



LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN RACING CIRCUIT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

October 25th and 26th , 2008
November 1st and 2nd , 2008

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: **Mount Gay 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.

2. **Entries**

Eligible boats may register by completing the registration Entry Form, submitting a current signed GYA PHRF certificate, and paying the Entry Fee before the Skipper's meeting. There will be two separate Fleets: Spinnaker and 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 NOYC

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

Race IV & V- at PontYC

Race VI & VII -at PontYC

4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before two (2) hours 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.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. All classes are scheduled to sail two (2) custom courses each day, except that on Sunday October 26, they will sail a distance race from SYC to Pont YC.
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the 1st warning signal for the first race each day is as follows:

Race	Spin or Non-Spin	Date	1st Warning Signal	Description
Race I	Both	Sat. 10/25	1000	Custom course at New Orleans Yacht Club.
Race II	Both	Sat. 10/25	After Race I	Custom course at New Orleans Yacht Club.
Race III	Both	Sun. 10/26	1000	Distance race from SYC to Pont. YC.
Race IV	Both	Sat. 11/1	1000	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.
Race V	Both	Sat. 11/3	After Race IV	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.
Race VI	Both	Sun. 11/4	1000	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.
Race VII	Both	Sun. 11/4	After Race VI	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

7. Class Flags

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

Class	Class Flag
Spinnaker A	Yellow
Spinnaker B	Green
Spinnaker C	Pink
Spinnaker D	Purple
Non Spinnaker A	Lime

- 7.3 Classes will be divided based upon participation. Class breaks will be posted after the Skipper's meeting.
- 7.3 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 Pont YC – Approximately .5 nm south of the Mandeville Harbor Entrance in the vicinity of pipeline marker "M-1".
- 8.2 SYC – Approximately 1 nm NNE of SYC near the SYC fixed racing marks.
- 8.3 NOYC – Approximately 1.4 nm NNW of NOYC near the NOYC fixed racing marks.

9. Check In

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

10. The Courses

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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.

11. Marks

- 11.1. Custom Course marks will be orange inflatable buoys. Distance Race marks will be fixed marks and orange inflatable buoys as described in the "Attachment B".
- 11.2. New marks as provided in 14. "Change of the Next Leg of the Course" will be yellow inflatable buoys.

12. The Start

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Starting Area "Box": The Starting area "Box" will be delineated by the starting line and two orange spheres, each anchored approximately 100 yards on the pre-start side of the starting line. After the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start, boats shall not enter the "Box" until their warning signal. Boats violating this requirement are subject to a fifteen (15) minute penalty added to their elapsed time.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. Boats starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Penalty System

The Two-Turns Penalty of rule 44.2 is in effect. Competitors are encouraged to take advantage of this penalty system if applicable.

17. Time Limits

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2 Boats failing to finish within the following time limits after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.
Custom courses: Thirty (30) minutes.
Distance course: Ninety (90) minutes.

18. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 18.1. Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number or name of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 18.2. Protests shall be in writing using a US Sailing Protest Form, and delivered to a member of the Race Committee or Protest Chairman within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat docks. Protest forms will be available on the Official Notice Board, and in the back of the RRS Rules book.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 On the last day of the regatta, protests hearings will be scheduled after the awards ceremony.

19. Scoring

- 19.1. 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 her worst score discarded only if seven (7) races have been completed.
- 19.2. Scoring for Boat of the Day awards will use the *Low-Point Scoring System*, RRS A2 with no races discarded.
- 19.3. Scoring for overall "Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" and "Non Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" will be the total of her race scores with no score discarded.
- 19.4. In the event a race is abandoned for a class or classes within a fleet (either Spinnaker Fleet or Non Spinnaker Fleet), that race will be discarded by all boats in the fleet for the purposes of scoring "Boat of the Regatta."
- 19.5 If Scoring Ties cannot be broken using RRS A8 and A7, greatest cumulative corrected seconds per mile ahead of its nearest competitor with no races discarded will be used.

20. Disposal of Trash

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

21. Safety Regulations

- 21.1. 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.
- 21.2. 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.

- 21.3. 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.

22. Miscellaneous

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. VHF Radio: The Race Committee will operate on and monitor VHF Channel 68 with Channel 69 as an alternate.

23. Prizes

- 23.1. 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.
- 23.2. Daily prizes will be awarded for "Boat of the Day" following individual race trophies.
- 23.3. 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.
- 23.3. Overall "Best Spinnaker Boat" and "Best Non Spinnaker Boat" trophies will be acknowledged on the last day of the regatta, with the prize presented at next year's Skipper's Meeting.

24. Contacts

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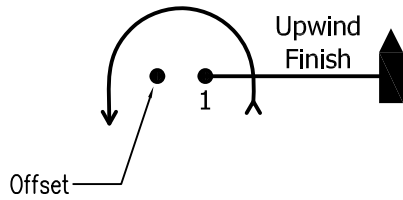
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Attachment "A"

Illustrating the Courses



Windward-Leeward Course "W[#]"

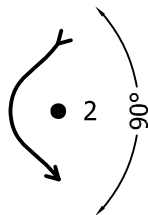
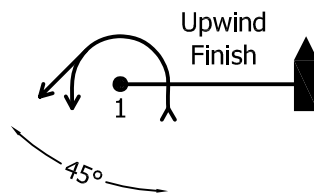
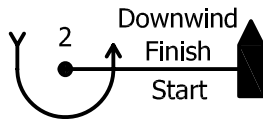
Where # is the number of laps.

Example: W1 - Start-1-Finish Downwind

W2 - Start-1-2-1-Finish Downwind

W2.5 - Start-1-2-1-2-Finish Upwind

The Finish may be upwind or downwind depending on the number of legs.

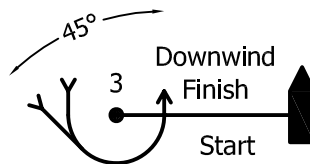


Triangle-Windward-Leeward Course "G"

Start-1-2-3-1-Finish Downwind

Triangle-Windward-Leeward-Windward Course "O"

Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish Upwind



"Attachment B" Distance Race Course Description

1. COURSE

Start, to Mark 1, thence to Finish. Distance = 18.1 nautical miles

2. MARK DESCRIPTION LIST:

Mark 1: SYC fixed buoy "T". Approximate position of Mark 1: 30° 12.6' N, -089° 51.3' W, or approximately 1.0 nm NNE of the entrance to the Municipal Yacht Harbor. The Race Committee boat will display the letter "T" followed by the letter "P" (port) or "S" (starboard) indicating that boats shall leave Mark 1 to either her port or starboard side.

Start: The Race Committee will set the starting line such that Mark 1 is one half nautical mile (1/2 NM) upwind of the starting line. The pin end of the starting line will be an orange inflatable buoy.

Finish: A fixed concrete pipeline marker labeled "M-1".
Approximate position of "M-1": 30° 20.1' N, -090° 04.0' W, or approximately 0.8 nm south of the entrance to Mandeville Harbor.