



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **2020 Slip to Ship Regatta**

May 23 - 24, 2020

Organizing Authority:  
Ocean Springs Yacht Club

#### **1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

#### **2. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY**

The regatta is open to all multihull vessels 16 feet long and longer with a US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick rating. One design classes are encouraged and a minimum of five boats will qualify any one design class for separate one design class scoring. Eligible boats must register in person at OSYC before the races. .

#### **3. ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION**

The Registration Fee is \$20, payable in cash. The entry fee includes lunch and beverages Saturday on the island. Due to the current COVID-19 social distancing guidelines we are unable to plan social gatherings at OSYC for breakfast or dinner. OSYC and local restaurants are currently open at 50% capacity and most have to-go service. Due to planning this event on short notice there will be no Regatta T-shirts or trophies. Registration fee shall be paid in cash at check-in. Each boat shall provide sail number, Portsmouth rating and the names and emergency contact information for each crewmember at time of check in.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

##### **Friday, May 22<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Onsite Check in: 1700-1900

##### **Saturday, May 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Onsite Check in: 0800-0900

Competitor's Meeting 0930

First Signal 1030

##### **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Competitor's Meeting: 0930

First Signal 1030

#### **5. COMPETITOR'S MEETING**

There will be a competitor's meeting both days under the clubhouse at 0930.

#### **6. VENUE**

This is an offshore distance race with sailing taking place in Biloxi Bay and the Mississippi Sound.

## **7. SCORING**

For One Design Classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except that a boat's worst score will not be discarded. Boats not in a one design class will be scored via the Portsmouth Yardstick with modifications declared by the competitors during registration. The Portsmouth handicapped fleets will be Open Spinnaker and Open Non-Spinnaker. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

## **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**

There will be no trophies awarded, only bragging rights. The results will be announced and posted.

## **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 may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in. The courses to be sailed will be contained in the sailing instructions.

## **14. COURSES**

There are three courses. Saturday, the first course will be from Biloxi Bay to East Ship Island. The second course on Saturday will be the return trip. On Sunday, the course will be around Deer Island. Rounding marks will be Government Marks and/or their surrogates. Course details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. Ship Island is currently closed due to COVID-19 although the rangers are not strongly enforcing. We are anticipating that the island will be open by the time of the event but if it is still closed we have several options for alternate race courses for Saturday.

## **15. LODGING**

Check availability of local hotels. Primitive camping is available on the grounds of the yacht club.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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