



2014 ISLAND HOP

OCEAN SPRINGS YACHT CLUB, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS JUL 5-6 2014

Notice of Race

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing RSS 2013-2016 except as modified by these instructions

2 ENTRIES

Competitors must register electronically on-line at osyc.com (sailboat racing). If you arrive and would like to register, you will be directed to register online at the OSYC. **Any fees received after June 29, 2011 will be subject to a \$10.00 late entry fee!**

3. Safety and Responsibility

3.1 Notwithstanding anything in these Sailing Instructions, it is the personal responsibility of each competitor to sail safely and to wear a life jacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or other personal buoyancy device approved by the National Authority having jurisdiction and adequate protective clothing as conditions warrant.

3.2 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or continue a race. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race. And notify the race committee.

4. PORTSMOUTH RATINGS

All competitors' ratings will be taken from the Table of Portsmouth Number—Multihull Classes updated 2010. All sailors are responsible for accurately reporting and reflecting penalties and modifications based on crew weight, sail size, boat alterations or other modifications outside of the boat's controlling class rules. Generally, see Portsmouth-MH Modification Factor chart. Any competitor who fails to accurately report such penalties or modifications that results in an unreasonable advantage to that competitor is subject to disqualification or a lesser penalty at the race director's discretion. Appeals to posted ratings shall be submitted in writing to the RC prior to the start of racing on Sunday.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which will be located inside the OSYC building in front of the bar.

6. SIGNALS

All signals will be made from the committee boat. Flag AP (answering pennant) with two sound signals means 'The race is postponed'. The warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after the AP is lowered (with one sound signal).

7. SCHEDULE

A competitors' meeting will be held at 0930, under the building on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1030. The starting flags and order of class starts will be described at the competitors' meeting, after the classes are determined.

8. CHECKING IN

BEFORE THE PREPARATORY SIGNAL OF THE FIRST RACE EACH DAY, each boat shall sail on STARBOARD TACK, past the stern of the Race Committee boat, and HAIL HER SAIL NUMBER UNTIL ACKNOWLEDGED by the Race Committee. Failure to check in will result in the boat NOT BEING SCORED. (As in, YOU DON'T EXIST.)

9. RACE COURSE

Starting line for Races #1 and #3 is just south of OSYC

9.1 Race **1**. Vessels will proceed SSE from the starting line on a course approximately 150 degrees towards the west end of Horn Island. AIM TOWARDS THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE WESTERNMOST GROUP OF TREES AS YOU ARE APPROACHING THE ISLAND. The Committee Boat will be just off of the Island. Racers will finish between the committee boat and an Orange tetrahedron. **Race 2** will follow the reverse course to the OSYC finish line.

9.2. **Race 3**. The course will run west from the starting line to the channel between Casino Row and Deer Island. Competitors must **ROUND CHANNEL MARKER 12 TO PORT** and head south. Next competitors must **ROUND CHANNEL MARKER 2 TO PORT**. Turn East on a course approximately 100 true to the Biloxi East Channel south and honor the Former Location of the SMALL RANGE MARKER GPS. where a chase boat and orange cylinder will be placed. Proceed north down the East Channel to the finish line between the race committee boat and an orange tetrahedron near the OSYC beach area.

***See attached diagrams for the general course layout.**

Key GPS waypoints:

OSYC (approx.)
30deg 24.400N
88deg 50.460W

#12
30deg 23.418N
88deg 53.814W

#2
30deg 21.658N
88deg 54.103W

Horn Island (approx.)
30deg 15.000N
88deg 44.000W

Range Marker
30deg 21.011N
88deg 46.796W

10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting and finishing lines will be between the Committee Boat and an orange tetrahedron.

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be made pursuant to the provisions of the R.R.S. (2009-2012) within 30 minutes of the committee boat coming ashore. Competitors are expected to race fairly and within the Rules. A boat that has broken a rule shall, after getting **WELL CLEAR** of other boats as soon as possible, take a penalty by promptly taking one 360 turn, including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2. In sum, if a boat screws up, **HAIL THEM**, if you are hailed, **DO WHAT IS RIGHT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

13. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to not less than the top three finishers in each class. Separate classes may be organized for fleets of five or more boats. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony, to be held in the dining room of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club at approximately 1500hrs Sunday.



