

**Southern Yacht Club's Annual
RACE TO THE COAST
First sailed on July 4th, 1850
JUNE 8-9, 2012
New Orleans, LA to Gulfport, MS**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Southern Yacht Club (SYC). US Sailing Regatta Network is the host for online registration. 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 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 take precedence.
- 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 Bylaws of the GYA Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (GYA-PHRF).
- 2.4 Multihull yachts shall be governed by the GYA Multihull Council (GYA-MC) Safety Recommendations, for which the event shall be classified as Category 2.
- 2.5 RRS 26 is replaced by the PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM as described in the SI.
- 2.6 Only one headsail may be attached to the forestay at a time, except while changing sails.
- 2.7 Staysails shall be tacked no farther aft than 1/3 of the measured J dimension from the forestay tack 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.

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-MC. Yachts with X-PHRF certificates may petition the OA for entry on a case-by-case basis.
- 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 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.

6 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Prior to the Skippers Meeting, amendments and notices will be posted on the SYC web site: www.southernyachtclub.org.

7 SCHEDULE

Fri, Jun 8, 2012	1200 – Online entry deadline
	1900 – Entry deadline and Mandatory Skippers Meeting at SYC
Sat, Jun 9, 2012	0755 – Warning Signal for the Pursuit Starting sequence
	Post-race Awards Ceremony at Gulfport Yacht Club

8 ENTRIES AND FEES

8.1 The entry deadlines are as shown in the Schedule.

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

8.3 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. Entry is also available at SYC.

9 SKIPPERS MEETING

9.1 The mandatory Skippers Meeting will be held at 1900 on Friday, June 8, 2012, at Southern Yacht Club. Each entry must be represented. Any yacht not represented may be scratched from the entry list.

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

10 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS

10.1 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.

10.2 The course includes draw bridges at which yachts may be delayed. Each yacht will be required to record any such bridge delays so that her finish time can be adjusted accordingly.

10.3 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.

11 COURSE AND SCORING

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

11.2 The fleet will exit the east end of Lake Pontchartrain via the North Shore Channel, proceed through The Rigolets to Lake Borgne, thence eastbound, 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.

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

11.4 Yachts shall be scored in their finishing places, after adjustments for bridge delays and postponements. In the event of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

12 DOCKING

Yachts may dock or raft at the Gulfport YC Visitors Pier (D-Pier) through Friday, June 15, 2012 without charge. GYC slips may also be available by prior arrangement.

13 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

First place in fleet.

First place on elapsed time in fleet.

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.

Jack Dane Trophy – First place in PHRF Class A

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

Beauregard “Bugs” Avegno Trophy – First SYC boat in fleet.

14 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.

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 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

GYC Harbormaster, Sam Vasquez (228) 323-1336 or 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
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

Multihulls are subject to the requirements of the *GYA-MC Safety Recommendations* for Category 2 events. The Category Requirements are excerpted below:

5 Category Requirements

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

5.01 Category 2 (Port to Port Racing along or across coastal waters at night)

- 5.01 (a) The yacht shall be sailed by a full, seaworthy crew.
- 5.01 (b) Synthetic trapeze wires are allowed.
- 5.01 (c) The yacht should have on board the following...

Marine Compass	Righting Line at least 8 mm in diameter - beach cats
Adequate drinking water	Navigational charts and devices for safe piloting
Adequate food, energy bars, and snacks to maintain crew stamina	Tools and spare parts
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 flare and PLD for each crewmember
EPIRB or Personal Locator Device	Tether and knife for each crewmember

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APPENDIX B—50 MILE PURSUIT STARTING TIMES

Below are Pursuit Starting Times corresponding to PHRF rating numbers as calculated for a 50.0nm racecourse. Postponements, if any, will add to the Starting Time. If flags **I over P** are displayed, each yacht must check the postponement time displayed by RC signal boat and adjust her Starting Time accordingly.

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

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

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