



## 2021 Island Hop 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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices-Basic Rule) shall apply.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63 shall not apply.

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 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 ground floor of OSYC adjacent to the elevator.
- 3.2 A Competitors Meeting will be held each day at 0930 in the breezeway adjacent to the pool, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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". This changes Race Signals AP.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 There will be two days of racing. Two races will be sailed on Saturday 10 July, to and from West Horn Island, and one race on Sunday 11 July, 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, 11 July, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flags will be announced at the Competitors Meeting on Saturday 10 July.

## **7 RACING AREA**

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

## **8 COURSES**

8.1 The course for race #1 on Saturday will be from the OSYC Start/Finish Area, proceed to Dog Keys Pass Lighted Buoy #2, leaving it to port and finishing to the east approximately 0.3 nm at the West Horn Island Start/Finish Area. Race #2 will be from the West Horn Island Start/Finish Area then directly back to the OSYC Start/Finish Area. Saturday's races are approximately 11.2 nm each way.

8.2 The course for Sunday's race will be from the OSYC Start/Finish Area, proceed to Biloxi Channel Light #12, then to Biloxi Channel Light #2, then to Biloxi East Channel Daybeacon #12, and then returning to the OSYC Start/Finish Area, leaving all marks to port. Sunday's race is approximately 16.4 nm.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 The following marks, shown on the diagram in Attachment A to these SI's, are rounding marks:

- a) OSYC Start/Finish Area: 30-24-18 N, 88-50-28 W
- b) Biloxi Channel LIGHT 2: 30-21-35 N, 88-54-07 W
- c) Biloxi Channel LIGHT 12: 30-23-21 N, 88-53-57 W
- d) Biloxi East Channel DAY BEACON 12: 30-20-52 N, 88-46-44 W
- e) Dog Keys Pass Lighted Buoy 2: 30-14-43 N, 88-46-56 W
- f) West Horn Island Start/Finish Area: 30-14-47 N, 88-46-32 W.
- g) The starting marks are a Race Committee Signal Boat at one end of the starting line and an orange tetrahedron at the other end.
- h) The finishing marks are a Race Committee Boat at one end of the finish line and an orange tetrahedron at the other end. The RC Boat for race #1 may be on the beach at West Horn Island.

## **10 OBSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: <description(s)> TBD at 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 as described at the Competitors Meetings or on the water in accordance with SI 2.2. This changes RRS 32 and 33.

## **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. The RC Boat for race #1 may be on the beach at West Horn Island.

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 44.3(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 for Sunday's Race #3 are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit (Biloxi "12")	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<i>Ninety (90) minutes</i>	<i>Five (5) hours</i>	<i>Ninety (90) minutes</i>

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be shortened by rounding Mark 1, leaving it to port, and returning to finish.

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.

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. This changes RRS A2.1.

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]**

18.1 Competitors shall check in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern 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).

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

- 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]**
- 19.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 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 [NP][DP]**
- 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 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 Horn Island before any warning signal for race #2 is made.
- 21.2 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.
- 22 AWARDS**
- 22.1 Awards 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 equivalent.