

Great Oaks Invitational Regatta
Sponsored by The Allstate Sugar Bowl
November 20-22, 2015
Hosted by Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, Louisiana
NOTICE OF RACE
(Amended 11-03-15)

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The OA is ISSA, SEISA and SYC.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. An active school that has been a continuous member of ISSA and has not qualified for the Mallory or Baker regattas in the past four years, or one that joins this year for the first time, is eligible to enter the selection process in its district. Selection of schools is by district initiative.
 - 2.1.1. All active SEISA teams will be allowed to apply to compete in the Great Oaks Regatta. However, the teams that have competed in the Mallory and Baker events must have the sailors approved by the District President.
 - 2.1.2. Application for SEISA Schools wishing to participate is made by:
 - 2.1.2.1. Sending notification to Joann Willits at joann@wti.cc of intent to enter along with the student/sailor names who will participate by the Nov. 1, 2015 entry deadline.
 - 2.1.2.2. Submit entry documents per **NOR 3**. SEISA teams will be notified of final berth assignment by Nov. 6, 2015.
 - 2.1.3. Per SEISA District Rules 8.8, SEISA teams entering in Great Oaks must have competed in at least 1 SEISA regatta this season prior to Great Oaks.
- 2.2. A team is comprised of no fewer than two or more than four sailors who are full time students in the school they represent. Each team will sail one boat. Competing schools must be current members of ISSA. Eighth grade students are eligible to compete. Seventh grade students or below are not eligible. Sailors must be accompanied by a designated adult chaperone, who may be an advisor, coach or parent.
- 2.3. The regatta has 34 berths which will be allocated as follows: **NESSA - 3, SEISA - 13, MISSA - 4, MASSA - 4, NWISA - 2, SAISA - 7, PCISA - 1**. Allocations not filled by November 1, 2015 will be filled by the SEISA District Director's discretion. Additional berths may added by organizer, approved by ISSA, & allocated to SEISA.

3. Entry and Communication

- 3.1. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by filing an entry form with entry fee and damage deposit with Yvonne Pottharst prior to November 1, 2015. Liability and medical release forms will be required at the time of registration. **Make 2 checks**, one check for entry fee and one check for damage deposit payable to Southern Yacht Club. Registration checks must be sent with entry by Nov 1, 2015.
- 3.2. Entries should be sent to Yvonne Pottharst, Great Oaks Regatta Chair c/o Southern Yacht Club, 105 N. Roadway Drive, New Orleans, LA. 70124. Cell # 504-421-3819, E-Mail: Tern4True@aol.com.
- 3.3. ISSA membership will be verified prior to completed registration.
- 3.4. Invited teams that are unable to compete must notify [Yvonne Pottharst](#) at Southern YC, as well as ISSA as soon as possible. SEISA will reallocate the vacancies.

4. Entry Fee and Damage Deposit

- 4.1. There will be an entry fee of \$100.00 per team. Four competitor food packages are included with the entry fee.
- 4.2. A damage deposit of \$100.00, separate check, must accompany the entry form.

5. Schedule

5.1. Friday November 20, 2015

1400-1700 Check-in at Southern YC, boats available for practice after completing registration.
Free Evening.

5.2. Saturday November 21, 2015

0830 Continental breakfast at Southern YC.
0830-0900 Last minute check-in.
0845 Mandatory Coaches/Team Sponsor Meeting at "The Slab" (boat yard)
0900 Mandatory Competitors Meeting.
1000 First warning. Racing throughout the day. Lunch on the water.
1900 New Orleans Style Dinner at Southern Yacht Club

5.3. Sunday November 22, 2015

0830 Continental breakfast at Southern YC.
0830 Mandatory Competitors Meeting.
0830 All 420's must be ready to launch.
0900 First warning - (or when announced at Competitor's Meeting)
Racing throughout the day. Lunch on the water.
1600 **FIRM** - No race will be started after 1600.
1700 After race snack and trophy presentation.

6. Race Area

6.1. The race area will be on Lake Pontchartrain northeast of the SYC clubhouse.

7. Courses

7.1. The Race Committee will determine courses in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. Short college style courses are expected.

8. Scoring

8.1. The regatta will be scored using ISSA Procedural Rules. Schools will be randomly split into red and blue fleets on Saturday. The top half of these two fleets will make up the Gold Fleet on Sunday. The Silver fleet on Sunday will consist of the remaining schools. There will be no throw outs. Protest procedures will be per ISSA Procedural Rules with amplifying details outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Housing

9.1. Housing will not be provided. Contact [Yvonne Pottharst](#) for Hotel Information or visit the Southern Yacht Club web site for hotel links.

10. Food and Beverages

10.1. All sailors are requested to bring their own refillable water bottles. Water filling stations will be provided.
10.2. Four competitor packages are included in the entry fee. A food package will be available to coaches and chaperones at \$30.00 each. The package will consist of 2 continental breakfasts, 2 boxed lunches, and a snack after the last race of each day. On the water beverages will be furnished as part of the package as well.

11. Travel and transportation

11.1. New Orleans International Airport is by far the most convenient airport. Teams are responsible for their own transportation.

12. Coaching

- 12.1.** No coach or parent boats will be allowed. Spectator boats may be provided. If weather conditions will allow, a floating dock may be towed out to the race course to facilitate on the water boat rotation. Once this floating dock is anchored, it is considered an extension of the land. Coaching is allowed on land, as well as on the floating dock.

13. Prizes

- 13.1.** Prizes will be awarded to teams first thru third in both the Gold and Silver Fleets.

14. Official Notices

- 14.1.** No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source alleging such a breach, a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors and the chairperson of the protest committee shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1. If a hearing under RRS 69.1 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.1(b) may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team.