

Dear Hobie Mid-Winters East/North Competitors,

Here is a handy summary of our meal/social events throughout MWE:

Thursday, 6 April:

Check in/registration will run from 1500 – 1900. The Club is offering a \$8.00 Burger & a beer special for regatta sailors. Just let the server know you are with the regatta.

Friday, 7 April:

Breakfast will be served upstairs at the club at 0800.

Dinner Friday night: The club is offering a Fish and Shrimp Buffet upstairs in the dining room. The fee is \$15.00 and tickets can be bought along with registration or at check-in Thursday.

Saturday, 8 April:

Breakfast will be served upstairs at the club at 0800.

Dinner Saturday Night is a downstairs event with Jambalaya and Live Music and is included with your registration fee for the registered crew from your entry. You can bring your friends too but they will be charged \$15.00. Additional information about that event from our High School Sailing Coordinator is immediately below:

- I wanted to provide you with a little insight into the Saturday night dinner, which starts at 6 PM. This dinner will be a fundraiser for the Ocean Springs High School Sailing team. The team, composed of about 25 students in grades 7-12, sails 420s in the local high school circuit. The team has a number of new sailors to replace last year's graduates as well as a new coach. Enthusiasm is high and the competitive skills are coming right along. The money raised will go toward a new set of racing sails and general boat maintenance.
- Not only is the fundraiser for a great cause, but the jambalaya will be excellent. I have personally had Chef Boudreaux's jambalaya on several occasions and can say without reservation that it is the best I have ever had. There will also be a live band. Dinner will be served at 6 PM.
- Your dinner fee includes water and tea. Other beverages will be available at the cash bar.

Those of you who wish to attend this festive event but aren't registered for the Regatta are welcome to buy tickets with cash or check at check-in or at the event that evening. Please come and enjoy a nice evening under the Club and help support our highly motivated (and competitive) youth sailors!

Sunday, 9 April:

Breakfast will be served upstairs at the club at 0800.

At the conclusion of race activities, while scoring is being finalized, food will be available from the Club menu on a cash basis.

Lodging Options:

Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center

13701 Paso Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564, (228) 875-4211 or toll free (866) 875-4211

This is a nice place that is nearby and supports our regattas. They are holding a block of rooms for us and are offering the \$89.99 "Locals" rate to sailors from the regatta. To get that rate you have to call the hotel direct at one of the numbers above, tell them you are with the OS Regatta, and reserve away. That rate **will not** be available via the on-line booking services.

Travelodge Ocean Springs

500 Bienville Blvd, Ocean Springs, MS 39564, (228) 215-1144

This hotel is closest to the club and may still have limited availability. Once again, we are competing with Spring Breakers so reserve early & beat the rush.

Camping: Those who wish to camp at OSYC during MWE are welcome to do so. For free. No charge. Nada, zip, zero dollars required. RVs/tow-behind Campers will only be permitted to set up on the parking lot side of the club. Tent Camping will be permitted on the lawn on the water side of the club. We have two hot-water showers available under the club and the restrooms upstairs will be open for the duration of the event.

Note: Electrical, water and waste connections will not be available for any campers. RV or Tow-Behind Campers be ready to run your generator or run on batteries.

Another camping option is at the Gulf Islands National Seashore Davis Bayou campground. This is in Ocean Springs, near the hospital, perhaps 10 minutes from OSYC. Info available at:
<https://www.nps.gov/guis/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm>

Another option worth checking out is www.Airbnb.com for many surprisingly reasonable house/condo rentals in Ocean Springs.