

GULFPORT YACHT CLUB MULTIHULL REGATTA

April 28-29, 2012

1. **Organizing Authority** Gulfport Yacht Club.
2. **Racing area** shall be lower Boca Ciega Bay. Staging area shall be Gulfport Beach. Boats may stage at the beach area starting at noon on Friday, April 27 until Sunday evening..
3. **Rules** for racing shall be the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions, 360-turn), the Prescriptions of US SAILING, the appropriate class rules of each boat entered, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
4. **Eligibility** shall be any higher performance catamaran 20-feet and shorter in length that has a valid Portsmouth handicap.
5. **Classes** F16s/F18s, A-Cats and Hobies will have separate start times. Any other class with 5 or more boats may be given a separate start. Others start together, sailing under Portsmouth handicap.
6. **Registration** may be done in advance through the instructions on the GYC website, www.gulfportyachtclub.com Late registration will be at Gulfport Beach.
7. **Entry fee** \$60 for single-handed boats, \$80 for double-handed. Boats registering after Friday, April 20 will pay \$5 more for registration at the site. Additional tickets for Saturday night's dinner will be \$15.
8. **Disclaimer** All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The Organizing Authority accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience occurred, howsoever caused. Proof of liability insurance required (minimum \$300,000)
9. **Course format** shall be chosen among the US SAILING multihull courses as shown on their course sticker. The course number shall be posted on the course board on the starboard side of the RC Signal boat.
10. **Advertising** is not a concern in this regatta, provided the RC deems it in good taste.
11. **Scoring** shall be low point score system of RRS, Appendix A. One race constitutes a regatta. Not more than ten races will be held.. After five races are sailed a boat's worst score will be discarded.
12. **One turn penalty** for breaking a rule of Part 2 while racing. (Changes RRS 44.1)
13. **Prizes** will be awarded to the first three boats in each class. Five or more boats of a single class that are registered by Friday, April 20 will get separate prizes,
14. **Schedule of events**
Friday, April 27

12:00 PM Gulfport Beach opens for boat storage, set up, & practice

5:00 - 7:00 PM Registration at GYC Club House_

Saturday, April 28

9:00 - 9:55 AM Late registration at the beach.

_____ 10:00 AM Competitor's meeting, Gulfport Beach

11:00 AM First race of day

7:00 PM Dinner at Gulfport Yacht Club

Sunday, April 29

10:00 AM First race of day

No race will be started after 1:00 PM

Lunch & Prize-giving after racing at Gulfport Beach

For more general regatta information, please contact Regatta Chairman Bob Feckner at 727-215-7982 or bobfeck@aol.com.