2026 HOBIE 16 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

OCEAN SPRINGS YACHT CLUB, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS

September 12 – 25, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE – REV.1 – HOST HOTEL CHANGED 03/01/2026

REV. 2 – EARLY REGISTRATION EXTENDED 04/20/2026,

REV. 3 – LATE *AFTER* DATE EXTENDED TO 09/01/2026

REV. 4 – REVISED ELIGIBILITY – REMOVED "or Hobie Fleet"

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Ocean Spring Sailing Squadron and Division 15

VENUE: Spectacular Mississippi Sound at OSYC, Ocean Springs, MS

RULES: The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

CLASSES: Regatta is open to all Hobie 16s.

ELIGIBILITY: As per IHCA class rule 26, all competitors shall be paid-up members in good standing a National Hobie Class Association in good standing with the IHCA. World Sailing Competitor's Eligibility Code Regulation 19.15 applies.

A competitor who has represented one country and who has another nationality, has changed his nationality, or has acquired a new nationality shall not represent his new country unless:

(a) he has not represented his old country within the last three years;
(b) and at least three years has passed since such change or acquisition.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY: All competitors must provide a completed and signed Release and Waiver of Liability form. Each competitor under the age of 18 years old on September 12, 2026 shall bring a completed form signed by a parent/guardian. All boats for the M, GM, GGM, W and Y must be HCA-NA Class legal boats. Charter and Open competitor boat requirements will be available soon via NOR addendum.

INSURANCE: Each team must obtain a certificate from their insurance company/agent that reflects year, type and ID number of the boat insured with their liability limits which is to be a minimum of $100,000 USD.

ADVERTISING: All boats shall display advertising of the event sponsor(s) as required by the OA. Individual sponsorship conflicting with the event sponsor's business category shall not be allowed. Competitors may be required to carry cameras from the OA.

ENTRIES: Register through Regatta Network. Links are M,GM,GGM,W,Y and Open

Event	Fee	Early *Before* June 1, 2026*	Late *After* Sept 01, 2026**
Women	$420	$370	$495
Youth	$420	$370	$495
Masters	$420	$370	$495
Grand Masters	$420	$370	$495
Great Grand Masters	$420	$370	$495
Open	$630	$555	$705

*by midnight – Use coupon code **EarlyRegistration**

after midnight…Event shirts/swag for registrations received after September 1, 2026, may not be available**

MEASUREMENT: Boats will be weighed and/or measured at the event. See schedule of events for dates and times. Competitors are responsible for complying with their respective Class Rules. During the competition, any boat may be subject to inspection.

PENALTY SYSTEM: Rule 44.1 is changed so that only a One-Turn Penalty is required, one tack and one gybe.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: VHF radios are recommended with use/restrictions in the Sailing Instructions.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Shall be available online by September 5, 2026 and on-site during event.

TROPHIES: Will be awarded at each Awards dinner, September 17 and 25.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **HOST HOTEL**: Gulf Hills Hotel & Resort, 13701 Paso Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 Contact: Mary Katherine Filipich (228) 278-7176 mkfilipich@raintravelcollection.com **Group Rate Code**: Hobie 16 International Championship/b359139…Room rate: $119/night.

At least the Masters series final banquet will be held at the Gulf Hills Hotel & Resort

Travelodge Ocean Springs (228) 215-1144

Check out www.Airbnb.com for many surprisingly reasonable house/condo rentals in Ocean Springs

OSSS/OSYC TRAVEL GRANTS

Eligible International teams may apply for a grant of up to $3,500 (USD) to support the shipment of a minimum of three (3) Hobie 16s via a cargo container for event participation. This funding is intended to offset a portion of the logistical and transportation costs and ensure broader global representation. For additional information contact the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron at oss1915@outlook.com.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

Mon-Thurs 9/14 - 9/17: Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters, Youth and Women

Intent is four (4) days of buoy racing. OA reserves the right to combine classes or change the format based on number of registrants. There is a chance one or more distance races may be incorporated into the schedule.

Sun-Tues 9/20-9/22: Open Qualifier - Intent is three (3) days buoy racing

Wed-Fri 9/23-9/25: Open Final - Intent is to cut into Gold and Silver fleets with three (3) days of buoy racing.

Breakfast at 0830 each day of competition Beer and snack food daily after racing **Saturday September 12**: Boat Weigh-In and Measurement: Check In: **Sunday September 13:** Boat Weigh-In and Measurement: Check In: Welcome Party: **Monday September 14:** 0930 Competitor's Meeting for M, GM, GGM, W and Y 1130 1st Warning Signal **Tues September 15:** 0930 Competitor's Meeting for M, GM, GGM, W and Y 1130 1st Warning Signal **Wednesday September 16:** 0930 Competitor's Meeting for M, GM, GGM, W and Y 1130 1st Warning Signal **Thursday September 17:** 0930 Competitor's Meeting for M, GM, GGM, W and Y 1130 1st Warning Signal Awards Dinner	**Friday September 18**: Boat Weigh-In and Measurement: Check In: **Saturday September 19**: Boat Weigh-In and Measurement: Check In: Welcome Party: **Sunday September 20:** 0930 Competitor's Meeting Open Qualifier 1130 1st Warning Signal **Monday September 21:** 1130 1st Warning Signal **Tuesday September 22:** 1130 1st Warning Signal Cut Party **Wednesday September 23:** 0930 Competitor's Meeting Open 1130 1st Warning Signal **Thursday September 24:** 1130 1st Warning Signal **Friday September 25:** 1130 1st Warning Signal Awards Dinner

For more Information:

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