

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: Will the race be cancelled this year because of the pandemic?

A: We have no plans to cancel the race, and intend to go forward, but we cannot promise that the race will not be cancelled based on factors that are not in our control. For example, although we will not cancel based on the Race Committee's view of the pandemic, if city or county officials of Port Aransas / Nueces County were to implement mandatory orders (not mere guidance) that prohibited the event, we would act accordingly. Also, we could cancel based upon an actual or anticipated significant weather event, and particularly depending on communications with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Q2: I was not able to attend HMR Safety Day – or I tried to attend remotely but was unable to do so. How can I watch a replay?

A: Here is a [link to a replay](#) of most of the presentations.

Q3: How do I change details of my registration, like a crew member or phone number?

A: You should have received a welcome e-mail shortly after you registered. That email contains a link that allows you to edit your registration, including uploading documents to your registration. NOTE: do not change your fleet assignment or handicap rating unless you have discussed this in advance with the PRO.

Q4: Do I need to register to attend the HMR Safety Day?

A: No reservations are needed; just show up at the event at Lakewood Yacht Club on September 25 at 0800 and sign in at that time.

Q5: How do I comply with SER 4.3.2 related to Safety at Sea?

A: The skipper and the required number of crew should have a valid, unexpired certificate from U.S. Sailing. The Online Coastal Safety at Sea program, [available on US Sailing's website](#), satisfies this requirement.

If you intend to rely on an equivalent certificate from another national authority (which must be valid through the last day of the event, October 23, 2021), please send copies to the PRO at davidcomeaux@live.com who will determine whether the alternative certificate meets the requirement.

In addition, make sure at least 2 members of the crew attend HMR Safety Day on September 25, 2021.

Q6: How do I upload my Safety at Sea certification?

A: You should have received a welcome e-mail shortly after you registered. That email contains a link that allows you to edit your registration, including uploading documents to your registration. Please upload the certificates using that process.

Q7: I am a very experienced mariner and hold other certifications that indicate I know enough about safety. Do I really need to comply with the SERs, including the educational requirements?

A: Yes. The SERs are part of the *rules*. See RRS definition of *Rule* and NOR 1.1.b. Further, the U.S. Coast Guard has required that we submit a safety plan and we submitted these requirements as part of that plan.

Q8: How do I apply for a new or update PHRF certificate?

A: Go to www.phrfgb.com, and click “application.” Note somewhere in the application that you need this for Harvest Moon Regatta. We also recommend sending an email to the address listed on that page to let them know you are submitting the request and that it is for HMR.

Q9: How do I apply for a current ORC certificate?

A: To start the application for a 2021 certificate, please use the following website: www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/request-a-rating If you do not have a current 2021 certificate, you should start your application as soon as possible, but no later than the Registration Deadline. Make sure you get the proper sail measurement certificates from your sailmaker or have a sailmaker measure your sails and give you a US Sailing sail measurement certificate. Understand with these limits, we cannot promise to get your certificate back in time for the HMR after October 9, 2021 application.

Q10: Is the Skipper’s Meeting mandatory? Will there be a virtual option?

A: The Skipper’s Meeting is not mandatory but attendance by the skipper or trusted crew is highly recommended. In addition to helpful information that will be shared, this will be the best opportunity to pick up your skipper’s bag, which includes your class flag, as well as the YB device assigned to your boat. If you cannot make the meeting in person, you *must* make arrangements to get these items by contacting the LYC Office during business hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 9am – 6pm at (281) 474-2511.