



GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE
JUNE 26–27, 2020
Southern Yacht Club
Gulfport, Miss. to Pensacola, Fla.



NOTICE OF RACE
AMENDED 6/8/2020

Southern Yacht Club invites all eligible offshore yachts to enter the 2020 Gulfport to Pensacola Race.

This race is the second leg of the Sawgrass Offshore Series for the Barnett Trophy.

The Deeds of Gift of the following perpetual trophies are supported by this event: Governor of Mississippi Trophy; Dr. Logan Emlet Trophy; Governor Kennon Bowl; Art Mahoney Trophy; Pollack Trophy; Schreck Trophy; Tootie & Joel Barnett Trophy; Mystere Trophy in Memory of Philip C. Spangenberg.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Southern Yacht Club (SYC) of New Orleans, La. The event is sanctioned by the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) and the host clubs are Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC) and Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC). Regatta Management Systems (RMS) 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.

Sailing during the COVID-19 global pandemic presents new challenges to event organizers and competitors alike. The OA, including host clubs, intend to follow all applicable governmental requirements, but it is also up to each individual skipper, crew and guest to act responsibly and within their own comfort range when choosing whether and how to participate in this event. Similar to offshore safety equipment, the OA strongly recommends all appropriate health precautions, but makes no assessment or warranty of each team's preparedness or safety.

EACH COMPETITOR PARTICIPATES IN THIS EVENT AT THEIR OWN RISK.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the US SAILING prescriptions; the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events; applicable class and rating rules; the Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). If there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list shall govern. This alters RRS 63.7.

1.2 The following rules are changed herein:

RRS	Changed by	RRS	Changed by
52	1.7	62.1(a)	2.4, 11.4
55	1.10	63.7	1.1

1.3 TWO-LENGTHS CUSHION AFTER DARK – When yachts meet between sunset and sunrise, for added safety, they shall act with the expectation that if they come within two (2) of the longer boat's lengths of each other, the protest committee will presume that a right-of-way boat must take avoiding action and therefore the other boat is not keeping clear. This rule does not apply to yachts finishing.

1.4 MONOHULL yachts shall be governed by the current *ORR-Ez Rules* and *GYA PHRF By-Laws*.

1.5 MULTIHULL yachts shall be governed by the *GYA Multihull Council Safety Recommendations* (GYA-MC) for Category 2 events, except that all instances of “should” are replaced with “shall” and except for any further modifications herein.

1.6 MOTORING while racing is allowed in the Rally Division for an aggregate total of up to two (2) hours.

1.7 RRS 52, Manual Power, will not apply, except that autopilot use is prohibited in the Open division.

1.8 Yachts shall set only one (1) headsail at a time and only one (1) staysail per mast, which shall not extend beyond the rated LP dimension.

1.9 NON-SPINNAKER classes shall set only headsails and staysails ahead of each mast and only in their rated configurations. Headsails shall not be set flying. Whisker poles are permitted.

1.10 RRS 55 is appended with the following: “However, discarding biodegradable, environment-friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.”

2 YACHT ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The regatta is open to offshore auxiliary yachts with a valid rating certificate issued by ORR-Ez or GYA-PHRF or GYA Multihull (see also NOR 2.4). Portsmouth multihulls (beach cats, etc.) are not eligible and trapezes are prohibited.

2.2 Each yacht shall have an auxiliary propulsion system with sufficient stored power to motor for at least four (4) hours at a minimum speed in knots equal to the square root of her load waterline length (LWL) in feet.

2.3 Yachts entering the CRUISING DIVISION must have cruising interior accommodations, an inboard engine with an exposed propeller, SA/D less than 20.0, and at least one (1) of the following:

- GYA-PHRF Cruiser Furling (CF) classification.
- Fixed (non-folding, non-feathering) propeller.
- Roller-furling headsail with above-deck furling system permanently installed on the forestay.
- In-mast furling mainsail.

2.4 The RALLY DIVISION is open to offshore monohull & multihull yachts presented as genuine cruisers. A GYA PHRF rating is recommended, but not required. The OA will assign ratings as needed, which are not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

2.5 The OA may modify or reject a yacht’s entry if it is deemed to be inconsistent with the intent of the eligibility requirements.

3 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 RACE TRACKING – Each yacht shall provide and carry a GPS tracking device in accordance with the appendix RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION. The device shall be operational from the time a yacht casts off before the start and until she next docks, after finishing or withdrawing from the race.

3.2 The equipment listed in Appendix A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT is required for all yachts. Additionally, the OA strongly recommends compliance with [US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (US SER) for a Coastal race.

3.3 All yachts will be subject to random inspection for compliance with Appendix A and their rating certificates. Yachts found not in compliance will be subject to protest by the Race Committee which may result in disqualification or other penalties. These inspections are made for rules compliance purposes only; the RC will not assess nor warrant the safety or seaworthiness of yachts or crews.

3.4 Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill involving the full crew.

3.5 At each yacht’s check-in, every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and a handheld VHF radio shall be displayed.

4 CREW ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 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.

4.2 The Skipper shall make all race documents available to each crew member for review.

4.3 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.

4.4 Double- and Single-handed entries will only be accepted with the prior approval of the OA.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Amendments and notices will be posted on the official notice boards at SYC, GYC and online at RMS. Electronic notifications (email and/or SMS) will be sent to competitors registered via RMS.

The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be available online prior to the event.

6 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

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

- OPEN
- CRUISING
- NON-SPINNAKER
- MULTIHULL
- RALLY

6.2 Additional options include:

MASTERS CHALLENGE for skippers aged 65 or over, each qualifying yacht will have her elapsed time reduced by 100 seconds (1:40) for each full year over 65 of the skipper's age on the day of the start.

YOUTH CHALLENGE for yachts with 2 or more crew under age 21 on the day of the start.

TEAM CHALLENGE for three-boat teams representing a common yacht club or builder/designer. A boat may register with only one team in each category and each team may register in only one category. Multiple teams may represent the same club or builder. Intra-team communication while racing is prohibited per RRS 41.

6.3 RALLY DIVISION yachts will sail a shorter course and be allowed limited use of auxiliary power. Rally yachts will not be scored with the racing fleet.

7 ENTRIES AND FEES

7.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the online entry form, including payment of all fees. See Contacts below for link.

7.2 The regatta entry fee is **\$90.00** before the early entry deadline and **\$110.00** thereafter. If this event is canceled, the entry fees will be returned.

7.3 The entry deadlines are as shown in the Schedule.

8 SCHEDULE

Friday, June 12, 2020	
2200	Early entry deadline
Thursday, June 25, 2020	
1200	Final entry deadline
1830	Skippers Meeting at Gulfport YC
Friday, June 26, 2020	
0930	Deadline to submit Crew List Forms
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
1155	First Warning Signal

Saturday, June 27, 2020

1800	Awards Ceremony at Pensacola YC
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9 SKIPPERS MEETING

9.1 There will be no Skippers Meeting.

9.2 The final SCRATCH SHEET will be distributed via email and posted online.

10 CREW LIST

No later than 0930 on the day of the start, each yacht must file with the RC a complete and accurate Crew List Form. Crew Lists may be emailed to the RC at billwright504@gmail.com. Any changes in the Crew list shall be provided by that same deadline. The RC will not accept Crew List Forms on the water.

In lieu of email, Crew List Forms may be manually submitted, no later than 0930 on the morning of the start, in a box located in the Ground Floor Lobby of Gulfport YC.

11 COURSES

11.1 The fleet will start in the Mississippi Sound near the Gulfport Yacht Harbor and finish in the Gulf of Mexico at the Pensacola sea buoy, leaving Ship Island and the Gulfport and Mobile sea buoys to port.

11.2 The RALLY DIVISION is not required to round Ship Island or the Gulfport sea buoy.

11.3 The marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. NOAA charts 11373, 11376 & 11382 are applicable.

11.4 The course distance will be **100.0 nm (93.6 nm** for Rally Division) and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

12 PENALTIES AND SCORING

12.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply as a 20% place penalty with display of a YELLOW FLAG, except that until 5 minutes after her starting signal, a yacht shall have the option of taking a Two-Turns Penalty per RRS 44.1.

12.2 US Sailing Appendix V2 shall apply.

12.3 Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, using corrected time. ORR-Ez handicapping will be time-on-time, PHRF will be time-on-distance.

12.4 Team Challenge scores will be the combined scores of each team.

12.5 DUAL SCORING – As entries warrant, each class may be scored as two duplicate classes, using both ORR-Ez and PHRF handicapping systems.

13 DOCKING

Pensacola YC will attempt to make arrangements for the docking of the fleet until Monday, June 29, 2020 without charge. If available, the dockmaster will assign berths as yachts arrive at the PYC pier.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as entries warrant. Perpetual trophies will be prioritized for ORR-Ez classes. The full list of prizes will be provided in a separate document. Each yacht will receive a participation tag.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

16 INSURANCE

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

17 MISCONDUCT

In the event of a serious breach of conduct by a Skipper, owner, crew or their guests, before, during or after the race, a yacht may be subject to disqualification and other disciplinary action. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, exclusion from one or more future GYA sanctioned events.

18 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.
- Gulfport Yacht Club: (228) 863-6796
- Pensacola Yacht Club: (850) 433-8804

Regatta Chair: Bill Wright billwright504@gmail.com

PRO: Nathan Adams npadamsiii@gmail.com

Online Entry: Regatta Management Solutions at https://www.regattaman.com/def_event_page.php?race_id=584&yr=2020

Race Tracking: Kattack.com



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APPENDIX A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

In addition to USCG required safety equipment, the following equipment must be carried by each yacht, as applicable, while racing and is subject to inspection.

A1 MONOHULLS

Marine Compass	Navigational charts and devices for safe piloting
Soft wood plugs	Two buckets, each one gallon minimum capacity
Anchor and rode	Two gallons emergency water
Water resistant flashlight	Minimum of two fire extinguishers
VHF radio	Cell phone with charger or spare batteries
Navigation Lights	USCG approved PFD's with whistle for each crew member
One manual bilge pump	Horseshoe type life ring with pole and self-activating light, or Man Overboard Module
First Aid kit and manual	
Tools and spare parts	USCG required distress signals

A2 MULTIHULLS

- A2.1 The GYA-MC recommends a total crew of no less than three (3) persons for this event.
- A2.2 Multihulls with auxiliary power shall carry two fire extinguishers.
- A2.3 Multihulls are subject to the requirements of the *GYA-MC Safety Recommendations* for Category 2 events, except that all instances of “should” are replaced with “shall”. The Category 2 equipment requirements are excerpted and modified below:

Marine Compass	
Adequate drinking water	Navigational charts and devices for safe piloting
Adequate food, energy bars, and snacks to maintain crew stamina	Tools and spare parts including a knife for each crewmember
First Aid kit	VHF radio receiver (2 suggested) rated submersible and floats
GPS - rated submersible	Water resistant flashlights with spare batteries
Cell phone or satellite phone (sealed)	One hand held flare and PLB for each crewmember*
EPIRB or Personal Locator Beacon*	Tether for each crewmember*

* These (3) items are recommended, but not mandatory.