

**MANDEVILLE RACE
MAY 14 & 15, 2016
Southern Yacht Club
Lake Pontchartrain**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Southern Yacht Club (SYC). The host clubs are SYC and Pontchartrain Yacht Club (PontYC). US Sailing Regatta Network (RN) is the host for online registration. The OA reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any yacht and will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event and shall assign yachts to classes.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US Sailing prescriptions; applicable class rules; Notice of Race (NOR); and Sailing Instructions (SI). When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list shall govern.

1.2 RRS 26 and 62.1(a) are altered herein. Other documents may change other rules.

1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix T, Sections A, B & C shall apply.

1.4 A yacht shall set only one (1) headsail on the permanent forestay and only one (1) staysail per mast, which shall not extend beyond the rated LP distance.

1.5 NON-SPINNAKER classes shall not set unstayed, free-flying sails, such as a spinnaker, gennaker, flasher, shooter, blooper, or any other sail cut, set or flown to simulate such.

2 YACHT ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The regatta is open to yachts with a valid rating certificate issued by GYA-PHRF or GYA-MC.

2.2 The OA strongly recommends compliance with the requirements of the *US Safety Equipment Requirements* (USSER) for a Coastal race.

2.3 Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill with the crew.

2.4 At each yacht's start, every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

3 CREW ELIGIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 The term "Skipper" as used herein means the person, whether or not the owner of the yacht, who is so designated on the entry form and who is the Person in Charge of the yacht during the race. The Skipper is

responsible for the yacht, its handling and safety, the conduct of the crew before, during and after the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3.2 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Owner, who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit and sufficient in number to sail the boat in adverse conditions. The owner must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice boards at SYC and PontYC, as applicable, and online at RN. Electronic notifications (email and/or SMS) will be sent to competitors registered via RN.

5 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

The fleet will have the following divisions, broken into classes as entries warrant:

- **PHRF** – Monohull yachts in Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.
- **Multihull** – Open division.

Classes will be as indicated on the Scratch Sheet.

6 ENTRIES AND FEES

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the online entry form. There is no entry fee.

7 SKIPPERS MEETING

There will be no skippers meeting. The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and SCRATCH SHEET will be posted online by 2000 on the day before the first start.

8 SCHEDULE

| Friday, May 13, 2016 | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2200 | Entry deadline |
| Saturday, May 14, 2016 | |
| 1000 | Pursuit starting sequence begins |
| ASAP | Daily trophies at PontYC |
| Sunday, May 15, 2016 | |
| 1000 | Pursuit starting sequence begins |
| ASAP | Awards Ceremony at SYC |

9 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS

The PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM will be used, wherein each yacht has a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her rating, as shown in the appendix, 20-MILE PURSUIT STARTING TIMES. This replaces Rule 26.

10 COURSE AND SCORING

10.1 The race will consist of two stages, each with its own start and finish.

10.2 The start and finish marks will be SYC racing mark "H" on the Southshore and pipeline marker "M1" on the Northshore. The rounding mark will be SYC "J".

10.3 The stage courses will be **Start/H-J-M1** and **Start/M1-J-H**, respectively.

10.4 The distance for each stage will be **20.0 nm** and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

10.5 Yachts shall be scored in their finishing places for each stage, after any adjustments or penalties. A yacht's score will be the total of her stage scores. Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

11 DOCKING

Yachts may dock or raft on the Bayou Castine bulkhead near PontYC overnight without charge.

12 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

- First place in fleet.
- First to third places in each class.
- First place for each stage in each class.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The Management of the event will not accept liability for any losses resulting from competitors' participation in this event and associated activities prior to, during and after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

15 MISCONDUCT

In the event of gross misconduct by a Skipper, owner, crew or their guests, before, during or after the regatta, a yacht may be subject to disqualification and other disciplinary action.

16 CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, see the SYC web site (www.southernyachtclub.org) or contact:

- Southern Yacht Club: (504) 288-4200 or info@southernyachtclub.org
- Pontchartrain Yacht Club: (985) 626-3192

Regatta Network event page:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12372>

Scan the QR code to view the RN mobile event page.

