

NOTICE OF RACE

2020 Shearwater Regatta

October 17 & 18, 2019

Organizing Authority: Ocean Springs Yacht Club

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the current racing rules.

2. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all multihull vessels and will be scored using Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS). Eligible boats must register online at www.regattanetwork.com.

3. ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is \$60 single handed/\$80 double handed if registered prior to 2359h on 10/4/2020, \$80/\$100 thereafter. The entry fee includes skipper/crew regatta shirts and admission to the Annual OSYC Chili Cook- Off Saturday evening. 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.

Trophies are only guaranteed to one-design fleets determined by 10/4/2020

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 16th, 2020

Onsite Check in: 1700-1900

Saturday, October 17th, 2020

Onsite Check in: 0800-0900

Competitor's Meeting: 1000

First Signal 1100

Dinner 1800

Sunday, October 28th, 2020

First Signal 1000

5. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

There will be a competitor's meeting Saturday under the clubhouse at 1000.

6. VENUE

This is a buoy racing event with all sailing taking place in Biloxi Bay.

7. SCORING

For One Design Classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Boats not in a one design class will be scored via the SCHRS rating system with modifications declared by the competitors during registration. One completed race shall constitute a regatta. If a total of 5 races are completed, a competitor's worst score will be discarded.

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 as defined in paragraph 2. One design classes are encouraged and a minimum of five boats will qualify any one design class for separate one design class awards.

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 comply 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 will be available online. The courses to be sailed will be contained in the sailing instructions.

14. COURSES

Course details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions and are at the discretion of the Principle Race Officer on the day of the race.

15. LODGING

Indian Head Station Hotel (228)282-3190
Hard Rock Casino and Hotel (228) 374-7625
Golden Nugget Casino and Hotel (800) 777-7568
Lots of local AirBNB.com

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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