



2026 Big Sun Regatta & 21st Annual Harpoon Nationals

Regatta Date: **April 11, 2026**

Organizing Authority: **Ocala Sailing Club**

Venue: **The 5 Beaches of Bird Island**

Sunset Harbor, Lake Weir, Florida

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028 RRS) unless the Sailing Instructions state differently.

2. Registration and Fees

2.1. Regatta registration shall be made through:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30945>

2.2. The Regatta Entry Fee is \$50.00 which includes the Skipper's dinner.

2.3. Extra dinners for crew/guests are \$15 each and should be added at the time of online registration.

2.4. REGATTA REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 0900 CST ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026.

2.5. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON RACE DAYS.

2.6. Entry fees and dinner tickets are non-refundable.

3. Eligibility

3.1. Three entries of one-design boats will constitute a class.

3.2. Only Harpoon 5.2 boats are eligible for the Harpoon class.

3.3. All other boats will be placed in a Multihull, Open Portsmouth or Planing Hull class.

4. Schedule of Events

4.1. Friday, April 10, 2026

1000 – 1400: Boat Launch, Sail Practice & Overnight Dockage

1600 – 1830: OSC monthly Buccaneer Night & Pre-Regatta Reception Dinner (PYOW)

Eaton's Beach Sandbar & Grill
(15790 SE 134th Avenue, Weirsdale, 32195)

4.2. Saturday, April 11, 2026

The 5 Beaches of Bird Island

0900 – 1030: Coffee & Breakfast Snacks

0900 – 1030: Registrants Check-In

1100: Competitors' Briefing

1200: First Warning Signal

Post-Race: Dinner & Awards Ceremony

5. Boat Ramps and Launching

5.1. All boat launching will be available on Friday April 10th up until 2:00pm & Race Day morning.

5.2. Beach-launchable boats may be launched from Sims' Beach.

5.3. Larger boats can launch at Hope Boat Ramp in Sunset Harbor (Marion County Park pass only), or at Carney Island Boat Ramp in Big Lake Weir (Park pass required or pay at the gate).

5.4. Vehicle & Trailer parking will be available for Beach & Hope Ramp users.

5.5. Road and Waterway service to & from Sims' Beach will be provided.

5.6. If launching on Friday for an overnight dockage at *The 5 Beaches of Bird Island*, please note the time allowed as mentioned on 5.1.

5.7. Contact RC for more details.

6. Harpoon Specifications

6.1. Harpoon 5.2 boats may be inspected at any time for conformance to Harpoon Factory Specifications. Details are outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at Regatta Check-In on Saturday, April 11, 2026.

8. Courses

8.1. The Course will be an Endurance Buoy Race in Sunset Harbor and Big Lake Weir. Said course will be included in the Sailing Instructions and posted on the official Notice Board at *The 5 Beaches of Bird Island* Headquarters or on the Race Committee boat.

8.2. The Race Committee may change the course at any time during the race.

9. Awards

Prizes will be awarded to Classes as follows:

10.1. Class of 1-2 boats – 1st Place trophy

10.2. Class of 3 boats – 1st & 2nd Place trophy

10.3. Class of 4+ boats – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place trophy

11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race (2025-2028 RRS). Competitors (including crew members) are required to sign a Waiver of Liability at Check-In. The waiver is in compliance with RRS 81.

12. Further Information

OSC website at: www.ocalasailingclub.org

OR contact: Lynn Sims, OSC Race Commodore
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