



Back to School Regatta

7th Annual Dinghy Challenge Cup

October 30-31, 2021

Organizing Authority:
Pontchartrain Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules:

1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and class rules of participating classes.

1.3 The RRS will be changed by the NOR as listed below.

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2. Eligibility:

2.1 **Classes:** Optimist (red, white, blue, and green fleets), Club 420 (with spinnaker and trapeze), Sunfish, Laser & Laser Radial, Flying Scot, VX One, Viper 640, Finn, RS Aero and/or any other class with three or more boats. There will be a Portsmouth class for boats of all classes less than 3 boats. VX One and Viper 640 classes will race level as a class.

2.2 **Dinghy Challenge Cup:** Each competing team is limited to one boat in each of the following classes: Optimist (red, white or blue fleets), Club 420, VX One/Viper, and singlehanded dinghy. A team may enter one of the following classes as a singlehanded dinghy: Finn, RS Aero, Sunfish, Laser full rig, Laser radial. Dinghy Challenge Cup scoring counts the best 3 in each race. Teams need only have three of the above classes to enter the Dinghy Challenge Cup and teams with 4 will discard their highest score for each race. For Dinghy Challenge Cup classes of boats participating on a team, unlimited substitution of

skipper and/or crew is allowed between individual races.

3. **Entry:** Register online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22961> by 2000 on October 29, 2021 , or at Pontchartrain Yacht Club on October 30, 2021 beginning at 0900, in the Regatta Room.

4. **Entry Fees:**

Optimist and Optimist Green: \$35.00 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$40.00.

All other entries: \$45.00 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$50.00.

Fees may be paid online using a credit card, or in the Regatta Room Saturday, September 14, by credit card, cash, or check payable to Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

5. **Safety Regulations**

- 5.1 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack, past the stern of the race committee boat that is flying Code Flag L and is anchored in the vicinity of the starting line. When passing astern, the boat shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating the boat's sail number. A boat failing to do so will receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in that race. The scoring penalty will be calculated as stated in RRS rule 44.3(c). This changes rule 63.1.

- 5.2 A competitor who retires shall notify the Race Committee on the water or alternatively notify the Safety Officer on shore. A boat failing to do so may be banned from future races at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

- 5.3 All competitors must wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes rule 40.

6. **Schedule of Events:**

Saturday October 30, 2021

0900 - 1030 Registration

1030 Skipper's Meeting - At the meeting the Optimist PRO will announce a time and meeting place for the Opti sailors to have another meeting before going on the water.

1155 Warning signal for all classes

1700 Hawaiian Chicken Dinner \$10

Sunday October 31, 2021

0830 Breakfast and bagged lunch provided

1025 Warning Signal for all classes, additional races to follow. No warning signal after 1400.

Awards ceremony will be as soon as possible following the conclusion of all races.

7. **Racing Courses:**

- 7.1 Windward-leeward, twice around with an offset mark to port of the windward mark.

- 7.2 Windward-leeward, twice around with an offset mark to port of the windward mark and a gate for the leeward mark.

- 7.3 Windward-leeward, twice around.

8. **Number of Races:** The race committee will attempt as many races as possible each day.

9. **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration desk on October 30, 2021 at 0900.
10. **Venue:** The sailing area will be in Lake Pontchartrain east of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway and south of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club, in the vicinity of mark M-1.
11. **Signals Made Ashore** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the South end of the PYC lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be not less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered. This alters “RRS Race Signals”.
12. **The Start**
 - 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.
 - 12.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
13. **Penalty System:** For all classes, Appendix V applies.
14. **Time Limit**
 - 14.1 The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes for each boat to finish.
 - 14.2 Finish Window – boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with rule 28 will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1 , A4 and A5.
15. **Scoring:**
 - 15.1 One (1) completed race will constitute a regatta.
 - 15.2 **Fleet Scoring:** When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
 - 15.3 **Dinghy Challenge Cup Scoring:** The first five fleet races shall count towards the Dinghy Challenge Cup with no discard. Each team’s score for each race shall be the sum of the finishing scores of the best three team boats in the race. The Portsmouth and singlehanded Dinghy Challenge Cup fleets will use the DP-N rating as published at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-precaculated-classes/> where applicable. There will be no correction for wind speed.
16. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept and is released from any and all liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Registration or participation in the regatta is acceptance of this release and a waiver of all rights against the organizing authority and its directors, officers, employees and regatta volunteers.
17. **Contact:** Pontchartrain Yacht Club General Manager: 985-626-3192 office@pontyc.org

18. Lodging:

Area Hotels

Comfort Inn & Suites	Covington, LA 985-809-1234
Courtyard Marriot	Covington, LA 985-871-0244
Hampton Inn	Covington, LA 985-809-0019
Holiday Inn & Suites	Covington, LA 985-893-3580
Homewood Suites	Covington, LA 985-809-6144
La Quinta Inn & Suites	Covington, LA 985-871-0356
Super 8	Covington, LA 985-892-4470

Bed & Breakfast

de la Bleau	Mandeville, LA 985-626-4646
Mar Villa Guest House	Mandeville, LA 985-626-5975
Pontchartrain Winds	Mandeville, LA 985-727-2444
Blue Heron B & B	Mandeville, LA 985-373-8902
Camellia House	Covington, LA 985-264-4973

Fontainebleau State Park

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<http://www.stateparks.com/fontainebleau.html>

