



2015 Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit

October 30 - November 1, 2015

LPRC c/o New Orleans Yacht Club

403 N Roadway Drive

New Orleans, LA 70124

LPRC Web address: <http://www.saillprc.org>

Online registration: <http://www.nextsailor.com/lprc2015>

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority is the Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit Committee consisting of Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans Yacht Club, Pontchartrain Yacht Club and Tammany Yacht Club.

2. Location

Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana –(NOAA Chart 11369).

3. Rules

The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)2013-2016, including U.S. Sailing Prescriptions, and GYA PHRF By-Law rules, this notice, the Sailing Instructions, and any posted notice to competitors.

US Sailing Prescriptions of Appendix T, Parts A, B, and C shall apply.

4. Safety

1. All boat shall carry all U.S.C.G. required safety equipment.
2. All boats shall carry a functional VHF radio.

5. Advertising

The OA will not require competitors to display advertising. Competitors who wish to display advertising shall comply with RRS 80, especially ISAF Regulation 20.2.4.

6. Eligibility

PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker monohulls.

1. The regatta is open to sailboats skippered or owned by a member of a U.S. Sailing Association Member Yacht Club or a member of a Yacht Club or Sailing Organization recognized by the U.S. Sailing Association and meeting the requirements of its specific fleet below.
2. PHRF Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker Fleet: PHRF Boats must be single hulled and must have a valid PHRF rating certificate issued by the GYA PHRF Rating Committee with a PHRF rating in the range of -48 to 249. The LPRC Committee must receive a valid PHRF certificate no later than the Skipper's Meeting. Boats without a GYA PHRF Certificate may apply online at www.gya-phrf.com.
3. Crew Limits on PHRF boats are limited to a maximum crew, indicated on the GYA PHRF certificate as "recommended crew limit". Boats sailing with a one design class certificate must comply with their respective class rules.

7. Registration and Entry

1. Skippers wishing to enter shall enter online at: <http://www.nextsailor.com/lprc2015> or submit a completed entry form, and pay required fees. Late entries may be accepted until 30 minutes before the Skipper's Meeting.
2. Entry Fee:
 - \$125.00 for fees paid online/sent/postmarked before October 15
 - \$150.00 for fees received October 15, or later
 - USSAILING Members \$5.00 discount
3. The LPRC Committee requests that skippers register early so that trophies and merchandise items may be ordered and engraved well in advance of the regatta.

8. Schedule of Events

PHRF Skippers Meeting - Thursday 10/29 at 1930 at Tammany Yacht Club. Sailing Instructions will be available at this meeting.

Five races are scheduled. There shall be no make-up races.

Race	Date	1st Warning Signal	Description
Race 1	Fri. 10/30	1155	Custom course at Tammany Yacht Club
Race 2	Fri. 10/30	After Race 1	Custom course at Tammany Yacht Club
Race 3	Sat. 10/31	0955	Distance race from Tammany Yacht Club to Southern Yacht Club
Race 4	Sun. 11/1	0955	Custom course at New Orleans Yacht Club
Race 5	Sun. 11/1	After Race 4	Custom course at New Orleans Yacht Club

On Saturday, a bus will provide transportation to Tammany YC. The bus will load at NOYC and depart at 7:00 am. Bus fare will be approximately \$10.00 and will be collected by the bus driver.

9. Divisions

There shall be two divisions: PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker. Five boats are needed to constitute a

division. Divisions may be further separated into classes based upon participation.

10. Courses

Four custom course races and one distance race.

11. Scoring

In determining the series winner of each class, Appendix A, Paragraph A2 and the Low Point System of Paragraph A4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply as altered herein. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races (Alters A2) with no races excluded. PHRF boats will be scored time on distance. One race will constitute a series.

12. Awards

1. First, second and third place awards will be given in each class of five or more boats for each race and for the regatta. First place awards will be given if a class has less than five boats. Daily trophies and "Boat of the Day" prizes will be awarded at the end of each day's racing at the Club where the race ended and is scheduled for approximately 90 minutes after the Committee boat docks.
2. Best Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta Award, the "Red Jacket Award", will be awarded on the last day of the regatta. The Committee will award a Best Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta if 10 or more boats register and sail in any of those divisions. All races will count in Boat of the Regatta awards (this alters rule A2 of Appendix A), except as noted here. In the event that all classes in a fleet do not finish a race due to time limits or a race is abandoned, that race will not count in determining the Boat of the Regatta for that fleet. Failure of one fleet to finish will not affect the other divisions. The Julian Richards Memorial trophy will be awarded to the overall series winner of PHRF Spinnaker Class A as determined by the series results.

13. Special Rules for Non-Spinnaker Fleet

Only one headsail may be carried at any time except when changing headsails. The Non-Spinnaker fleet may use a headsail that is roller furling, a headsail that is attached with a twin foil head stay or a headsail that is hanked to the head stay with hanks no further apart than 48 inches. Whisker poles must be affixed to the mast, see RRS 50.2. The length of the whisker pole shall not exceed the spinnaker pole dimension, "SPL" or J dimension listed on the PHRF certificate whichever is larger. No spinnaker may be carried. No bloopers may be carried. No poleless spinnaker or gennaker may be carried. Staysails are permitted; however, the tack must be attached no less than 1/3 the distance of the "J" measurement behind the jib tack point. The distance behind the jib plus the LP of the Staysail must not be greater than the rated LP of the boat. Yawl and Ketch rigged vessels may carry mizzen staysails.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. Youth Sailing Programs

A portion of the proceeds of the LPRC Regatta will be used to assist youth sailing programs.

16. Docking and Launching

The pier at TYC will be available for dockage. There is no power or water available on the TYC pier. Contact Oak Harbor Marina (985) 641-1044 for full-service slips.

TYC has a single 2 ton hoist just behind the floating dock. The water is shallow next to the sea wall, so only boats with lifting keels that can be lifted in the water can be serviced by this hoist. There is a back-down ramp available across the lagoon at The Dock for a small fee.

The New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) owns and operates all slips near NOYC and SYC. The MYH

has not yet been repaired after hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Isaac. Slips are available without power and water. Contact MYH at: nomunicipalharbor.com
Orleans Levee District owns and operates the Orleans Marina with transient slips, power and water. Contact: www.marinasinneworleans.com/OM.htm

17. Information

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