

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN RACING CIRCUIT

Oct. 25th and 26th,
Nov. 1st and 2nd, 2008

P.O. Box 2678, Mandeville, LA 70470-2678
Web address: <http://www.sailprc.org/>

Notice of Regatta

1. Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority is the Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit Committee consisting of Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans Yacht Club, Pontchartrain Yacht Club and Tammany Yacht Club.

2. Location

Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana – (NOAA. Chart 11369).

3. Rules

The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, including U.S. Sailing Prescriptions, and GYA PHRF rules.

4. Advertising

The regatta is designated Category "C" in accordance with RRS 79. Any competitor wishing to display advertising in accordance with Category "C" must coordinate prior to October 17 with the Regatta Chairman.

5. Eligibility

5.1 The regatta is open to PHRF rated boats skippered or owned by a member of a bona fide U.S. Sailing Association Member Yacht Club or a member of a Yacht Club or Sailing Organization recognized by the U.S. Sailing Association

5.2 Boats must be single hulled, self-righting, watertight sailing vessels with enclosed cabins and self-bailing cockpits. Boats shall not be less than 22 feet in length overall. Boats shall have a PHRF rating that is not less than -15 nor greater than 249.

5.3 Boats must have a valid PHRF rating certificate issued by the GYA PHRF Rating Committee. The LPRC Committee must receive a valid PHRF or class certificate before the Skipper's Meeting.

5.4 Crew Limits on all boats are limited to a maximum crew, indicated on the GYA PHRF certificate as "recommended crew limit" or an unlimited number of crew with a maximum total crew weight of 180 pounds multiplied by the recommended number-of-crew limit. Boats sailing with a class certificate must comply with their respective class rules.

6. Registration and Entry

Skippers of boats wishing to enter shall mail a completed entry form, valid PHRF rating certificate, and a check for \$100.00 postmarked by October 11. For entries postmarked from October 12 – October 23, the entry fee will be \$125.00. For late entries received October 24 or later, the entry fee will be \$150.00. Members of US Sailing are entitled to a \$5.00 discount upon providing their US Sailing membership number on the entry form. Entries should be mailed to:

*Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit Committee
P.O. Box 2678
Mandeville, LA 70470-2678*

Late entries may be accepted until 1900 hours, on Friday, October 24 at the Skipper's Meeting.

7. Schedule of Races

Race	Spin or Non-Spin	Date	1st Warning Signal	Description
Race I	Both	Sat. 10/25	1000	Custom course at New Orleans Yacht Club.
Race II	Both	Sat. 10/25	After Race I	Custom course at New Orleans Yacht Club.
Race III	Both	Sun. 10/26	1000	Distance race from SYC to Pontchartrain YC.
Race IV	Both	Sat. 11/1	1000	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.
Race V	Both	Sat. 11/1	After Race IV	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.
Race VI	Both	Sun. 11/2	1000	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.
Race VII	Both	Sun. 11/2	After Race VI	Custom course at Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

Total scheduled races – seven (7). There shall be no make-up races.

On Sunday 10/26, a bus will provide transportation to SYC / NOYC. The bus will load at Pontchartrain YC and depart at 7:00 am. Bus fare will be approximately \$10.00 and will be collected by the bus driver.

8. Fleets and Divisions

There shall be two separate fleets: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.
Fleets may be separated into classes based upon participation.

9. Courses

Six custom course races and one distance race.

10. Scoring

In determining the series winner of each class, Appendix A, Paragraph A2 and the Low Point System of Paragraph A4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply as altered herein. If less than seven (7) races are completed, each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races (Alters A2). If seven (7) races are completed, one race shall be discarded.

11. Awards

First, second and third place awards will be given in each class for each race and for the regatta. Daily trophies and "Boat of the Day" Mount Gay Rum prizes will be awarded at the end of each day's racing at the Club where the race ended and is scheduled for approximately 90 minutes after the Committee boat docks.

Best Spinnaker Boat and Best Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta will be awarded on the last day of the regatta. All races will count (this alters rule A2 of Appendix A), except as noted here. In the event that all classes in the Spinnaker fleet do not finish a race due to time limits or a race is abandoned, that race will not count in determining the Best Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta. The same exception will apply to the Non-spinnaker fleet. Failure of one fleet to finish will not affect the other fleet.

12. Special Rules for Non-Spinnaker Fleet

12.1 Only one headsail may be carried at any time except when changing headsails. The Non-Spinnaker fleet may use a headsail that is roller furling, a headsail that is attached with a twin foil headstay or a headsail that is hanked to the headstay with hanks no further apart than 48 inches. Whisker poles must be affixed to the mast. No spinnaker may be carried. No bloopers may be carried. No poleless spinnaker or gennaker may be carried. Staysails are permitted; however, the tack must be attached no less than 1/3 the distance of the "J" measurement behind the jib tack point. The distance behind the jib plus the LP of the Staysail must not be greater than the rated LP of the boat. Yawl and Ketch rigged vessels may carry mizzen staysails.

12.2 Sail material such as Polyester, Dacron and Mylar is allowed. Use of "aramid" fibers (such as Kevlar, Technora, and Vectran, etc.) shall not be allowed except on the reinforced areas of the main. Carbon fiber sails are not allowed.

13. Skipper's Meeting

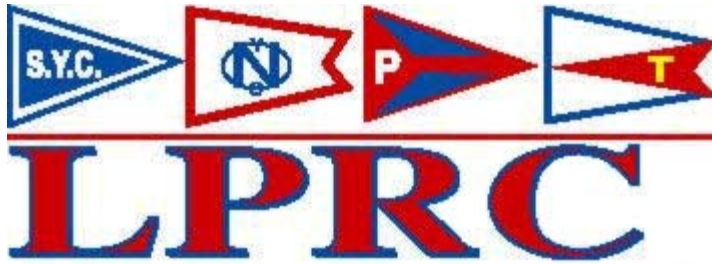
The Skipper's Meeting will be held at Southern Yacht Club at 1930 hours on Friday, October 24, at which time Sailing Instructions will be distributed to the entrants. A representative of each boat shall attend this meeting. All crewmembers are encouraged to attend the meeting.

14. Disclaimer Of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. Contacts

Regatta Chairman: Leigh Wanless (PontYC), (985) 778-8314. Email: abamagal@charter.net



Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit

Entry Form

Mail to:

LPRC Committee
P.O. Box 2678
Mandeville, LA 70470-2678

Name of Boat: _____

Skipper's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ EMAIL: _____

Make of Boat: _____ LOA: _____

Sail #: _____ PHRF Rating: _____ PHRF Certificate#: _____

Check one of the following fleets/divisions

Spinnaker: _____ Non-Spinnaker: _____

Yacht Club/Sailing Assn: _____ Home Port: _____

Entry Fee: \$100.00 (Make check payable to LPRC) postmarked by October 11

\$125.00 postmarked October 12 - 23

\$150.00 received October 24, 2008 or later

USSAILING # _____ (USSAILING Members \$5.00 discount)

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.

(MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID)

Signature _____ Date _____