

**Southern Yacht Club's Annual  
RACE TO THE COAST**  
*First sailed on the Fourth of July, 1850*  
**JUNE 10-11, 2011**  
**New Orleans, LA to Gulfport, MS**

**NOTICE of RACE**

**1 MANAGEMENT**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Southern Yacht Club. Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC) is the host club for post-race activities.
- 1.2 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.

**2 RULES**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US SAILING prescriptions; applicable class and/or rating rules; the Notice of Race; and the Sailing Instructions. When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in the list above shall take precedence, except as specifically prohibited by a preceding document. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.2 Between the local hours of sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2 will be replaced by the Inland Navigation Rules, Subpart B – Steering and Sailing Rules; except that RRS Part 2 shall always apply between two or more yachts that are about to round or pass a Mark of the Course or finish and until they have passed the mark or cleared the finish line.
- 2.3 Monohull yachts shall be governed by the By Laws of the GYA Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (GYA-PHRF).
- 2.4 Multihull yachts shall be governed by the GYA Offshore Multihull Council (GYA-OMC) Safety Rules and Regulations, for which the event shall be classified as Category 3.
- 2.5 RRS 26 is replaced with the PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.6 Yachts shall set only one headsail (jib or Genoa) at a time, except while changing sails.
- 2.7 Staysails shall be tacked no farther than 1/3 of the measured “J” dimension from the stem fitting. Staysail clews shall not extend beyond the rated “LP” line. Mizzen staysails may be used.
- 2.8 Non-Spinnaker classes shall not set a spinnaker, gennaker, flasher, blooper, or any other sail cut or flown to simulate such.
- 2.9 Whisker poles may be used, but shall not exceed the rated “SPL” dimension and, except while gybing, must be affixed to the foremost mast and set on the windward side.

**3 YACHT ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to yachts rated 210 or lower with a valid rating certificate issued by GYA-PHRF or GYA-OMC.
- 3.2 The equipment listed in Appendix A – SAFETY EQUIPMENT is suggested for all yachts. Additionally, the OA strongly recommends compliance with the requirements of the *ISAF Offshore Special Regulations* for Race Category 3, including the US SAILING prescriptions.

**4 CREW ELIGIBILITY AND 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 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.
- 4.3 Single-handed entries will not be accepted.

**5 ~~HELMING RESTRICTION~~ (deleted by NOR Amendment #1)**

~~Yachts shall be helmed only by ISAF Sailor Classification Group 1 eligible competitors (amateurs) or by the yacht's owner (defined as having at least a one-third interest in ownership of the yacht).~~

**6 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

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

**PHRF** – Monohull yachts, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.

**Multihull** – Multihull yachts.

Classes will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

**7 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Prior to the Skippers Meeting, amendments and other notices will be posted on the SYC web site: [www.southernyachtclub.org](http://www.southernyachtclub.org).

**8 SCHEDULE**

Fri, Jun 10, 2011	1200 – Online entry deadline
	1900 – Entry deadline and Mandatory Skippers Meeting at SYC
Sat, Jun 11, 2011	0755 – Warning Signal for the Pursuit Starting sequence
	Awards Ceremony at Gulfport Yacht Club

**9 ENTRIES AND FEES**

9.1 The entry deadlines are shown in the Schedule, above.

9.2 The entry fee is **\$25.00**.

9.3 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the requirements of the online entry form linked from the SYC web site, including payment of all fees. Written entry forms are available at SYC.

**10 SKIPPERS MEETING**

10.1 The mandatory Skippers Meeting will be held at 1900 on Friday, June 10, 2011, at Southern Yacht Club. Each entry must be represented. Any yacht not represented may be scratched from the entry list.

10.2 The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and Scratch Sheet will be distributed at the Skippers Meeting.

**11 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS**

11.1 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.

11.2 The course includes draw bridges at which yachts may be delayed. Each yacht will be required to record any such delays and her finish time will be adjusted accordingly.

11.3 For safety while transiting bridges and navigating various channels on the racecourse, there will be special provisions for the use of auxiliary propulsion while racing.

**12 COURSE AND SCORING**

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

12.2 The fleet will exit the east end of Lake Pontchartrain via the North Shore Channel, proceed through The Rigolets to Lake Borgne, thence eastbound, through St. Joe Pass and across the Mississippi Sound, to the finish located near the Gulfport Harbor entrance. Required marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

12.3 The course distance shall be 50.0 nautical miles and is not subject to protest. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

12.4 Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, after adjustments for bridge delays and postponements, if any.

**13 DOCKING**

Yachts may dock or raft at the Gulfport YC Visitors Pier (D-Pier) through Friday, June 27, 2011 without charge. Slips may be available by reservation.

## **14 PRIZES**

14.1 Trophies will be awarded as follows:

- First place overall.
- Fastest boat overall (adjusted elapsed time).
- First place in each class with 4 or more boats.
- Second place in each class with 5 or more boats.
- Third place in each class with 6 or more boats.

14.2 The following perpetual trophies will be awarded to yachts skippered by SYC members:

- Beauregard “Bugs” Avegno Perpetual Trophy** – First Place SYC boat, overall.
- Louis V. Rand Memorial Trophy** – Fastest SYC boat, overall (adjusted elapsed time).

## **15 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.

## **16 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.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information, see the SYC web site ([www.southernyachtclub.org](http://www.southernyachtclub.org)) or contact:  
Southern Yacht Club, (504) 288-4200 or [info@southernyachtclub.org](mailto:info@southernyachtclub.org)  
Gulfport Yacht Club, (228) 863-6796  
GYC Harbormaster, Sam Vasquez (228) 323-1336 or [sam@gulfportyachtclub.org](mailto:sam@gulfportyachtclub.org).

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**APPENDIX A – SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The following equipment is recommended for each yacht while racing:

**A1 MONOHULLS**

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
One manual bilge pump	First Aid kit and manual
Navigation Lights	USCG approved PFD's with whistle for each crew member
VHF radio	Horseshoe type life ring with pole and self-activating light, or Man Overboard Module
Cell phone	
Tools and spare parts	USCG required distress signals
Taut double lifelines of wire, at a height not less than 18 inches above the working deck, except to converge with the deck forward.	

**A2 MULTIHULLS**

Multihulls are subject to the requirements of the GYA-OMC Safety Rules and Regulations for Category 2 events. The Category Requirements are excerpted below for convenience:

**3.01 Category Requirements**

In addition to required USCG safety equipment, the owner shall provide, but not be limited to...

**3.02 Category 2 (Port to Port Racing along the coast in the Gulf of Mexico at night)**

- 3.02 (a) The yacht shall be sailed by a minimum Crew of four.
- 3.02 (b) Jack Lines shall be safely and soundly attached to permanent fittings on the deck.
- 3.02 (c) Foul Weather Gear and Safety Harnesses shall be provided for all crew members.
- 3.02 (d) The yacht shall have on board the following...

Marine Compass & spare (non-electric)	Soft wood plugs (boats with through-hulls and/or sea cocks)
Two gallons emergency water	Navigational charts and devices for safe piloting
At least two fire extinguishers	Tools and spare parts
One manual bilge pump	VHF radio receiver (2 suggested, 1 required)
Two one-gallon buckets w/lanyards	USCG approved PFD w/whistle and strobe for each crew member
Anchor and rode suitable for boat	Adequate food, energy bars, and snacks to maintain crew stamina
Two Cell Phones	Water resistant flashlights with spare batteries
GPS (spare recommended)	First Aid kit and manual
50 foot heaving line	Signal device (Horn)
Man Overboard Pole with strobe, lifebuoy (horseshoe), and drogue attached - can be deployed by helmsman in twenty seconds	

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**APPENDIX B – 50-MILE PURSUIT STARTING TIMES**

Shown below are Pursuit Starting Times corresponding to PHRF rating numbers as calculated for a 50.0nm racecourse. The Time of Day values are based on the starting sequence beginning at 0800. Postponements, if any, will add to the Time of Day values, but not to the Starting Time. Yachts are responsible for checking with the RC signal boat for any postponement delays.

PHRF Rating	Starting Time	Time of Day
210	0:00:00	08:00:00
207	0:02:30	08:02:30
204	0:05:00	08:05:00
201	0:07:30	08:07:30
198	0:10:00	08:10:00
195	0:12:30	08:12:30
192	0:15:00	08:15:00
189	0:17:30	08:17:30
186	0:20:00	08:20:00
183	0:22:30	08:22:30
180	0:25:00	08:25:00
177	0:27:30	08:27:30
174	0:30:00	08:30:00
171	0:32:30	08:32:30
168	0:35:00	08:35:00
165	0:37:30	08:37:30
162	0:40:00	08:40:00
159	0:42:30	08:42:30
156	0:45:00	08:45:00
153	0:47:30	08:47:30
150	0:50:00	08:50:00
147	0:52:30	08:52:30
144	0:55:00	08:55:00
141	0:57:30	08:57:30
138	1:00:00	09:00:00
135	1:02:30	09:02:30
132	1:05:00	09:05:00
129	1:07:30	09:07:30
126	1:10:00	09:10:00
123	1:12:30	09:12:30
120	1:15:00	09:15:00
117	1:17:30	09:17:30
114	1:20:00	09:20:00
111	1:22:30	09:22:30
108	1:25:00	09:25:00
105	1:27:30	09:27:30

PHRF Rating	Starting Time	Time of Day
102	1:30:00	09:30:00
99	1:32:30	09:32:30
96	1:35:00	09:35:00
93	1:37:30	09:37:30
90	1:40:00	09:40:00
87	1:42:30	09:42:30
84	1:45:00	09:45:00
81	1:47:30	09:47:30
78	1:50:00	09:50:00
75	1:52:30	09:52:30
72	1:55:00	09:55:00
69	1:57:30	09:57:30
66	2:00:00	10:00:00
63	2:02:30	10:02:30
60	2:05:00	10:05:00
57	2:07:30	10:07:30
54	2:10:00	10:10:00
51	2:12:30	10:12:30
48	2:15:00	10:15:00
45	2:17:30	10:17:30
42	2:20:00	10:20:00
39	2:22:30	10:22:30
36	2:25:00	10:25:00
33	2:27:30	10:27:30
30	2:30:00	10:30:00
27	2:32:30	10:32:30
24	2:35:00	10:35:00
21	2:37:30	10:37:30
18	2:40:00	10:40:00
15	2:42:30	10:42:30
12	2:45:00	10:45:00
9	2:47:30	10:47:30
6	2:50:00	10:50:00
3	2:52:30	10:52:30
0	2:55:00	10:55:00
-3	2:57:30	10:57:30

PHRF Rating	Starting Time	Time of Day
-6	3:00:00	11:00:00
-9	3:02:30	11:02:30
-12	3:05:00	11:05:00
-15	3:07:30	11:07:30
-18	3:10:00	11:10:00
-21	3:12:30	11:12:30
-24	3:15:00	11:15:00
-27	3:17:30	11:17:30
-30	3:20:00	11:20:00
-33	3:22:30	11:22:30
-36	3:25:00	11:25:00
-39	3:27:30	11:27:30
-42	3:30:00	11:30:00
-45	3:32:30	11:32:30
-48	3:35:00	11:35:00
-51	3:37:30	11:37:30
-54	3:40:00	11:40:00
-57	3:42:30	11:42:30
-60	3:45:00	11:45:00
-63	3:47:30	11:47:30
-66	3:50:00	11:50:00
-69	3:52:30	11:52:30
-72	3:55:00	11:55:00
-75	3:57:30	11:57:30
-78	4:00:00	12:00:00
-81	4:02:30	12:02:30
-84	4:05:00	12:05:00
-87	4:07:30	12:07:30
-90	4:10:00	12:10:00
-93	4:12:30	12:12:30
-96	4:15:00	12:15:00
-99	4:17:30	12:17:30
-102	4:20:00	12:20:00
-105	4:22:30	12:22:30
-108	4:25:00	12:25:00
-111	4:27:30	12:27:30