

NOTICE OF RACE

MARDI GRAS RACE WEEK 2011

~ One Design ~ Sport Boat ~ GYA Capdevielle ~ Multi-Hull ~
March 10th through March 13th, 2011

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY/HOST

New Orleans Yacht Club (NOYC)
403 N. Roadway - New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 283-2581
Mardigrasraceweek.org & Noyc.org

2. RULES

This regatta shall be governed by: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), Prescriptions of US Sailing, GYA Rules for Capdevielle Events, Class Rules and GYA PHRF rules. The Mardi Gras Race Week Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall govern in the event of conflict. Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

3. ENTRIES

- **GYA CAPDEVIELLE:** Optional Alternate Format

- **ONE DESIGN:** Minimum 6 boats required constituting a class – All OD classes must have 6 boats registered by February 28, 2011 in order to be scored and run by RC. All Classes Welcomed: Melges 24/32, Viper 640, Moths, Finn, V-15, J/30, J/24, J/22, Lightning, Open Flying Scott, Club 420, R-19, Fish Boats, Sunfish, Optimist, etc. If your class is interested but not listed, please contact Troy Gilbert at (504) 231.3504.

- **SPORT BOATS:** PHRF Boats must be single hulled, self-righting, watertight sailing vessels with enclosed cabins and self-bailing cockpits. 5.2.2 Boats must have a valid PHRF rating certificate issued by the GYA PHRF Rating Committee with a PHRF rating in the range of -30 to 127 and not covered by a one-design class. The MGRW Committee must receive a valid PHRF or class certificate no later than at the Skipper's Meeting. PHRF Spinnaker racing.

- **MULTIHULL:** 5.3 Multi-Hull Fleet 5.4.1 Any multihull boat over 22.5 feet in length having a current PHRF Handicap number from a US Sailing recognized multihull association. 6 boats constitute a class.

- **KITEBOARDS:** All kiteboards will be raced by the Cat 5 Class Association under their guidelines, RC and rules. Registration is still required.

- **EASTERLY WORLDS:** Minimum of 4 boats to constitute a class. Racing will be held on Saturday March 12 & Sunday March 13. Minimum of 3 races constitutes a series.

- **KREWE of WREX:** Spectator boat parade raft/up and Krewe of Wrex Mardi Gras Ball. Registration is required. Awards given for most outstanding and lavishly decorated boat float and include a registration packet.

4. REGISTRATION

Registration must be completed (Entry Form filed and payment submitted) prior to 1 hour before the first warning signal for that boat's class. No registration will be accepted on the water. Those boats not registered will not be scored. Registration may be completed during any Registration Period prior to that boat's Skippers

Meeting. You may register on-line at mardigrasraceweek.org, by phone (504) 283-2581, by mail, email or in person. The MGRW Committee requests that skippers register early so that trophies and merchandise items may be ordered and engraved well in advance of the regatta.

Entries should be mailed to: Mardi Gras Race Week Committee C/O NOYC 403 N Roadway Drive, New Orleans, La 70124. **Email/CC registration is available immediately by contacting [buzzy \[at\] noyc \[dot\] org](mailto:buzzy@noyc.org).**

5. ENTRY FEES *(US Funds: Cash, Check made payable to NOYC, Visa and MasterCard.)*

- GYA Capdevielle: No registration fee required
- Optimist: \$20.00
- Kiteboarders: \$20.00
- Krewe of Wrex: \$25.00
- Single handed One Design Boats: \$55.00
- <3 handed One Design/Sport Boats: \$75.00
- >3 handed One Design/Sport Boats/Multi-hull: \$105.00
- Easterly: \$85.00

6. DISCOUNTS

- US Sailing members (must present member card) may deduct \$5.00.
- Early registration and payment via online/email registration or through mail received or postmarked before February 10, 2011 shall receive a \$10 discount. ENTRY FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THIS DATE TO RECEIVE THIS DISCOUNT – NO EXCEPTIONS. The early registration/US Sailing discount does not apply to the Optimist, Krewe of Wrex or Kiteboarder classes. Refunds are available if the MGRW committee is notified via email before March 5, 2011.

7. ENTRY PACKET

Registration fee includes a welcome packet with one wrist band for the skipper and up to 3 crew members to include continental breakfast on race days, access to all events, open food buffets and Saturday evening Krewe of Wrex Mardi Gras ball with live music. Additional all inclusive regatta wristbands which give the wearer access to all events and food buffets including the Krewe of Wrex Mardi Gras Ball can be purchased for \$25.00 each.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *(All events are to be held at NOYC unless otherwise noted.)*

Wednesday 03/09

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| 1800hrs to 1930hrs | Registration for all classes. |
| 1900hrs | MGRW Meet & Greet Social Orientation, NOYC Grill |

Thursday 03/10 (tune-up/practice racing)

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| 1000hrs | Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast |
| 1000hrs to 1130hrs | Registration for all classes. |
| 1100hrs | Skippers Meeting for practice races |
| 1200hrs | First Warning Signal |
| 1400hrs | Viper 640 demos |
| 1600hrs to 1900hrs | Registration for all classes. |

1900hrs Welcome to MGRW Party, live music, drink specials and Red Beans & Rice/King Cake buffet.

Friday 03/11

0900hrs Club open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” and Continental breakfast
1000hrs Skippers Meeting for races.
1100hrs First Warning Signal
0500hrs Crawfish boil/NOLA Brewing kegs in NOYC dry storage, NOYC Grill
1600hrs to 1900hrs Registration for Capdevielle, Easterly, Optimist & Kiteboards.
1900hrs MGRW Mt. Gay Rum Cocktail Party, live music, drink specials, daily awards, NOYC Grill, ***GYA/One-Design Flip-Cup championship (registration required)***.

Saturday 03/12

0830hrs Club Open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” plus continental breakfast
0830hrs to 1000hrs Registration for Capdevielle, Easterly, Optimist & Kiteboards.
1100hrs Skippers Meeting for Capdevielle/Open Scots and all other One Design classes. Optimist skipper’s meeting to be held at Southern Yacht Club
1200hrs First Warning Signal for Capdevielle/Open Scots and all other One Design classes, additional races to follow.
1200hrs Krewe of Wrex parade and spectator boat raft-up, press/sponsor boat.
1600 hrs After Race Party, cash bar, NOYC Grill
1900hrs The Mt. Gay Rum Krewe of Wrex Mardi Gras Ball with live music, cash bar, drink Specials, Gumbo Cookoff, daily racing and parade awards

Sunday 03/13

0830hrs Club Open – “Bloody Mary Mornings and Mardi Gras Mimosas” plus continental breakfast
1100hrs First Warning Signal for Capdevielle/Open Scots and all other One Design classes. No starts after 1400hrs.
1400hrs After Race Party Drink Specials, cash bar, NOYC Grill
1600hrs Awards & trophy presentations

9. NUMBER of RACES

GYA Capdevielle – 5 Races will be scheduled in accordance with the Optional Alternate Format as described in Appendix G of the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events. For all other One Design/Sport/Multi classes – Minimum 5 races constitute a series, with as many races attempted as possible at the discretion of the Race Committee or unless otherwise noted. No starts after 1530hrs on Saturday 2/20. No starts after 1400hrs on Sunday 2/21.

10. SCORING

For all classes – The RRS Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used. However, no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

11. PRIZES

Daily and Overall Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd for each class. Overall Prizes will be awarded on the last day of racing for all remaining classes at the After Race Party. Krewe of Wrex awards will be awarded on Saturday evening. Capdevielle Prizes will be awarded according to GYA Guidelines. ***The Mardi Gras Race Week Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the overall regatta winner of the largest participating one design class.***

12. SKIPPER'S MEETING

The Skipper's Meetings will be held at New Orleans Yacht Club (unless otherwise noted – see Optimists) at which time Sailing Instructions will be distributed to the entrants. A representative of each boat shall attend this meeting. All crewmembers are encouraged to attend the meeting.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, 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 regatta.

14. RACING AREA

The racing area will be located on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain - (NOAA. Chart 11369).

15. LODGING

Detailed information on lodging and logistics can be found on the MGRW website – mardigrasraceweek.org

16. INFORMATION

mardigrasraceweek.org

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**NOR subject to change before February 10th, 2011.*

*** Crawfish dinner in dry storage may change based on availability, weather and market.*