

New Orleans Great Oaks Qualifier Hosted  
by Southern Yacht Club  
October 23 , 2025

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SEISA district rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members of SEISA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 2.2. Only teams in the Greater New Orleans Area are eligible for this regatta.
- 2.3. Teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school. A minimum of 2 sailors from the same school make a team.
- 2.4. Competitors must be registered on the SEISA directory with their school sailing team and be in 9th-12th grade.

**3. Great Oaks Qualification**

- 3.1 The top finishing schools will qualify to participate in the 2025 Great Oaks Regatta, hosted by Southern Yacht Club, in accordance with the number of entries awarded to New Orleans area SEISA teams.
- 3.2. For schools with more than one team entered in this regatta, only the team with the lowest overall score will count towards Great Oaks qualification

**4. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 4.1. Eligible schools must enter by submitting the entry form by Noon on October 22nd.
- 4.2. Each New Orleans area school may register 3 boats.
- 4.3. Questions may be directed to donaldrmckoin3@gmail.com
- 4.4. Sailing Instructions will be available on TechScore by Wednesday, October 22nd.
- 4.5. If weather is an issue on Thursday, October 23rd, the backup day will be Friday, October 24th.

**5. ENTRY FEE**

- 5.1. There are no Entry Fees for participation.
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**6. BOATS**

- 6.1. C420s will be provided by Southern Yacht Club and must be sailed as provided. Boats will be assigned at check in. Sails will be provided by SYC for all teams. Boats will not be rotated. It is recommended that each team bring a bailer.

**7. Schedule:**

3:30 - 4:00 Check in will be underneath SYC and a brief meeting.

4:15 - Harbor Start

4:30 - First warning. 7 races will be attempted. 3 races will constitute a series.

No races attempted after 7:00.

**COURSES:**

8.1. Races will be modified windward-leeward once around.

**SCORING:**

9.1. The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

**PRIZES:**

10.1. No prizes will be given for this regatta, but results will be posted on TechScore

**Coaching:**

11.1 Coaches are allowed to go afloat but must stay clear of the racing area while a race is in progress. Coaches who do not have a coach boat please contact Donald McKoin with Jesuit. [Modifies ISSA PR 8(a)].

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**

12.1. No contestant 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 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(b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

**RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:**

13.1. 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.

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**

14.1. 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 4, Decision to Race.

14.2 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.

**CONTACT:**

15.1. Regatta Contact: Donald McKoin at [donaldmckoin3@gmail.com](mailto:donaldmckoin3@gmail.com)

