

2026 Bastille Day Regatta

Saturday July 11, 2026

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority

New Orleans Yacht Club, 403 N Roadway St., New Orleans, LA 70124.

2. Rules

All races will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association except where altered by this notice and the Sailing Instructions. NOYC's General Sailing Instructions will be used. Please see <https://noyc.org/gensi> for SI's, class flags, course diagrams, and racing area chart.

Any change to the SIs shall be posted on the official notice board 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted on the official notice board by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Safety

1. All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and [INSERT STATE] safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race, continue racing, or if wearing a life jacket is appropriate. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing of life jackets while on the water.
2. All boats shall carry a functional VHF radio and monitor channel 69. The Race Committee Will monitor channel 69.

4. Eligibility

These races are open to all spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats.

1. Yachts may register in advance online at [2025 Bastille Day Regatta](#) or at the club on the day of the race. No entry is complete until payment has been received.
2. A valid EZ certificate is required. EZ certificates may be obtained by visiting EZ Racing Rule – Offshore Racing Association (<https://ezracingrule.org/ez>). Direct questions about the rating certificate process to info@regattaman.com.

5. Fees

The entry fee is \$30.00 or \$25.00 for NOYC members. Payment may be made by credit card, cash, club charge, etc. Payment options are available on NOYC.org.

6. Notice to Competitors or Changes to Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the rear entrance, on Regatta Network, or announced at the skipper's meeting.

7. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in dry storage. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

8. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	
July 11	0845	Skipper's Meeting
	0955	Warning Signal – Up to 3 Races Attempted No races will be attempted after 1300
	After Race (est 1330)	Awards
	1300	Wine Tasting Event and Party

9. Classes and Class Flags

Class breaks will be announced at the skipper's meeting. At a minimum there will be one spinnaker and one non-spinnaker class.

10. Racing Area and Course

The racing area will be located on the South shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

11. Non-Spinnaker Sail Restrictions - These may be altered at the skipper's meeting.

1. Only one headsail may be carried at any time except when changing headsails. The headsail may be roller furling, a headsail that is attached with a twin foil headstay or a headsail that is hanked to the headstay with hanks no further apart than 48 inches. No spinnaker may be carried. No bloopers may be carried. No pole-less spinnaker or gennaker may be carried. Staysails are permitted; however, the tack must be attached no less than 1/3 the distance of the "J" measurement behind the jib tack point. The distance behind the jib plus the LP of the Staysail must not be greater than the rated LP of the boat. Yawl and Ketch rigged vessels may carry mizzen staysails.
2. Whisker poles are to be no longer than the yacht's spinnaker pole (usually "J" measurement, found on PHRF Certificate) and must be attached to the mast. Only one Whisker Pole may be carried at any time.

12. Time Limit

The time limit expires 30 minutes after the first boat in a class finishes if there are multiple classes or 60 minutes after the first boat in the spinnaker or non-spinnaker fleet finishes if there is only one class in that fleet. If no boat in a class finishes within 2 hours, the time limit will expire for the entire class.

13. Protests -

1. Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) and Appendix T (Arbitration) of the RRS will apply.
2. Protest hearings are intended to be in-person, but may be conducted virtually, depending upon instructions from the protest committee.

14. Scoring

Each class shall be scored using the low point system of Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded. This is a BOTY regatta.

15. Prizes

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded for each class. It is the goal to award prizes 90 minutes after the last boat finishes.

16. Information

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