

# GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE

JUNE 19-21, 2014

Southern Yacht Club

Gulfport, MS to Pensacola, FL



## NOTICE OF RACE

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). US Sailing Regatta Network (RN) 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.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US SAILING prescriptions; the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events; all applicable class and/or rating rules; the Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). If there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in the list above shall govern. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 The deeds of gift of the **Governor of Mississippi Trophy, Governor Kennon Bowl, Art Mahoney Trophy, Pollack Trophy, Schreck Trophy, and Tootie & Joel Barnett Trophy** will also apply.
- 1.3 Between the local hours of sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2 will be replaced by the *USCG Navigation Rules* (IRPCAS/COLREGS) Part B—Steering and Sailing Rules.
- 1.4 Monohull yachts shall be governed by the *By-Laws of the GYA Performance Handicap Racing Fleet* (GYA-PHRF).
- 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”.
- 1.6 RRS 62.1(a) and 63.7 are altered herein. Other documents may change other rules.
- 1.7 Yachts shall set only one (1) headsail on the permanent forestay at a time, except while changing sails.
- 1.8 Yachts shall set only one (1) staysail at a time and it shall not extend beyond the rated LP distance.
- 1.9 Whisker poles shall only be set to windward, except while gybing.
- 1.10 NON-SPINNAKER classes shall not set unstayed, free-flying sails, such as a spinnaker, gennaker, flasher, shooter, blooper, or any other sail cut or flown to simulate such.

### 2 YACHT ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to yachts with a valid rating certificate issued by GYA-PHRF or GYA-MC.
- 2.2 Yachts entering the CRUISING DIVISION shall have an inboard engine, a SA/DSPL ratio of 20.0 or less (per GYA-PHRF formula), and at least one (1) of the following:
  - GYA-PHRF Cruiser Furling (CF) classification.
  - A fixed (non-folding, non-feathering) propeller.
  - An above-deck, roller-furling headsail system permanently installed on the forestay.
  - Headsails that attach to the forestay with luff hanks, spaced not more than 48 inches.

The OA may modify or reject a yacht's entry if it is deemed to be configured primarily for racing.

### 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 the requirements of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Race Category 3, including the US SAILING prescriptions.
- 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 enforcement 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 with her full crew.

**4 CREW ELIGIBILITY AND 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 Single-handed entries will not be accepted.

**5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

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

**6 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

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

**PHRF** – Monohull racing yachts.

**Cruising** – Monohull cruising yachts with Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker sub-divisions.

**Multihull** – All multihull yachts.

Classes will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

- 6.2 There will also be an overall **Masters Division** for skippers aged 60 and over. Special scoring will apply, see NOR 11.5.

**7 ENTRIES AND FEES**

- 7.1 The entry form submission deadline is noon on Thursday, June 19, 2014.
- 7.2 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the online entry form, including payment of all fees.
- 7.3 The regatta entry fee is **\$90.00**.

**8 SCHEDULE**

Thu, Jun 19, 2014	1200 – Entry deadline
	1830 – Mandatory Skippers Meeting at Gulfport Yacht Club
Fri, Jun 20, 2014	1000 – Deadline to submit Crew List Form to RC
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
	1155 – First Warning Signal
Sat, Jun 21, 2014	1800 – Awards Ceremony at Pensacola Yacht Club

**9 SKIPPERS MEETING**

- 9.1 The mandatory Skippers Meeting will be held at 1830 on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at Gulfport Yacht Club. Each entry must be represented; any yacht not represented may be scratched from the entry list.
- 9.2 The SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and SCRATCH SHEET will be distributed at the Skippers Meeting.

**10 CREW LIST**

No later than 1000 on Friday, June 20, 2014, each yacht must file, with the RC, a complete and accurate Crew List Form. The RC will not accept Crew List Forms on the water.

## 11 COURSE AND SCORING

- 11.1 The course distance will be **100.0 nm** and is not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.2 The fleet will start in the Mississippi Sound near the Gulfport Yacht Harbor, sail southward through Ship Island Pass into the Gulf of Mexico, thence eastward to the finish near the entrance to Pensacola Bay. Marks of the course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. NOAA charts 11373, 11376 & 11382.
- 11.3 The SCORING PENALTY, RRS 44.3 (**YELLOW FLAG**), replaces the One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties. The penalty will be one (1) hour added to elapsed time. This alters RRS 44.3(c).
- 11.4 Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, based on corrected time. Multihull yachts are not eligible for overall corrected-time fleet honors.
- 11.5 For MASTERS DIVISION scoring only, each qualifying yacht shall have one (1) second added to her GYA-PHRF rating for each full year over 60 of the skipper's age, as of June 20, 2014.

## 12 DOCKING

Pensacola YC has made arrangements for the docking of the fleet through Monday, June 23, 2014 without charge. The dockmaster will assign berths as yachts arrive at the PYC pier.

## 13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Trophies will be awarded as follows:
- Lowest elapsed time in fleet.
  - First through fourth places in fleet.
  - First place in each class with 4 or more entries.
  - Second place in each class with 6 or more entries.
  - Third place in each class with 8 or more entries.
  - First through third places in the Masters Division
- 13.2 The following perpetual trophies will be awarded, for qualified classes as entries warrant:
- Governor of Mississippi Trophy** – First place in fleet.
  - Governor Kennon Bowl** – First place in PHRF Class A.
  - Art Mahoney Trophy** – First boat to finish in PHRF Class B (elapsed time).
  - Pollack Trophy** – First place in PHRF Class C.
  - Schreck Trophy** – First place in PHRF Class D.
  - Tootie & Joel Barnett Trophy** – First place in Cruising Spinnaker division.

## 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 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 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.

## 17 CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Southern Yacht Club: (504) 288-4200 or [info@southernyachtclub.org](mailto:info@southernyachtclub.org).

Gulfport Yacht Club: (228) 863-6796

Pensacola Yacht Club: (850) 433-8804

Regatta Network event page: [www.regattanetwork.com/event/8413](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/8413)

Race Tracking: [Kattack.com](http://Kattack.com)

Scan the QR code at right to view the RN mobile event page.



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**APPENDIX A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The following equipment must be carried by each yacht 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**

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 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.*

## Southern Yacht Club

# RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION

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## 1 OVERVIEW

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](http://Kattack.com). The public race tracking data will be available online, as linked via the event web site.

## 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](http://findmespot.com). SPOT devices, with Track Progress activated, may also be rented from various sources. *Local SPOT retailers: West Marine; Best Buy; Massey's; Cabela's; Bass Pro*

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.

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](http://Kattack.com) and the Apple and Android app stores. Check with Kattack for compatibility with other smart devices.

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.

2.2.3 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 seem to interfere with some GPS signals.

2.4 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.

## 3 DEVICE REGISTRATION

3.1 Prior to the race, the tracking device must be registered with [Kattack.com](http://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 [tracking@southernyachtclub.org](mailto:tracking@southernyachtclub.org). Allow at least one (1) day for the URL to be processed.

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, [tracking@southernyachtclub.org](mailto:tracking@southernyachtclub.org).

[Kattack.com](http://Kattack.com): email, [info@kattack.com](mailto:info@kattack.com).

SPOT LLC: web site, [findmespot.com](http://findmespot.com), or phone, 866-651-7768.



for the

**Commodore Stewart R. "Tootie" Barnett, Jr. Trophy**

**RACE TO THE COAST**  
**June 13-14, 2014**

**GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE**  
**June 19-21, 2014**

### NOTICE OF SERIES

- The RACE TO THE COAST and GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE will be scored together as an additional overall series, organized and managed by Southern Yacht Club.
- The deed of gift for the **Commodore Stewart R. "Tootie" Barnett, Jr. Trophy** will apply.
- Monohull yachts scored as coming to the starting area for both regattas will be entered in the series; there is no additional entry requirement.
- A yacht's series score will be the total of her overall fleet scores, including points for non-series yachts, for both regattas, in accordance with RRS A9.
- Marker trophies will be awarded for first through third place in fleet. The perpetual trophy will be engraved with the name of the first place yacht and skipper.
- Yachts entered in the series will receive a voucher for one (1) pitcher of bushwhackers to be redeemed at PYC. Vouchers will be distributed at the Gulfport to Pensacola skippers meeting.
- For more information contact: Southern Yacht Club, (504) 288-4200 or info@southernyachtclub.org.

### 2013 SERIES REVIEW

Rank	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	Race to the Coast June 8, 2013	Gulfport to Pensacola Race June 21, 2013	Total
1	LESSON #1	51316	John Lee	10	1	11
2	TIARE	2616	Bill Provensal	3	8	11
3	STORMVOGEL	155	Chris Wientjes	9	4	13
4	ROUGAROU	136	Benrud/Lovell	12	2	14
5	MADAME X	372	Ralph Junius Jr.	11	11	22
6	BALI HAI	10	Sandy Cohen	5	24	29
7	NO BRAKES	102	Peter Hopkins	13	17	30
8	MYSTIC	21707	Guy & Pam Brierre	DNF(22)	12	34
9	BEASTERLY	23	Jared Brennan	4	DNF(38)	42
10	PERFIDIA	1281	Ken Yeomans	DNF(22)	21	43
11	RED BOAT	30348	Tom Maag	DNF(22)	25	47