



**GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE
JUNE 23-25, 2016
Southern Yacht Club
Gulfport, Miss. to Pensacola, Fla.
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



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1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US SAILING prescriptions; the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events; all applicable class and rating rules; the Notice of Race; and these Sailing Instructions. When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in the list above shall govern. This alters RRS 63.7.

1.2 Between the local hours of sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2 will be replaced by the *USCG Navigation Rules* Part B–Steering and Sailing Rules (IRPCAS/COLREGS).

1.3 MONOHULL yachts shall be governed by the *By-Laws of the GYA Performance Handicap Racing Fleet* (GYA-PHRF).

1.4 MULTIHULL yachts shall be governed by the *GYA Multihull Council Safety Recommendations* (GYA-MC), for Category 2 events, except that all instances of “should” are replaced with “shall”, and as modified.

1.5 RRS 29.1, 42, 52, 60.1, 62.1(a), 63.7, A4.2, A5 are altered herein. Other documents may change other rules.

1.6 MOTORING while racing is allowed for the Rally division only, as prescribed in SI 14. This alters RRS 42.

1.7 POWERED WINCHES and AUTOPILOTS are allowed in Cruising and Rally divisions only. This alters RRS 52.

1.8 Except while changing sails, yachts 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.

1.9 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 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 RACE TRACKING – Each yacht shall provide and carry a GPS tracking device as prescribed in the NOR. The device shall be continuously operational from the time a yacht casts off before the start and until she safely reaches port whether finishing or withdrawing from the race.

2.2 The equipment listed in Appendix A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT is required for all yachts. Additionally, the OA strongly recommends compliance with the requirements of the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a Coastal race.

2.3 All yachts will be subject to random inspection before the start and after the finish for compliance with Appendix A and their rating certificates. Yachts to be inspected after the race will be notified by the RC at the finish and further instructions will be given by VHF. Yachts found not in compliance will be subject to protest by the Race Committee which may result in disqualification or other penalties. These inspections are made for rules enforcement purposes only; the RC will not assess nor warrant the safety or seaworthiness of yachts or crews.

2.4 Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill involving her full crew.

2.5 During the Prestart Check-In (SI 10), every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice boards at Gulfport YC and Pensacola YC, as applicable, and online at the event web site.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than one (1) hour after the Thursday Skippers Meeting and will be signaled ashore on the morning of the race.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be flown from the GYC mast.

6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 23, 2016	
1830	Skippers Meeting at Gulfport YC
Friday, June 24, 2016	
0900	Skippers Briefing at Gulfport YC
0930	Deadline to submit Crew List Form
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
1055	Warning Signal for Rally Division
1155	First Warning Signal for Racing Division
Saturday, June 25, 2016	
1800	Awards Ceremony at Pensacola YC

7 TIMING AND COMMUNICATIONS

The RC will use GPS local time and **VHF 68**. The RC may hail its intentions or additional instructions.

8 CREW LIST

No later than 0930 on the morning of the start, each yacht must file with the RC a complete and accurate Crew List Form (provided). The RC will not accept Crew List Forms on the water.

9 CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

9.1 The class assignments and ratings will be as shown on the Scratch Sheet.

9.2 The anticipated starting sequence will be:

Class	Color	Warning
Rally	Red	1055
Open Classes	Blue	1155
Multihull		
Cruising Classes	Green	1205
Cruising Non-Spinnaker		

10 PRESTART CHECK-IN

10.1 Prior to her warning signal, each yacht shall pass within hail of the Check-In Boat, hail her sail number and be acknowledged. Failure to check-in properly may result in a score of DNC.

10.2 PFDs shall be worn during Check-In. See SI 2.5.

10.3 The CHECK-IN BOAT will be as specified at the Skippers Meeting and Briefing.

11 THE COURSE

11.1 The STARTING AREA will be located appx. two (2) nautical miles ESE of the Gulfport Yacht Harbor entrance.

11.2 The course distances are **100.0 nm** for the Racing classes and **93.6 nm** for the Rally class and are not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

11.3 The MARKS OF THE COURSE, in required order of rounding or passing, are as listed in the table on Page 3.

11.4 Gulfport Bar Channel marks “24” and “GP” (and by extension, all of Ship Island) are not required marks of the course for Rally Division yachts.

12 THE START

12.1 The STARTING LINE for the Rally class will be between the staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The STARTING LINE for all other classes will be between the staffs bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boats at each end of the line.

12.2 The Warning signal for each class will be as noted in SI 9.2. The starts will not be in a “rolling” sequence.

12.3 Yachts not starting shall remain clear of the area directly behind the starting line.

MARKS OF THE COURSE			
Mark	Leave To	Description	NOAA Chart
Starting Line	--	RC boat at each end	11373
Gulfport Sound Channel east side marks from harbor to Intracoastal Waterway (ICWW)	STBD	(9) Fixed marks – Fl R 17ft various “62, 60, 58, 56, 54, 52, 50, 48, 46”	
Gulfport Sound Channel at ICWW “44”	STBD	Fixed mark – Fl R 2.5s 17ft 4M “44”	
Gulfport Bar Channel “24” <i>Except Rally Division, see SI 11.4</i>	PORT	Buoy – R “24” Fl R 6s	
Gulfport Bar Channel entrance “GP” <i>Except Rally Division, see SI 11.4</i>	PORT	Buoy – RW “GP” Mo (A)	
Mobile Bar Channel entrance “M”	PORT	Buoy – RW “M” Mo (A)	11376
Caucus Channel entrance “1” / Finish (Pensacola Harbor channel)	PORT	Buoy – G “1” Fl G 2.5s	11382

13 RECALLS & STARTING PENALTIES

13.1 The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS yachts. The order, timing and success of these hails shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

13.2 A yacht scored as OCS will have one (1) hour added to her elapsed time. This alters RRS A5.

14 MOTORING

14.1 Rally Class yachts may use auxiliary propulsion without penalty only as specified in this section. This alters RRS 42.

14.2 Rally Class yachts may use auxiliary propulsion for an aggregate total of two (2) hours. This alters RRS 42.

14.3 Rally Class yachts must each submit an AUXILIARY LOG detailing their use of propulsion.

15 NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL

Yachts withdrawing while racing must report their actions as soon as possible to the Race Committee via VHF or phone (see RC contacts below). Failure to report promptly will be grounds for penalty by the OA, including exclusion from future events. All yachts shall continue GPS race tracking until safely in port.

16 THE FINISH

16.1 The FINISH LINE will be set roughly north-south between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC signal boat, on the starboard (south) end, and the finish mark, on the port (north) end.

16.2 Yachts finishing in darkness are encouraged to illuminate their sail numbers to aid the RC in identification.

16.3 Each yacht is encouraged to verify that she has been properly identified before leaving the finish area.

16.4 FINISH BOAT ABSENT – In the event the finish boat is not stationed at the FINISH LINE, a yacht shall report her GPS finishing time and position relative to nearby yachts to the Race Committee upon docking at Pensacola Yacht Club or via phone. Failure to report in a timely manner will be grounds for disqualification and additional penalties.

17 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit.

18 PENALTIES & PROTESTS

18.1 Until five (5) minutes after her starting signal, a yacht shall have the option of taking a Turns Penalty (RRS 44.1) or a Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3). After five minutes, only the Scoring Penalty will apply. (20% place penalty and display of a YELLOW FLAG.)

18.2 The Protest Time Limit is one (1) hour after the RC boat docks.

18.3 Breaches of SI 2, 8, 9.2, 10.1, 10.2, 12.3 and 15 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This alters RRS 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.

19 DOCKAGE

Pensacola YC has made arrangements for the docking of the fleet through Monday, June 27, 2016 without charge. The PYC dockmaster will assign berths to yachts upon their arrival.

20 SCORING

20.1 Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, based on corrected time.

20.2 For MASTERS DIVISION scoring only, each qualifying yacht shall have one (1) second added to her GYA-PHRF rating for each full year over 60 of the skipper's age on the day of the start.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Trophies will be awarded for Racing Divisions as follows, although additional trophies may be awarded:

- First boat to finish.
- First to third places in fleet overall.*
- First place in each class.
- Second place in each class as entries warrant.
- Third place in each class as entries warrant.
- First to third places in the Masters Division.*
- Youth, Yacht Club & Builder Challenge winners.

* Multihulls are not eligible for these trophies.

21.2 The following perpetual trophies will be presented for qualified classes as entries warrant:

- **Governor of Mississippi Trophy**
First place in PHRF classes.
- **Dr. Logan Emlet Trophy**
First place in Multihull class.
- **Governor Kennon Bowl**
First place in PHRF Class A.
- **Art Mahoney Trophy**
First boat to finish in PHRF Class B.
- **Pollack Trophy**
First place in PHRF Class C.
- **Schreck Trophy**
First place in PHRF Class D.
- **Tootie & Joel Barnett Trophy**
First place in Cruising Spinnaker class.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Management of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 MISCONDUCT

In the event of a serious breach of conduct by a Skipper, owner, crew or their guests, before, during or after the race, a yacht may be subject to disqualification and other disciplinary action. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, exclusion from one or more future GYA sanctioned events.

25 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.
- Gulfport Yacht Club: (228) 863-6796
- Pensacola Yacht Club: (850) 433-8804

RACE COMMITTEE mobile phones:

- Nathan Adams: (504) 914-6796
- Bill Wright: (504) 453-2706

Regatta Network event page:

www.regattanetwork.com/event/12373

Race Tracking: Kattack.com

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



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APPENDIX A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

In addition to USCG required safety equipment, the following equipment must be carried by each yacht, as applicable, while racing and is subject to inspection.

A1 MONOHULLS

Marine Compass	Navigational charts and devices for safe piloting
Soft wood plugs	Two buckets, each one gallon minimum capacity
Anchor and rode	Two gallons emergency water
Water resistant flashlight	Minimum of two fire extinguishers
VHF radio	Cell phone with charger or spare batteries
Navigation Lights	USCG approved PFD's with whistle for each crew member
One manual bilge pump	Horseshoe type life ring with pole and self-activating light, or Man Overboard Module
First Aid kit and manual	
Tools and spare parts	USCG required distress signals

A2 MULTIHULLS

- A2.1 The GYA-MC recommends a total crew of no less than three (3) persons for this event.
- A2.2 Multihulls with auxiliary power shall carry two fire extinguishers.
- A2.3 Multihulls are subject to the requirements of the *GYA-MC Safety Recommendations* for Category 2 events, except that all instances of “should” are replaced with “shall”. The Category 2 equipment requirements are excerpted and modified below:

Marine Compass	
Adequate drinking water	Navigational charts and devices for safe piloting
Adequate food, energy bars, and snacks to maintain crew stamina	Tools and spare parts including a knife for each crewmember
First Aid kit	VHF radio receiver (2 suggested) rated submersible and floats
GPS - rated submersible	Water resistant flashlights with spare batteries
Cell phone or satellite phone (sealed)	One hand held flare and PLB for each crewmember*
EPIRB or Personal Locator Beacon*	Tether for each crewmember*

* These (3) items are recommended, but not mandatory.

RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION

1 OVERVIEW

Each yacht shall provide, configure, register, carry and maintain a GPS tracking device as specified herein. Live race tracking will be provided by Kattack.com. The public race tracking data will be available online, as linked via the event web site.

2 GPS TRACKING DEVICE

2.1 OPTION 1 – SPOT Personal Tracker or other suitable SPOT device, including the SPOT Basic Service Plan and Track Progress service add-on. SPOT devices are available from various retailers. SPOT subscription service is available at findmespot.com. SPOT devices, with Track Progress activated, may also be rented from various sources. *Local SPOT/Delorme retailers: West Marine; Best Buy; Massey's; Cabela's; Bass Pro*

2.1.1 Track Progress mode ("SPOTcasting") must be engaged on the SPOT device throughout the event. Note that this mode must be re-engaged on the device at least once every 24 hours.

2.1.2 Fresh batteries should last for several days in Track Progress mode, but replacement batteries should also be available.

NOTE: Delorme inReach trackers will also work with Kattack. Setup is similar to SPOT.

2.2 OPTION 2 – Kattack Mobile app installed on a compatible GPS-enabled smart device (Apple or Android) with suitable data service plan. The app is available through Kattack.com and the Apple and Android app stores. Check with Kattack for compatibility with other smart devices.

2.2.1 BATTERY LIFE is a primary concern when using a GPS-enabled smart device for race tracking. Provision must be made to maintain the battery charge during the race. It is strongly recommended that the device be continuously connected to a charging device while racing.

2.2.2 Care must be taken that the Kattack Mobile app is able to run continuously throughout the race, as other apps or settings may occasionally interfere with its operation.

The mobile app continuously receives and records position data from GPS satellites, but relies on cellular technology to transmit the data back to the tracking site; it is intended for inshore use, but is adequate for near-shore races. There may be periods when a yacht is out of cellular range, but once it returns to cellular coverage, the previously recorded GPS tracking data is uploaded.

2.3 The tracking device shall be secured in a suitable location for best performance. Our experience in 2013 indicates that a waterproof enclosure secured above deck may work better than locating the device belowdecks; and carbon fiber sails may interfere with some GPS signals.

2.4 The tracking device shall be active upon casting off before the start of the race and shall operate continuously until the yacht is docked after finishing or withdrawing from the race.

3 DEVICE REGISTRATION

3.1 Prior to the race, the tracking device must be registered with Kattack.com, expressly for the event. Registration can be performed at any time after completing the event's online entry form, as follows:

3.1.1 SPOT devices must be turned on for a brief period (30 mins) prior to registration, so that the Shared Page contains some amount of track data. Then, email the Boat Name and Shared Page URL to tracking@southernyachtclub.org. Allow at least one (1) day for the URL to be processed. (Delorme setup is similar.)

3.1.2 For the Kattack Mobile app, enter the Boat Name and select the proper Race Feed in the drop-down list.

3.2 The RC will moderate the race tracking registrations for the event. You may check your registration by activating your GPS tracking device and going to the Kattack tracking web page linked from the event web site.

3.3 Pre-event testing is strongly recommended for all tracking devices and configurations.

4 FURTHER INFORMATION

SYC: email, tracking@southernyachtclub.org.

Kattack.com: email, info@kattack.com.

SPOT LLC: web site, findmespot.com, or phone, 866-651-7768.

Delorme inReach: www.inreachdelorme.com

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CREW LIST FORM

This document must be completed, signed and submitted to the RC by 0930 on the morning of the start.

YACHT

<i>name</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
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SKIPPER

<i>name</i>	<i>address</i>
<i>phone</i>	

CREW

<i>name</i>	<i>address</i>
<i>phone</i>	
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SKIPPER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information provided in this list is complete, true and accurate.

<i>name</i>	<i>signature</i>
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CHALLENGE TROPHY REGISTRATION FORM

A yacht may enter only once in each of the following categories, as applicable. However, there may be multiple teams from the same yacht club or builder.

REMINDER: Intra-team communication while racing and “team racing” are prohibited by the RRS.

YOUTH CHALLENGE			
Highest placing yacht with <u>either</u> : two (2) crew under age 21; or three (3) crew under age 25.			
	<i>Yacht</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>(for R/C use)</i>
1	<i>Qualifying crew</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	
2			
3			
YACHT CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE			
Three yachts from the same club may enter as a team. Lowest aggregate fleet score wins.			
	<i>Club</i>	<i>Team name (optional)</i>	<i>(for R/C use)</i>
1	<i>Yacht</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	
2			
3			
BUILDER TEAM CHALLENGE			
Three yachts from the same manufacturer or designer may enter as a team. Lowest aggregate fleet score wins.			
	<i>Builder</i>	<i>Team name (optional)</i>	<i>(for R/C use)</i>
1	<i>Yacht</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	
2			
3			