

**Southern Yacht Club
MANDEVILLE RACE
MARCH 8 & 9, 2014
Lake Pontchartrain**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Southern Yacht Club (SYC). The host clubs are SYC and Pontchartrain Yacht Club (PontYC). US Sailing Regatta Network (RN) is the host for online registration. 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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US Sailing prescriptions; applicable class rules; Notice of Race (NOR); and Sailing Instructions (SI). When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list shall govern.
- 1.2 RRS 26 and 62.1(a) are altered herein. Appendices may also change other rules.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix T, Sections B & C shall apply.
- 1.4 Unless rated otherwise, a yacht shall, at any given time, set no more than two (2) headsails, or one (1) headsail and a spinnaker, and only one (1) headsail may be set on the permanent forestay.
- 1.5 NON-SPINNAKER classes shall not set unstayed, free-flying sails, such as a spinnaker, gennaker, flasher, shooter, blooper, or any other sail cut, set or flown to simulate such.

2 YACHT ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The regatta is open to yachts rated 300 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 CREW ELIGIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice boards at SYC and PontYC, as applicable, and online at RN. Electronic notifications (email and/or SMS) will be sent to competitors registered via RN.

5 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

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

PHRF – Monohull yachts in Open, Classic and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.

Multihull – Open division.

Classes will be as indicated on the Scratch Sheet.

6 ENTRIES AND FEES

- 6.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the online entry form at RN, including payment of all fees.
- 6.2 The entry fee is \$45.00. There is a \$5.00 discount for US SAILING members.

7 SCHEDULE

Fri, Mar 7, 2014	2200 – Entry deadline
Sat, Mar 8, 2014	1000 – Pursuit starting sequence begins for Stage 1
Sun, Mar 9, 2014	1000 – Pursuit starting sequence begins for Stage 2
	Post-race Awards Ceremony at SYC

8 SKIPPERS MEETING

There will be no skippers meeting. The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and SCRATCH SHEET will be posted by 2000 the day before the first start.

9 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS

The PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM will be used, wherein each yacht has a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her rating, as shown in the appendix, 20-MILE PURSUIT STARTING TIMES. This replaces Rule 26.

10 COURSE AND SCORING

- 10.1 The race will consist of two stages, each with its own start and finish.
- 10.2 The start/finish areas will be located in Lake Pontchartrain, on the Southshore, at SYC racing mark “H” and, on the Northshore, at pipeline marker “M1”.
- 10.3 Required marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and may include: SYC “J”, PontYC “J”, pipeline marker “M”, or other marks.
- 10.4 The distance for each stage will be 20.0nm and is not subject to protest. This alters RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.5 Yachts shall be scored in their finishing places for each stage, after any adjustments or penalties. Each yacht’s race score will be the total of both stages.

11 DOCKING

Yachts may dock or raft on the Bayou Castine bulkhead, near PontYC, overnight without charge.

12 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

First place for each stage.

First through third place, overall.

Trophies may not be awarded until the annual SYC Awards Banquet.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

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 CONTACTS AND 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

Pontchartrain Yacht Club: (985) 626-3192

Regatta Network event page: www.regattanetwork.com/event/8010

Scan the QR code below to view the RN mobile event page.

