



GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE
sponsored by Regata Al Sol 2018
JUNE 16-17, 2017
Southern Yacht Club
Gulfport, Miss. to Pensacola, Fla.
NOTICE OF RACE



Southern Yacht Club invites to the following classes to enter the 2017 Gulfport to Pensacola Race: PHRF; Offshore Multihull; Cruising; Cruising Non-Spinnaker; and Rally.

This race is the second leg of the Sawgrass Offshore Series for the Barnett Trophy.

The Deeds of Gift of the following perpetual trophies are supported by this event: Governor of Mississippi Trophy; Dr. Logan Emlet Trophy; Governor Kennon Bowl; Art Mahoney Trophy; Pollack Trophy; Schreck Trophy; Tootie & Joel Barnett Trophy; Spangenburg Trophy.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Southern Yacht Club (SYC) of New Orleans, La. The event is sanctioned by the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) and the host clubs are Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC) and Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC). US Sailing Regatta Network (RN) is the host for online registration. The OA reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any yacht and will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event and shall assign yachts to classes.

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; applicable class and/or rating rules; the Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). If there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list shall govern.

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 sailing her proper course will need to take avoiding action and, therefore, the other boat is 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 herein.

1.5 RRS 52, 55, and 62.1(a) are altered herein. Other documents may change other rules.

1.6 MOTORING while racing is allowed in the Rally Division only for an aggregate total of up to two (2) hours.

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 only one (1) staysail per mast, which shall not extend beyond the rated LP distance.

1.9 NON-SPINNAKER classes shall not set unstayed, free-flying sails such as a spinnaker, gennaker, flasher, shooter, blooper, or any other sail cut 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 YACHT ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The regatta is open to auxiliary offshore yachts with a valid PHRF rating certificate issued by the GYA (see also NOR 2.4). Portsmouth multihulls (beach cats, etc.) are not eligible and trapezes are prohibited.

2.2 Each yacht shall have an auxiliary propulsion system with sufficient stored power to motor for at least four (4) hours at a minimum speed in knots equal to the square root of her load waterline length (LWL) in feet.

2.3 Yachts entering the CRUISING DIVISION must have an inboard engine and at least one (1) of the following:

- GYA-PHRF Cruiser Furling (CF) classification.
- A fixed (non-folding, non-feathering) propeller.

- An above-deck, roller-furling headsail system permanently installed on the forestay.
- Headsails that attach to the forestay with luff hanks, spaced not more than 48 inches.

2.4 The RALLY DIVISION is open to yachts presented as genuine cruisers. A GYA PHRF rating is recommended, but not required. The OA will assign ratings as needed which are not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

2.5 The OA may modify or reject a yacht's entry if it is deemed to be inconsistent with the intent of the eligibility requirements.

3 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 RACE TRACKING – Each yacht shall provide and carry a GPS tracking device in accordance with the appendix RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION. The device shall be operational from the time a yacht casts off before the start and until she next docks, after finishing or withdrawing from the race.

3.2 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.

3.3 All yachts will be subject to random inspection for compliance with Appendix A and their rating certificates. 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.

3.4 Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill involving the full crew.

3.5 At each yacht's Prestart Check-in, every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

4 CREW ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The term "Skipper" as used herein means the person, whether or not the owner of the yacht, who is so designated on the entry form and who is the Person in Charge of the yacht during the race. The Skipper is responsible for the yacht, its handling and safety, the

conduct of the crew before, during and after the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

4.2 The Skipper shall make all race documents available to each crew member for review.

4.3 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Owner, who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit and sufficient in number to sail the boat in adverse conditions. The owner must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.

4.4 Single-handed entries will not be accepted.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Amendments and notices will be posted on the official notice boards at SYC and online at RN. Electronic notifications (email and/or SMS) will be sent to competitors registered via RN.

The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be available online the week of the event.

6 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

6.1 The fleet will have the following divisions, broken into classes as entries warrant:

- OPEN – Monohull racing yachts.
- MULTIHULL – Multihull racing yachts.
- CRUISING – Monohull cruising yachts with Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.

Classes will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

Additional options include:

6.3 MASTERS DIVISION – For skippers over 60, each qualifying yacht will 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.

6.4 YOUTH CHALLENGE – Yachts with 2 or more crew under the age of 21 on the day of the start.

6.5 TEAM CHALLENGE – Three-boat teams may compete in recognized yacht club and builder/designer categories. A yacht may register with only one team in each category, but multiple teams may be registered from the same club or builder. Team scores will be the combined fleet scores of the yachts. Intra-team communication while racing is prohibited by RRS 41.

6.6 RALLY DIVISION yachts will sail a shorter course and be allowed limited use of auxiliary power. Rally yachts will not be scored with the racing fleet.

7 ENTRIES AND FEES

7.1 The entry form submission deadline is noon on Thursday, June 14, 2017.

7.2 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the online entry form, including payment of all fees.

7.3 The regatta entry fee is **\$90.00** through Friday, June 2 and **\$100.00** thereafter.

8 SCHEDULE

Friday, June 2, 2017	
2200	First entry deadline
Thursday, June 15, 2017	
1200	Final entry deadline
1830	Skippers Meeting at Gulfport YC
Friday, June 16, 2017	
0900	Skippers Briefing at Gulfport YC
0930	Deadline to submit Crew List Forms
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
1055	Warning Signal for Rally Division
1155	Warning Signal for Racing Divisions
Saturday, June 17, 2017	
1800	Awards Ceremony at Pensacola YC

9 SKIPPERS MEETINGS

9.1 The Skippers Meeting and supplemental Briefing will be held at Gulfport Yacht Club as noted herein. Each entry must be represented at one of these events to receive their regatta packet; any yacht not so represented may be scratched from the entry list.

9.2 The final SCRATCH SHEET will be distributed at the Skippers Briefing.

10 CREW LIST

No later than 0930 on the day of the start, 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.

11 COURSES

11.1 The fleet will start in the Mississippi Sound near the Gulfport Yacht Harbor and finish in the Gulf of Mexico at the Pensacola sea buoy, leaving Ship Island and the Gulfport and Mobile sea buoys to port.

11.2 The RALLY DIVISION is not required to round Ship Island and the Gulfport sea buoy.

11.3 The marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. NOAA charts 11373, 11376 & 11382 are applicable.

11.4 The course distance will be **100.0 nm (93.6 nm for Rally Division)** and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

12 PENALTIES AND SCORING

12.1 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 that time, only the Scoring Penalty will apply. (20% penalty with display of a YELLOW FLAG.)

12.2 RRS Appendix V2 shall apply.

12.3 Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, using time-on-distance corrected time.

13 DOCKING

Pensacola YC has made arrangements for the docking of the fleet until Monday, June 19, 2017 without charge. The dockmaster will assign berths as yachts arrive at the PYC pier.

14 PRIZES

The full list of prizes will be provided in a separate document. Each yacht will receive a participation tag.

15 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.

16 INSURANCE

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

17 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.

18 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/14648

Race Tracking: Kattack.com

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



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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	
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*

* These (3) items are recommended, but not mandatory.