



Shearwater Regatta

Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron at Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, MS Oct 22-23, 2016

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing and by the Sailing Instructions.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** The regatta is open to vessels with a US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick rating. The trophy classes for this regatta will be **Open Spinnaker** (Multihulls equipped with a spinnaker) **Open Non-Spinnaker** (Multihulls not equipped with spinnaker) and **Dinghy** to include Club 420, Laser Radial, Sunfish, Optimist, etc.
3. **HIGH SCHOOL:** The Dinghy Class is open to, and welcomes, all organized high school sailing teams. **No lunches will be provided by the regatta.**
4. **ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION:** Eligible boats must register online at www.regattanetwork.com. Entry Fees are \$40 per double handed boat, \$35 for a single handed boat. Junior entry fee is \$20. Junior entries are defined as both skipper and crew being of high school age or younger. The entry fee includes one t-shirt and breakfast Saturday and Sunday. **Tee-Shirt Sizes are only guaranteed to those registering prior to 14 October.** Fees shall be paid by credit card or PayPal online or by cash or check made payable to OSSS if registering on the first day of the regatta. **If registering on the day of the regatta, it will be done via Regatta Network at OSYC. Early registration online is strongly encouraged!**

5. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Friday	21 October	Saturday	22 October	Sunday	23 October
Check-In	1700-1830	Breakfast Served	0830	Breakfast Served	0830
		Late Check-In	0830-0930	First Signal	1000
		Competitor's Meeting	1000	No Start After	1400
		First Signal	1100	Trophy Presentation	As soon as possible at the conclusion of racing

6. **COMPETITOR'S MEETING:** There will be a competitor's meeting on Saturday, October 22nd under the clubhouse.
7. **VENUE:** The sailing venue will be in Biloxi Bay.
8. **SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, (except that a boat's worst score will not be discarded unless 6 races are completed). Boats not in a one-design class will be scored via the Portsmouth Yardstick. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

9. **PENALTIES:** RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.
10. **TROPHIES:** Most Excellent and Highly Customized Pirate Trophies from our sponsors at Ocean Spring's own Shearwater Pottery will be awarded 1st – 3rd in each overall class. Classes are defined in paragraph 2.
11. **SAFETY:** In addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 40 and it's 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.
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. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact:

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