

2021 APRIL FOOLS REGATTA

Organizing Authority: Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron
hosted by Ocean Springs Yacht Club (OSYC)

APRIL 9, 10, 11, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40 shall not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official 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 **Competitor's Meetings** on the lawn adjacent to the beach or as otherwise indicated on Friday, April 9 at 1000.
- 2.3 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. 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

- 3.1 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 will be displayed from the 2nd floor Deer Island side 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 (04/09 – 04/11) - with 3 to 5 races per day.
- 5.2 The scheduled first warning signals shall be:
 - 5.2.1 Friday, 04/09 – 1130
 - 5.2.2 Saturday, 04/10 and Sunday, 04/11 – 1100
 - 5.2.3 On Sunday – (04/11), there shall be no warning signal after 1400.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flag shall be:
 - 6.1.1 Hobie Waves – Yellow Background with a Black Flying Hobie H
 - 6.1.2 Hobie 16 – Red background with a Black Flying Hobie H
 - 6.1.3 Hobie 17 – Green background with a Black Flying Hobie H
 - 6.1.4 Hobie 20 – White background with a Black Flying Hobie H
- 6.2 Order of Starts – **FIRST** sequence of each day will be as listed above

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 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 HCA Standard Courses shall be used. Reference Attachment A for course geometry
- 8.2 Courses 1, 2, 5 and 6 shall be used and 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 approx. compass bearing & distance of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks shall be:
 - 9.1.1 Outside Course: Mark A: **TBD**.
 - 9.1.2 Inside Wave Course: Mark A2: **TBD**.
 - 9.1.3 Mark C/Gate: **TBD**.
- 9.2 Outside Course: Change mark as provided in SI 12.1: **TBD**
- 9.3 Inside Course: Change mark: NONE – Original mark will be adjusted as required.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks shall be Orange inflatable marks, or an Orange flag on a staff.
- 9.5 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 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four 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

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC shall lay a new 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.

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 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 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*
- 14.2 APPENDIX V2 is turned on.
 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 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
All	45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes	8-13 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark A 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 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, award points to a boat, equivalent to the boat’s position in a race. The Race Committee determines the method and order. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

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 Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), of instructions 11.2, 15.3, 18, and 21 shall not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.
- 16.6 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.
- 16.7 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 four (4) races are completed.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail 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 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except temporarily while adding or removing clothes. Such device shall verifiably meet the requirements of either the sailor's national authority or of the government regulations that apply in the racing area. *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. The PFD may also be worn in such a way that a full trapeze harness is secured over the PFD.
- 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 CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee.
- 19.3 Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 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 member of the RC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 Boats may carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving international channels.
- 21.2 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.

21.3 The Official VHF channel for communications between the Race Committee and Competitors shall be 71.

22 AWARDS

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

22.2 The winner of each class shall be declared the 2021 Champion April Fool.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (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

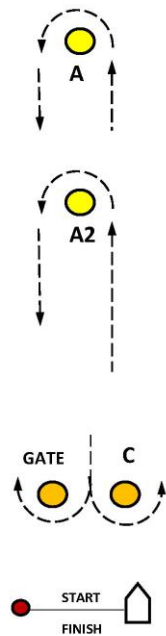
No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A C/GATE A	(F) Downwind
2	(S) A C/GATE A C A	(F) Downwind
5	(S) A C/GATE	(F) Upwind
6	(S) A C/GATE A C	(F) Upwind

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 race course. Refer to SI 9, 11 and 13.

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

