- 20.3. Suggested equipment is:
- 20.3.1. Cash

- 20.3.2. Food/water
- 20.3.3. Small tools and/or spares
- 20.3.4. Strobe
- 20.3.5. Waterproof charts of Laguna Madre, Baffin Bay, and Corpus Christi Bay.
- 20.3.6. Solar phone charger.
- 20.3.7. Square Ball Distress flag
- 20.3.8. Satellite tracker
- 20.3.9. Knife capable of being operated with one hand

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.
- 21.2. Each participating boat shall be a member of HCANA; annual or weekend membership.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1. For further information please contact **Scott Tuma at 281.705.3712** or **RaceCommitteeTX@gmail.com**

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