



# 2017 Spring Starlight Series Notice of Race



Five Wednesday Night Races - April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17  
Corinthian Sailing Association and Southern Yacht Club  
Non-Spinnaker Only

## 1. Rules

Races will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, CSA General Sailing Instructions (SI's) and the GYA PHRF Bylaws. CSA SI's are available online at [Corinthians.org](http://Corinthians.org). If any of these rules conflict, this NOR governs.

## 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Register online for the entire series at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14602> Please DO NOT Re-Register for individual races within this series. Register only once for this 5 race Series. Re-Registration for each race is **not** necessary.
- 2.2 Entry fee - FREE
- 2.2 The Spring Starlight Series is a Non-Spinnaker only event. Boats who normally do not participate in races are encouraged to participate. Boats that normally race in spinnaker classes are encouraged to use this series as an opportunity to invite, recruit, and train new crew members.
- 2.3 PHRF Rating. A copy of a boat's current GYA PHRF Certificate must be on file with CSA Race Committee prior to the start of the first race of a Series. Boats without a current GYA PHRF certificate on file will be assigned a temporary rating by the Race Committee equal to the GYA rating for similar boats, less six (-6) seconds per mile. Boats without a current GYA PHRF Certificate may apply for a certificate online at: <http://www.gya.org/documents/phrf/PHRFCertApp.pdf>
- 2.4 Boats that do not meet the GYA PHRF definition of a Standard PHRF Boat may sail under a GYA XPHRF certificate. X-PHRF certificates may be obtained online at the above link.

## 3. Schedule of Events

- 3.1 Skipper's Meeting / Registration – non-mandatory at SYC ground floor – west side on Tuesday April 18 at 18:30. Nonmembers of SYC are encouraged to register for a guest card good for five (5) consecutive Wednesday nights.
- 3.2 Races are scheduled for five (5) consecutive Wednesday nights as listed above. A make-up race may be scheduled May 24.
- 3.3 The first start is scheduled at 7:00 pm. Each class will have its own start. There will be 5 classes.
- 3.4 Following each race, results will be announced in the Southern Yacht Club bar on the third floor.
- 3.5 Following each race, SYC will grill hamburgers and the bar will be open. Nonmembers of SYC are welcome to purchase food and drink tickets in the bar area.

## 4. Rating Bands

- 4.1 Class Breaks and starting order will be: A to 99, B 102 to 135, C 138 to 165, D 168 to 195, E 198 Up. Rating bands and class breaks will be posted on Race Committee boat before each race, and announced over VHF radio channel 68 prior to each start.
- 4.2 Class flags will be numeral pennants corresponding to the starting order listed above in 4.1.

## 5. Scoring

- 5.1 Classes will be scored using the Low Point System with points accumulated within a boats class.
- 5.2 Overall standings will be scored using the Low Point System with points accumulated from fleet standings of races in which all classes sail the same course. If a race is abandoned or shortened for some, but not all classes, scores from that race will not count for scoring overall scores.
- 5.3 Three races constitute a Series. One throw-out if four or more races are completed.

## 6. Check-In

- 6.1 Boats shall check-in with the Race Committee boat on the water prior to each race. Boats that fail to check-in on the water are subject to protest and disqualification.
- 6.2 Boats that withdraw from a race after checking in shall inform the Race Committee immediately. Boats failing to notify the Race Committee immediately after withdrawing are subject to protest and disqualification for the entire series. This changes rule 63.1

## **7. Trophies**

- 7.1 Champagne will be awarded to top finishers in each class, after each race. Overall Awards will be presented at Southern Yacht Club following the last race of the Series.
- 7.2 Overall Trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class. The first-place boat in each class for the series will be awarded an individual custom trophy.
- 7.3 Overall fleet winner will be presented the Seabrook Marine Perpetual Overall Fleet Champion Award.

## **8. Safety**

- 8.1 All boats shall display lighted port, starboard, and stern running lights the entire time while racing. Boats that fail to comply will be disqualified for the race without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
- 8.2 An offset mark named "Baby J" has been placed approximately 100 yards north of "J" mark. If the course includes "J-A", "J-B", or "J-H", for that portion of the course, boats shall round the offset after rounding the "J" mark. If either "J" mark or offset "Baby J" is missing, round the remaining mark.

## **9. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

Questions – contact Mont Echols at [rc@southernyachtclub.org](mailto:rc@southernyachtclub.org) or at 504-813-9070.



## 2017 Spring Starlight Series Entry Form



The Corinthian Sailing Association and Southern Yacht Club invite you and your crew to participate in the Spring Starlight Wednesday night race series starting April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This Series includes 5 Wednesday night races on the South Shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

This race series is designed to encourage new boats and new skippers to participate. The race course will use fixed marks. All boats sail in non-spinnaker classes. Skippers who usually sail in spinnaker classes are encouraged to use this series as an opportunity to recruit new crew members or rotate existing crew members to different positions.

Membership in a Yacht Club is not required. All boats are welcome. Following the race, join us in the Southern Yacht Club upper floor bar area for grilled burgers, race results, nightly trophies, and series trophies.

See the attached Notice of Race for more details.

### 2017 CSA / SYC Spring Starlight Series Entry Form.

Regatta Information online at:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14602>

Entries may be completed **online** at:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=14602](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=14602)

Register **only once** for the entire 5 race Series. Re-Registration for each race is **not** necessary.

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