



**Southern Yacht Club's Annual
RACE TO THE COAST**
First sailed on July 4th, 1850
JUNE 8 & 9, 2018
New Orleans, La. to Gulfport, Miss.

NOTICE OF RACE

Southern Yacht Club invites all eligible offshore yachts to enter the 2018 Race to the Coast.

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

*The Deeds of Gift of the following perpetual trophies are supported by this event: **Beauregard "Bugs" Avegno Trophy, Jack Dane Trophy, Whistling Wind II Trophy, Class C Perpetual Trophy.***

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Southern Yacht Club (SYC) of New Orleans, La. US Sailing Regatta Network (RN) is the host for online registration. Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC) is the host club for post-race activities. This is an invitational event and 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 event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the US Sailing prescriptions; applicable class and/or rating rules; the Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list shall govern.

1.2 MONOHULL yachts shall be governed by the rules of the GYA Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (GYA-PHRF).

1.3 MULTIHULL yachts shall be governed by the rules of the GYA Multihull Council (GYA-MC).

1.4 RRS 26, 52, 55, and 62.1(a) are altered herein. Other docs may change other rules.

1.5 MOTORING – Special provisions will be made for the use of auxiliary propulsion prior to starting and while transiting bridges and navigating various channels on the racecourse.

1.6 The use of POWERED WINCHES while racing is allowed. This alters RRS 52.

1.7 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.

1.8 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.

1.9 RRS 55 is amended to add the following: "However, discarding biodegradable, environment-friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted."

2 YACHT ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The regatta is open to yachts with a valid PHRF rating certificate issued by the GYA, rated 210 or lower. Yachts with X-PHRF certificates may petition the OA for entry on a case-by-case basis.

2.2 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.

2.3 The equipment listed in Appendix A—SAFETY EQUIPMENT is recommended for all yachts. Additionally, the OA strongly recommends compliance with the *US Safety Equipment Requirements* (USSER) for a Coastal race.

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

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

3 CREW ELIGIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

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

3.4 Single-handed entries will not be accepted.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Amendments and notices will be posted on the official notice board at SYC and online at RN and/or Twitter. See NOR 16. Electronic notifications (email and/or SMS) may be sent to competitors registered via RN.

5 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

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

- PHRF – Monohull yachts, Open and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.
- MULTIHULL – All multihull yachts.

Classes will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

6 ENTRIES AND FEES

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

6.2 The entry fee is **\$50.00**.

6.3 The entry deadlines are as shown in the Schedule.

7 SCHEDULE

Friday June 8, 2018	
1700	Entry deadline
1900	Skippers Meeting at SYC
Saturday June 9, 2018	
0800	Pursuit starting sequence begins
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
ASAP	Post-race Awards Ceremony at GYC

8 SKIPPERS MEETING

8.1 There will be an optional Skippers Meeting at SYC as shown in the Schedule. Competitors unfamiliar with this event are strongly encouraged to attend.

8.2 The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and SCRATCH SHEET will be posted online and distributed at the Skippers Meeting.

9 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS

9.1 The PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM will be used, wherein each yacht has a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her rating, as shown in APPENDIX B—50 MILE PURSUIT STARTING TIMES. This replaces RRS 26.

9.2 BRIDGE TIME – The course includes bascule and swing bridges at which yachts may be delayed. Each yacht will be required to record such bridge delays so that her elapsed time can be adjusted accordingly.

10 THE COURSE

10.1 The starting area will be located in eastern Lake Pontchartrain, approximately **12 nm** from both Southern and Pontchartrain Yacht Clubs, and **8 nm** from Tammany Yacht Club.

10.2 The course distance will be **50.0 nm** and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

10.3 The fleet will transit the east end of Lake Pontchartrain via the North Shore Channel, proceed through The Rigolets to Lake Borgne, thence eastbound into the Mississippi Sound to the finish near the Gulfport Harbor entrance. Required marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. NOAA charts 11367, 11369 & 11371 are applicable.

11 PENALTIES AND SCORING

11.1 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% place penalty with display of a YELLOW FLAG.)

11.2 RRS Appendix V2 shall apply.

11.3 Yachts shall be scored in their finishing places, after any adjustments and penalties.

11 DOCKING

Yachts may dock or raft at the Gulfport YC Visitors Pier (D-Pier) until Friday, June 22, 2018 (Pensacola Race start) without charge. GYC slips may also be available by prior arrangement.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Marker trophies will be awarded as follows:

- First place in fleet.
- Lowest elapsed time in fleet.
- Top places in each class as entries warrant.

12.2 The following perpetual trophies will be engraved with the winners' names and presented at the annual SYC Awards Night:

- **Beauregard "Bugs" Avegno Trophy**
Top SYC skipper in fleet.
- **Jack Dane Trophy**
First place in PHRF Class A.
- **Whistling Wind II Trophy**
Top SYC skipper in PHRF Class B.
- **Class C Perpetual Trophy**
Top SYC skipper in PHRF Class C (Non-spinnaker).

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Management of the event will not accept liability for any losses resulting from competitors' participation in this event and associated activities prior to, during and after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 MISCONDUCT

In the event of gross misconduct by a Skipper, owner, crew or their guests, before, during or after the regatta, a yacht may be subject to disqualification and other disciplinary action.

16 CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, see

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Harbormaster Sam Vasquez: (228) 323-1336 or sam@gulfportyachtclub.org.
- RC Twitter feed: [@SouthernYCRC](https://twitter.com/SouthernYCRC)

Regatta Network event page:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/16587>

Race Tracking: Kattack.com

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



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