

LOW CONTRY HOOK OCEAN RACE

July 28th – 30th, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

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

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 all non-planing monohull sailboats having an overall length of at least 22 feet and not longer than 50 feet.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached registration form and sending it, together with the required fee to SIBC by June 30, 2017.

2.3 Late entries may be accepted by the race committee but will not be eligible for the 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. Maximum number of crew is N people, where N is: LOA X 0.3 - 2, with all fractions rounded up.

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 completed registration form shall be accompanied by the entry fee. The entry fee may be paid by check payable to SIBC or by PayPal at the SIBC web site skidawayislandboatingclub.org.

4.2 The entry fee is \$100 per boat.

4.3 Early registration discount of \$25 is available for entries received by June 30, 2017.

4.4 Registrations are non-refundable after June 30, 2017.

4.5 Dockage on July 28 and July 29, meals, beverages and other personal costs are not included in the entry fee.

4.6 An awards dinner will be held at Landings Harbor Marina on Saturday, July 29. Each registered boat will receive one free dinner; all other dinners must be paid for by July 22. Dinner reservations may be made and paid for at the SIBC web site or by check payable to SIBC.

5. SCHEDULE

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

5.2 Date Time Description

7/28		Competitors arrive Harbour Town Yacht Basin
	6:30PM	Cash bar at Harbor Town Yacht Club
	7:00PM	Skippers meeting HTYC
		Dinner available for purchase at HTYC (casual attire)
7/29	9:55AM	Warning signal for first class
	5:00PM	Time limit expires
	6:00PM	Cash bar at Landings Harbor Marina
	7:00PM	Awards and catered dinner at Landings Harbor Marina
7/30	9:00AM	Coffee and donuts at Landings Harbor Marina
	10:00AM	Transient boats must depart Landings Harbor Marina

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available July 1, 2017 on the SIBC and YCHHI web sites and at the skippers meeting July 28, 2017.

7. VENUE AND COURSE

7.1 The race area will be the Atlantic Ocean, Wassaw Sound and the Wilmington River.

7.2 The race course will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Skippers Meeting.

7.3 The planned course will be the same as the 2016 Hook Race; Start near G3 south of Hilton Head Is., round Tybee Roads G7 to starboard, round R2W to starboard, round R4 to starboard, round G9 to port, Finish at Landings Harbor Marina.

7.4 All government navigation buoys in Wassaw Sound and the Wilmington River must be honored and passed 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 during the awards dinner at Landings Harbor.

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 Dockage at Landings Harbor Marina is limited. Boats that required dockage in 2016 will have dockage for 2017 provided they register and pay the entry fee by June 1st. Other boats requiring dockage will be assigned space based on the order of receipt of completed registration form and payment of entry fee. Overflow dockage will be available at area marinas.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in the race 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 race.

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. FURTHER INFORMATION

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