

**Notice of Race for
The Great Oaks Invitational Regatta
November 9-11, 2007
Hosted by SEISA at Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, Louisiana**

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of sailing 2005-2008, the Prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. This regatta is classified as a Category A event.

2. Eligibility

2.1 A school that has been a continuous member of ISSA and has not qualified for the Mallory or Baker regattas in the past four years, or one that joins this year for the first time, is eligible to enter the selection process in its district. Selection of schools is by district initiative.

2.2 A team is comprised of no fewer than two, or more than four sailors who are full time students in the school they represent. Each team will sail one boat. Competing schools must be current members of ISSA. Eighth grade students are eligible to compete. Seventh grade students or below are not eligible. Sailors must be accompanied by a designated adult chaperone, who may be an advisor, coach or parent.

2.3 The regatta has 30 berths which will be allocated by ISSA.

2.4 Entries should be sent to Yvonne Pottharst, Great Oaks Regatta Chair, c/o Southern Yacht Club, 105 N. Roadway Drive, New Orleans, LA. 70124. Cell# 504-421-3819.
e-mail : tern4true@aol.com

3. Entry and Communication

3.1 Eligible schools and sailors must enter by filing an entry form with entry fee and damage deposit with Yvonne Pottharst prior to October 13, 2007. Liability and medical release forms will be required at the time of registration. Make one check for entry fee and one check for damage deposit payable to Southern Yacht Club.

3.2 ISSA membership will be verified at registration.

3.3 Invited teams that are unable to compete must notify Yvonne Pottharst at Southern YC, as well as ISSA as soon as possible. ISSA will reallocate the vacancies.

4. Entry Fee and Damage Deposit

4.1 There will be an entry fee of \$100.00 per team. Four food packages are included with the entry fee.

4.2 A damage deposit of \$100.00, separate check, must accompany the entry form.

5. Schedule

Friday November 9, 2007

1400-1700 Registration at Southern YC, boats available for practice after completing registration.

Free Evening

Saturday November 10, 2007

Continental breakfast at Southern YC

0830-0900 Last minute registration.

0900 Mandatory skippers meeting.

1030 First warning. Racing throughout the day. Lunch break by Race Committee.

Free evening

Sunday November 11, 2007

0830 Continental breakfast at Southern YC

1030 First warning. Racing throughout the day. Lunch break by Race Committee.

1600 **FIRM** No race will be started after 1600.

1700 After race snack and trophy presentation.

6. Race Area

6.1 The race area will be on Lake Pontchartrain northeast of the SYC clubhouse.

7. Courses

7.1 The Race Committee will determine courses in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. Short college style courses are expected.

8 Scoring

8.1 The regatta will be scored using ISSA Procedural Rules. There will be no throw outs. Protest procedures will be per ISSA Procedural Rules with amplifying details outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9 Housing

9.1 Housing will not be provided. Contact Yvonne Pottharst for Hotel Information.

10. Food and Beverages

10.1 Four packages are included in the entry fee. A food package will be available to additional sailors, coaches and chaperones at \$22.00 each. The package will consist of 2 continental breakfasts, 2 boxed lunches, and a snack after the last race of each day. On the water beverages will be furnished as part of the package as well.

11. Travel and transportation

11.1 New Orleans International Airport is by far the most convenient airport.

Teams are responsible for their own transportation.

12. Coaching

12.1 No coach or parent boats will be allowed. Spectator boats will be provided. If weather conditions will allow, a floating dock will be towed out to the race course to facilitate on the water boat rotation. Once this floating dock is anchored, it is considered an extension of the land. Coaching will be allowed on the floating dock.

13. Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be awarded for teams first thru fifth place.

14 Official Notice

No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source alleging such a breach, a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors and the chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1. If a hearing under RRS 69.1 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.1(b) may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team.