



NOTICE OF RACE

2019 Island Hop Regatta

July 6-7, 2019

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

VENUE: This is an offshore distance race with sailing taking place in Biloxi Bay and the Mississippi Sound.

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing

CLASSES: The regatta is open to all multihull vessels 16 feet and longer with a Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) rating. One design classes are encouraged and a minimum of five boats will qualify any one design class for separate one design class awards. Eligible boats must register online at www.regattanetwork.com.

ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION: The Registration Fee is \$80 with a \$25 late fee if registered after 6/28/2019. The entry fee includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, dinner Saturday evening, breakfast on Sunday, and two regatta t-shirts. Fees shall be paid to Regatta Network online or by cash or check made payable to OSSS at event check-in. Registrations will only be accepted through Regatta Network.

In an effort to bring back the days when sailors tent-camped on the club grounds and socialized under the club in the evenings, we are offering a discounted Registration Fee of \$60 (w/ \$25 late fee after 6/28/19) to those who tent-camp on the Yacht Club lawn. The Saturday Night Dinner will be Pizza and a Movie under the club. Save some \$\$, have some fun, relive some memories – it could be fun, give it a shot!

TROPHIES: Trophies for fleets registered as of 28 June 2019 will be awarded 1st – 3rd in each overall class, as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Gulf Hills Hotel 228.875.4211 / toll free 866.875.4211. When calling mention you are an OSYC Regatta competitor. Do NOT use online booking services

Golden Nugget Casino (228) 435-5400

Travelodge Ocean Springs (228) 215-1144

Check out www.Airbnb.com for many surprisingly reasonable house/condo rentals in Ocean Springs
Primitive RV parking and Tent Camping available for free on site **No water, electric or sewer hookups**

SCHEDULE:

Friday, July 5th, 2019

Onsite Check in: 1700-1900

Saturday, July 6th, 2019

Onsite Check in: 0830-0900

Breakfast: 0830-0930

Competitor's Meeting: 0930

First Signal: 1030

Dinner: 1800 (approx)

Sunday, July 7th, 2019

Breakfast: 0830-0930

Competitor's Meeting: 0930

First Signal: 1030

COURSES :

1. OSYC Beach to Eastern Tip of **Ship Island**. Route is free. (Yes, you see that right, all you have to honor is the start and finish lines. Choose your route and sail fast!)
2. Eastern Tip of **Ship Island** to OSYC Beach. Route is free. (Reverse of course 1)
3. Buoy races in the bay with no race started after 1400
4. A distance race inside the bay on a triangular 6.2 mi course (OSYC Steeplechase Course)
5. Around Deer Island

The course choice will be announced at the Competitor's meeting and will be chosen to provide the best sailing given the anticipated weather conditions

FURTHER INFORMATION

In the COURSES section immediately above you will see that the regatta hopes to sail to Ship Island and back rather than Horn Island as has been the practice for this regatta. This is due to the Gulf Island National Park, in an effort to reduce users of Horn Island, have elected to no longer issue permits for organized event use. Since everyone seems to enjoy racing to an Island for lunch we opted to go to Ship Island instead.

Jay Shuman, Regatta Chairman

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