

**MANDEVILLE RACE
MAY 30 & 31, 2015
Southern Yacht Club
Lake Pontchartrain**

NOTICE TO SKIPPERS

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Greetings Skippers,

Thank you for entering the 2015 Mandeville Race!

The Sailing Instructions and a diagram of the race course have been posted with the online regatta documents here: http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10413#_docs

We recommend that each skipper forward this notice to their respective crews to disseminate this important information.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

SI 2.3 At each yacht's start, every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

This is an important change for this year's race. PFDs are required to be worn by every competitor aboard each boat as they cross the starting line. This will apply to both the Saturday and Sunday pursuit starts. The RC may protest a boat for non-compliance.

The Organizing Authority feels that this practice will ensure that every competitor is familiar with the location and fit of their assigned PFD, should the conditions become volatile.

Personally-owned PFDs are recommended. Boat-owned PFDs are acceptable, but unique numbering is recommended so that each crew member can quickly find his or her pre-fitted PFD when needed. Inflatable PFDs are acceptable.

NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT

See SI 11. It is critical that any boat retiring from the race promptly notifies the RC. The RC works diligently to account for every boat and they remain "on the clock" until they do so.

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER

The PRO is Wallace Paletou (504-453-1764). Wallace will be assisted on the Northshore by Cleve Fair. Additional contact info is in the SIs.

START & FINISH BOATS

The likely RC boats will be as follows:

- Saturday Start at SYC "H" - PATROL II or scat boat.
- Saturday Finish & Sunday Start at PontYC "M1" - SEA SHEPHERD II
- Sunday Finish at SYC "H" - NIKE (41' ketch) or PATROL II or scat boat.

POSTPONEMENT

See SI Appendix P. There is provision to postpone starts before or during the pursuit starting sequence. This is included for an unavoidable disruption at the starting line, such as a blinding squall. Generally, rain or lack of wind will *not* be cause for postponement. Monitor VHF 68.

FINISH BOAT ABSENT

See SI 12.2. The RC will attempt to anticipate the progress of the fleet, but it may be necessary for boats to record their own finish.

DOCKAGE & AMENITIES

Free dockage is available along the bulkhead on Bayou Castine, across from the Pontchartrain YC. You may disregard the No Parking signs. Please get a MOORING STICKER from the Bar at PontYC upon arrival. Increased security will be provided overnight.

Pontchartrain YC is grilling burgers under the club on Saturday evening and will offer brunch on Sunday morning. See details below.

Thanks for participating in this year's Mandeville Race and good luck!

Fair winds and following seas,
Kett Cummins, Regatta Chairman
Wallace Paletou, PRO

From PontYC Manager Kaia Schindler:

Saturday evening, we will be serving an extremely casual dinner under the club from 6-8 with the following:

- *Hamburgers*
- *Baked Potato Bar*
- *Green Salad*
- *\$10 for meal*

Sunday morning in the regatta room from 8-noon:

- *Omelet Bar*
- *Biscuits*
- *Pepperjack Cheese Grits*
- *Creamed Spinach with artichokes*
- *Fresh Fruit*
- *Grilled Alligator Sausage*
- *Assorted Pastries*
- *Coffee, juice, milk*
- *\$12 per person*
- *\$5 bottomless mimosas*

Please email reservations for either or both to office@pontyc.org. Thank you so much!