



GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE

JUNE 19-21, 2014

Southern Yacht Club

Gulfport, MS to Pensacola, FL

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 the Sailing Instructions. When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in the list above shall govern. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 The deeds of gift of the **Governor of Mississippi Trophy, Dr. Logan Emlet Trophy, Governor Kennon Bowl, Art Mahoney Trophy, Pollack Trophy, Schreck Trophy, and Tootie & Joel Barnett Trophy** will also apply.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Monohull yachts shall be governed by the *By-Laws of the GYA Performance Handicap Racing Fleet* (GYA-PHRF).
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 RRS 44.3(c), 60.1, 62.1(a), 63.7, A4.2, A5 are altered herein. Other documents may change other rules.
- 1.7 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix T, Sections B & C shall apply.
- 1.8 Only one headsail may be set on the permanent forestay at a time.
- 1.9 Only one staysail shall be set at a time and its clew 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 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 after her finish or withdrawal from the race.
- 2.2 The equipment listed in Appendix A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT is required for all yachts, except as noted. Additionally, the OA strongly recommends compliance with the requirements of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Race Category 3, including the US SAILING prescriptions.

- 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 with her full crew.
- 2.5 While racing, yachts shall monitor VHF 16 each hour, on the hour, for five (5) minutes.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice boards at Gulfport YC and Pensacola YC, as applicable, and online at Regatta Network.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than one (1) hour after the end of the 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

Fri, Jun 20, 2014	1000 - Deadline to submit Crew List Form to RC
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
	1155 - First Warning Signal
Sat, Jun 21, 2014	1800 - Awards Ceremony at Pensacola Yacht Club

7 TIMING AND RADIO 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 1000 on Friday, June 20, 2014, each yacht must file with the RC, a complete and accurate Crew List Form. 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 While racing, yachts shall display a colored streamer (provided) from the backstay, as follows:

	Class	Color		Class	Color
1	PHRF A	White	4	Cruising Spinnaker	Green
2	PHRF B	Purple	5	Cruising Non-Spin.	Pale Blue
3	PHRF C	Yellow	6	Multihull	Red

- 9.3 CLASS FLAGS will match the color of the respective streamers. The order of starting will be as shown in the table above, except that classes with the same color streamer will start together.

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The STARTING AREA shall be located appx. two (2) nautical miles ESE of the Gulfport Yacht Harbor entrance, at appx. coordinates: **30°21.100'N, 089°02.600'W**.
- 10.2 The course distance is **100.0 nm** and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.3 The required Marks of the Course, in order of rounding or passing, will be as follows:

Mark	Leave To:	Description	NOAA Chart
Starting Line		RC boat at each end	11373
Gulfport Sound Channel east side marks from harbor to 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”	PORT	Buoy – R “24” Fl R 6s	
Gulfport Bar Channel entrance “GP”	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

11 THE START

- 11.1 The STARTING LINE will be between the staffs bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee boats at each end of the line.
- 11.2 The RC will set two limit marks (orange shapes) on the pre-start side of the starting line to form a “box” behind the line. Yachts shall not enter this box prior to the warning signal for their class.
- 11.3 The FIRST WARNING SIGNAL will be made at 1155. The RC will attempt to start subsequent classes at 5 minute intervals in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.4 A yacht starting more than two (2) minutes before or five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This alters RRS A5.

12 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

- 12.1 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).
- 12.2 A yacht scored OCS will receive a scoring penalty of one (1) hour added to her elapsed time. This alters RRS A4.2.

13 NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL

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

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 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.

- 14.2 When on station after sunset the Race Committee Boat will attempt to display amber strobe lights.
- 14.3 Yachts finishing in darkness shall illuminate their sail numbers to aid the RC in identification.
- 14.4 Each yacht must verify that she has been properly identified before leaving the finish area.
- 14.5 FINISH BOAT ABSENT – If required, 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.

15 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit.

16 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

- 16.1 The SCORING PENALTY, RRS 44.3 (**YELLOW FLAG**), replaces the One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties. The penalty will be one (1) hour added to elapsed time. This alters RRS 44.3(c).
- 16.2 The Protest Time Limit is one (1) hour after the RC boat docks.
- 16.3 Breaches of SI 2, 8, 11.2, 13, 14.3 or 14.4 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This alters RRS 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

17 DOCKING

Pensacola YC has made arrangements for the docking of the fleet through Monday, June 23, 2014 without charge. The PYC dockmaster will assign berths to yachts upon their arrival.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, based on corrected time.
- 18.2 Multihull yachts are not eligible for corrected time fleet honors.
- 18.3 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, as of the race start date.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Trophies will be awarded as follows:
- First boat to finish.
 - First through fourth places in fleet.
 - First place in each class with 4 or more boats.
 - Second place in each class with 6 or more boats.
 - Third place in each class with 8 or more boats.
 - First through third places in the Masters Division.
- 19.2 The following perpetual trophies will be awarded, for qualified classes:
- Governor of Mississippi Trophy** – First place in monohull fleet.
 - Dr. Logan Emlet Trophy** – First place in multihull fleet.
 - 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 division.

20 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.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 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.

23 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

Regatta Network event page: www.regattanetwork.com/event/6872

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

Race Tracking: Kattack.com

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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	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.

† These items are optional for yachts without trapezes.

‡ These items are recommended, but not mandatory.

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CREW LIST FORM

This document must be completed, signed and submitted to the RC by 1000 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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FINISHING TIME REPORT FORM

If the RC finish boat is not on-station, each yacht shall take her own finish time and submit this form, completed and signed, to the RC ashore.

YACHT

<i>name</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
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FINISHING TIME

<i>time of day ...</i>	<i>hour(24)</i>	<i>minutes</i>	<i>seconds</i>	<i>date</i>	
FINISHED	<input type="text"/>	:	<input type="text"/>	:	<input type="text"/>

YACHTS FINISHING CLOSE AHEAD

<i>nearest ahead</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
<i>farthest ahead</i>	

YACHTS FINISHING CLOSE BEHIND

<i>nearest behind</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
<i>farthest behind</i>	

SKIPPER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate.

<i>name</i>	<i>signature</i>
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