



2019 Shearwater Regatta

October 19 & 20, 2019

Organizing Authority: Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

2 Notices to Competitors & Information Meetings

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the 2nd floor of the Club outside the bar area.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the 2nd floor southwest corner of the club.
- 4.2 When Race Signal AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." This changes Race Signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The scheduled first warning signal is listed below. Competitors meeting at 0930 both days.
 - 5.3.1 Saturday, 10/19 will be 1100
 - 5.3.2 Sunday, 10/20 will be 1100
 - 5.3.3 No race will start after 1400 on the last day of the regatta.

6 Class Flags

- 6.1 Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Open non- spin / H16s	Solid Blue
Open spin / H20s	Solid Purple

Other class flags may be announced at the competitor meeting

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area will be South of OSYC in Biloxi Bay.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left..
- 8.2 The course designation will be displayed from RC signal boat no later than the warning signal for each start.
- 8.3 In the event of light winds for either day, Attachment A provides "Course #4" as a shortened course.

9.0 Marks

- 9.1 The starting and finishing marks shall be described at the competitor's meetings.

10 Reserved

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made are asked to stay clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. The starting area is defined as an area extending approximately 100 feet in all directions from the starting line.

12 Reserved

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side edge of the finishing mark.
- 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.

14 Penalty System

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

15 Reserved

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board as described in instruction 2.1
- 16.2 Protests or requests for redress shall be lodged at the yacht club office within sixty minutes of the race committee signal boat docking time. The race committee will post the docking time on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt in the boardroom next to the women's restroom. The time of the protest hearings will be posted within fifteen minutes of the end of the protest time on the official notice board. This is the notice required under RRS 61.1 and 63.2.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 17.2 Boats not in a one design class will be scored via the SCHRS rating system with modifications declared by the competitors during registration.
- 17.3 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

18 Safety

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area. In the event that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore the skipper shall notify a regatta representative.
- 18.2 A personal floatation device shall be worn, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. The organizing authority would like to remind competitors that US Sailings prescription to RRS 40 requires that boats ". . .carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area." Failure to follow this prescription is not protestable.
- 18.3 Boats shall check in by hailing their sail numbers to the race committee signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). Boats will not be checked in, started, or scored unless all members of the crew complying with SI Item 18.2.
- 18.4 Before raising a mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines.
- 18.5 Do not approach the OSYC pier from the south. The area is littered with hurricane debris from the pier to a line perpendicular to the beach marked by a vertical post in the sand.

19 Prizes

- 19.1 Trophies will be awarded 1st – 3rd in each overall class.

20 Radio Communication

- 20.1 All vessels are encouraged to have a VHF radio and to monitor the race management channel as well as VHF channel 16. Except in case of emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk: See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the race committee will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.