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Southern Yacht Club

2015 Southern Soiland Cup
Invitational Team Races
November 6 – 8, 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 Soiland Cup. The event is limited to twelve teams. 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 with 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. **Skippers Meeting:** The Skippers Meeting, Boat Drawing and distribution of Sailing Instructions will be on Friday, November 6, 2014, at 1200 hrs.
5. **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.
6. **Eligibility:**
 - a. Each Club team will consist of 3 boats, each with 3 crew (including the skipper) in all races, with a **MINIMUM combined weight of 480 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 a member of US Sailing or other national authority, as appropriate, at the time of the event.

7. **Schedule:**

<u>Nov. 6</u>		<u>Nov. 7</u>		<u>Nov. 8</u>	
1130	Lunch & Registration	0830	Breakfast	0800	Breakfast
1200	Skippers Meeting	0930	First Warning Signal	0900	First Warning Signal
1230	Harbor Start	1700	(approx.) Debriefing	1530	Last Warning Signal
1300	First Warning	1900	Cocktails	1630	Awards
1830	Reception	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: Breakfast will be provided on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Lunch will be provided on Friday, 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 \$50.00 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 August 24, 2015. The entry fee is US \$1,600 per team and must be presented with the entry form. Checks should be made payable to the Southern Yacht Club.

11. 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 rata basis.

12. Prizes: The Southern Soiland 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. Life Jackets: All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD at all times while on the water, except while actively changing clothing.

14. 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: Please contact Dwight LeBlanc: dleblanc@frilot.com

Southern Yacht Club
TEAM ENTRY FORM
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Yacht Club:

Address:

Team

Captain: _____

Boat #1

Skipper: _____

Boat #2 Skipper: _____

Boat #3 Skipper: _____

Please send entry fee check (\$1,600.00) with this form prior to August 24, 2015.

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

Make check payable to the Southern Yacht Club.