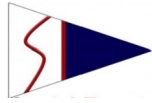


LOW COUNTRY HOOK OCEAN RACE

Covid-19 Edition
21-22 August 2020
NOTICE OF RACE



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

Due to the current circumstances regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's event has been modified to reduce risk to competitors, volunteers, and staff. Please read the following carefully. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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 monohull sailboats with a length minimum of 22 ft and a maximum of 51 ft. All eligible boats must have a PHRF rating, have auxiliary power, VHF radio and be manned by an eligible captain and crew.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form available at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20203> together with the required fee by 7 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 early registration entry fee is \$80 per boat. Registration via Regatta Network https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=20203

4.2 Late registration fee of \$15 is applied for entries received after August 7, 2020.

4.3 Registrations are non-refundable after August 14, 2020.

4.4 Participants will make their own arrangements for Dockage on August 21 and 22.

4.5 Purchase of event merchandise (commemorative, long sleeve, t-shirts) may be made and paid for at the SIBC web site (<https://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/order-shirts/>). **Orders must be received by July 30 to insure availability.** No social event is planned following the race.

5. SCHEDULE

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

5.2 Date Time Description

08/21 (Friday)

Competitors arrive Harbour Town Yacht Basin

7:00PM Virtual Skippers meeting – link to be provided in Sailing Instructions

08/24 (Saturday)

9:55AM Warning signal for first class

7:00PM Time limit expires

7:00PM (or ASAP after last boat finishes) Race Results & Awards published via email. Awards will be mailed to winners.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on, or before, **July 31, 2020** and at the skippers meeting **August 21, 2020** via a link to Regatta Network. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20203>

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 July 31, 2020.

7.3 The start will be near G7 south of Hilton Head Island with the finish at 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. Awards will be mailed to the participant. There will also be an award for the first to cross the finish line.

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 Arranging for necessary Dockage is the responsibility of the participant.

9.2 Overnight dockage at **Harbour Town Yacht Basin** will be at a discounted rate of \$65 per boat, regardless of size, including power and use of amenities. Check in after 3 PM. Reference the event when calling to make your reservation. Reservations with credit cards & cancellation of less than 72 hrs will result in full charge. (843) 363-8335

9.3 Overnight 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. It is the competitor's decision to enter, start or continue in the race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' **As a condition of their participation in this race, competitors release all claims they may have against Skidaway Island Boating Club and The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island (Organizing Authorities) and their officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable government rules for the avoidance of collision.**

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. **A decision will be made by Friday, August 14, if the race will be canceled due to changes in Covid-19 guidelines/restrictions.**

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Skidaway Island Boating Club - <http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/>

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