

“Race to Mandeville”

20 nm Staggered Start Race

March 9 & 10, 2013

Southern Yacht Club (SYC)
Pontchartrain Yacht Club (PontYC)
New Orleans Yacht Club (NOYC)
Corinthian Sailing Association (CSA)

Sailing Instructions

RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, herein after referred to as “RRS”, the U.S. Sailing Prescriptions and addendum, and GYA PHRF rules.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any changes to these instructions will be posted at each club.

DIVISIONS

Spinnaker Division

Spinnaker Division boats may carry a spinnaker as defined by the rules. Spinnaker sails and equipment shall be as stated on the boat’s PHRF certificate.

Non-Spinnaker Division

Headsails: A single headsail, of the maximum size specified by the PHRF rating, or smaller, may be carried and tacked at the usual tack point with its luff attached to the forestay either continuously as with luff tape or in interrupted fashion with hanks that are separated by no more than four (4) feet. During headsail changes, if two headsails are carried, their clews must both lie on the same side of the boat.

Whisker Poles: The length of the whisker pole is un-restricted. When in use, the whisker pole must be attached to the mast and the clew of the headsail. Only one whisker pole may be carried at a time.

Spinnakers, Bloopers or Pole-less Spinnakers are not allowed.

Staysails are allowed, if tacked on centerline, a minimum of 1/3 of the “J” dimension behind the jib tack point and shall not exceed the rated overlap distance for which the boat is rated.

Cutter Rig boats rated as such by PHRF may set staysails to the tack point provided by the boat manufacturer. Yawl and Ketch Rigs-- Mizzen staysails may be carried.

RACE SCHEDULE

Skipper's meeting – There will be no Skippers Meeting.

Race to Mandeville will be sailed on Saturday. A return race to New Orleans will be sailed on Sunday.

The race starting sequence will be a “Staggered Start” based on PHRF ratings with the first Warning Signal at 0955 on Saturday and Sunday.

Trophy presentation will be at Pontchartrain Yacht Club on Saturday and at Southern Yacht Club on Sunday.

RACING AREA

Chart Attachment shows the locations of the racing area and fixed marks. The mark locations are approximate.

THE COURSE

The course shall be a twenty (20) nautical mile Steeple Chase as shown on Chart Attachment. The course distance is not protestable.

The Course shall be as follows:

SATURDAY	
MARK:	Leave To:
Start - "H" Mark	Port
"J" Mark	Port
Finish - "M1" Mark	Port

SUNDAY	
MARK:	Leave To:
Start - "M1" Mark	Starboard
"J" Mark	Starboard
Finish - "H" Mark	Starboard

MARKS

Marks shall be as shown on Chart Attachment and as described below: Coordinates are approximate.

MARK	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	REMARKS
H Mark	30° 02.17' N	090° 05.72' W	SYC
J Mark	30° 02.50' N	090° 03.10' W	
M1 Mark	30° 20.10' N	090° 04.00' W	PontYC

Missing or off-station marks will be replaced by temporary inflatable marks at the locations listed in the above chart.

THE START

The STARTING LINE will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

RRS rule 26 is changed as follows:

APPENDIX P–PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM shall apply.

Each boat's start time is based upon its PHRF rating and is listed on the Start Time Sheet. The Start Time Sheet is attached to these instructions. Boats arriving at the starting area after the Race has started are advised to verify the time sequence the Race Committee Boat is in.

The Race Committee will use GPS time as a time standard.

THE FINISH

The Finish Line shall be between the orange flag displayed on the committee boat and the nearby mark.

The course may be shortened at any mark. If the course is shortened, the Race Committee will make an announcement on VHF radio with directions as to what steps may be required by participating boats.

TIME LIMITS

The Race Committee Boat will leave the Finish Line eight (8) hours after the first start. Any boats not finished after the Committee Boat leaves, will be scored "DNF;" this changes RRS 35.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

A boat intending to file a protest shall inform the Race Committee Boat of the protested boat's sail number and name upon finishing or at the first reasonable opportunity.

Protests shall be submitted on protest forms as described in RRS. Copies of the protest form are available at each Club's office.

Protest Forms shall be filed with a club manager or Race Committee member within two (2) hours of the protesting boat's recorded finish time. Protesting boats shall indicate on the protest form the time the form is filed.

The Protest Committee will hear protests in the approximate order of submission. The Protest Hearing schedule will be posted on Notice Board at either PontYC or SYC.

Skippers and crew of boats involved in the protest must be available for the protest hearing.

SCORING

Each yacht will be scored in the order of its finish. The staggered start system adjusts for corrected time by applying a handicap to starting time vs. distance.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers overall in each division. Trophies will also be awarded for each race for 1st in each division. Additional awards may be presented if participation warrants. Trophy presentation will be at the SYC Awards Banquet at the end of the year.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine if his boat and crew are capable of participating in the race. Each skipper is reminded to comply with all applicable State and Federal safety regulations. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine if PFD's shall be worn.

Radio. The race committee shall operate on and monitor VHF channel 68 with Channel 69 as an alternate. Competitors shall monitor the VHF radio during the race.

MISCELLANEOUS

Trash and Debris. No trash or debris will be thrown overboard at any time.

Yachts retiring or withdrawing from the race MUST inform either the Race Committee Boat via VHF radio, or by calling the PontYC office (985) 626-3192, or SYC Office (504) 288-4221.

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APPENDIX P—PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

The purpose of the Pursuit Starting System is to apply time-on-distance rating (PHRF) corrections at the start of a race, instead of calculating the corrections after the finish. Thus, the fleet will finish in simple place-order and within a relatively narrow time span.

PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

RRS Rule 26 is replaced by this section; Race Signals I and P are modified by this section.

Each yacht shall have a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her rating and calculated for the course distance, as shown in the starting sequence list distributed by the Race Committee. Starting Times may be altered by postponement.

A WARNING SIGNAL will be displayed with one sound signal not less than five (5) minutes prior to the first start of the starting sequence or following a postponement. The signal will remain displayed throughout the starting sequence, as follows:

Flag I – The starting sequence is active; each yacht shall start at her prescribed time.

Flags I over P – The starting sequence is active following a postponement; each yacht must check the postponement time displayed by RC signal boat and adjust her Starting Time accordingly.

For the purposes of the rules, each yacht's STARTING SIGNAL shall be her Starting Time and her PREPARATORY SIGNAL shall be four (4) minutes prior to her Starting Time.

The RC will attempt to make a sound signal at the Starting Time of each yacht entered in the regatta. Failure to make an accurate sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

POSTPONEMENT

At its discretion, the RC may signal a postponement in accordance with Rule 27.3 before or during the starting sequence. Postponements will apply only to yachts that have not yet started.

Postponements will be made in ten (10) minute increments. Prior to resuming the sequence, the aggregate duration of all postponements will be displayed by the RC signal boat in hours and minutes (H.MM).

If there is a sufficient gap in the starting sequence, the RC may reduce or omit previous postponements for subsequent starts by removing flags I over P, with multiple sound signals, and making a new Warning Signal as specified above. Yachts must remain vigilant for changes to the postponement status.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The **I Flag Rule** will be in effect for all starts.

The Race Committee shall signal Individual Recall as defined in Rule 29.1, and attempt to hail the boat using VHF radio. Failure of the Race Committee to make such a hail or failure of a boat to hear such a hail shall not

be grounds for redress. Skippers are cautioned not to make “practice” runs at the starting line once the start sequence has begun. Changes Rule 29.1 This changes Rule 62.1(a).