



**Southern Yacht Club**  
**Notice of Race**  
**2008 Southern Nichols Cup - Invitational Team Races**  
**March 15 - 16, 2008**

FOUNDED 1849

- 1. Invitation:** The Southern Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority and challenging host extends this invitation to compete in the 2008 Southern Nichols Cup Team Races on March 15 and 16, 2008. The event is limited to eight teams, and the format will be one or more round robins, with the possibility of a championship round(s). Final format and rotations will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2. Boats:** The event will be sailed in Flying Scot class boats, which will be provided by the Southern Yacht Club. All equipment supplied must remain on board. No equipment may be taken on board except personal flotation gear, clothing, snack food and beverages, tape, ring dings, cotter pins, clevis pins, pencils, knives and small pieces of yarn or string. No alteration may be made to the boats or rigging without the express permission of the Principal Race Officer ("PRO"). Complete requirements and assignments will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3. Site and Courses:** Racing will be conducted on one starting line on Lake Pontchartrain, north of Southern Yacht Club. Course details will be provided at the Skippers meeting.
- 4. Skippers Meeting:** The Skippers meeting, Boat Drawing and distribution of Sailing Instructions will be on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at 0900 hrs.
- 5. Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the 2005 - 2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D (Team Racing Rule), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions. The event is subject to the Advertising restrictions defined in ISAF Regulation 20 and Advertising Code.
- 6. Eligibility:**

  - a. Each Club team will consist of 3 boats.
  - b. The number of crew in each boat shall be 3 people (including the skipper) in all races, with a minimum skipper and crew weight of 480 pounds per boat.
  - c. All skippers and crew members must be members of the yacht club they represent. However, substitutions who are not team club members may be made at the discretion of the PRO.
  - d. Each skipper must be a member of US Sailing at the time of the event.
  - e. Marine professionals may compete provided that they are regular members, in good standing for at least one year, of the club they represent.

7. **Schedule:** Friday, March 14, 2008 - The bar and restaurant at Southern Yacht Club will be open, and we will have an informal reception of participants.

<u>March 15</u>		<u>March 16</u>	
0830	Continental Breakfast	0830	Continental Breakfast
0900	Skippers' Meeting	1000	First Warning
0945	Harbor Start	1600	Last start
1000	First Warning Signal	1700	Awards (Debriefing prior to awards presentation)
1630	Debriefing (or as soon as boats are unrigged)		
1900	Cocktails		
1930	Dinner		

8. **Scoring:** Each race will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix D3. The series scores will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D4.

9. **Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners:** Continental Breakfast will be provided each morning. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for all crewmembers of each team. Dinner on Saturday night will be provided free of charge to all crewmembers of each team. Additional dinners may be purchased at \$45.00 per person. Gentlemen are expected to wear a blazer and tie at the banquet.

10. **Entry Deadlines, Fees and Damage Deposit:** The deadline for receipt of entries is January 31, 2008. The entry fee is US \$1,000 per team plus a refundable damage deposit of \$1,200 (US) per team. Both must be presented with the entry form. Checks may be made payable to the Southern Yacht Club.

11. **Insurance:** US Sailing Borrowed Boat Insurance will cover all borrowed boats during the regatta. The refundable damage deposit will be used as necessary to cover cost of repairs up to the deductible limit. Unused monies from the damage deposit will be returned by January 1, 2008.

12. **Prizes:** The Southern Nichols Cup will be awarded to the winning yacht club for a period of one year, however the perpetual trophy shall remain at Southern Yacht Club. A suitable keeper trophy will be presented, along with prizes for first, second and third place teams.

13. **Conduct and Responsibility:**

a. The skipper shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Southern Yacht Club, the skipper will be held responsible.

b. The Southern Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant,

including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Southern Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Southern Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

**16. Spectator Boats:** A spectator boat will be available for non-sailing guests.

**17. Further Information:**

For further information please contact Team Racing Chairman  
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**18. Hotels:** Southern Yacht Club is 15 minutes from the airport and downtown hotels. Metairie hotels are between Southern Yacht Club and the airport.

Metairie Hotels

- 1) Sleep Inn & Suites of Metairie (504) 887-5337
- 2) Days Inn \$89 per night on Expedia  
Causeway and I-10 Metairie, LA  
(504) 833-8201 or (800) 465-4329
- 3) La Quinta  
Causeway and I-10 Metairie, LA  
(504) 835-8511 (800) 531-5900
- 4) Ramada Limited  
Causeway and I-10 Metairie, LA  
(504) 835-4141
- 5) Best Western Landmark  
Severn St., Metairie, LA has rate of \$90/night on Expedia

(800) 509-1972

Downtown Hotels (Rates change daily - best to use Expedia or call directly)

- 1) Royal St. Charles  
In Warehouse District, steps away from Quarter, has a rate of \$96 on Expedia  
(504) 587-3700
- 2) Marriot Hotel  
One block from French Quarter  
(504) 581-1000
- 3) Sheraton Hotel  
One block from French Quarter  
(504) 525-2500
- 4) Royal Sonesta  
In heart of French Quarter  
(504) 586-0300
- 5) Hilton  
(8 blocks away overlooking the River)  
(504) 525-0044
- 6) Courtyard by Marriott  
2 Galleria Blvd. Metairie, La 70001  
(504) 838-3800 or (800) 228-9290