



**Southern Yacht Club  
 Notice of Race  
 2010 Southern Nichols Cup  
 Invitational MASTERS Team Races  
 March 6 - 7, 2010**

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1. **Invitation:** The Southern Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority and challenging host extends this invitation to compete in the 2010 Southern Nichols Cup Masters Team Races on March 6 and 7, 2010. The format will be one or more round robins, with the possibility of a championship round(s). Final format and rotations will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
2. **Boats:** The event will be sailed in Flying Scot class boats, which will be provided by the Southern Yacht Club. Complete requirements and assignments will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to race with spinnakers.
3. **Site and Courses:** Racing will be conducted on one starting line on Lake Pontchartrain, north of Southern Yacht Club. Course details will be provided at the Skippers meeting.
4. **Skippers Meeting:** The Skippers meeting, Boat Drawing and distribution of Sailing Instructions will be on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at 0900 hrs.
5. **Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the 2009 - 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D (Team Racing Rule), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions. The event is subject to the Advertising restrictions defined in ISAF Regulation 20 and Advertising Code.
6. **Eligibility:**
  - a. Each Club team will consist of 3 boats, each with 3 crew (including the skipper) in all races, with a **MINIMUM** combined weight of 480 pounds per boat.
  - b. All skippers and crew members must be members of the yacht club they represent, however, substitutions may be made at the discretion of the PRO.
  - c. Each skipper must be 45 years of age and a member of US Sailing at the time of the event; each crew must be 40 years of age at the time of the event.
7. **Schedule:** Friday, March 5, 2010 - The bar and restaurant at Southern Yacht Club will be open, and we will have an informal reception of participants.

<u>March 6</u>	<u>March 7</u>
0830 Continental Breakfast	0830 Continental Breakfast
0900 Skippers' Meeting	1000 First Warning
0945 Harbor Start	1530 Last start
1000 First Warning Signal	1630 Awards (Debriefing prior to awards)
1630 Debriefing (after de-rigging)	
1900 Cocktails	
1930 Dinner	

**8. Scoring:** Each race will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix D3. The series scores will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D4.

**9. Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners:** Continental Breakfast will be provided each morning. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for all crewmembers of each team. Dinner on Saturday night will be provided free of charge to all crewmembers of each team. Additional dinners may be purchased at \$45.00 per person. Gentlemen are expected to wear a blazer and tie at the banquet.

**10. Entry Deadlines, Fees and Damage Deposit:** The deadline for receipt of entries is February 6, 2010. The entry fee is US \$1,000 per team plus a refundable damage deposit of \$1,200 (US) per team. Both must be presented with the entry form. Checks may be made payable to the Southern Yacht Club.

**11. Prizes:** The Southern Nichols Cup will be awarded to the winning yacht club for a period of one year, however the perpetual trophy shall remain at Southern Yacht Club. A suitable keeper trophy will be presented, along with prizes for first, second and third place teams.

**12. Conduct and Responsibility:**

a. The skipper shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Southern Yacht Club, the skipper will be held responsible.

b. The Southern Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Southern Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Southern Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

**13. Spectator Boats:** A spectator boat will be available for non-sailing guests.

**14. Further Information:**

For further information please contact Team Racing Chairman  
John Alden Meade  
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

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(504) 899-4234 (home)  
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- 15. Housing:** Southern Yacht Club itself is only 15 minutes from the airport and downtown hotels. Metairie hotels are between Southern Yacht Club and the airport.

Downtown Hotels (Rates change daily - best to use internet or call directly)

- 1) Royal St. Charles, in Warehouse District, steps away from Quarter  
(504) 587-3700
- 2) Marriot Hotel, one block from French Quarter  
(504) 581-1000
- 3) Sheraton Hotel, one block from French Quarter  
(504) 525-2500
- 4) Royal Sonesta, in heart of French Quarter  
(504) 586-0300
- 5) Hilton, 8 blocks away from Quarter, overlooking River  
(504) 525-0044

Metairie Hotels

- 1) Metairie Marriot, 3838 N. Causeway Blvd, (504) 836-5253
- 2) Sleep Inn & Suites of Metairie, (504) 887-5337
- 3) Days Inn, Causeway and I-10, (504) 833-8201 or (800) 465-4329
- 4) La Quinta, Causeway and I-10, (504) 835-8511 (800) 531-5900
- 5) Ramada Limited, Causeway and I-10, (504) 835-4141

Southern Yacht Club  
TEAM ENTRY FORM  
2010 Southern Nichols Cup - Invitational Team Races  
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Yacht Club:

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Address:

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Team

Captain:

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Boat #1

Skipper:

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Boat #2 Skipper:

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Boat #3 Skipper:

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Please sent entry fee (\$1,000.00) and damage deposit (\$1,200.00) checks with this form prior to February 6, 2010.

To: SYC  
c/o John Alden Meade  
Odom & Des Roches, LLP  
650 Poydras St., Suite 2020  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Remit separate checks for damage deposit and entry fee.  
Make checks payable to the Southern Yacht Club.

*For information and questions contact:  
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