



**GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE**  
**JUNE 26–27, 2020**  
**Southern Yacht Club**  
**Gulfport, Miss. to Pensacola, Fla.**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing during the COVID-19 global pandemic presents new challenges to event organizers and competitors alike. The OA, including host clubs, intend to follow all applicable governmental requirements, but it is also up to each individual skipper, crew and guest to act responsibly and within their own comfort range when choosing whether and how to participate in this event. Similar to offshore safety equipment, the OA strongly recommends all appropriate health precautions, but makes no assessment or warranty of each team’s preparedness or safety.

**EACH COMPETITOR PARTICIPATES IN THIS EVENT AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

**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 rating rules; the Notice of Race; and these Sailing Instructions. When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in the list above shall govern. This alters RRS 63.7.

**1.2** TWO-LENGTHS CUSHION AFTER DARK – When yachts meet between sunset and sunrise, for added safety, they shall act with the expectation that if they come within two (2) of the longer boat's lengths of each other, the protest committee will presume that a right-of-way boat will need to take avoiding action and the other boat is, therefore, not keeping clear. This does not apply to yachts finishing.

**1.3** MONOHULL yachts shall be governed by the current *ORR-Ez Rules* and *GYA PHRF By-Laws*.

**1.4** 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”, and as modified herein.

**1.5** The following rules are changed herein:

RRS	Changed by	RRS	Changed by
52	1.7	62.1(a)	11.2,13.1
55	1.10	63.7	1.1
60.1	18.4	A4.2	13.2

**1.6** MOTORING while racing is allowed for the Rally Class only, as prescribed in SI 14.

**1.7** POWERED WINCHES and AUTOPILOTS are allowed in Cruising and Rally divisions only. This alters RRS 52.

**1.8** Yachts shall set only one (1) headsail at a time and one (1) staysail per mast, which shall not extend beyond the rated LP distance.

**1.9** NON-SPINNAKER classes shall set only headsails and staysails ahead of each mast and only in their designed and rated configurations. Headsails shall not be set flying. Whisker poles are permitted.

**1.10** RRS 55 is appended with the following: “However, discarding biodegradable, environment-friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.”

**2 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

**2.1** RACE TRACKING – Each yacht shall provide and carry a GPS tracking device as prescribed in the NOR. The device shall be continuously operational from the time a yacht casts off before the start and until she safely reaches port whether finishing or withdrawing from the race.

**2.2** The equipment listed in Appendix A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT is required for all yachts. Additionally, the OA strongly recommends compliance with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER) for a Coastal race.

**2.3** 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 compliance purposes

only; the RC will not assess nor warrant the safety or seaworthiness of yachts or crews.

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

**2.5** During the Prestart Check-In (SI 10), every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and a handheld VHF radio shall be displayed.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices will be posted on official notice boards at Gulfport YC and Pensacola YC and online. See SI 25. Electronic notifications (email and/or SMS) may be sent to competitors.

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than 2000 on the day before the start and will be signaled ashore on the morning of the race.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be flown from the GYC mast.

**6 SCHEDULE**

<b>Thursday, June 25, 2020</b>	
2000	Deadline for SI changes to be posted
<b>Friday, June 26, 2020</b>	
0930	Deadline to submit Crew List Form
	GPS tracking devices must be active upon casting off
1155	Earliest Warning Signal
<b>Saturday, June 27, 2020</b>	
	There will be no Awards Ceremony

**7 TIMING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**8 CREW LIST**

No later than 0930 on the morning of the start, each yacht must file with the RC a complete and accurate Crew List Form (provided). The RC will not accept Crew List Forms on the water.

**9 CLASS ASSIGNMENTS**

**9.1** The class assignments and ratings will be as shown on the Scratch Sheet.

**9.2** The anticipated starting sequence will be:

Class	Color	Warning
Rally	Red	TBD
Open Classes	Blue	1155
Multihull		
Cruising Classes	Green	1205
Cruising Non-Spinnaker		

**10 PRESTART CHECK-IN**

**10.1** Prior to her warning signal, each yacht shall pass within hail of the RC signal boat, hail her sail number and be acknowledged. Failure to check-in properly may result in a score of DNC.

**10.2** PFDs shall be worn during Check-In. See SI 2.5.

**11 THE COURSE**

**11.1** The STARTING AREA will be located appx. two (2) nautical miles ESE of the Gulfport Yacht Harbor entrance.

**11.2** The course distances are **100.0 nm** for the Racing classes and **93.6 nm** for the Rally class and are not subject to redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

**11.3** The MARKS OF THE COURSE, in required order of rounding or passing, are as listed in the table on Page 3.

**11.4** Gulfport Bar Channel marks “24” and “GP” (and by extension, all of Ship Island) are not required marks of the course for Rally Division yachts.

**12 THE START**

**12.1** The STARTING LINE will be between the staffs bearing an orange flag on the RC signal boat, on the starboard end, and the port end RC pin boat.

**12.2** The Warning signal for each class will be as noted in SI 9.2. The starts will not be in a “rolling” sequence.

**12.3** Yachts not starting shall remain clear of the area directly behind the starting line.

MARKS OF THE COURSE			
Mark	Leave To	Description	NOAA Chart
Starting Line	—	RC boat at each end	11373
Gulfport Sound Channel east side marks from harbor to Intracoastal Waterway (ICWW)	STBD	(9) Fixed marks – Fl R 17ft various “62, 60, 58, 56, 54, 52, 50, 48, 46”	
Gulfport Sound Channel “44” at ICWW	STBD	Fixed mark – Fl R 2.5s 17ft 4M “44”	
Gulfport Bar Channel “24” at Ship Island <i>Except Rally Division, see SI 11.4</i>	PORT	Buoy – R “24” Fl R 6s	
Gulfport Bar Channel entrance “GP” <i>Except Rally Division, see SI 11.4</i>	PORT	Buoy – RW “GP” Mo (A)	
Mobile Bar Channel entrance “M”	PORT	Buoy – RW “M” Mo (A)	11376
Caucus Channel entrance “1” / Finish (Pensacola Harbor channel)	PORT	Buoy – G “1” Fl G 2.5s	11382

### 13 RECALLS & STARTING PENALTIES

**13.1** The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS yachts. The order, timing and success of these hails shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).

**13.2** A yacht scored as OCS will have one (1) hour added to her elapsed time. This alters RRS A4.2.

### 14 MOTORING

**14.1** Rally Class yachts may use auxiliary propulsion without penalty only as specified in this section.

**14.2** Rally Class yachts may use auxiliary propulsion for an aggregate total of two (2) hours.

**14.3** Rally Class yachts must each submit a log detailing their use of propulsion.

### 15 NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL

Yachts withdrawing while racing must report their actions as soon as possible to the Race Committee via VHF or phone (see RC contacts below). Failure to report promptly will be grounds for penalty by the OA, including exclusion from future events. All yachts shall continue GPS race tracking until safely in port.

### 16 THE FINISH

**16.1** The FINISH LINE will be set roughly north-south between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC signal boat, on the starboard (south) end, and the finish mark, on the port (north) end.

**16.2** Yachts finishing in darkness are encouraged to illuminate their sail numbers to aid the RC in identification.

**16.3** Each yacht is encouraged to verify that she has been properly identified before leaving the finish area.

**16.4** FINISH BOAT ABSENT – In the event the finish boat is not stationed at the FINISH LINE, a yacht shall report her GPS finishing time and position relative to nearby yachts to the Race Committee upon docking at Pensacola Yacht Club or via phone. Failure to report in a timely manner will be grounds for disqualification and additional penalties.

### 17 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit.

### 18 PENALTIES & PROTESTS

**18.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply as a 20% place penalty with display of a YELLOW FLAG, except that until 5 minutes after her starting signal, a yacht shall have the option of taking a Two-Turns Penalty per RRS 44.1.

**18.2** US Sailing Appendix V2 shall apply.

**18.3** The Protest Time Limit is one (1) hour after the RC boat docks.

**18.4** Breaches of SI 2, 8, 10.1, 10.2, 12.3 and 15 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht and penalties for these may be less than DSQ. This alters RRS 60.1.

### 19 DOCKAGE

Pensacola YC has made arrangements for the docking of the fleet through Monday, June 29, 2020 without charge. The PYC dockmaster will assign berths to yachts upon their arrival.

## 20 SCORING

**20.1** Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, using corrected time. ORR-Ez handicapping will be time-on-time, PHRF will be time-on-distance.

**20.2** For MASTERS CHALLENGE scoring only, each qualifying yacht will have her corrected time reduced by 100 seconds (1:40) for each full year over 65 of the skipper's age on the day of the start.

**20.3** TEAM CHALLENGE scores will be the combined scores of each team.

## 21 PRIZES

**21.1** Trophies will be awarded for Racing Divisions as follows, although additional trophies may be awarded:

- First boat to finish.
- First monohull to finish.
- First to third places in ORRez fleet overall.
- First place in PHRF fleet overall.
- First place in each class.
- Second place in each class as entries warrant.
- Third place in each class as entries warrant.
- First to third places in the Masters Challenge.
- Youth, Yacht Club & Builder Challenge winners.

**21.2** The following perpetual trophies will be presented for qualified classes as entries warrant:

- **Governor of Mississippi Trophy**  
First place in fleet.
- **Dr. Logan Emlet Trophy**  
First place in Multihull class.
- **Governor Kennon Bowl**  
First place in Class A.
- **Mystere Trophy**  
First place in Class B.
- **Art Mahoney Trophy**  
First boat to finish in Class B.
- **Pollack Trophy**  
First place in Class C.
- **Schreck Trophy**  
First place in Class D.
- **Tootie & Joel Barnett Trophy**  
First place in Cruising Spinnaker class.

## 22 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.

## 23 INSURANCE

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

## 24 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.

## 25 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 Chair: Bill Wright [billwright504@gmail.com](mailto:billwright504@gmail.com)

PRO: Nathan Adams [npadamsiii@gmail.com](mailto:npadamsiii@gmail.com)

Online Entry: Regatta Management Solutions at [https://www.regattaman.com/def\\_event\\_page.php?race\\_id=584&yr=2020](https://www.regattaman.com/def_event_page.php?race_id=584&yr=2020)

Race Tracking: Kattack.com



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## APPENDIX A—MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

In addition to USCG required safety equipment, the following equipment must be carried by each yacht, as applicable, 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

- A2.1 The GYA-MC recommends a total crew of no less than three (3) persons for this event.
- A2.2 Multihulls with auxiliary power shall carry two fire extinguishers.
- A2.3 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 and modified 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.*

† These items are optional for yachts without trapezes.

‡ These items are recommended, but not mandatory.

## RACE TRACKING SPECIFICATION

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### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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 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](mailto:webmaster@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.

Garmin (ex-Delorme) inReach: [explore.garmin.com](http://explore.garmin.com)

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**CREW LIST FORM**

This document must be completed, signed and submitted to the RC by 0930 on the morning of the start.

**YACHT**

<i>name</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
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**SKIPPER**

<i>name</i>	<i>address</i>
<i>phone</i>	

**CREW**

<i>name</i>	<i>address</i>
<i>phone</i>	
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**SKIPPER'S CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that the information provided in this list is complete, true and accurate.*

<i>name</i>	<i>signature</i>
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## GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE CHALLENGE TROPHY REGISTRATION FORM

*A yacht may enter only once in each category. There may be multiple teams from the same yacht club or builder.  
REMINDER: Intra-team communication while racing and "team racing" are prohibited by the RRS.*

<b>YOUTH CHALLENGE</b>			
Highest placing yacht with two (2) or more crew under age 21.			
	<i>Yacht</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>(for R/C use)</i>
1	<i>Qualifying crew</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	
2			
<b>YACHT CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE</b>			
Three yachts from the same club may enter as a team. Lowest aggregate fleet score wins.			
	<i>Club</i>	<i>Team name (optional)</i>	<i>(for R/C use)</i>
1	<i>Yacht</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	
2			
3			
<b>BUILDER TEAM CHALLENGE</b>			
Three yachts from the same manufacturer or designer may enter as a team. Lowest aggregate fleet score wins.			
	<i>Builder</i>	<i>Team name (optional)</i>	<i>(for R/C use)</i>
1	<i>Yacht</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	
2			
3			



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**FINISHING TIME REPORT FORM**

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If the RC finish boat is not on-station, each yacht shall take her own finish time and submit this form, completed and signed, to the RC ashore.

**YACHT**

<i>name</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
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**FINISHING TIME**

<i>time of day ...</i>	<i>hour(24)</i>	<i>minutes</i>	<i>seconds</i>	<i>date</i>	
<b>FINISHED</b>	<input type="text"/>	:	<input type="text"/>	:	<input type="text"/>

**YACHTS FINISHING CLOSE AHEAD**

<i>nearest ahead</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
<i>farthest ahead</i>	

**YACHTS FINISHING CLOSE BEHIND**

<i>nearest behind</i>	<i>sail no.</i>
<i>farthest behind</i>	

**SKIPPER'S CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate.*

<i>name</i>	<i>signature</i>
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