

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 2025 Harvest Moon Regatta

The following questions are often asked of the race committee. We provide the answers below as a courtesy, but these are not *rules* and they do not replace the *rules*; if there is any inconsistency between the answers below and the *rules*, the *rules* take precedence.

1. Q: I have a question that is not addressed in these FAQs. Where can I look for the answer?

A: Almost everything you need to know can be found somewhere in the *rules*. The *rules* are defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) and include (but are not limited to) the Notice of Race and the items listed under NOR 1.

2. Q: I am looking for crew for my boat – or I am looking for a boat that needs crew – where can I find someone?

A: There are two good resources:

- Go to the [Crew Finder Board](#) on HarvestMoonRegatta.com (under Competitors / Crew)
- The GBCA crew finder forum, <http://discussion2.gbca.org/index.php?board=3.0>

3. Q: 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.

4. Q: How do I check to make sure all of my crew have signed crew waivers?

A: Go to the list available on HarvestMoonRegatta.com under Competitors / Crew / View Crew Waivers.

5. Q: 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 06 at 0800 and sign in at that time.

6. Q: 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 11, 2025), please send copies to the PRO at [rdhunkins@comcast.net](mailto:rdhunkins@comcast.net) 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 6, 2025.

7. Q: 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.

8. Q: 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 1.2.1. Further, the U.S. Coast Guard has required that we submit a safety plan and we submitted these requirements as part of that plan.

9. Q: I will not be able to attend HMR Safety Day. Are there alternatives?

A: See SER 4.3.2, which allows a certification to the race committee of attendance at HMR safety day within the last two years of the requisite crew members. In addition, the race committee may attempt to video record the session for those who can demonstrate a *bona fide* hardship or inability to attend in person (for example, those who reside outside the greater Houston / Galveston area).

We hope to have a replay of the presentation available on the HMR website for review by additional crew. The requirements of SER 4.3.2 are not met by reviewing the video replay unless you have written approval by the PRO and have viewed the replay no later than October 03, 2025.

10. Q: How do I apply for a new or updated PHRF certificate?

A: For monohulls, go to [www.phrfgb.org](http://www.phrfgb.org), 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. Make sure to do this as far as possible in advance of the race!

For multihulls, please contact Texas Offshore Multihull Association using the information contained in the Notice of Race.

11. Q: How do I apply for a current ORC certificate?

A: To start the application for a 2025 certificate, please use the following website: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/#application> If you do not have a current 2025 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.

12. Q: Is AIS required this year?

A: Yes. Harvest Moon Regatta is a Coastal Race. See NOR 1.2.1. SER 3.9 says that “AIS requirement for Coastal is effective January 1, 2024.” AIS benefits not just the participating sailors, but also the other marine traffic in the racing and pre-race areas.

13. Q: 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 after the meeting by contacting the LYC Office during business hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 9am – 6pm at (281) 474-2511.

14. Q: The Regatta Store is Closed or Not working. How can I purchase merchandise, a ticket to the party or a return bus ticket?

A: Merchandise and tickets will be available for purchase at the Skippers’ Meeting and at the merchandise table in Port Aransas.

15. Q: How can I get back to the Houston area from Port Aransas?

A: If you need a ride, you can purchase a one-way bus ticket by going to [HarvestMoonRegatta.com](http://HarvestMoonRegatta.com) and buying a ticket in the Regatta Store or at the merchandise table in Port Aransas. The bus will leave Port Aransas from near the pavilion at the City Marina (where the party is) on Sunday morning after the race at 10:00 a.m. The bus will drop off passengers at Lakewood Yacht Club.