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2026 Allstate Sugar Bowl
Great Oaks Invitational Regatta
November 20-22, 2026

Southern Yacht Club

New Orleans, Louisiana

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: **ISSA, SEISA and SYC**

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the US Sailing Prescriptions, and the ISSA Procedural Rules.

1.2 RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

1.3 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

1.4 Changes to PR 15 (b) "A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest. Failure to do so makes her protest invalid. This changes rule 60.4."

1.5 Per ISSA PR 18 and RRS 70.3(b), all results are final. The right to appeal is denied.

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.

2.2 The selection of schools is by district initiative. District directors are asked to send names of schools attending from their district to SEISA District Director and Great Oaks Regatta Chairs at greatoaksregatta@gmail.com **no later than October 21, 2026**.

2.3 A team is comprised of **no fewer than two/no more than four sailors in 9th - 12th grades**. Each team will sail one boat. Competing schools must be current members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules. Students must be in at least the ninth grade. Eighth-grade students and below are not eligible. **The penalty for a team violating any eligibility rule shall be disqualification from all races in the regatta.**

2.4 Competitors must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader/chaperone who is responsible for and must accompany the school's team at the regatta site. This adult may be an adviser, coach, or parent recognized by the school.

2.5 The regatta has 28 berths which will be allocated as follows: MASSA – 2, MISSA – 6, NESSA – 3, NWISA – 1, PCISA – 1, SAISA – 5, SEISA – 10. Allocations not filled by October 30, 2025 will be re-allocated by the SEISA District Director at his discretion.

3 Entry and Communication

3.1 Eligible schools that have qualified through their district may enter by completing an entry form

and submitting payment online through the link provided in the notice of qualification. Liability form and medical release forms will be available in the link and are to be submitted online. Entries must be submitted no later than **5PM CDT, October 23, 2026.**.

3.2 ISSA membership must be complete by the entry deadline.

3.3 Invited teams that are unable to compete must notify the SEISA Director and Great Oaks Regatta Chairs ASAP.

4 Entry Fee and Damage Deposit

4.1 There will be an entry fee of $275.00 per team.

4.2 A damage deposit of $300.00 payable by check must be provided at check-in.

5 Boats

5.1 C420 boats will be provided by the host.

5.2 Boats will be sailed as provided; sailors may adjust the mainsheet to 3:1 or 4:1.

6 Schedule

6.1 A full rotation will be attempted each day:

Friday, November 20

1600–1700 Check In

There will be no practice held on Friday.

Saturday, November 21

0800	Check In / Breakfast / Lunch pickup / Rig Boats
0830	Mandatory Competitor's Meeting
1000	First warning. Racing throughout the day.
After Racing	Snack

Sunday, November 22

0800	Breakfast / Lunch pickup / Rig Boats
0830	Mandatory Competitor's Meeting. Boats ready to launch.
0930	First warning. Racing throughout the day.
1500	**No warning signal after this time**
After Racing	Snack and Trophy Presentation.

6.2 Changes to the schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7 Race Area

7.1 The race area will be on Lake Pontchartrain north of the SYC clubhouse.

7.2 The Official Notice Board will be located in the ground floor elevator lobby.

8 Courses

8.1 Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.8.

9 Safety

9.1 All competitors must wear USCG approved Type III or V non-inflatable lifejackets, in good repair, at all times while on the water, except to quickly change clothing.

9.2 Except for team pinnies, life jackets shall be worn outside of all.

9.3 Pinnies are required for this event.

10 Sailing Instructions

10.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 5 pm Friday, November 20, 2026 at ISSA Great Oaks site.

11 Scoring

11.1 The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. There will be no throw outs.

11.2 Schools will be randomly split into 2 fleets for the Qualifying Round on Saturday. The top half of these two fleets will make up the Gold Fleet in the Championship Round on Sunday. The Silver fleet on Sunday will consist of the remaining schools.

11.3 Protest & Breakdown procedures will be per ISSA Procedural Rules with any amplifying details outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11.4 Scores will **NOT** carry over from Qualifying fleets to Championship fleets.

11.5 This regatta will utilize electronic RP Forms using the TechScore program. Each sailor's name should be entered on the school database on the ISSA website. **Each team adult rep should have an account set up in advance with TechScore for filing electronic RP forms**: https://ts.hssailing.org/

11.6 As the Qualifying Round and Championship Round are scored separately, RP Information **MUST be filled out each day**, prior to the end of protest filing time. Failure to fill out RP info on time may result in a 20-point penalty added to the team score, per ISSA PR. 4.3 (a). [Scores can be viewed live here: https://scores.hssailing.org].

12 Housing

Housing will not be provided. An event rate is available at the Lakeway Marriott through the reservation link here: Event Group Rate.

13 Miscellaneous

13.1 All sailors are requested to bring their own refillable water bottles.

13.2 Water for refillable bottles will be available.

14 Travel and Transportation

14.1 Teams are responsible for their own transportation.

15 Coaching

15.1 Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from reporting Friday to ending Sunday unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.

15.2 Spectator boats may be provided. Support Personnel on the Official Spectator Boat shall be permitted to go afloat.

15.3 Coaching is allowed only on shore, or from the rotation location if not onshore.

16 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to teams first through third in both the Gold and Silver Fleets. Recognition will be given for the highest performing new team.

17 Official Notice

ISSA Code of Conduct per ISSA Procedural Rules Appendix 1 is in effect before, during and after the event and applies to all competitors and event officials, as well as support persons, coaches, parents, and spectators.

18 Rights to Use Names and Likeness:

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

19 Waiver of Liability:

19.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

19.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20 Further Information:

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