



# U.S. MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP



## NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: US Sailing  
Hosted by: Ocean Springs Yacht Club OSYC  
Ocean Springs, Mississippi  
April 6-9, 2017  
Posted January 20, 2017



### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) rules, US Sailing's Championship Conditions, the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Membership in US Sailing is required at all levels of competition for US citizens and resident-aliens entries.
- 3.2. HCA-NA membership is mandatory.
- 3.3. This event is open to any Hobie 17 sailor.
- 3.4. Competitors may enter online at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=13808](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=13808)

### 4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is US \$195.00 and is payable using Regatta Network
- 4.2. Competitors registering after March 1, 2017 may not receive an event shirt.
- 4.3. No refunds after March 15, 2017.
- 4.4. Registration closes at 0900 on Monday, April 6, 2017.
- 4.5. Proof of \$100,000 liability insurance is required at registration.

### 5. BOATS AND CHARTERS

- 5.1. This event is a Bring-Your-Own Boat regatta to be sailed on Hobie 17 catamarans.
- 5.2. The Organizing Authority will have no role or responsibility regarding chartered boats. Charter boats may be available. It will be the responsibility of the lessee and the boat owner to work out all costs and logistics.





## 6. HOUSING

No housing is provided by the organizing authority. A room rate has been arranged at the Travelodge Hotel in Ocean Spring, MS.

Travelodge Ocean Springs  
500 Bienville Blvd  
Ocean Springs, Ms 39564 Us  
Phone: 228-215-1144  
Fax: 228-215-1348

## 7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Thursday 4/06/2017

0800 – Check-in and registration at Ocean Springs Yacht Club  
1000 – Competitor’s meeting  
1100 – Scheduled First Warning Signal  
Evening – on your own

### Friday 4/07/2017

1030 – Scheduled First Warning Signal  
Evening – Dinner at OSYC at competitor expense - tickets available at check-in.

### Saturday 4/08/2017

1030 – Scheduled First Warning Signal  
Evening – Dinner at OSYC – included in registration

### Sunday 4/09/2017

1030 - Scheduled First Warning Signal  
1400 – No warning signal will be made after this time  
Evening – Awards dinner at OSYC

## 8. MEASUREMENT

Boats will not be weighed or inspected for class rule compliance at the event. However, competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment is class legal according to the IHCA class rules. During the competition, any boat may be subject to inspection and or protested for noncompliance with the IHCA class rules.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Official Sailing Instructions will be available at check in.
- 9.2. Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be posted on the Regatta Network event page.

## 10. VENUE

The championship will be sailed at Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, Mississippi.



## **11. THE COURSES**

Course diagrams will be included with the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **SCORING**

12.1. In accordance with RRS A2, a competitor's worst score shall be excluded after five (5) races are completed.

12.2. Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

## **13. SUPPORT BOATS**

This event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US Sailing's Support Vessel Guidelines at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy>. Support boats are allowed but must be outside of the racing area. No private/team coaching is allowed.

## **14. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

14.1. Competitors shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

14.2. A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.1.

## **15. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

15.1. US Sailing Regulation 10.03 Prohibited Substances will apply

15.2. For US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law or any alcoholic beverages.

An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

## **16. COMMUNICATION**

16.1. Competitors are permitted to carry VHF radios while racing. Except for emergencies or retirement from a race, a boat shall not make VHF radio transmissions while racing. A boat shall not receive radio communications that are not available to all boats.



### 17. PRIZES

- 17.1. US Sailing medals and keeper trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place competitors.
- 17.2. The winning competitor will have his or her name placed on the Hobie Alter Trophy.
- 17.3. The highest-ranking U.S. competitor will be named the 2017 U.S. Multihull Champion.

### 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club, sponsors and their respective employees, agents or appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**\*\*NOTE: this event will share a course with Midwinters East (April 7-9)**