



DOLPHIN TROPHY SERIES
Pursuit Steeplechase – April 20, 2024
Mandeville Races – May 18 & 19, 2024
Pursuit Steeplechase – June 1, 2024
Southern Yacht Club
Lake Pontchartrain



NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Southern Yacht Club (SYC). Regatta Management Solutions (RMS) is the host for online registration and Official Notice Board (ONB). 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. The Deed of Gift for The Dolphin Trophy is supported by this event.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta 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. RRS 60.1, 62.1(a) and A5.1 are also altered herein.

1.3 MOTORING is allowed as prescribed by SYC Appendix P, rule P5.2.

1.4 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.

1.5 NON-SPINNAKER classes shall set only headsails and staysails ahead of each mast and only in their designed and rated configurations. Whisker poles are permitted.

1.6 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 monohull yachts with valid handicap rating certificates issued by ORR-Ez or GYA-PHRF (ORA-1).

2.2 [NP] Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill with the crew.

2.3 [NP] 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 in the cockpit. See also rule 12.5.

2.4 The OA strongly recommends compliance with the requirements of the *US Safety Equipment Requirements* (USSER) for a Coastal race.

3 CREW ELIGIBILITY & 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.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted online. Electronic notifications (email and/or text msg.) may be sent to competitors registered to receive them.

5 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

The fleet will have the following divisions:

- OPEN & CLASSIC – ORR-Ez rated yachts.
- PHRF – GYA-PHRF (ORA-1) rated yachts.
- Non-Spinnaker classes will be offered based on demand.

6 ENTRIES AND FEES

6.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the online entry form linked below. Mid-series entries must be made by the noted deadlines to allow for calculation of starting times.

6.2 There is no entry fee.

7 SKIPPERS MEETING

There will be optional skippers meetings per the schedule below. The COURSE OPTIONS and SCRATCH SHEET with starting times will be posted online prior to the skippers meeting.

8 SCHEDULE

Pursuit Steeplechase 1	
Friday, April 19, 2024	
1800	Entry deadline & Skippers Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 2024	
1000	Pursuit starting sequence begins
ASAP	Awards presentation
Mandeville Races	
Friday, May 17, 2024	
1800	Late Entry deadline & Skippers Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2024	
1000	Pursuit starting sequence begins
ASAP	Daily trophies at PontYC
Sunday, May 19, 2024	
1000	Pursuit starting sequence begins
ASAP	Awards presentation at SYC
Pursuit Steeplechase 2	
Friday, May 31, 2024	
1800	Late Entry deadline & Skippers Meeting
Saturday, June 1, 2024	
1000	Pursuit starting sequence begins
ASAP	Awards presentation

9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the SYC harborfront A-frame (or the PontYC mast).

10 TIMING AND RADIO COMMS

The RC will use local GPS time and **VHF 72**. The RC may hail its intentions or additional instructions.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The Mandeville Race courses are as described herein. The Steeplechase course options will be posted online and the course selections will be announced prior to and signaled at the starts.

11.2 The published course distances are not subject to protest. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

12 THE START

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

12.2 STARTING TIMES will be calculated using TOD ratings and shown on the Scratch Sheet.

12.3 CHECK-IN IS NOT REQUIRED prior to the start because boats may come to the starting area while others are already starting.

12.4 The STARTING LINE will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.5 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.

13 NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT

[NP] Yachts retiring while racing must report their actions as soon as possible to the Race Committee via VHF or phone (see Contacts below). Failure to report promptly will be grounds for penalty, including exclusion from future events.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The FINISH LINE will be between a staff bearing a blue or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

14.2 [NP] FINISH BOAT ABSENT – If required, yachts shall report their finishing time and position in relation to nearby boats, as soon as possible, to the Race Committee. Failure to report promptly will be grounds for penalty, including exclusion from future events.

15 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit. The RC finish boat will remain on-station no later than 1600. See also 14.2.

16 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

16.1 US SAILING Prescriptions Addendum V Alternative Penalties shall apply.

16.2 The Protest Time Limit is one (1) hour after the last yacht finishes.

16.3 Breaches of rules denoted by [NP] shall not be grounds for a protest by a yacht and penalties for these may be less than DSQ. This alters RRS 60.1.

MANDEVILLE RACES – MARKS OF THE COURSE		
Mark	Leave To:	Description
Race 1 – Saturday		
SYC “A” – Start	PORT	Yellow buoy – C “A”
SYC “J”	PORT	Yellow buoy – C “J”
Pipeline marker “M1” – Finish*	PORT	Fixed mark – Fl Y 2.5s 15ft “M1”
Race 2 – Sunday		
Pipeline marker “M1” – Start*	PORT	Fixed mark – Fl Y 2.5s 15ft “M1”
SYC “J”	STBD	Yellow buoy – C “J”
SYC “A” – Finish	PORT	Yellow buoy – C “A”

*Mark “M1” is located appx. 0.8nm SSE of Bayou Castine entrance.

17 DOCKAGE

Yachts may moor or raft along the Mandeville Harbor bulkhead on Bayou Castine overnight without charge. Each yacht must have a MOORING STICKER which will be distributed in the PontYC bar.

18 SCORING

18.1 No scores will be excluded and RRS A5.3 will apply. One completed race shall constitute a series.

18.2 OPEN & CLASSIC divisions will be scored on corrected time using ORR-Ez PCS. The selection of scoring parameters by the RC shall not be grounds for redress under 62.1(a).

18.3 The PHRF division will be scored in accordance with Appendix P4.2.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Daily first place in each division.
- Mandeville Races overall first place in division.
- Dolphin Trophy first thru third places in division.
- The overall Dolphin Trophy winner will have their yacht and skipper name engraved on the perpetual trophy.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 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.

23 CONTACTS & MORE INFORMATION

For more information, see the SYC web site (www.southernyachtclub.org) or contact:

- Southern Yacht Club: (504) 288-4200
info@southernyachtclub.org
- Pontchartrain Yacht Club: (985) 626-3192

Online event page:

https://www.regattaman.com/def_event_page.php?&race_id=1090 or scan the QR code below:



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APPENDIX P—PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

The purpose of the Pursuit Starting System is to apply a staggered starting time arrangement whereby yachts start in the inverse order of their predicted elapsed time on the course. Thus, the fleet should finish within a relatively narrow time span.

P1 PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

P1.1 When the Pursuit Starting System is specified by the NOR & SI, RRS 26 is deleted. RRS 62.1(a) and Race Signals Flags I & P are also altered herein.

P1.2 Each yacht has a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her handicap rating and calculated for the course distance, as shown in the starting sequence distributed by the Race Committee. Starting Times may be altered by postponement.

P1.3 The WARNING SIGNAL will be displayed with one sound signal not less than five (5) minutes prior to the first start of the starting sequence or following a postponement. The signal will remain displayed throughout the starting sequence, as follows:

- **Flag I** – The starting sequence is active; each yacht shall start at her prescribed time.
- **Flags I over P** – The starting sequence is active following a postponement. The RC will hail instructions regarding changed Starting Times.

This changes Race Signals Flags I & P.

P1.4 Each yacht's STARTING SIGNAL will be her Starting Time and her PREPARATORY SIGNAL will be four (4) minutes prior to her Starting Time. No visual signals will be made.

P1.5 The RC will attempt to make a sound signal at the Starting Time of each yacht entered in the regatta. Failure to make an accurate sound signal is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

P2 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

P2.1 The **I Flag Rule**, RRS 30.1 (around the ends), is in effect for all starts.

P2.2 The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS yachts. The order, timing and success of these hails is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

P3 POSTPONEMENT

Postponements only apply to yachts that have not yet started.

If a postponement is signaled, the RC will hail changes to the affected yachts.

P4 SCORING

P4.1 A yacht's elapsed time is the interval between her prescribed Starting Time and her recorded finish time.

P4.2 Unless prescribed otherwise, the staggered Starting Times will serve as the only handicap correction and yachts will be scored in their order of finish.

P5 MOTORING PRIOR TO STARTING

P5.1 Unless prescribed otherwise, yachts may use auxiliary propulsion without penalty as specified in this section. A yacht motoring shall keep clear of a yacht sailing.

P5.2 Prior to *starting* and not within two (2) boat lengths of the starting line, a yacht may continue to motor after her preparatory signal and Starting Time have passed.

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