

DOLPHIN TROPHY SERIES
Southern Yacht Club
Lake Pontchartrain
NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
AMENDMENT No.2

REPLACE rule 12.4 with the following:

12.4 A yacht in violation of rule 2.3 at her start may be scored DNS by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

BACKGROUND:

Following the [2015 Dauphin Island Race disaster](#) and the subsequent recommendations of the [USCG Incident Report](#), SYC amended its NOR & SIs for distance races to include a requirement that all crews must wear PFDs at the start (or at check-in, if there is one) and to display a handheld VHF in the cockpit. Distance races are roughly defined as races where there is not a manned scut boat hovering nearby the racecourse available to quickly rescue a crew overboard.

At the start of the 21-mile race last weekend, not all boats followed these rules, even after being reminded by the RC. The RC felt it should take action, but it was unclear how they should proceed, so we have modified this instruction to allow for a penalty to be imposed without a hearing.

A penalty of DNS (Did Not Start in compliance with the rules) might seem draconian to some, but SYC takes this issue very seriously. It is the responsibility of each boat to provide adequate safety equipment for its crew. These rules are intended to ensure that all crew persons, at all skill and experience levels, know how to locate and use the most critical piece of safety equipment—a PFD—effectively.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and concern with this important issue.

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