



NOTICE OF RACE

2018 Fleur de Lis Regatta & GYA Women's PHRF Championship

March 10-11, 2018

Lake Pontchartrain Women's Sailing Association

Co-hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club and Southern Yacht Club

New Orleans, LA

1. Rules

The Lake Pontchartrain Women's Association presents the Fleur de Lis Regatta. New Orleans YC and Southern YC will co-host the Fleur de Lis Regatta and GYA Women's PHRF Championship at their facilities. Southern YC will be the Organizing Authority. Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS), including U.S. Prescriptions, the 2018 SYC General Sailing Instructions, applicable provisions of the GYA PHRF By-Laws, and Section M 57 of the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events and this NOR.

2. Classes

The regattas will be open to PHRF Spinnaker (GYA Championships and Fleur de Lis) and PHRF Non-Spinnaker (Fleur de Lis only). The fleet may be divided into classes with three boats needed to make a class.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 For Fleur de Lis non-spinnaker fleet each yacht must be helmed by a female and at least one-half of the crew must be female.

3.2 For GYA Women's PHRF Championship competitors and Fleur de Lis spinnaker fleet, skippers shall be members of GYA Clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club. Entrants shall register and sail in the Spinnaker Division. Skippers shall be female and shall have been members of a GYA Club for at least three months prior to the event. There are no age limits. All crews (100%) shall be female (no males are permitted)

on the boat); at least one half of the crew racing on each boat shall be members of a GYA Club. The registered Skipper shall be the only individual on board while racing (RRS Definitions) to handle the helm. If the Skipper leaves the helm (except during recovery of a crew member overboard) no crew member shall touch the tiller/hiking stick, steering wheel or rudder.

3.3 A current, valid GYA PHRF Certificate is required.

3.4 These regattas are open to all PHRF monohull boats which will compete under the PHRF (TOD) racing system.

4. Registration

4.1 Online registration is encouraged, and a link will be provided on Regatta Network.

4.2 Registration is required no later than the Skipper's Meeting. All fees should be paid by this time. Entry is not complete until registration fees are paid. Registration forms will be available at New Orleans YC on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

4.3 No later than the Skippers' Meeting, competitors shall furnish names of all crew members and yacht club affiliations on the official Crew List. The Crew List will be subject to acceptance and verification by the Race Committee.

5. Fees

The entry fee is \$35 for each non-spinnaker yacht with US Sailing membership and \$40 for non-members. For spinnaker yachts, the entry fee is \$75 with a US Sailing membership and \$80 with no US Sailing membership.

6. Schedule of Events Friday, March 9, 2018

1700-1900 – Welcome, Registration and Social at New Orleans YC.

1800 – Family Fish Fry at New Orleans YC.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

0900-0945 – Registrations accepted. Free Breakfast at New Orleans YC.

1000 – Skipper's Meeting at New Orleans YC.

1100 – First Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.

Fleur de Lis Trophy Presentations and Party at NOYC. Trophy presentations for Fleur de Lis Regatta no earlier than 1 hour after RC docks. Burgers and a cash bar will be available.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

0830 – Free Breakfast at New Orleans YC.

1000 – First warning signal for all classes. No races will be started after 1430. The GYA Women's Championship trophy presentations will be held at Southern YC as soon as possible after the last race.

7. Sailing Instructions will be available on-line and at the skippers' meeting.

8. Course/Races

A minimum of three races will be scheduled. All racing will be on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

9. Scoring

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. One completed race is required to award the Fleur de Lis trophy. Two completed races are required to constitute a series for the GYA Women's PHRF Championship. There will be no throwouts; this changes A2.

10. Prizes

Fleur de Lis Regatta

Prizes will be given for the first three places in each class. The winner of the spinnaker class is awarded the perpetual Fleur de Lis trophy.

GYA Women's PHRF Championship

Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each class. The overall winning skipper of the event (Fleet) shall be awarded the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club Trophy, the GYA Women's PHRF Championship Perpetual Trophy.

11. Hospitality

Dockage: Slips are available in the vicinity of New Orleans YC with showers and restrooms. Some power may be possible.

Housing: If interested in housing, please contact us. We have volunteers to host out-of-town racers. Otherwise, there are multiple hotels in the New Orleans area.

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