



NOTICE OF RACE – Effective 6/22/17

**GYA OFFSHORE
CHALLENGE CUP**

**June 23-25, 2017
@ Pensacola Yacht Club**



1. RULES

1.1 This regatta is organized by the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) and will be sailed under the management of the Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) Race Committee.

1.2 This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events (available at www.gya.org).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All GYA Clubs as defined in Section 3.1 of the GYA regulations are eligible to enter.

2.2 This is a GYA inter-club team event. Each club may enter one (1) team of at least three (3) but no more than four (4) boats. Each team is limited to one boat per class.

Class Breaks:

A 15 – 72

B 75 – 111

C 114 – 150

D 153 – 213

2.3 The skipper, the helmsman, and at least one-half of the crew (including the skipper and helmsman) racing on each boat shall have been members of the yacht club represented by the boat for the six months preceding the event.

Each team captain shall submit a written statement, on the form provided, that their team meets this eligibility requirement along with a list of all potential crew for their team. This statement and crew list shall be submitted with the team registration package by the deadline in Article 3, ENTRY. If a boat is found to be out of compliance with the fifty percent requirement, the team shall be scored DSQ for the race(s) in which non-compliance took place. *This changes Racing Rule 63.1 and A5*

2.4 Each boat shall represent only one yacht club in this regatta.

2.5 Each boat or another boat of the same design, shall have sailed a minimum of 50 recorded miles in the GYA PHRF race data program to be eligible for this event. This mileage documentation shall be submitted to the GYA PHRF Committee no later than **forty-five** days before the first race of this 2017 GYA Offshore Challenge Cup regatta.

2.6 Crew limits (number or weight) as reflected on the boat's valid GYA PHRF certificate will be in effect.

3. ENTRY

3.1 Entries must be received by PYC no later than 1800 hours on June 22, 2017.

3.2 A valid individual GYA PHRF certificate must be provided in advance or at the time of registration for each competing boat. All information required on the official entry form must be completed.

3.3 Each participating GYA club shall pay \$175.00 per boat entered to participate in this GYA Offshore Challenge Cup, which is to be submitted with the entry form.

3.4 Registration may be accomplished by completion and submission of forms found on the PYC website or onsite and in-person at PYC prior to the deadline. Onsite registration will be available at PYC on June 22 until 1800. Website:

<http://www.pensacolayachtclub.org/Racing.aspx>

4. SAFETY

Compliance with United States Coast Guard (USCG) Regulations for Safety Equipment is required. All competing vessels are also required to comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation B for inshore racing which is available at the following link, (www.sailing.org/tools/documents). Participating boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if these USCG and World Sailing regulations are not met. *Crews on all boats must check in with the Race Committee Boat while wearing their PFD at the beginning of each race day.

5. COMPETITORS' BRIEFING

5.1 A Competitors' Briefing will be held at the Pensacola Yacht Club on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 1900 hours.

5.2 *Sailing Instructions* will be available at the Competitors' Briefing.

5.3 All questions regarding the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the Judges by placing such questions in the PROTEST BOX at PYC no later than 0800 hours on Friday, June 23, 2017.

5.4 Responses to questions regarding the sailing instructions, if any, will be posted on the official regatta notice board on the exterior of the PYC Sailing Center no later than 0930 on June 23, 2017.

6. CHANGES TO RACING RULES

The Sailing Instructions may change some of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Any changes will not require prior knowledge by the competitors.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1 The Race Committee will attempt seven (7) races.

7.2 A minimum of two (2) races must be completed to constitute a series.

7.3 The Race Committee may attempt at least one upwind finish.

7.4 Daily Schedule as below:

- **Thursday, June 22**

4:00 PM - 6:00PM - Check-in and in-person registration (registration online is preferred)

5:00 PM - Welcome Party with keg beer and Mt Gay Rum drink specials

7:00 PM - Competitors' Briefing

- **Friday, June 23**

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM – Crew Breakfast (PYC Clubhouse)

10:55 AM - First Warning Signal; additional racing to follow

4:30 PM - Hors d'oeuvres, drink specials on Mt Gay Rum and Bushwackers

5:30 PM - Day 1 Trophy Presentations for First Place for the day in each class

- **Saturday, June 24**

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM – Crew Breakfast (Clubhouse)

10:55 AM - First Warning Signal; additional racing to follow

4:30 PM - Hors d'oeuvres, drink specials on Mt Gay Rum and Bushwackers

5:30 PM - Day 2 Trophy Presentations for First Place for the day in each class

- **Sunday, June 25**

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - Crew Breakfast (Clubhouse)

10:55 AM - First Warning Signal; additional racing to follow

2:55 PM - No warning signal will be made after this time on Sunday

ASAP after racing - Overall Regatta Trophy Presentations

8. RECIPROCAL CHARGES FOR BAR DRINKS

All drink purchases will require Challenge Cup Funny Money. Funny money will be available for sale (with cash, credit card, or reciprocal club charge) at check-in and throughout the regatta.

9. SCORING

9.1 Races will be scored using PHRF corrected time on distance.

9.2 Classes will be scored using RRS A4 Low Point Scoring with no scores excluded.
This changes RRS A2.1

9.3 Each Club's points for each race shall be the sum of the finishing places of the club's best three boats in that race.

9.4 The Club with the lowest points overall shall be the GYA Offshore Challenge Cup Champion.

9.5 If there is an overall tie between two or more Clubs, each Club's race points shall be listed in order of best to worst and the first instance(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the Club(s) with the lower points. This is similar to RSS A8.1 where a Club is treated like an individual competitor.

9.6 If there is still a tie between two or more Clubs, the race scores for all of a Club's boats in all races shall be listed together in order of best to worse and the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the Club with the best score(s).

9.7 Should a tie still exist it shall be resolved in favor of the Club that scored better in the last race in the fastest rated class in which the tied Clubs had boats entered and scored differently, regardless of whether the boats' scores counted for the Club. Should a tie still exist in all classes where both Clubs had boats entered in the last race, the procedures will be applied to the next to last race and so on until the tie is broken.

10. TROPHIES

10.1 The winning club will be awarded the Spring Hill College Gulf Yachting Association Offshore Challenge Cup Trophy, will have its name engraved upon the trophy and will be loaned the trophy for a period of one year. A permanent, marker trophy will also be awarded to the winning Club.

10.2 The Yacht Club with the lowest point total among the three-boat entry clubs will be awarded the Mobile Yacht Club Trophy, will have its name engraved upon it and will be loaned the trophy for one year. A marker trophy will also be awarded to the same club.

10.3 The G. S. "Buddy" Friedrichs Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places First overall in Class A. The Commodore Thomas D. Beery, Jr. Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places First overall in Class B. The Commodore Bobby Bailey Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places First overall in Class C. The Commodore Janet Miller-Schmidt Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places First overall in Class D.

Each winning boat will have its name engraved upon the respective perpetual trophy and will be loaned the trophy for a period of one (1) year.

10.4 Trophies will be awarded for First, Second, and Third Place overall in each class and the GYA Offshore Challenge Cup Banner will be presented to the winning club.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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