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Southern Yacht Club

2015 Southern Nichols Cup
Invitational MASTERS Team Races
March 14-15, 2015

Notice of Race

1. Invitation: The Southern Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority and challenging host extends this invitation to compete in the 2015 Southern Nichols Cup. The intended format will be eight teams sailing 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. Complete requirements and assignments will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to race **without** spinnakers.

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. Rules: This regatta will be governed by the 2013 - 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D (Team Racing Rules), 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.

5. Eligibility:

- a. Each Club team will consist of 3 boats, each with 2 or 3 crew (including the skipper) in all races, with a **MINIMUM combined weight of 350 pounds per boat.**
- b. All skippers and crew members must be members of the yacht club they represent, however, substitutions may be made at the discretion of the PRO.
- c. Each skipper must be 45 years of age and a member of US Sailing at the time of the event; each crew must be 40 years of age at the time of the event.

6. Schedule:

<u>Mar. 13</u>	<u>Mar. 14</u>	<u>Mar. 15</u>
1800 - Reception, Registration	0800 Breakfast	0800 Breakfast
2000 & Weigh-in	0830 Competitors' Meeting	0900 First Warning Signal
	0930 First Warning Signal	1530 Intended Last
	1830 Cocktails	Warning Signal
	1900 Regatta Banquet	1630 Awards

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

8. Meals: Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Dinner on Saturday night will be provided free of charge to all crewmembers of each team. Additional dinners may be

purchased at \$50.00 per person. Gentlemen are expected to wear a blazer and tie at the banquet.

9. Entry Fee and Deadlines: The deadline for receipt of entries is February 13, 2015. The entry fee is US \$1,100 per team and must be presented with the entry form. Checks should be made payable to the Southern Yacht Club.

10. Waiver and Damage Deposit: All participants must sign a waiver form. All skippers will be required to provide a \$500 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing credit card information for authorization or SYC member number at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a skipper has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Skippers should be aware that while the regatta staff will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a pro rated basis.

11. 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.

12. Life Jackets: All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while on the water, except while actively changing clothing.

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. 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.

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

15. Further Information: Contact John Alden Meade: johnaldenmeade@hotmail.com

Southern Yacht Club
TEAM ENTRY FORM
2015 Southern Nichols Cup - Invitational Team Races
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Yacht Club:

Address:

Team

Captain:

Boat #1

Skipper:

Boat #2 Skipper:

Boat #3 Skipper:

Please send entry fee check (\$1,100.00) with this form prior to February 13, 2015.

To: Southern Yacht Club
Attn: S. Nichols Cup
105 North Roadway Drive
New Orleans, LA 70124

Make checks payable to the Southern Yacht Club.