

Southern Yacht Club Handicap Fleet
2019 Spring, Fall and Overall Series
NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and US Sailing prescriptions; applicable class and/or rating rules; the SYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI); and this Notice of Race (NOR). When there is a conflict between rules, succeeding documents in this list shall govern. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1, 52, 55, 63.7, A2, A8 and A9 are altered herein.
- 1.3 Rating certificates must be issued by GYA PHRF or ORRez (ORA).
- 1.4 Powered winches are allowed in the Classic Division. This alters RRS 52.
- 1.5 A component series event may have separate rules which supersede these for that event only.
- 1.6 RRS 55 is appended with the following: “However, discarding biodegradable, environment-friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.”

2 ELIGIBILITY and CLASS BREAKS

- 2.1 OPEN DIVISION yachts shall have a valid ORRez rating certificate. Class breaks will be determined as entries warrant.
- 2.2 CLASSIC DIVISION yachts shall have a valid GYA-PHRF monohull rating certificate without a “Sport Boat” or “X-PHRF” designation. The classes will be PERFORMANCE, SPINNAKER and NON-SPINNAKER as determined by the Classic Fleet organization.
- 2.3 The Scratch Sheet will be available online. The Organizing Authority shall have the final determination on all class breaks and assignments.
- 2.4 Each registrant (skipper) must be a member of a recognized yacht club or other sailing association.
- 2.5 Each skipper must be a member of their respective fleet organization to be eligible for prizes.

3 ENTRY and FEES

- 3.1 Entry in the series may be made online via the SYC web site and Regatta Management Solutions. There is no entry fee for the series.
- 3.2 Separate entry in certain component events is also required, which may include payment of entry fees.

4 COURSES

- 4.1 Component events may have separate race documents specifying the courses.
- 4.2 HC Race Day courses will be in accordance with the GSI and the following guidelines:
 - OPEN courses are typically drop mark, windward-leewards. Length may vary by class.
 - CLASSIC courses are typically a fixed mark, single triangle or steeplechase for all classes.
 - The R/C may set other courses at its sole discretion.

5 SERIES SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Start	Event	Open Division	Classic Division
March 30	Sat	1000	SYC Opening Regatta	Spring #1/2	Spring #1
April 13	Sat	1000	HC Race Day	Spring #3/4	Spring #2
May 19	Sun	1000	GYA Opening Regatta	Spring #5/6	Spring #3
June 1/2	—	pursuit	Mandeville Race	Spring #7	Spring #4
September 7	Sat	1000	HC Race Day	Fall #1/2	Fall #1
September 15	Sun	1000	HC Race Day	Fall #3/4	Fall #2
September 21	Sat	1000	HC Race Day	Fall #5/6	Fall #3
September 28	Sat	pursuit	Great Lake Race, CSA	—	Fall #4
October 13	Sun	1330	SYC Closing Regatta	Fall #7	Fall #5
November 16	Sat	(verify)	Sugar Bowl Regatta	Fall #8	Sugar Bowl
Overall Series				All (15) events	All (10) events

Events not sailed on scheduled dates will not be scored. There are no make-up dates.

6 SCORING & PRIZES

6.1 The events to be scored for each series are listed in the Series Schedule. One (1) race or event will constitute a series. Yachts will be scored in their respective class or division, excluding non-series boats.

6.2 Each yacht's series score will be the sum of her (n) best scores, enumerated as shown. This alters RRS A2. Abandoned races will reduce the number of throwouts.

	Open	Classic
Spring Series	5 of 7	3 of 4
Fall Series	5 of 8	4 of 5
Overall Series	10 of 15	8 of 10

6.3 Yachts that come to the starting area for at least one race on a PH Race Day shall not be scored as DNC for any race sailed on that day. Yachts scored as DNC will receive points equal to the number of boats that came to the starting area for that event plus two (2) points. This alters RRS A9.

6.4 MANDEVILLE RACE – The series score for each Open yacht will be her overall place for this two-stage regatta. The series score for each Classic yacht will be her best finishing place in either one of the two stages. *Thus, two Classic yachts may have the same score for this event.*

6.5 HC Race Day daily prizes will be awarded in each class to the highest-placing eligible skipper or their crew present at the post-race gathering. Series prizes will be awarded at the SYC Annual Awards Banquet. See NOR 2.5.

6.6 The first tie breaker will be to rescore the tied yachts including all excluded scores. If a tie remains, no scores will be excluded for further tie-breaking methods. This alters RRS A8.

7 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

RRS Appendix V1 (One-Turn Penalty outside the zone) and V2 (30% penalty before the hearing) shall apply. This alters RRS 44.1.

8 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with a competitor's participation in the series.

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