



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 2024 Dick Hitchcock Memorial Charity Regatta, Benefiting The Magic Yarn Project

Date of Event	March 15 - 17, 2024 Two days of racing, March 16, 17
1.0 Organizing Authority	<p>The organizing authority is the Gulfport Yacht Club. This regatta counts towards the Weta Florida Fleet Championship.</p> <p>The DHMCR was established in the memory of our friend, Dick Hitchcock, sailing advocate, who championed many worthy causes throughout his life. Dick's daughter is the co-founder of the Magic Yarn Project: <a href="http://themagicyarnproject.com">themagicyarnproject.com</a> which has been our partner charity since the regatta was established.</p>
2.0 Rules	<p>2.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021 – 2024).</p> <p>2.2 This event is also governed by The North American Weta One Design Class Rules and the Class rules of any other participating classes.</p>
3.0 Eligibility and Entry	<p>3.1. This event is open to one-design multihull dinghies of the following invited classes: WETA (single and double divisions), Hobie Wave, Hobie 16.</p> <p>3.2 2 boats constitute a division, 3 boats constitute a class.</p> <p>3.3 Additional Classes may be included by request</p> <p>3.4 This event is limited to a total of 30 boats. Registration will be cut off when that limit is reached. A waiting list will be created</p>
4.0 Registration and Fees	<p>4.1 Registration is by Regatta Network (<a href="http://Regattanetwork.com">Regattanetwork.com</a>)</p> <p>4.2 Registration fees must be paid through Regatta Network. There will be no hand to hand transactions at this event. There will be no onsite registration.</p> <p>4.3 Registration fee is \$110 per single handed boat and \$140 per double handed.</p> <p>4.4 Additional Saturday dinners may be purchased for \$20 each.</p> <p>4.5 Registrations received after February 23 will be charged a \$25 late fee.</p> <p>4.6 Online registration will close March 13</p> <p>4.7 Regatta Fee includes Friday night cook out, beverages, and one dinner (two dinners for double handed entries).</p> <p>4.8 Donations to <a href="http://TheMagicYarnProject.com">TheMagicYarnProject.com</a>, are separate, not included with registration fee.</p>

5.0 Schedule of Events	<p><b><u>Friday, March 15</u></b>  1600-1600 Check-in  1700-1830 Welcome Reception, cookout</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, March 16</u></b>  1000 – 1100 Check-in  1100 Competitors Meeting  1200 Warning signal for all divisions. 4 races to be attempted  Refreshments and meal following racing  Silent Auction during and after dinner</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, March 17</u></b>  1100 First Warning Signal for all divisions, 3 races to be attempted  1400 No warning signal after this time  Awards to be presented as soon as possible after racing  Refreshments and snacks available.</p>
7.0 Sailing Instructions	Sailing Instructions will be posted on Regatta Network
8.0 Venue	8.1 Race headquarters will be in the Gulfport Yacht Club. 4638 Del Rio Way S., Gulfport, FL 33711 8.2 Racing will be in the Boca Ciega Bay 8.3 Official Notice Board on GYC back porch
9.0 Scoring	9.1 One race constitutes a regatta 9.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1
10.0 Awards	10.1 Awards will presented dependent on the number of registrants in each division 10.2 A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the first place finisher in the WETA Single Handed Class.
11.0 Disclaimer of liability	Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 event.
12.0 Insurance	Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance in the form of a valid insurance declaration will be required at check in. Valid insurance declaration may be submitted via Email prior to check-in to the Event Coordinator, Cliffpeshek@Gmail.com
13.0 Launching and Storage	All competing boats will be stored in the Gulfport Marina yard immediately to the South and East of the Lions Club. All trailers will be stored in the Gulfport Marina parking lot. Boats must launch from GYC beach. Boats and trailers must be removed following racing on Sunday, March 19.

14.0 Parking	Parking is available for cars outside the main entrance of GYC or the Gulfport Marina parking lot. Vehicles parked blocking GYC members' boats, or interfering with access to the beach will be towed. All trailers are to be stored in the marina parking lot adjacent to the club. Please check-in with the volunteer parking attendant.
15.0 Accommodations	RV camping must be prearranged with the club management. RV camping fee is \$5.00 per night. Email <a href="mailto:Cliffpeshek@gmail.com">Cliffpeshek@gmail.com</a> to reserve a spot. There is no electricity, water, or sewer hook ups. Tent camping is not allowed. Hotel Accommodations: Check accommodations through Visit St. Pete Clearwater <a href="http://visitstpeteclearwater.com">visitstpeteclearwater.com</a>
16.0 Non-profit charitable partner, The Magic Yarn Project	16.1 The Dick Hitchcock Memorial Charity Regatta has selected The Magic Yarn Project as its non-profit Charitable partner. Please review the all volunteer charity's mission at: <a href="http://www.Themagicyarnproject.com">www.Themagicyarnproject.com</a> Donations can be made at registration through the event "store front". 16.2 Silent Auction – Everyone in attendance is encouraged to participate in the silent auction starting approximately at dinner and running for about 1 hour after dinner on Saturday, March 16.
17.0 Additional information	Event Coordinator: Cliff Peshek, 813-944-9367 <a href="mailto:CliffPeshek@Gmail.com">CliffPeshek@Gmail.com</a> Gulfport Yacht Club 4638 Del Rio Way S, Gulfport, FL 33711 <a href="http://www.gulfportyachtclub.com">www.gulfportyachtclub.com</a>