

# 2019 FORMULA WAVE DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL REGATTA

September 27 - 29, 2019

Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Organizing Authority: Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron (OSSS)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 60.1a is changed to prohibit a boat protesting another for an alleged breach of class rule requiring class membership.
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the NOR and one in the SI, the SI shall apply."

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the notice board located on the 2nd floor of the Club outside the bar area. **NOTE:** White boards may be used, i.e. weather reports, provisional results, etc. but they are not OFFICIAL notice boards.
- 2.2 There shall be a **Competitor's Meeting** for the competition on Friday, September 27 at 1000 under the clubhouse. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or the protest time limit of the previous day it shall take effect, whichever is later.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the 2nd floor southeast corner of the Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.  
*This changes Race Signal AP.*

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There shall be 3 days of racing (09/27 – 09/29) - the objective of 3 to 5 races per day, back to back.
- 5.2 There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal:
  - 5.3.1 Shall be 1100 Friday (09/27), and 1000 Saturday and Sunday (09/28 – 09/29).
  - 5.3.2 On Sunday – (09/29), no initial warning after 1400.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 6.1 The Class flag will be announced at the initial competitors meeting.

### 7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on the Biloxi Bay in front of the Yacht Club and to the east of the Biloxi Bridge.

### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Formula Wave Courses shall be used. Reference Appendix A for course geometry
- 8.2 Courses shall be designated by a placard on the Signal Boat's starboard side.
- 8.3 The "G" option shall not be displayed by the RC. The leeward mark may be a single mark or a gate. If the leeward mark is a single mark it shall be left to port.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.5 All marks shall be left to port, except gates. Boats shall pass between gate marks from the direction of the last rounding mark.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks of the course shall be **Orange Inflatable** marks
- 9.2 The change mark shall be a **Yellow Inflatable** mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or an Orange flag on a staff.
- 9.4 A barging (keep away) buoy may be attached to the Signal Boat. Rule 31 shall not apply to the barging buoy itself but shall apply to the Signal Boat. *This changes RRS 31.*

## 10 RESERVED

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the starting mark or the staff displaying a flag as described in Instruction 9.3.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC shall lay a change mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark. A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the starting mark or the staff displaying a flag as described in Instruction 9.3.
- 13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. *US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34.*

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

## 15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Windward Mark Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
All	45 minutes	75 minutes	30 minutes	8-13 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target times shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes rule 62.1 (a).*
- 15.3 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board as described in instruction 2.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings shall be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the notice board.
- 16.4 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 min. after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. *This changes RRS 66.*
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 In accordance with RRS A2, a competitor's worst score shall be excluded after five (5) races are completed.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Competitors shall check in by hailing their bow number to the RC Signal Boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number.
- 18.2 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 18.3 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 PFD approved by a National Authority, 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. *This changes rule 40.* The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may result in disqualification.
- 18.4 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 18.5 A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. *This changes rule 64.1.*

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 Competitors are permitted to carry VHF radios while racing. Except for emergencies or retirement from a race (pursuant to Instruction 18.2), a competitor shall not make VHF radio transmissions while racing. A boat shall not receive radio communications not available to all boats. Applies also to mobile telephones.
- 21.2 Communication between the RC Team that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes rule 62.1(a)*

## **22 AWARDS**

Awards shall be presented after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 23.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor or coach agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **24 INSURANCE**

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

## **25 SPECIAL NOTES**

- 25.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats shall be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS rule A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 25.2 The RC may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

# SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS

**WHILE THE EVENT SITE IS CLEAR OF ELECTRICAL POWER LINES, WHEN OFF-SITE – AVOID!!!**

Whenever off-site whether raising or lowering a mast, while sailing, or moving your boat over land ALWAYS check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, **AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!**

## ATTACHMENT A – Illustrating the Course

No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind
2	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind
3	(S) A B C	(F) Upwind
4	(S) A B C A	(F) Downwind
5	(S) A B C A C	(F) Upwind

**NOTES:**

- Colors and/or shape of marks used in illustrations may not accurately represent the actual color or shape of marks used on the actual race course. Refer to SI 9, 11 and 13.

**COURSE 1 AND 4 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER**  
(Not to Scale)

COURSE 1: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH

COURSE 4: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – B – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH

**COURSE 2, 3 AND 5 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER**  
(Not to Scale)

COURSE 2: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) - FINISH

COURSE 3: START – A – B – C (or GATE) – FINISH

COURSE 5: START – A – B – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – FINISH

