



2021 SHEARWATER REGATTA

Organizing Authority – Ocean Springs Yacht Club

October 16th – 17th, 2021

Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- a. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- b. RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices – Basic Rule) shall apply while *racing*.
- c. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63 do not apply

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on 15 October 2021 at registration/check-in at OSYC.

3 COMMUNICATION

- a. The official notice board is located at OSYC, downstairs adjacent to the elevator.
- b. [DP] All boats are encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68 and 72.
- c. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- d. [DP] 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The event is open to all multihull boats 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 constitute a class.

- 4.2 b. Classes will be defined based on the entries by midnight on Wednesday 6 October 2021.

- c. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at Regatta Network: www.regattanetwork.com.

- d. Late entries will be accepted at OSYC on Friday 15 October from 1700 to 1900, and on Saturday 16 October from 0800 to 0930 at OSYC

5 FEES

- a. Entry fees [including skipper/crew regatta shirts and admission and dinner at the Annual OSYC Chili Cook-off on Saturday evening] are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until mid-night 6 October 2021	Standard Fee
<i>Single Handed</i>	<i>\$60</i>	<i>\$70</i>
<i>Double Handed</i>	<i>\$90</i>	<i>\$100</i>

6 SCHEDULE

- a. A Competitors Meeting will be held in the breezeway under the OSYC clubhouse on Saturday 16 October at 1000 and on Sunday 17 October at 0900.
- b. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100 on Saturday and 1000 on Sunday.
- c. The objective is to have 3 to 5 races each day, back-to-back, no maximum number.
- d. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7 VENUE

- a. 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 north of Deer Island.

8 COURSES

- a. Hobie Class Association standard courses will be used.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

10 SCORING

- a. One-design classes will be scored using the low point system of Appendix A. All others will be scored using the SCHRS .
- b. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- c. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

11 RISK STATEMENT

- a. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

12 PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each one-design class and for any SCHRS classes.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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