2026 Fall Regatta

Hosted By: Pontchartrain Yacht Club and

Corinthian Sailing Association

November 14 and 15, 2026

Notice of Race

1. RULES
   The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 and the ORR-EZ racing rule.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 5:00pm on November 10th, 2026, online at https://pontyc.org/regatta/ .

3. COMMUNICATION
   a. The official notice board will be the wall mounted glass display in the hall leading to the bar and at https://pontyc.org/regatta/ .
   b. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68 and 72.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
   a. All Divisions: Boats must have a valid 2026 GYA ORR-Ez certificate issued no later than the Skipper's Meeting. The valid certificates and your certificate number can be found at https://www.regattaman.com/cert_list.
   b. Boats without a 2026 GYA ORR-Ez Certificate may apply online at https://www.regattaman.com
   c. Boats that do not have a valid ORR-EZ Certificate may petition the race committee to assign a rating for the Regatta. This assigned rating will be a best effort for accuracy and may include a penalty. The assigned rating will not be grounds for redress.
   d. You can register online at https://pontyc.org/regatta/. Registration must be completed before each skipper's meeting.
   e. The 2026 Spring Regatta and the 2026 Fall Regatta will be used to determine the Pontchartrain Yacht Club Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Boat of the year. To be eligible boats must register noting Pontchartrain Yacht Club as the affiliated Organization

f. Divisions
    i. Spinnaker Division
    ii. Non-Spinnaker Division.

5. FEES
   There will be no entry fee for this Regatta.

6. SCHEDULE

   This event will be as follows weather permitting

Saturday, November 14, 2026	Skippers Meeting	10:00am at PYC
	First Warning Signal	11:55am

Sunday, November 15, 2026	Skippers Meeting	10:00am at PYC
	First Warning Signal	11:55am
	Awards	ASAP after racing

7. Race Time Limit (RTL) for the Regatta is 4 hours 30 minutes. Boats not completing the course within the RTL will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). See 11, Time Limits, for limitations on various courses.

8. VENUE
   Racing area will be Lake Pontchartrain, south of Pontchartrain Yacht Club and the Bayou Castine harbor entrance.

9. COURSES
   Courses will be assigned and announced at the skipper's meeting. Separate courses may be prescribed for each division. Course sequence, rounding direction and any additional requirements will be issued at the skipper's meeting. Changes to course once the race has started will be communicated on VHF Channel 68, or on the channel announced at the skipper's meeting.

10. SCORING
    a. The Low Point System scoring will be used per RRS Appendix A.
    b. One (1) completed race will constitute a series for the Fall Regatta.
    c. For the Pontchartrain Yacht Club Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Year, scores from all races sailed in the Spring and Fall regattas will be used.
    d. For the Pontchartrain Yacht Club Boat of the Year, one completed race in the Spring and one completed race in the Fall will constitute a series.

e. All boats will be handicapped using the appropriate current GYA ORR-EZ Benchmark PHRF for their declared division, or, if the boat does not have a current GYA ORR-EZ Benchmark PHRF, the rating assigned by the Race Committee under 4.c., above.

11. TIME LIMITS

    a. The time limit for steeplechase races shall be four and one half (4.5) hours.
    b. The time limit for windward/leeward races shall be one hour.

12. AWARDS

    a. First, Second and Third Place awards in each division will be given for the overall Fall Regatta.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
    Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. SAFETY
    a. All boats shall carry all US Coast Guard and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries required safety equipment.
    b. All boats shall carry a functional VHF radio.
    c. The Pontchartrain Yacht Club and the Corinthian Sailing Association of Lake Pontchartrain strongly encourage that all persons wear Personal Flotation Devices and refrain from intoxication while underway.

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