

## **Harvest Moon Regatta®**

### **Rules for the Rally Cruising Class**

#### **Purpose of this class:**

This class is for sailors who want to join the racers for the trip to Port Aransas, without the stress or hassles of the starting line, perfecting sail trim, and constant hand-steering. This class will not be scored but is welcome to participate, subject to all of the rules, with modifications as stated here.

#### **Rules of the Rally Cruising Class**

1. All boats are subject to the same safety requirements as other participants.
2. If a boat in this class elects to stay at the Port Aransas City Marina, the boat will be in the raft-up regardless of the time of arrival in Port Aransas.
3. Rule 42 of the RRS does not apply to this class. Boats in this class are welcome to use their engines, auto-pilots, and other power assistance, while always maintaining an appropriate watch.
4. Boats in this class must check in near Houston Ship Channel marker #11, but will not participate in the start sequence.
  - a. Boat should complete check-in before 1230.
  - b. Boats may begin their passage to Port Aransas as soon as they would like after checking in.
  - c. Boats must keep clear of the starting line, and should keep at least one nautical mile away from the end of Pleasure Pier.
  - d. Boat must keep clear of the finish line, which will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
5. Boats are required to use a YB tracker (Rule 5). Boats should have their AIS engaged at all times.
6. Boats shall follow the course, except that they should leave the entire start line and finish line to Starboard.
7. While sailing to Port Aransas, boats are encouraged to keep clear of sailboats that are racing.