



2021 SHEARWATER REGATTA
16 & 17 October 2021
OCEAN SPRINGS YACHT CLUB, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is 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 while *racing*.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the **official notice board** located in the breezeway at OSYC and on Regatta Network (www.regattanetwork.com/event/23299).
- 2.2 Radio communication between boats and the race committee during racing will be carried out on **VHF channel 68**. Competitors are advised to maintain a listening watch on this channel at all times.
- 2.3 [NP] The following may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF channel in addition to any Race Signals (*this changes RRS 29, 32, 33 AND 41*): courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark; postponements and abandonments; boats identified as OCS and general recalls; changing courses or marks and identity of marks; shorten course; time limits.
- 2.4 [DP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than sixty (60) minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs. or by the protest time limit, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the upper deck of OSYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty (30) minutes' in *Race Signals AP*.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday 16 and 17 October. Multiple races may be held on any racing date, wind and weather permitting.
- 5.2 A skippers' meeting will be held at **1000** on Saturday 16 October and at **0900** on Sunday 17 October in the OSYC breezeway.
- 5.3 The warning signal for the first race on Saturday is approximately 1055 hrs. and for Sunday, 0955 hrs. Warning signals for subsequent races each day will be made as soon as practical. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs. Sunday 17 October.
- 5.4 The RC intends to run five races back-to-back each day, when time and weather conditions permit. There is no maximum number of races.

5.5 Flag L displayed, with no sound while boats are finishing means 'Additional races are planned'. Flag A displayed, with no sound while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags will be assigned at the Competitors Meeting on Saturday 16 October and posted on the official notice board.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be on Biloxi Bay, immediately south of the OSYC beach and north of Deer Island.

8. COURSES

8.1 Addendum A shows the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks shall be left to port (except gates).

8.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be inflated tetrahedrons, cylinders, or spheres. The description, color and shape will be posted on the official notice board and will be discussed at the competitors meeting on Saturday.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark on the port side of the race committee signal boat.

10.2 The race committee, as a disinterested party, may attempt to hail premature starters. However, the following **shall not be grounds for redress**: failure to hail; the timeliness of the hail; failure to hear the hail; and the order of the boats hailed.

10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. *This changes rules A4 and A5.*

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finish mark on the port side of the race committee signal boat.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and shall be scored one more point than the number of finishers that have sailed the course and finished. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

12.3 [NP] Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.*

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS Appendix V applies with the following change: In V1, the language "However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark*, other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty" is **deleted**.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within thirty (30) minutes of the start, or if no boat finishes within seventy-five (75) minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limits will not be grounds for redress. *This changes Rule 62.1(a).*

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal boat docks following the last race of the day or when the RC signals 'No more racing today', whichever is later. The Race Committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board.

15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee table upstairs in the dining room at OSYC. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day. Notices will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they may be parties or witnesses.

16. SCORING

16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her individual race scores.
This changes RRS A2.

17. SAFETY (CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT)

17.1 Before the initial warning signal on each race day, all boats shall check in with the race committee signal boat by sailing across her stern **on starboard track** and hailing their Sail Number or Bow Number until acknowledged. The race committee may check in any boat sailing nearby but is not required to do so.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race or decides to leave the racing area shall notify the race committee by hail until acknowledged as soon as possible before leaving the racing area.

18. COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive electronic communication not available to all boats while racing.

18.2 Communications between the race committee that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes Rule 62.1(a).*

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place for each class.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race.

20.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor or coach agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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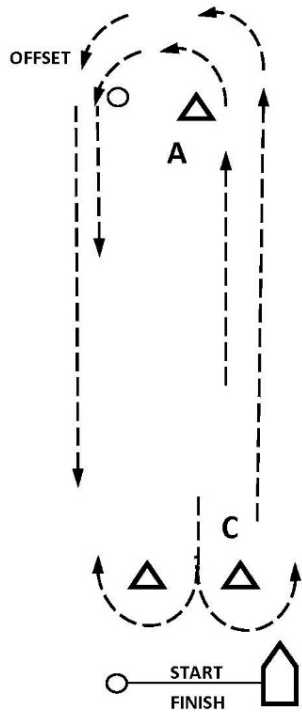
ADDENDUM A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES
(NOT TO SCALE)

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 1: START – A – Offset – C – A – Offset – FINISH
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 2: START – A – Offset – C – A – Offset – C – A – Offset – FINISH
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark

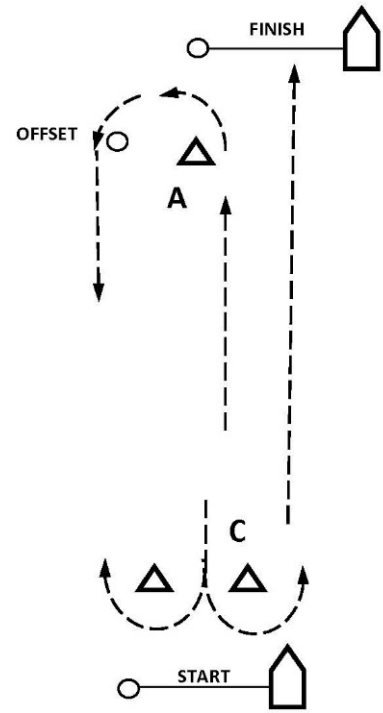


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 5: START – A – Offset – C – FINISH
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 6: START – A – Offset – C – A – Offset – C – FINISH
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark

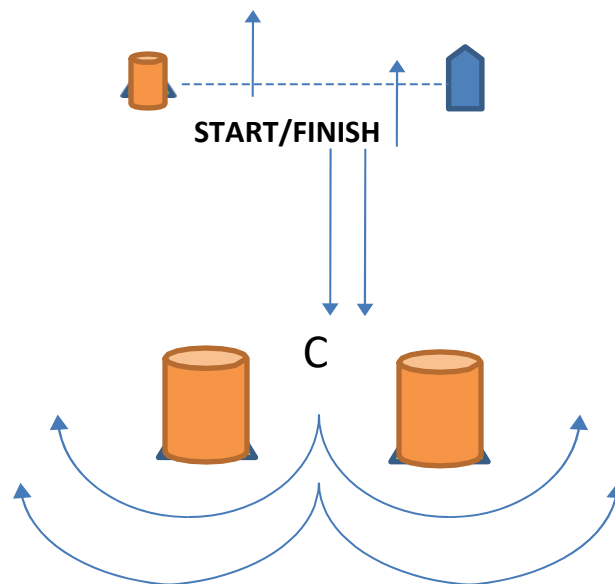
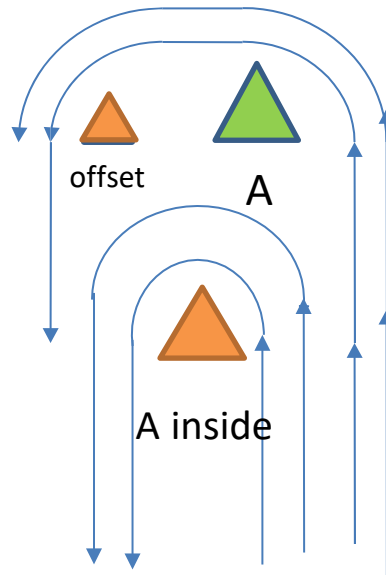


COURSE 3: S-A-C-A-F

DOWNWIND FINISH

COURSE 4: S-A-C-A-C-F

UPWIND FINISH



Either mark may be rounded at Gate