

2026 Midsummer Race

Hosted By: Pontchartrain Yacht Club

July 12, 2026



Notice of Race

1. RULES

The race 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 July 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 race.

6. SCHEDULE

This event will be as follows weather permitting

Sunday, July 12, 2026	Skippers Meeting	2:30pm at PontYC
	First Warning Signal	4:00pm
	Awards	ASAP after racing

Race Time Limit (RTL) is 4 hours 30 minutes. Racers completing the course in excess of the RTL will be scored DNF.

7. VENUE

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

8. COURSES

All divisions sail the same course. Course will be a steeplechase course using fixed markers M1, L1, and PontYC J. 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.

9. 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 Spring 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.

10. AWARDS

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

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race 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 race.

12. 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 strongly encourages that all persons wear Personal Flotation Devices and refrain from intoxication while underway.

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