



2020 Shearwater Regatta

October 17-18, 2020

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 40 and its prescriptions are subject to discretionary penalty [DP] which may be less than DSQ. *This changes RRS 64.1.*
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the 2nd floor of the OSYC clubhouse, outside the bar area. Daily results will be posted in the same manner.
- 2.2 There will be a Competitor's Meeting on the lawn adjacent to the beach at 1000 CDT on 17 October 2020 and at 0930 CDT on 18 October 2020.
- 2.3 The Race Committee may use a radio to advise competitors of race information on VHF channel **71 International**. This information is given as a courtesy and a request for redress may not be based on any aspect of this unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, and/or failure to hear. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 45 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 1800 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 Ocean Springs Yacht 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 Multiple back-to-back races are planned each day with lunch on the water.
- 5.2 Saturday, 10/17: A competitor's meeting will be held at 1000. The first warning signal will be at 1100. Additional races will follow.

5.3 Sunday, 10/18: A competitor's meeting will be held at 0930. The first warning signal will be at 1030. Additional races will follow.

No race will start after 1500.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Hobie Wave: TBD (Described at the Competitor's Meeting)

Non-Spinnaker multihulls: TBD (Described at the Competitor's Meeting)

Spinnaker and Hobie 20 multihulls: TBD (Described at the Competitor's Meeting)

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Biloxi Bay and the Mississippi Sound.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Courses 1, 2, 5 or 6 of Addendum A of the IHCA Class Rules will be used. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

8.2 Hobie Waves will sail to an inside windward mark, A2.

9 MARKS

9.1 The starting/finishing mark will be orange.

9.2 The outside windward mark, A, will be yellow.

9.3 The inside windward mark, A2, will be orange.

9.4 The gate/leeward marks, C, will be yellow.

9.5 The offset marks will be red/orange.

9.6 The change mark for the Outside Course will be green in accordance with S.I. 11.

9.7 There will be no change mark for the Inside Course. The original mark will be moved accordingly.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

10.2 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.

10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a change mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable, except for the Inside Course, which will be the original mark adjusted accordingly. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 When the mark to be changed is the Gate, the change mark will be a single mark to be left to port.

11.3 A single Gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*

12 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limits and target times for all classes are as follows:

Race Target Time	Initial Weather Mark Target Time	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Race Time Limit
40 – 45 minutes	8 – 13 minutes	30 minutes	90 minutes

13.2 If no boat has passed the Weather Mark (A) within the Initial Weather Mark Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

13.3 Boats may be finished on the race course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she has broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*."

14.2 Appendix V2 to RRS, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE, will be in effect. This reads as follows:

V2 PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE

After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the official notice board.

15.2 Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the Chief Judge, upstairs at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club within sixty minutes of the race committee signal boat time of docking. The race committee will post the days Race Summary, including time of docking, on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible.

15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time of the protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit on the official notice board.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. In accordance with RRS A2, a competitor's worst score will be excluded after four (4) races are completed.

16.2 Classes without sufficient entries to race as a one design class will be handicapped using the SCHRS Handicapping System.

16.3 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

17.3 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 are complying with SI Item 17.2.

17.4 Before raising a mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines.

17.5 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.

18 AWARDS

Awards will be presented as soon as possible after scoring on Sunday 18 October.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 Boats may carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving International channels.

19.2 Except in an emergency and before the first Warning Signal on each race day until the end of the last race of the day, a boat that is *racing* shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19.3 The Official VHF channel for communications between the Race Committee and Competitors will be **71 International**.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

21 SPECIAL NOTES

21.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). *This changes RRS A5*. The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

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

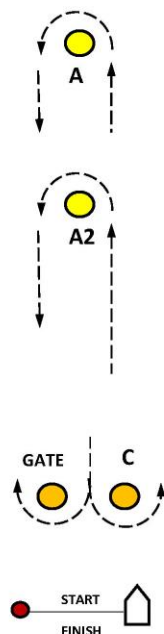
No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A C/GATE A	(F) Downwind
2	(S) A C/GATE A C A	(F) Downwind
5	(S) A C/GATE	(F) Upwind
6	(S) A C/GATE A C	(F) Upwind

NOTE: Colors and/or shape of marks used in illustrations may not accurately represent the actual color or shape of marks used on the actual racecourse. Refer to SI 9, 10 and 12.

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 1: START – W – GATE – W – FINISH

COURSE 2: START – W – GATE – W – GATE – W – FINISH



COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 5: START – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

COURSE 6: START – W – L (or GATE) – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

