



**Southern Yacht Club's Annual  
RACE TO THE COAST**  
*First sailed on July 4th, 1850*  
**JUNE 10-11, 2016**  
New Orleans, La. to Gulfport, Miss.

**NOTICE OF RACE**

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*The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Southern Yacht Club (SYC) of New Orleans, La. US Sailing Regatta Network (RN) is the host for online registration. Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC) is the host club for post-race activities. This is an invitational event and 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. The Deeds of Gift of the following perpetual trophies are supported by this event:*

**Beauregard "Bugs" Avegno Trophy      Jack Dane Trophy**

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the US Sailing prescriptions; applicable class and/or rating rules; the Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list 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* (IRPCAS/COLREGS) Part B—Steering and Sailing Rules.

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

**1.4** MONOHULL yachts shall be governed by the rules of the GYA Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (GYA-PHRF).

**1.5** MULTIHULL yachts shall be governed by the rules of the GYA Multihull Council (GYA-MC).

**1.6** RRS 26, 42, 52, 62.1(a) and 63.7 are altered herein. Other docs may change other rules.

**1.7** Special provisions for the use of AUXILIARY PROPULSION while racing will be made for safety while transiting bridges and navigating various channels on the racecourse. This alters RRS 42.

**1.8** The use of POWERED WINCHES while racing is allowed. This alters RRS 52.

**1.9** 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.

**1.10** 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 PHRF rating certificate issued by GYA-PHRF or GYA-MC, rated 210 or lower. Yachts with X-PHRF certificates must petition the OA for entry on a case-by-case basis.

**2.2** RACE TRACKING – Each yacht shall provide and carry a GPS tracking device in accordance with the appendix RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION. The device shall be operational from the time a yacht casts off before the start and until she next docks, after finishing or withdrawing from the race.

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

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

**2.5** 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.

**3.3** The Skipper shall make all race documents available to each crew member for review.

**3.4** Single-handed entries will not be accepted.

### 4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Amendments and notices will be posted on the official notice board at SYC and online at RN. Electronic notifications (email and/or SMS) will be sent to competitors registered via RN.

### 5 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

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

- **PHRF** – Monohull yachts, Open and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.
- **Multihull** – All multihull yachts.

**5.2** Classes will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

### 6 ENTRIES AND FEES

**6.1** Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the online entry form, including payment of all fees.

**6.2** The entry fee is **\$40.00**.

**6.3** The entry deadlines are as shown in the Schedule.

## 7 SCHEDULE

Friday June 10, 2016	
1700	Entry deadline
1900	Skippers Meeting at SYC
Saturday June 11, 2016	
0800	Pursuit starting sequence begins
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
ASAP	Post-race Awards Ceremony at GYC

## 8 SKIPPERS MEETING

**8.1** There will be an optional Skippers Meeting at SYC on Friday, June 10, 2016, at 1900. Competitors unfamiliar with this event are strongly encouraged to attend.

**8.2** The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and SCRATCH SHEET will be posted online and distributed at the Skippers Meeting.

## 9 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS

**9.1** The PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM will be used, wherein each yacht has a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her rating, as shown in APPENDIX B – 50 MILE PURSUIT STARTING TIMES. This replaces RRS 26.

**9.2** The course includes bascule and swing bridges at which yachts may be delayed. Each yacht will be required to record such bridge delays so that her finish time can be adjusted accordingly.

**9.3** For safety while transiting bridges and navigating various channels on the racecourse, there will be special provisions for the use of auxiliary propulsion while racing.

## 10 COURSE AND SCORING

**10.1** The starting area will be located in eastern Lake Pontchartrain, approximately **12 nm** from both Southern and Pontchartrain Yacht Clubs, and **8 nm** from Tammany Yacht Club.

**10.2** The course distance will be **50.0 nm** and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

**10.3** The fleet will transit the east end of Lake Pontchartrain via the North Shore Channel, proceed through The Rigolets to Lake Borgne, thence eastbound into the Mississippi Sound, to the finish located near the Gulfport Harbor entrance. Required marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. NOAA charts 11367, 11369 & 11371 are applicable.

**10.4 YELLOW FLAG** – The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 (20% place penalty), replaces the One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties.

**10.5** Yachts shall be scored in their finishing places, after any adjustments.

## **11 DOCKING**

Yachts may dock or raft at the Gulfport YC Visitors Pier (D-Pier) until Monday, June 13, 2016 without charge. GYC slips may also be available by prior arrangement.

## **12 PRIZES**

**12.1** Marker trophies will be awarded as follows:

- First place in PHRF division.
- Lowest elapsed time in fleet.
- First place in each class with 4 or more boats.
- Second place in each class with 5 or more boats.
- Third place in each class with 6 or more boats.

**12.2** The following perpetual trophies will be presented:

- **Beauregard “Bugs” Avegno Trophy**  
First boat in fleet skippered by an SYC member.
- **Jack Dane Trophy**  
First place in PHRF Class A.

## **13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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

[www.southernyachtclub.org](http://www.southernyachtclub.org) or contact:

- Southern Yacht Club: (504) 288-4200 or [info@southernyachtclub.org](mailto:info@southernyachtclub.org)
- Gulfport Yacht Club: (228) 863-6796  
GYC Harbormaster, Sam Vasquez: (228) 323-1336 or [sam@gulfportyachtclub.org](mailto:sam@gulfportyachtclub.org).

Regatta Network event page:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12374>

Race Tracking: [Kattack.com](http://Kattack.com)

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



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**APPENDIX A—SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The following equipment is recommended for each yacht while racing:

**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**

Multihulls are subject to the requirements of the *GYA-MC Safety Recommendations* for Category 2 events. The Category 2 equipment requirements are excerpted below:

Marine Compass	Righting Line at least 8 mm in diameter - beach cats
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 *

**\* Tether specific recommendation:**

*Each crewmember shall have a tether that attaches them to the boat while sailing including while on the trapeze. These tethers shall have quick disconnect hardware that can be operated with one hand to release the tether from the crew's trapeze harness or dedicated harness.*

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**APPENDIX P—PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM**

*The purpose of the Pursuit Starting System is to apply time-on-distance rating (PHRF) corrections at the start of a race, instead of calculating the corrections after the finish. Thus, the fleet will finish in simple place-order and within a relatively narrow time span.*

**P0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

P0.1 Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill with the crew.

P0.2 At each yacht's start, every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

**P1 PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM**

**P1.1** RRS 26 is omitted; 62.1(a) and Race Signals I and P are modified herein.

**P1.2** Each yacht shall have a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her rating and calculated for the course distance, as shown in the starting sequence list distributed by the Race Committee. Starting Times may be altered by postponement.

**P1.3** A WARNING SIGNAL will be displayed with one sound signal not less than five (5) minutes prior to the first start of the starting sequence or following a postponement. The signal will remain displayed throughout the starting sequence, as follows:

- **Flag I** – The starting sequence is active; each yacht shall start at her prescribed time.
- **Flags I over P** – The starting sequence is active following a postponement. Each yacht must check the postponement time displayed by RC signal boat and adjust her Starting Time accordingly.

**P1.4** For the purposes of the rules, each yacht's STARTING SIGNAL shall be her Starting Time and her PREPARATORY SIGNAL shall be four (4) minutes prior to her Starting Time. No visual signals will be made.

**P1.5** The RC will attempt to make a sound signal at the Starting Time of each yacht entered in the regatta. Failure to make an accurate sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**P2 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

**P2.1** The **I Flag Rule**, RRS 30.1 (around the ends), will be in effect for all starts.

**P2.2** 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 changes RRS 62.1(a).

**P3 POSTPONEMENT**

**P3.1** At its discretion, the RC may signal a postponement in accordance with RRS 27.3 before or during the starting sequence. Postponements will apply only to yachts that have not yet started.

**P3.2** Postponements will be made in five (5) minute increments. Prior to resuming the starting sequence, the aggregate duration of all postponements will be displayed by the RC signal boat in hours and minutes (H.MM).

**P3.3** If there is a sufficient gap in the starting sequence, the RC may reduce or omit previous postponements for subsequent starts by removing flags I over P, with multiple sound signals, and making a new Warning Signal. Yachts must remain vigilant for changes to the postponement status.

**P4 SCORING**

Yachts shall be scored in their finishing places, after applying any adjustments.



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# RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION

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## 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](http://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](http://findmespot.com). SPOT devices, with Track Progress activated, may also be rented from various sources. *Local SPOT 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.

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](http://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.

2.2.3 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 seem to 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](http://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](mailto:tracking@southernyachtclub.org). Allow at least one (1) day for the URL to be processed.

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](mailto:tracking@southernyachtclub.org).

[Kattack.com](http://Kattack.com): email, [info@kattack.com](mailto:info@kattack.com).

SPOT LLC: web site, [findmespot.com](http://findmespot.com), or phone, 866-651-7768.



**4th Annual  
SAWGRASS OFFSHORE SERIES  
2016**

*for the*

**Commodore Stewart R. "Tootie" Barnett, Jr. Trophy**

**RACE TO THE COAST  
June 10-11, 2016**

**GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE  
June 23-25, 2016**

**NOTICE OF SERIES**

- The RACE TO THE COAST and GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE will be scored together as an additional overall series, organized and managed by Southern Yacht Club.
- The deed of gift for the **Commodore Stewart R. "Tootie" Barnett, Jr. Trophy** will apply.
- Monohull yachts scored as coming to the starting area for both regattas will be entered in the series; there is no additional entry requirement.
- A yacht's series score will be the total of her overall fleet scores, including points for non-series yachts, for both regattas, in accordance with RRS A9.
- Marker trophies will be awarded for first through third place in fleet. The perpetual trophy will be engraved with the name of the first place yacht and skipper.
- Yachts entered in the series will receive a voucher for one (1) pitcher of bushwhackers to be redeemed at PYC. Vouchers will be distributed at the Gulfport to Pensacola skippers meeting.
- For more information contact: Southern Yacht Club, (504) 288-4200 or info@southernyachtclub.org.

**2015 SERIES REVIEW**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>Sail</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Race to the Coast June 13, 2015</b>	<b>Gulfport to Pensacola Race June 27, 2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1</b>	FIDELIS II	52150	Oliver Montagnet	2	6	8
<b>2</b>	ANEMONE TICKLER	14	Anthony Hudson	7	2	9
<b>3</b>	ZYDECO	74	Burt Benrud	1	14	15
<b>4</b>	STRAIT JACKET	52180	Lee Eikel	3	13	16
<b>5</b>	MYSTIC	21707	Guy & Pam Brierre	11	7	18
<b>6</b>	PURSUIT	3650	Patrick Waring	20	1	21
<b>7</b>	LADY GRAY	48	Robert Hughes	9	12	21
<b>8</b>	FRESH PINEAPPLE	12	Guy Williams	14	10	24
<b>9</b>	CLOUD 9	9	Lisa Johnson / Maria Perez	10	16	26
<b>10</b>	RED BOAT	30368	Tom Maag	15	15	30
<b>11</b>	SAZERAC	2211	Kenneth Wink	13	18	31
<b>12</b>	ONDENE	87	Skipper Chenault	17	17	34
<b>13</b>	TIGI TOO	52303	Dieter Hugel	12	24	36
<b>14</b>	EXELARA	116	Orhan Ergun	16	20	36