



2021 Slip to Ship Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63 are deleted.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio on channel **68**, or by oral communication with each boat.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the 2nd floor of OSYC outside the bar area.

3.2 A **Competitors Meeting** will be held each day at 0930 on the lawn adjacent to the beach or as otherwise indicated.

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel **68** and 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).

3.4 [DP][NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the 2nd floor southwest corner of the Club deck.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** There will be two days of racing. Two races on Saturday 29 May, to and from East Ship Island, and one race on Sunday 30 May, around Deer Island.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030.
- 5.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, "L" flag will be lowered from the RC Signal Boat with multiple sounds one minute before a warning signal is made. This modifies Race Signal "L".
- 5.4** On Sunday, 30 May, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1** The class flags are:

6.1.1	Hobie 16	< ----- >
6.1.2	Hobie 20	< ----- >
6.1.3	Nacra 20	< ----- >
6.1.4	Open Non-spinnaker	< ----- >
6.1.5	Open Spinnaker	< ----- >

7 RACING AREA

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

8 COURSES

- 8.1** The diagrams in SI 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. The approximate course lengths are: Saturday races, 11.8 nm each way. Sunday's race, 17.3 nm.
- 8.2** The procedure for the Race Committee to shorten the course will be discussed at the Competitors Meeting. This changes RRS 32.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** 1. The following marks, shown on the diagrams in Attachment A to these Sis, are rounding marks:
Biloxi Channel LIGHT 2: 30-21-35.697N, 088-54-07.538W
Biloxi Channel LIGHT 12: 30-23-21.734N, 088-53-56.935W
Biloxi East Channel will be a green tetrahedron located near 30-21-0.66N, 088-46-47.760W
East Ship Island Start/Finish Area: 30-15-16.0N, 088-52-8.9W
2. The starting marks are a Race Committee Signal Boat at one end of the starting line and an orange tetrahedron at the other end.
3. The finishing marks are a Race Committee Boat at one end of the finish line and an orange tetrahedron at the other end.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1** The following areas are designated as obstructions:
<description(s)> TBD and discussed at the Competitors Meeting.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5** A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be given a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1** Any change to a leg of the course will be made at the Competitors Meetings or on the water in accordance with SI 2.2.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end 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 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 RRS Appendix V2 applies. **POST-RACE PENALTIES.** After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident. The penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 43.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit (Biloxi "12")	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<time> TBD	<time> TBD	<time> TBD

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the official notice board, described in SI 3.1.

16.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no

more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the PRO or Chief Judge within the appropriate time limit.

16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a suitable location to be determined, beginning as soon as possible following racing for the day.

17 SCORING

17.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [DP] Competitors shall check in by sailing by the **starboard** side of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hailing their sail number before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following a postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number.

18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 [DP] Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) 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 RRS 40.

18.4 [DP] 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.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2** [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1** All trash shall be removed from the beach at Ship Island before any warning signal for race #2 is made.
- 21.2** Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1** Prizes will be given in each class for First, Second and Third places.

23 RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

24 INSURANCE

- 24.1** [DP] 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.



1. Saturday Race 1 and 2
Saturday
Race 1: Start-GM#12 (Leave to port)-Ship Island Finish
Race 2: Start-GM#12 (Leave to starboard)-OSYC Finish



2. Sunday Race 3
Race 3: Start-GM#12 (Leave to port)-GM#2 (Leave to Port)-Range Marker (Leave to Port) – Finish
Shortened Course.
Course 4: Start - GM#12 (Leave to port) - GM#2 (Leave to Port) - GM#12 (Leave to starboard) - Finish

ATTACHMENT A