

**Southern Yacht Club's Annual
RACE TO THE COAST**
First sailed on July 4th, 1850
JUNE 11 & 12, 2021
New Orleans, La. to Gulfport, Miss.



NOTICE OF RACE

Southern Yacht Club and Gulfport Yacht Club invite all eligible yachts to enter the 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 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.

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 This is a Pursuit Start race; RRS 26 is replaced by SYC Appendix P as noted herein. RRS 52, 62.1(a), A5.1 and A10 are also altered herein.

1.3 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.

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

1.5 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 As provided by RRS 47, there will be no penalty for discarding biodegradable, environment-friendly bands when setting a sail.

2 YACHT ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The regatta is open to yachts with a valid rating certificate as follows:

- ORR-Ez – Open and Cruising Divisions
- GYA-PHRF – Multihull and PHRF Divisions

2.2 Yachts entering the CRUISING DIVISION must have an inboard engine with an exposed propeller, a Downwind SA/D ratio (with spinnaker) less than 50.0, a Crew Weight to Empty Displacement ratio less than 30.0%, and at least one of the following:

- Fixed (non-folding, non-feathering) propeller.
- Mast-furling mainsail.
- Above-deck, roller-furling headsail system permanently installed on the forestay.
- Full keel; keel-hung rudder.
- Headsails that attach to the forestay with luff hanks, spaced not more than 48 inches.

Non-conforming yachts may petition for entry in the Cruising Division.

2.3 PHRF DIVISION entrants are not eligible for perpetual trophies.

2.4 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.

2.5 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.

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

2.7 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 text) 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 – Monohull racing yachts.
- CRUISING – Monohull cruising yachts with Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.
- MULTIHULL – Multihull racing yachts.
- PHRF – Legacy class for PHRF scoring.

Classes will be published on the Scratch Sheet.

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**.

6.3 The entry deadline is shown in the Schedule.

7 SCHEDULE

Friday June 11, 2021	
1700	Entry deadline
1900	Skippers Meeting at SYC
Saturday June 12, 2021	
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 with assigned start times will be posted online and distributed via email.

9 SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS

9.1 SYC APPENDIX P – PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM shall apply. RRS 26 is deleted.

9.2 STARTING TIMES will be calculated using ORR-Ez time-on-distance (TOD) and PHRF ratings, as applicable, and shown on the Scratch Sheet.

9.3 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 A boat scored as OCS shall receive a penalty of thirty (30) minutes added to her corrected time and shall be considered to have corrected her starting error in accordance with RRS 28.2. This alters RRS A5.1 & A10 OCS.

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

11.3 US SAILING Prescriptions Addendum V – Alternative Penalties, rule V2 shall apply.

11.4 Yachts will be scored in accordance with SYC Appendix P, except that ORR-Ez classes will use time-on-time (TOT) corrected time.

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. PHRF and Multihull divisions are not eligible for fleet and perpetual trophies, except best elapsed time.

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=2021

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 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 XML Feed contains some amount of track data. Then, email the Boat Name and XML Feed ID to the webmaster link, below. Allow at least one (1) day for the URL to be processed. (inReach setup is similar.)

SPOT owners will need to find or create an XML Feed via their findmespot.com account and click on View Details to see the XML Feed ID string.

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