

LOW COUNTRY HOOK OCEAN RACE

17-18 August 2018

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.

2.3 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 Complete registration on Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com>

4.2 The entry fee is \$125 per boat.

4.3 Early registration discount of \$25 is available for entries received by **20 July 2018**.

4.4 Registrations are non-refundable after **30 June 2018**.

4.5 Dockage on 17 August and 18 August, meals, beverages and other personal costs are not included in the entry fee.

4.6 An awards dinner will be at Landings Harbor Marina on Saturday, 18 August 2018. Each registered boat will receive one free dinner, all other dinners must be paid for by **10 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

08/17 (Friday)

Competitors arrive Harbour Town Yacht Basin

6:30PM Cash bar at Harbor Town Yacht Club

7:00PM Skippers meeting HTYC

Dinner available for purchase at HTYC (casual attire)

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

08/19 (Sunday)

10:00am Transient boats must depart Landings Harbor Marina

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available **July 18, 2018** on the SIBC and YCHHI web sites and at the skippers meeting **July 28, 2018**.

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 18 July 2018.

7.3 The start will be near G3 south of Hilton Head Island with the finish near R22 south 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.

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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