

LOW COUNTRY HOOK OCEAN RACE

23-24 August 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority of the Hook Ocean Race is the Skidaway Island Boating Club (SIBC) and the Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island (YCHHI)

1. RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to all non-planing monohull sailboats having an overall length of at least 22 feet and not longer than 50 feet.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form available at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19048> together with the required fee by **12 August 2019**.

2.3 Late entries may be accepted by the race committee but will not be eligible for early registration discount.

2.4 There will be separate classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising (roller furling main and fixed blade propeller, or as determined by the race committee).

3. OTHER RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

3.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

3.2 All boats shall be sailed by at least two persons.

3.3 At all times, boats shall monitor and keep clear of commercial traffic.

3.4 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for category Nearshore are suggested.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is \$125 per boat.

4.2 Early registration discount of \$25 is available for entries received by **24 July 2019**.

4.3 Registrations are non-refundable after **19 August 2019**.

4.4 Dockage on 23 August and 24 August, meals, beverages and other personal costs are not included in the entry fee.

4.5 An awards dinner will be at Landings Harbor Marina on Saturday, 24 August 2018. Each registered boat will receive one free dinner, all other dinners must be paid for by **19 August**. Dinner reservations may be made and paid for at the SIBC web site or by check to SIBC.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Starting times are approximate and will be finalized in the Sailing Instructions.

5.2 Date Time Description

08/24 (Friday)

Competitors arrive Harbour Town Yacht Basin

6:00PM Cash bar at the Quarterdeck at Harbour Town

7:00PM Skippers meeting at the covered Pavilion on the dock at Harbour Town

Dinner available for purchase at The Quarterdeck (casual attire)-One meal is included with boat registration.

08/18 (Saturday)

9:55AM Warning signal for first class

5:00PM Time limit expires

6:00PM Cash bar at Landings Harbor Marina

7:00PM Awards and catered dinner at Landings Harbor Marina- One meal is included with boat registration. Live Music performed at the awards dinner.

08/19 (Sunday)

10:00am Transient boats must depart Landings Harbor Marina

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available **July 31, 2019** and at the skippers meeting **August 23, 2019** .

7. VENUE AND COURSE

7.1 The race area will include the Calibogue Sound, Atlantic Ocean, Wassaw Sound, and the Wilmington River

7.2 The race course will be described in the Sailing Instructions which will be available 31 July 2019.

7.3 The start will be near G3 south of Hilton Head Island with the finish just north of Landings Harbor Marina.

7.4 All government navigation buoys in Wassaw Sound and the Wilmington River must be honored on their required side.

8. SCORING AND PRIZES

8.1 The race will consist of one race from near Hilton Head Island to Landings Harbor Marina on Skidaway Island.

8.2 Awards for each class will be given to first, second and third places during the awards dinner at Landings Harbor.

8.3 PHRF ratings for boats without a valid or previous PHRF certificate will be assigned by the race committee. Time allowances will be calculated based on time on time scoring.

9. DOCKAGE

9.1 Dockage at **Landings Harbor Marina is limited**. Boats requiring dockage will be assigned space based on the order of receipt of completed registration form and payment of entry fee. A form for Dockage at Harbour Town will be provided.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in the race 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 race.

11. INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

12. Cancellation of Race

12.1 Safety of Boats and Competitors is a top priority. The Race Committee and PRO will assess the weather before starting the race and will determine delays, course changes, postponement, and cancellation

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org> or Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island <http://www.yachtclubhh.org/>

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