

Southern Yacht Club's Annual
RACE TO THE COAST
First sailed on July 4th, 1850
JUNE 19 & 20, 2020
New Orleans, La. to Gulfport, Miss.



NOTICE OF RACE

Southern Yacht Club invites all eligible yachts to enter the 2020 Race to the Coast.

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

The Deeds of Gift of the following perpetual trophies are supported by this event: Beauregard "Bugs" Avegno Trophy, Jack Dane Trophy, Whistling Wind II Trophy, Class C Perpetual Trophy.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Southern Yacht Club (SYC) of New Orleans, La. Regatta Management Solutions (RMS) is the host for online registration. Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC) is the host club for post-race activities. This is an invitational event and 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 event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the US Sailing prescriptions; applicable class and/or rating rules; the Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list shall govern.

1.2 The following rules are changed herein:

RRS	Changed by	RRS	Changed by
26	9.1	55	1.9
52	1.6	62.1(a)	10.2

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

1.4 MULTIHULL yachts shall be governed by the rules of the GYA Multihull Council (GYA-MC).

1.5 MOTORING – There will be special provisions for the use of auxiliary propulsion prior to starting and while transiting bridges and navigating various channels on the racecourse.

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

1.7 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 distance.

1.8 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.

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

2 YACHT ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The regatta is open to yachts with a valid rating certificate issued by ORR-Ez or GYA-PHRF

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 The equipment listed in Appendix A – SAFETY EQUIPMENT is recommended for all yachts. Additionally, the OA strongly recommends compliance with the *US Safety Equipment Requirements* (USSER) for a Coastal race.

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

2.6 At each yacht's start, every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and a handheld VHF radio shall be displayed.

3 CREW ELIGIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

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

3.4 Single-handed entries will not be accepted.

4 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.

5 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

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

- OPEN
- CRUISING
- NON-SPINNAKER
- MULTIHULL

6 ENTRIES AND FEES

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

6.2 The entry fee is **\$50.00**. If this event is canceled, the entry fees will be returned.

6.3 The entry deadline is shown in the Schedule.

7 SCHEDULE

Friday June 19, 2020	
1700	Entry deadline
1900	Skippers Meeting at SYC
Saturday June 20, 2020	
0800	Pursuit starting sequence begins
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
ASAP	Post-race Awards Ceremony at GYC

8 SKIPPERS MEETING

8.1 There will be an optional Skippers Meeting at SYC as shown in the Schedule. Competitors unfamiliar with this event are strongly encouraged to attend.

8.2 The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and SCRATCH SHEET will be posted online and distributed at the Skippers Meeting.

9 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS

9.1 SYC Appendix P, PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM, will be used. Starting times will be published with the Scratch Sheet. RRS 26 is deleted.

9.2 BRIDGE TIME – The course includes bascule and swing bridges at which yachts may be delayed. Each yacht shall record such bridge delays so that her elapsed time can be adjusted accordingly.

10 THE COURSE

10.1 The starting area will be located in eastern Lake Pontchartrain, approximately **12 nm** from both Southern and Pontchartrain Yacht Clubs, and **8 nm** from Tammany Yacht Club.

10.2 The course distance will be **50.0 nm** and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

10.3 The fleet will transit the east end of Lake Pontchartrain via the North Shore Channel, proceed through The Rigolets to Lake Borgne, thence eastward into the Mississippi Sound to the finish near the Gulfport Harbor entrance. Required marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. NOAA charts 11367, 11369 & 11371 are applicable.

11 PENALTIES AND SCORING

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply as a 20% place penalty with display of a YELLOW FLAG.

11.2 US Sailing Appendix V2 will apply.

11.3 Yachts will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A and SYC Appendix P, except that ORR-Ez classes will use time-on-time calculated corrected time. Starting Times will be generated using ORR-Ez IR# TOD or PHRF ratings.

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

12 DOCKING

Yachts may dock or raft at the Gulfport YC Visitors Pier (D-Pier) overnight without charge. GYC slips may also be available by prior arrangement.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded as entries warrant. Perpetual trophies will be prioritized for ORR-Ez classes.

13.2 The following perpetual trophies will be engraved with the winners' names and presented at the annual SYC Awards Night:

- **Beauregard "Bugs" Avegno Trophy**
First place in fleet.
- **Jack Dane Trophy**
First place in Class A.
- **Whistling Wind II Trophy**
First place in Class B.

- **Class C Perpetual Trophy**
First place in Class C (Non-spin).

14 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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 MISCONDUCT

In the event of gross misconduct by a Skipper, owner, crew or their guests, before, during or after the regatta, a yacht may be subject to disqualification and other disciplinary action.

17 CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, see www.southernyachtclub.org or contact:

- Southern Yacht Club: (504) 288-4200 or info@southernyachtclub.org
- Gulfport Yacht Club: (228) 863-6796
Harbormaster Sam Vasquez: (228) 323-1336 or sam@gulfportyachtclub.org.

Regatta Chair: Kett Cummins,
kett@cumminsnola.com

Online Entry: Regatta Management Solutions at
https://www.regattaman.com/def_event_page.php?race_id=775&yr=2020

Race Tracking: Kattack.com



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APPENDIX A—SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is recommended for each yacht while racing:

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

Multihulls are subject to the requirements of the *GYA-MC Safety Recommendations* for Category 2 events. The Category 2 equipment requirements are excerpted below:

Marine Compass	Righting Line at least 8 mm in diameter - beach cats
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 *

*** Tether specific recommendation:**

Each crewmember shall have a tether that attaches them to the boat while sailing including while on the trapeze. These tethers shall have quick disconnect hardware that can be operated with one hand to release the tether from the crew's trapeze harness or dedicated harness.

RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION

1 OVERVIEW

1.1 Each yacht shall provide, configure, register, carry and maintain a GPS tracking device as specified herein. Live race tracking will be provided by Kattack.com. The public race tracking data will be available online, as linked via the event web site.

1.2 The tracking device shall be active upon casting off before the start of the race and shall operate continuously until the yacht is docked after finishing or withdrawing from the race.

2 GPS TRACKING DEVICE

2.1 OPTION 1 – SPOT Personal Tracker or other suitable SPOT device, including the SPOT Basic Service Plan and Track Progress service add-on. SPOT devices are available from various retailers. SPOT subscription service is available at findmespot.com. SPOT devices, with Track Progress activated, may also be rented from various online sources.

Local SPOT & Garmin retailers: West Marine; Best Buy; Massey's; Cabela's; Bass Pro; Walmart.

2.1.1 Track Progress mode ("SPOTcasting") must be engaged on the SPOT device throughout the event. Note that this mode must be re-engaged on the device at least once every 24 hours.

2.1.2 Fresh batteries should last for several days in Track Progress mode, but replacement batteries should also be available.

NOTE: Garmin/Delorme inReach trackers will also work with Kattack. Setup is similar to SPOT.

2.2 OPTION 2 – Kattack Mobile app installed on a compatible GPS-enabled smart device (Apple or Android) with suitable data service plan. The app is available through Kattack.com and the Apple and Android app stores. Check with Kattack for compatibility with other smart devices. Search app store for "kattackmobile".

2.2.1 BATTERY LIFE is a primary concern when using a GPS-enabled smart device for race tracking. Provision must be made to maintain the battery charge during the race. It is strongly recommended that the device be continuously connected to a charging device while racing.

2.2.2 Care must be taken that the Kattack Mobile app is able to run continuously throughout the race, as other apps or settings may occasionally interfere with its operation.

The mobile app continuously receives and records position data from GPS satellites, but relies on cellular technology to transmit the data back to the tracking site; it is intended for inshore use, but is adequate for near-shore races. There may be periods when a yacht is out of cellular range, but once it returns to cellular coverage, the previously recorded GPS tracking data is uploaded.

2.3 The tracking device shall be secured in a suitable location for best performance. Our experience in 2013 indicates that a waterproof enclosure secured above deck may work better than locating the device belowdecks; and carbon fiber sails may interfere with some GPS signals.

3 DEVICE REGISTRATION

3.1 Prior to the race, the tracking device must be registered with Kattack.com, expressly for the event. Registration can be performed at any time after completing the event's online entry form, as follows:

3.1.1 SPOT devices must be turned on for a brief period (30 mins) prior to registration, so that the Shared Page contains some amount of track data. Then, email the Boat Name and Shared Page URL to webmaster@southernyachtclub.org. Allow at least one (1) day for the URL to be processed. (inReach setup is similar.)

3.1.2 For the Kattack Mobile app, enter the Boat Name and select the proper Race Feed in the drop-down list.

3.2 The RC will moderate the race tracking registrations for the event. You may check your registration by activating your GPS tracking device and going to the Kattack tracking web page linked from the event web site.

3.3 Pre-event testing is strongly recommended for all tracking devices and configurations.

4 FURTHER INFORMATION

SYC: email, webmaster@southernyachtclub.org.

Kattack.com: email, info@kattack.com.

SPOT LLC: web site, findmespot.com, or phone, 866-651-7768.

Garmin (ex-Delorme) inReach: explore.garmin.com