

2026 Back to School Regatta

And

11th Annual Dinghy Challenge Cup

Organizing Authority: Pontchartrain Yacht Club

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September 12 -13, 2026

Notice of Race Amendment 1

Preamble

The notation [NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Portsmouth Yardstick Table of Pre-Calculated Classes.
- 1.2. The RRS Prescription to RRS 63.1(b), and the RRS Prescription in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B are not in effect.
- 1.3. Protests alleging a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, shall not be accepted from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 5:00pm on September 8th, 2026 online at <https://pontyc.org/regatta/>

3. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board will be the wall mounted glass display in the hall leading to the bar and at <https://pontyc.org/regatta>

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the following classes.

- 4.1.1. Flying Scot
- 4.1.2. Club 420 (with no trapeze and no spinnaker)
- 4.1.3. Melges 15
- 4.1.4. RS Aero
- 4.1.5. ISCA
- 4.1.6. ILCA (4,6 and 7)
- 4.1.7. Optimist (Red, White, Blue and Green)

4.2. Other classes with three or more boats at the discretion of the organizing authority.

4.3. Portsmouth class may be used to combine classes with fewer than three boats at the race committee's discretion,

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Portsmouth-Precalculated-Classes.pdf> applies.

4.4. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at

<https://pontyc.org/regatta/> by Friday, September 11th, 2026, at 11:59pm.

4.5. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

4.6. For the Dinghy Challenge Cup: Each competing Team is limited to one boat in each of the classes listed below. Dinghy Challenge Cup scoring counts the best three in each race. Teams need only have three of the classes below to enter. Teams are limited to a maximum of four classes. Teams with four classes will discard their worst score for each race.

- Optimist (Red, White or Blue)
- Club 420
- ILCA 6
- ISCA
- Melges 15
- Flying Scot

Teams must register at check-in Saturday Morning

5. FEES

5.1. Single-handed boats: \$50.00 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$55.00.

5.2. Multi-handed boats: \$70.00 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$75.00.

5.3. Registration fees are payable on Clubspot.

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday September 12th, 2026

Check-in Opens	8:30 am
Complimentary Breakfast	8:30 am to 10:00 am
Skippers Meeting	10:00 am
First Warning Signal	11:25 am
Complimentary meal after racing is completed for the day for the competitors.	

Sunday September 13th, 2026

Complimentary Breakfast	8:30am
First Waring Signal	10:25am
No Warning Signals after	2:00 pm

7. VENUE

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

8. COURSES

All classes will race windward/leeward courses. Optimists will be on a separate course from other classes.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, applies.

10. SCORING

10.1. The Low Point System scoring will be used per RRS Appendix A.

10.2. One (1) completed race will constitute a series.

10.3. If six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded.

11. AWARDS

11.1. Optimist Red, White and Blue Fleets – First through third will be awarded for each division

11.2. Optimist Green Fleet – Participants will receive a participation award. First through third will also receive an award.

11.3. All other classes – Awards will be given for first through third.

11.4. Dinghy Challenge Cup Teams – Awards will be given for first through third. Overall winning team will be inscribed on the James Edwards Trophy.

12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race and NoR 12 Risk Statement. 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.

13.1 Safety

Inherently buoyant personal flotation devices meeting U.S. Coast Guard wearable PFD regulations for Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) designated as USCG "Wearable", shall be worn, properly secured, by all competitors while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing and foul weather gear, except for a thin T-shirt or team pinnie, which may be worn over a PFD to prevent snagging of lines or equipment. Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted. This changes the preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hooper Harris, Race Committee Chair, at 281-619-4689 or hooperamity@gmail.com.

15. LODGING

Area Hotels

Comfort Inn & Suites Covington, LA
985-809-1234 Courtyard Marriott
Covington, LA 985-871-0244 Hampton
Inn Covington, LA 985-809-0019
Holiday Inn & Suites Covington, LA 985-
893-3580 Homewood Suites Covington,
LA 985-809-6144
La Quinta Inn & Suites Covington, LA 985-
871-0356 Super 8 Covington, LA 985-892-
4470

Bed & Breakfast

Mar Villa Guest House 2013 Claiborne Street,
Mandeville, LA 70448 985-626-5975,
www.marvilla.com

Pontchartrain Winds 434 Girod Street,
Mandeville, LA 70448 225-939-8098,
www.pontchartrainwinds.com

de La Bleau B & B 124 Lafitte St, Mandeville,
LA 70448 (985) 629-4646,
www.delableau.com

Blue Heron B & B 510 Girod Street, Mandeville,
LA 70448 985-373-8902,
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