



NOTICE OF RACE

2018 Island Hop Regatta

July 7-8, 2018

Organizing Authority: Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

1. RULES

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

2. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all multihull vessels 16 feet long and longer with a US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick 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 .

3. ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is \$80 if registered prior to 2359 on 7/1/2018, \$100 thereafter. The entry fee includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, dinner Saturday evening, muffins and fruit breakfast on Sunday, and two regatta t-shirts. All meals are provided for a registered boat's skipper plus one crew member. Additional meal tickets are available for sale at check-in. Extra regatta T-shirts may be available for \$20. Fees shall be paid to Regatta Network online or by cash or check made payable to OSSS if registering on the first day of the regatta. If registering on the day of the regatta, it will be done via Regatta Network at OSYC. Each boat shall provide the names and emergency contact information for each crewmember at time of check in.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 6th, 2018

Onsite Check in: 1700-1900

Saturday, July 7th, 2018

Onsite Check in: 0830-0900

Breakfast: 0830-0930

Competitor's Meeting: 0930

First Signal: 1030

Dinner: 1800 (approx)

Sunday, July 8th, 2018

Breakfast: 0830-0930

Competitor's Meeting: 0930

First Signal: 1030

5. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

There will be a competitor's meeting both days under the clubhouse at 0930.

6. VENUE

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

7. SCORING

For One Design Classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except that a boats worst score will not be discarded. Boats not in a one design class will be scored via the Small Catamaran Handicap Racing System(SCHRS) with modifications as needed. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

Refer to the Sailing Instructions for further information concerning the SCHRS.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed for all boats so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (including one tack and one jibe). This changes RRS 44.1.

9. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded 1st – 3rd in each overall class.

10. SAFETY

In addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 40 and its 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. Failure to comply is not grounds for protest, however boats will not be checked in, started, or scored unless all members of the crew complying with this rule.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All vessels are encouraged to have a VHF radio and to monitor the race management channel as well as VHF channel 16. Except in case of emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. COURSES

There are three courses. Saturday, the first course will be from Biloxi Bay to Horn Island. The second on Saturday, course will be the return trip. On Sunday, the races will be buoy races with the last race starting before 2 pm. Course details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

15. LODGING

Rooms are available at Gulf Hills Resort at a rate of \$89/night to Horn Island Hop competitors. Call the hotel directly to reserve 228.875.4211 / toll free 866.875.4211. When calling mention you are an OSYC Horn Island Hop Regatta competitor. Do NOT use online booking services. Primitive camping is available free on the grounds of the yacht club.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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