

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

# 1699 Regatta Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron at Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, MS April 25-26, 2015

# 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing and by the Sailing Instructions.

# 2. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to vessels with a US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick rating. One design classes (Hobie 16, Hobie Wave, Club 420, Laser Radial, Sunfish, Optimist, etc.) are <u>highly encouraged</u> and a minimum of five boats will qualify any one design class for separate one design class awards, and in some cases, a separate start sequence.

If there is sufficient interest and participants, a team racing event may be held on Sunday.

# 3. ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

Entry Fees are \$17.00 per boat. Fees shall be paid in credit card online or by cash or check made payable to Ocean Springs Yacht Club if registering late on the first day of the regatta. If registering on the day of the regatta, it will be done via Regatta Network at OSYC.

Eligible boats must register online at www.regattanetwork.com .

# 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 25, 2015		Sunday, April 26	Sunday, April 26, 2015	
Competitor's Meeting	0930	First Signal	1000	
First Signal	1100	No Start After	1400	
		Trophy Presentation	As soon as possible after the conclusion of racing	

# 7. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

There will be a competitor's meeting on Saturday, April 25th under the clubhouse.

# 8. VENUE

The sailing venue will be in beautiful Biloxi Bay.

### 10. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, (except that a boats worst score will not be discarded unless 6 races are completed). Boats not in a one design class will be scored via the Portsmouth Yardstick. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

# **11. PENALTIES**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

### **12. TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded 1st – 3rd in each class. A class consists of five or more boats. The class trophy registration cutoff is Wednesday April 22.

#### 13. SAFETY

In addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 40 and it's U.S. Sailing Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

#### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

#### **16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Preliminary sailing Instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in. The courses to be sailed will be contained in the sailing instructions.

#### 17. COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward or triangle courses.

#### **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact

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