



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017 Mardi Gras Race Week

March 3-5

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB

J-27 and PHRF

1 Jurisdiction

New Orleans Yacht Club
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2 Rules

This regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions of US Sailing, Class Rules and GYA PHRF Bylaws. The Mardi Gras Race Week Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall govern in the event of conflict. Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

3 Entries

A valid registration shall be a completed and signed registration form and payment of the fee for the Class in which you are registering. You may register on-line, by phone, by mail or in person. No registration will be accepted after 8:45am on Saturday, March 4, 2017 except for J-27 which are due on Friday, March 3, 2017 by 8:45am (see Schedule of events).

4 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the NOYC, by the North Entrance, on the 2nd floor.

5 Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the regatta notice board no later than one hour before the scheduled warning signal for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect. At the discretion of the race committee, oral instructions may be given on the water.

6 Signals Made Ashore

- Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the dock of the NOYC.
- Code flag ‘AP’ with two sound signals (one when lowered) indicates that the race is postponed. The Warning signal will be made approximately one hour after the ‘AP’ is lowered.

8 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday 3/1	1300hrs	Dry Storage Available to splash boats, step masts, etc.
Friday 3/3	0800hrs	Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast
	0845hrs	Skippers Meeting for J27.
	1000hrs	First Warning Signal
	1700hrs to 1900 hrs	Registration for all 2 day classes
Saturday 3/4	0800hrs	Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast
	0845hrs	Skippers Meeting for PHRF.
	1000hrs	First Warning Signal for All classes, additional races to follow.
	After Racing	Kegs in Dry Storage, live music, light buffet and drink specials. Daily awards to follow as soon as ready.
Sunday 3/9	0800hrs	Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast

	1000hrs	First Warning Signal. No warning signals after 1330hrs.
	After Racing	After Race Party Drink Specials, cash bar, NOYC Grill
	1530hrs	Awards & trophy presentations

9 Number of Races

For all classes – Minimum 1 race constitute a series, with as many races attempted as possible at the discretion of the Race Committee or unless otherwise noted. No warning signals after 1630hrs on Saturday 2/14. No warning signals after 1330hrs on Sunday 2/15.

10 Class Flags

Class flags shall be announced at the Skippers Meeting. The order of start will be at the discretion of each race committee.

11 Racing Area

The racing area shall be announced at skippers meeting. The courses for each class will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting as well as posted on the Official Notice Board.

12 The Course

1. Will be WL2. Any variations will be signaled by the RC.
2. If “rolling starts” are signaled (the warning signal for a succeeding class is made with the starting signal for the preceding class), and if a different course designation is intended for the succeeding class, then the change will be displayed as soon as practicable after that class’s warning signal, and before its preparatory signal. *This alters RRS 27.1.*
3. No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

13 Marks

The race course marks will be any combination of temporary or fixed marks. Offset marks, if used, will be small orange ball buoys. New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 15, will be yellow marks. In a subsequent change a new mark will be replaced with an original mark.

14 The Start

1. The starting line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby mark.
2. Before the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat and hail her class and sail number, which will be acknowledged by the race committee. This activity is to assist the race committee in accounting for participating boats on the water, and for safety reasons; this does not relieve each boat from requirements of article 2 of these instructions. A boat failing to check in with the race committee as described above will be notified of infringement and for any subsequent infringement may be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS).
3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
4. A boat starting later than five minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. *This changes RRS A4.1.*

15 Recalls

RRS Rule 29.2 (Individual), is changed to include that the race committee may also attempt to hail the sail numbers of recalled boats, and may further attempt to hail each boat after it has returned to the pre-start side of the starting line. Failure to hear a hail is not grounds for protest.

16 Shortening or Abandoning after the Start

RRS Rule 32 is altered to provide that the course shall not be shortened to fewer than two legs.

If a class flag(s) is displayed from the race committee boat along with abandoning or shortening signal, the action applies only to the class(es) displayed. If there is no class flag(s) displayed, the action applies to all classes.

17 Change of the Position of the Next Mark

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

18 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark.

19 Time Limit

For each class, boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS Rule 35 and A4.1.*

20 Penalties While Racing

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’

21 Protests and Requests for Redress

1. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks following the last race of the day. Docking time will be posted on the official regatta notice board, as soon as practicable after docking. *This changes RRS Rule 61.3 and 62.2.*
2. Protest forms are available at the NOYC office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
3. This regatta will be sailed using the US Sailing Prescriptions APPENDIX T - ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION. Sections A, B, and C shall apply.

22 Scoring

1. For all classes – The RRS Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used. If less than 5 races are finished there will be no throw-outs. If 5 or more races are finished there shall be 1 throw-out. This changes RRS A2. The regatta ends on the last scheduled day of racing, regardless of the number of races completed. *This changes RRS A2.*
2. For GYA Capdevielle, GYA regulations apply and supercede any conflicts with Appendix A.

23 Safety

1. Each competitor is responsible for his/her own safety. Moreover, each skipper is responsible for the safety of the crew and for the seaworthiness of his boat.

2. USCG approved life jackets shall be properly worn by persons on all single-handed boats from the time they leave the dock until return to the dock. On all other boats, it is the responsibility of the skipper and crew to determine when life jackets will be worn. The New Orleans Yacht Club and the Southern Yacht Club do not assume this responsibility and no signals governing the wearing of life jackets or other such devices will be made.
3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area, or, if that is impossible, the office of the club having jurisdiction and/or the race committee immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to comply with this safety rule may result in disqualification from Mardi Gras Regatta races for current and following year.
4. Capsized boats may be ordered rescued by a race committee and scored DNF in the interest of safety or avoiding unreasonable delay.

24 Prizes

Trophies will be awarded at the New Orleans Yacht Club after the last race and protest hearings, if any.

Daily and Overall Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd for all classes. Capdevielle Prizes will be awarded according to GYA Guidelines

25 Launch and Haul-Out Restrictions

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the written permission of the Race Committee.

26 Other

The use of profanity or vulgarity on the race course will not be tolerated and will be reason for suspension or expulsion from future Mardi Gras Regatta racing.