



COMMODORE MIKE RAFFERTY OFFSHORE RACE SERIES



Race 1 - October 16th, 2021

Pass Christian Yacht Club
120 South Market Street
Pass Christian, MS

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Commodore Mike Rafferty Offshore Race Series is organized under the authority of the Pass Christian Yacht Club and will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 and by the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) PHRF Regulations.
- 1.2. All entrants must have a sea-worthy vessel capable of handling offshore conditions, a VHF radio, and cell phone onboard. Cell phone numbers must be included on the registration form.
- 1.3. Other rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. The series will be scored as a four-race series with no drops, and the winner awarded to the vessel with the lowest series score.

2. CLASSES & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Classes to be sailed: PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. 3 boats must be registered to constitute a class.
- 2.2 All boats must have a current GYA PHRF Rating Certificate. The PHRF Classes Crew limits (number or weight) as reflected on the boat's valid GYA PHRF certificate will be in effect. For GYA Rating information please go to www.GYA-PHRF.com
- 2.3 Any boat wishing to compete without a valid PHRF certificate may request a handicap rating assigned to them by the Race Committee after registration. This assigned rating may not be protested.

3. REGISTRATION & FEES

- 3.1 All entries for each race must be received with their completed Crew Lists at the registration desk at Pass Christian Yacht Club by 0930 on the day of the race.

- 3.2 Entry fee for the four-race series is \$50. The entry fee if paying for individual races is \$20 per race.

4. SAFETY

- 4.1 All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard safety equipment regulations.
- 4.2 All boats shall comply with the US Sailing Special Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Racing and check-in with Race Committee at the beginning of racing with all of the crew wearing their PFDs.
- 4.3 A boat shall report for any safety inspection when asked to do so by the Race Committee. Any boat found without all safety items may incur a scoring penalty or disqualified by the Race Committee.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at the Registration Desk during Check-In.
- 5.2 Racing will consist of one offshore PHRF race per day with the goal of providing a range of challenging courses consisting of a two-to-four hour sail.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 16th, 2021

0900-1000	Breakfast, Registration & Check-In
1000	Skipper's Meeting
1115	Warning Signal

7. GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Clean Regatta. As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of rule 55 that states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

8. SLIPS AND DOCKAGE

Boats requiring slips may contact the PCYC office at 228-452-2571 and will be provided temporary dockage if available. If PCYC has no available slips, the Pass Christian Harbor Master can assign daily dockage at 228-452-5128.