



NOTICE OF RACE

2019 Shearwater Regatta

October 19 & 20, 2019

Organizing Authority:
Ocean Springs Yacht Club

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the current racing rules.

2. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all multihull vessels and will be scored using Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS). There will also be a Dinghy/Hobie Wave class to include Hobie Waves, Club 420, Laser Radial, Sunfish, Optimist, etc...One design classes are encouraged and a minimum of five boats will qualify any one design class for separate one design class awards. Eligible boats must register online at www.regattanetwork.com .

3. ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is \$80 if registered prior to 2359h on 10/11/2019, \$100 thereafter. The entry fee includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and two regatta shirts. The club is sponsoring a Chili Cook-off Saturday evening, admission is \$5. Fees shall be paid to Regatta Network 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. Each boat shall provide the names and emergency contact information for each crewmember at time of check in.



4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 18th, 2019

Onsite Check in: 1700-1900

Saturday, October 19th, 2019

Onsite Check in: 0800-0900

Breakfast: 0830-0930

Competitor's Meeting 0930

First Signal 1030

Dinner 1800

Sunday, October 20th, 2019

Breakfast: 0830-0930

Competitor's Meeting: 0930

First Signal 1030

5. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

There will be a competitor's meeting both days under the clubhouse at 0930.

6. VENUE

This is a buoy racing event with all sailing taking place in Biloxi Bay.

7. SCORING

For One Design Classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Boats not in a one design class will be scored via the SCHRS rating system with modifications declared by the competitors during registration. One completed race shall constitute a regatta. If a total of 5 races are completed, a boats worse score will be discarded.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed for all boats so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (including one tack and one jibe). This changes RRS 44.1.

9. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded 1st – 3rd in each overall class as defined in paragraph 2.

10. SAFETY

In addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 40 and its 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. Failure to comply is not grounds for protest, however boats will not be checked in, started, or scored unless all members of the crew comply with this rule.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

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. COURSES

Course details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions and are at the discretion of the Principle Race Officer on the day of the race.

15. LODGING

Rooms are available at Gulf Hills Resort. Call the hotel directly to reserve 228.875.4211 / toll free 866.875.4211. When calling mention you are an OSYC Slip to Ship Regatta competitor. Do NOT use online booking services. Primitive camping is available on the grounds of the yacht club.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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