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## SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

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To:

Commodores of General and Affiliate Members  
GYA Executive Committee  
GYA Past Commodores  
GYA Standing Committee and Council Chairmen  
GYA Coordinator of each GYA General Member Club  
GYA Associate Members  
Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Participants

We are looking forward to seeing you at Southern Yacht Club for the GYA Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Centennial Regatta over this Labor Day weekend. In addition to exciting sailboat racing, we have the entire weekend lined up with food, beverages and parties for everyone to enjoy.

In response to a COVID-19 surge and the Delta variant, the Mayor of New Orleans implemented a citywide mandate requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination or a negative PCR test (within 72 hours) for indoor restaurants, bars and parties. This is in addition to a mask mandate already in place for all people indoors regardless of vaccination status. Details can be found on the City of New Orleans Website at: <https://ready.nola.gov/incident/coronavirus/safe-reopening>.

We are making the following adjustments to adhere to the mayor's mandates while providing an enjoyable regatta and celebration for everyone.

The Team Reunion Party on Saturday and the Gala on Sunday will be held outdoors under the Club and on the front lawn. We have arranged for a large tent on the lawn for additional shade and several cooling fans to help keep everyone comfortable. Those without wristbands indicating a COVID-19 vaccination or negative PCR test must wear facemasks during the Team Reunion and Gala parties unless eating while seated at a table.

Wristbands will be provided at the welcome desk for those presenting a COVID-19 vaccination or negative PCR test (results within 72 hours) which will allow access throughout our club. Masks are not required outdoors (see exception during parties) but are required indoors for everyone.

SYC is required to follow the City of New Orleans mandates and appreciates everyone's cooperation in the best interest of safety. Our Board of Governors believes having the parties outdoors will allow everyone to enjoy our wonderful food, beverages, bands and celebrations throughout the weekend. Our many volunteers have been planning this regatta for two years and guarantee a memorable event.

I look forward to seeing you, your family and team on the water.

/s Richard D. Provensal, Commodore  
Southern Yacht Club