



LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN RACING CIRCUIT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

October 24, 25, and 26, 2014

Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit Committee

Consisting of:

Southern Yacht Club (SYC),
New Orleans Yacht Club (NOYC),
Pontchartrain Yacht Club (PontYC) and
Tammany Yacht Club (TYC)

Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana

Sponsor: **Pusser's Rum**



1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) with US Sailing prescriptions, the Notice of Regatta, and GYA's PHRF rules. US Sailing prescriptions of Appendix T, Sections A, B & C shall also apply.

2. Entries

Eligible boats may register by completing the registration Entry Form, submitting a current signed GYA PHRF certificate, or class certificate, and paying the Entry Fee before the Skipper's meeting. There will be two separate Fleets: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker. Based upon participation, Fleets will be divided in to classes prior to the Skipper's meeting.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice boards located as follows:

Race I & II - at PontYC

Race III – before race at PontYC, after race at NOYC

Race IV & V- at SYC

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted two (2) hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the club where the race starts.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP. Changes RRS Race Signals.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. All classes are scheduled to sail two (2) custom courses each day, except that on Saturday, when they will sail a distance race from PontYC to NOYC.
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the 1st warning signal for the first race of each day is as follows:

Race	Date	1st Warning Signal	Description
Race I	Fri.	1155	Custom course at PontYC.
Race II	Fri.	After Race I	Custom course at PontYC.
Race III	Sat.	0955	Distance race from PontYC to NOYC.
Race IV	Sun.	0955	Custom course at SYC
Race V	Sun.	After Race IV	Custom course at SYC

- 6.3 On the last day of the Regatta, no race will start after 1500.

7. Class Flags

- 7.1 Classes will start in the following order using the class flags as indicated below:

Class	Class Flag
Spinnaker A	White
Spinnaker B	Yellow
Spinnaker C	Lite Blue
Spinnaker D	Purple
Spinnaker E	Grey
Non Spinnaker A	Green

- 7.3 Classes will be divided based upon participation prior the skippers meeting. Class breaks will be posted after the Skipper's meeting.
- 7.4 Boats shall attach and display a streamer to the backstay while racing. The streamer color shall match their class flag color indicated above. Streamers will be available at the skipper's meeting.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana – NOAA Chart 11369. The Starting area for each club will be in the vicinity of:

- 8.1 Pontchartrain YC – Approximately 1.5 nm south of the Mandeville Harbor entrance.
- 8.2 SYC – Approximately 1 nm NNE of SYC near the SYC fixed racing marks.

9. Check In

Prior to the first warning signal of each day, all contestants shall check in by sailing past the stern of the RC signal boat, and hail the boat name and sail number.

9.1. The Courses

- 9.2. Custom Courses: The diagrams in "Attachment A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.3. Distance Course: "Attachment B" lists the courses, the marks, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.4. Not later than the Preparatory Signal the Race Committee shall designate the course to be sailed (changes rule 27.1). The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the course letter, approximate compass bearing, and approximate distance to the first mark. The Race Committee may designate different courses for classes participating in the same race.

10. Marks

- 10.1. Custom Course marks 1, 2, and 3 will be inflatable buoys. Distance Race marks will be fixed marks and orange inflatable buoys as described in the "Attachment B".
- 10.2. New marks as provided in 14 "Change of the Next Leg of the Course" will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.3. Starting, finishing, and offset marks will be orange spheres.

11. The Start

- 11.1. The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. Boats waiting to start shall not interfere with boats in a starting sequence. Once the starting sequence has started, boats not in a starting sequence shall keep well clear of the starting area.
- 11.3. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the first warning signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal. The Race Committee may provide an attention signal one (1) minute before the first warning signal.
- 11.4. Boats starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.

12. Recalls

The race committee intends to recall OCS boats by hailing sail numbers or boat names after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1. The Race Committee will use the VHF radio and/or a loud hailer to hail.

13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The Race committee will display red and green shapes indicating the direction of the change. The Race Committee will not display the new compass heading. See RRS 33 for shape meanings.

14. The Finish

Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finish mark. The Race Committee finish boat may be to port or starboard of the finish mark.

15. Penalty System

- 15.1. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT: US Sailing Prescription T1 shall apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 15.2. POST-RACE PENALTIES: US Sailing Prescription Appendix T2 Section B applies. Competitors are encouraged to take advantage of the above penalty systems if applicable.

16. Time Limits

- 16.1. The time limit for each race will be:
 - Custom Courses: Two and one half (2.5) hours.
 - Distance Course: Seven (7) hours.If no boat in a class finishes within the above time limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 16.2. Boats failing to finish within the following time limits after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes rules 35 and A4.
 - Custom courses: Thirty (30) minutes.
 - Distance course: Ninety (90) minutes.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1. INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE: US Sailing Prescription T3 of Section C applies. A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 17.2. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee or Protest Chairman within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat docks.
- 17.3. The Protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 17.4. CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES: US Sailing Prescription T4 of Section C applies.
- 17.5. On the last day of the regatta, protests hearings will be scheduled after the awards ceremony.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. The *Low-Point Scoring System*, RRS A2 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no score discarded. Boat's scoring points are accumulated from within their class.
- 18.2. Scoring for Boat of the Day awards will use the *Low-Point Scoring System*, RRS A2 with no races discarded.
- 18.3. Scoring for overall Spinnaker, and Non Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta will be the total of her race scores with no score discarded.
- 18.4. In the event a race is abandoned for a class or classes within a fleet, that race will be discarded by all boats in the fleet for the purposes of scoring "Boat of the Regatta."
- 18.5. If Scoring Ties cannot be broken using RRS A8 and A7, greatest cumulative corrected seconds per mile ahead of its nearest competitor in the boat's class, with no races discarded will be used.
- 18.6. Time Limit Expired (TLE) score will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit in the boat's class.

19. Disposal of Trash

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water may be protested. The penalty will be either disqualification from that race, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

20. Safety Regulations

- 20.1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Club Office immediately after arrival ashore.
- 20.2. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 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.
- 20.3. All boats must be in compliance with the United States Coast Guard's required safety equipment. Notwithstanding these requirements, the Committee strongly recommends compliance with the requirements of Category 3 under ORC Special Regulations.

21. Miscellaneous

- 21.1. Distances: The actual distances of the race course will be computed by the Race Committee for the purposes of calculating corrected PHRF times. These distances are not subject to protest or requests for redress.
- 21.2. VHF Radio: The Race Committee will operate on and monitor VHF Channel 68 with Channel 69 as an alternate.

22. Prizes

- 22.1. Trophies will be awarded to the boats finishing in the top three positions for each race each day approximately ninety (90) minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.
- 22.2. Daily prizes will be awarded for "Boat of the Day" following individual race trophies.
- 22.3. Overall Regatta Class trophies will be awarded on the last day of the Regatta to the boats finishing in the top three positions in their class for the series.
- 22.4. Overall "Best Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" award will be awarded on the last day of the regatta.
- 22.5. Overall "Best Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" award may be awarded on the last day of the regatta if enough Non-Spinnaker boats participate, at the discretion of the LPRC Committee.
- 22.6. The Julian Richards Memorial trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of PHRF Spinnaker Class A.

23. Contacts

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