



2013 Mardi Gras Race Week

One Design: February 13, 2013 - February 17, 2013

PHRF: February 23, 2013 - February 24, 2013

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF REGATTA

1. Organizing Authority

New Orleans Yacht Club, 403 N Roadway Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124.

2. Rules

1. This regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)) and Prescriptions of US Sailing.
2. GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events will govern Capdevielle competition.
3. Class Rules and GYA PHRF bylaws apply to their respective classes.
4. The Mardi Gras Race Week Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall govern in the event of conflict where applicable. Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

3. Entries

One Design

February 13 - February 17

Viper 640, Vanguard 15, VX One, Flying Scott (Open), Finn, J/22, Hobie 33 NA's, Rhodes 19, Club 420



- Five boats are required to make a class. The expected classes are listed, but others are welcome! Please have a class representative contact the regatta chairperson.
- The winner of the largest class in this division is awarded the Mardi Gras Race Week perpetual trophy.
- Race committee resources are allocated early, so if your class is interested, make sure you have people registered.
- At the race committee's discretion, a Portsmouth Yardstick class maybe created to allow classes without enough boats to race.

Weekend Races

February 16 - February 17

Optimist, Kiteboard, Easterly 30 NA's, GYA Capdevielle (Optional Alternative Format)



PHRF Division

February 23 - February 24

PHRF Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker

- Five boats are required to make a class.
- Class breaks will be determined by the R/C after registration is closed.
- Class breaks will attempt to keep the range within all classes as narrow as possible, or alternatively group similar boats together (S-PHRF, Cruising PHRF, etc.).
- A GYA PHRF Certificate, available at gya-phrf.com, is required.

4. Registration

- Registration must be completed (Entry Form filed and payment submitted) 30 minutes prior to the skipper's meeting. Boats which fail to register will not be scored.
- **Participants are strongly encouraged to register and pay online at mardigrasraceweek.org.** Registration may also be made by in person before at the skippers meeting or via [mail](#)

5. Entry Fee

The entry fee (US Funds) may be paid by credit card, cash, or club cross-charge for members of clubs with reciprocal privileges.

- GYA Capdevielle: none
- Optimist: \$20.00
- Single handed One Design Boats: \$115.00
- Double Handed One Design Boats: \$130.00
- Triple Handed and larger One Design Boats, PHRF Boats: \$145.00

6. Discounts

- **US Sailing Members:** \$5.
- **Very Early Registration by December 31, 2012: \$50**
- **Early Registration between January 1, 2013 and February 13, 2013: \$25.**
- **Student:** For the one-design and PHRF classes, if the skipper and all crew are full time students, an exclusive 50% discount will apply. A boat formally representing a school under ISA or ICSA rules does not require proof but others will

be required to present proof of enrollment.

- **Limitations:** Discounts do not apply to Optimist, or Kiteboard classes.
- **Refunds and Withdrawals:** Full refunds are available until February 2, 2013.

7. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	
Wednesday, 2/13	1300	Dry Storage available to splash boats, step masts, etc.
	1800	MGRW Meet and Greet Social, NOYC grill and bring your own available.
Thursday, 2/14	1000	Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast
	1200	Practice Races Warning Signal
	1500	Boat Demonstrations
	1600-1900	Registration -- All Classes
	1700-1900	Weigh In -- Hobie 33, Others as Needed
	1800	Welcome to MGRW Party: live music, drink specials and Red Beans & Rice/King Cake buffet
Friday, 2/15	0900	Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast
	0930	Skippers meeting for One-Design Boats at NOYC
	1030	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Kegs and Crawfish in dry storage, NOYC grill open, Daily Awards
	1700-1900	Registration open for Capdevielle, Easterly 30, Optimist classes
	1900	Mardi Gras Ball with live music, cash bar, drink Specials and buffet dinner. Costumes are highly encouraged.
Saturday 2/16	0830	Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast
	0900-1000	Registration Open for Easterly, Optimist, etc.
	1100	Skipper's Meeting at NOYC for Capdevielle and other weekend only classes. Optimist meeting will be at Southern Yacht Club.
	1200	Warning Signal for all Classes
	After Racing	Kegs in Dry Storage, live music, light buffet, and drink specials. Daily awards to follow as soon as ready.

Date	Time	
	2000	Quarter Crawl
Sunday 2/17	0830	Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast
	0930	First Warning Signal
	1300	No warning after 1330
	After Racing	After Race Party Drink Specials, cash bar, NOYC Grill, light snacks
	1530	Trophy Presentation

8. Number of Races

- GYA Capdevielle – 5 Races will be scheduled in accordance with the Optional Alternate Format as described in Appendix G of the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.
- For all other classes – Minimum 1 race constitute a series, with as many races attempted as possible at the discretion of the Race Committee or unless otherwise noted. No warning signals after 1630hrs on Friday 2/15 or Saturday 2/16. No warning signals after 1330hrs on Sunday 2/17.

9. Scoring

For all classes – The RRS Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used. If less than 5 races are finished there will be no throw-outs. If 5 or more races are finished there shall be 1 throw-out, if 10 or more races are finished there will be 2 throw-outs. *This changes RRS A2*

10. Prizes

We are re-evaluating daily awards based on feedback from 2012.

- GYA Capdevielle prizes will be awarded based on GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.
- Class Daily awards will be awarded according to the number of boats in the class. If three or fewer boats race then only a 1st place trophy shall be awarded. If 4-6 boats race then a 1st and 2nd place trophy will be awarded. If 7 or more boats race then 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded.
- Overall Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd for each class. Overall Prizes will be awarded on the last day of racing for all remaining classes at the After Race Party.
- The Mardi Gras Race Week Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the overall regatta winner of the largest participating one design class.
- Optimist awards will be based on age range, with first, second, and third places awarded to White, Blue, and Red fleet winners. In addition, there will be participation awards for participants in Green fleet, and regular MGRW awards for Advanced Fleet winners.

11. Skipper's Meeting

The skippers' meetings, other than for the Optimist class which will be at the Southern Yacht Club sailing pavilion, will be held at New Orleans Yacht Club. One representative from each crew is requested to attend to receive the Sailing Instructions, general information, and updates.

12. Decision to Race and Liability

- **Decision to Race:** Competitors are reminded of the *Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 4* which reads *The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*
- **Waiver of Liability:** The entrant acknowledges that in consideration of the efforts of the host organization(s), for being allowed to participate in this regatta and the acceptance of this application to race, he does hereby waive and release

any and all claims the e may have against the host(s), its officers, directors, or trustees and its committee members, measurers, judges, agents and representatives arising out of the activities required for the races on the water, and does further covenant and agree not to sue or to bring any claim or claims of any nature whatsoever against the host organization, sponsors, or any of the persons and offices named, or unnamed, above who may be acting on the host's behalf. This clause is acknowledged by payment of the entry fee for the regatta.

13. Racing Area

The racing area will be located on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, near the entrance to the New Basin Canal (NOAA Chart 11369).

14. Supplementary NOR for PHRF Races

A supplemental NOR will be released for the PHRF division with additional details for those classes.

15. Hotel and Lodging

Detailed information on lodging and logistics can be found on the MGRW website – mardigrasraceweek.org.

16. Additional Information

For the latest updates and information, visit the regatta website at mardigrasraceweek.org and New Orleans Yacht Club's website at noyc.org.

17. Changes to NOR

Changes to this NOR maybe made until December 31, 2012.

18. Persons of Note

- **Regatta Chairman:** Gregory R. Rubin, greg@noyc.org or at (504) 251-2588.
- **Club Manager:** Elizabeth "Buzzy" McFerrin, buzzy@noyc.org or at (504) 283-2581.
- **Principal Race Officer:** John Wolf