



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**2020 Shearwater Regatta  
October 17-18, 2020**

Organizing Authority: Ocean Springs Yacht Club  
Ocean Springs, Mississippi

**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 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

**2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all multihull vessels 13 feet long and longer with a Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System [SCHRS] rating. <https://schrs.com/ratings.html>. One-design classes are encouraged and a minimum of five (5) boats will qualify any one-design class for separate scoring.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may register through Regatta Network at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com).
- 2.3 One-design classes will be determined based on the number of entries prior to midnight CDT on Monday 10/05/2020.

**3 FEES**

The Registration Fee is \$60 single handed/\$80 double handed if registered prior to midnight CDT on Monday 10/05/2020. The fee is \$80/\$100 thereafter. The fee includes skipper/crew regatta shirts and admission to the Annual OSYC Chili Cook-off Saturday evening. Fees are payable to Regatta Network online, or by cash or check payable to OSSS if registering on-site. Each boat shall provide the name and emergency contact information for each crewmember at the time of check-in.

**4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b><u>Friday 16 October 2020</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday 18 October 2020</u></b>	
Onsite registration/check-in:	1700 – 1900	First Warning Signal:	1000
<b><u>Saturday 17 October 2020</u></b>		No warning signal given after:	1400
Onsite registration/check-in:	0800 – 0900	Awards Ceremony:	1700
Competitors Meeting:	1000	The objective is to have 3 to 5 races each day, back to back, no maximum number.	
First Warning Signal:	1100		
Dinner:	1800		

The competitors meeting will be held in the breezeway under the OSYC clubhouse on Saturday 17 October at 1000 CDT.

**5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at check-in. Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network

**6 VENUE**

The regatta will be held at Ocean Springs Yacht Club (OSYC), located at the northeast side of the US Rt 90 bridge over Biloxi Bay. This is a buoy racing event with the racing area on Biloxi Bay south of the US Rt 90 bridge, and the Mississippi Sound.

**7 THE COURSES**

7.1 Hobie Class Association standard courses will be used.

7.2 Course geometry will be provided at the competitors meeting and the course to be used will be designated on the starboard side of the race committee signal boat no later than the warning signal of each race.

**8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**9 SCORING**

9.1 One-design Classes will be scored using the low point system of Appendix A. All others will be scored using the SCHRS Rating System.

9.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

**10 RADIO AND MOBILE PHONE COMMUNICATION**

All boats are encouraged to have a VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel and VHF channel 16. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or mobile phone transmissions while racing nor receive radio or mobile phone transmissions not available to all boats. [DP]

**11 PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each one-design class as determined in Paragraph 2, and any SCHRS class

**12 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.

**13 SAFETY**

Competitors shall wear a life jacket, at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. 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, finished or scored unless all members of the crew comply with the rule.

**14 ACCOMODATIONS**

Gulf Hills Hotel and Golf	(866) 875-4211	Indian Head Station Hotel	(228) 282-3190
Hard Rock Casino & Hotel	(228)374-7625	Golden Nugget Casino	(800) 777-7568
Numerous local AirBnB’s	AirBnB.com	Limited primitive RV parking and camping on-site	

**15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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