



**GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE**  
*sponsored by Regata Al Sol 2018*  
**JUNE 22–23, 2018**  
**Southern Yacht Club**  
**Gulfport, Miss. to Pensacola, Fla.**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



## 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** TWO-LENGTHS CUSHION AFTER DARK – When yachts meet between sunset and sunrise, for added safety, they shall act with the expectation that if they come within two (2) of the longer boat's lengths of each other, the protest committee will presume that a right-of-way boat will need to take avoiding action and the other boat is, therefore, not keeping clear. This does not apply to yachts finishing.

**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 52, 55, 60.1, 62.1(a), 63.7, and A4.2 are altered herein. Other documents may change other rules.

**1.6** MOTORING while racing is allowed for the Rally Class only, as prescribed in SI 14.

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

**1.8** Yachts shall set only one (1) headsail at a time and one (1) staysail per mast, which shall not extend beyond the rated LP distance.

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

**1.10** RRS 55 is appended with the following: “However, discarding biodegradable, environment-friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.”

## 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 online at the event web site.

#### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted on RN no later than 0900 on the morning of the race and the Notice of change will be signaled ashore.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be flown from the GYC mast.

#### 6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 21, 2018	
1830	Skippers Meeting at Gulfport Yacht Club
Friday, June 22, 2018	
0930	Deadline to submit Crew List Forms
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
1155	First Warning Signal
Saturday, June 23, 2018	
1800	Awards Ceremony at Pensacola Yacht Club

#### 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). Crew lists may be emailed to the RC at [wwright@deutschkerrigan.com](mailto:wwright@deutschkerrigan.com). 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
Open Classes	Blue	1155
Multihull		
Cruising Classes	Green	1205
Cruising Non-Spinnaker		
Rally	Red	1230

#### 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.

#### 11 THE COURSE

**11.1** The STARTING AREA will be located approximately 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 all 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.

#### 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 A4.2.

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 “44” at ICWW	STBD	Fixed mark – Fl R 2.5s 17ft 4M “44”	
Gulfport Bar Channel “24” at Ship Island <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

## 14 MOTORING

**14.1** Rally Class yachts may use auxiliary propulsion without penalty only as specified in this section.

**14.2** Rally Class yachts may use auxiliary propulsion for an aggregate total of two (2) hours.

**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.

**18.2** RRS Appendix V2 shall apply.

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

**18.4** Breaches of SI 2, 8, 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 Yacht Club has arranged for the docking of the fleet through Monday, June 25, 2018, 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 PHRF 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 prizes.

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.
- **Mystere Trophy**  
First place in PHRF Class B.
- **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](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
- 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/16343](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/16343)

Race Tracking: Kattack.com

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

