

2022 SHEARWATER REGATTA

The Organizing Authority is the Ocean Springs Yacht Club
22 and 23 October 2022

Ocean Springs, Mississippi, USA

NOTICE of RACE (NoR)

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

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

1 RULES

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

1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the prescriptions to *rules* 61.4, 67 and 76.1.

1.3 Under rule 86, Changes to the Racing Rules, the following rules are changed as follows:

- Rules A4 and A5 are changed to state that a boat starting later than four (4) 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.
- Rules 35, A4 and A5 are changed to state that a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).
- [NP] Boats may be finished on the course (FOC) at the discretion of the race committee. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

1.4 RRS 40.1, Personal Flotation Devices, Basic Rule, applies at all times while racing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at OSYC.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 All boats are encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68, 69 and 71.

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the supplementary sailing instructions.

3.3 [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

4.1 The event is open to all multi-hull boats 13 feet long and longer that have 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 qualify any one-design class for separate scoring.

4.2 Boats may enter by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com .

- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted each morning at the check-in desk prior to the competitor's briefing.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees, including breakfast each day, dinner on Saturday, and a regatta shirt for registered skipper and crew, are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 12 October 2022	Standard Fee
Singlehanded	\$60	\$70
Doublehanded	\$90	\$100

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Two days of racing are scheduled, Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 October 2022.
- 6.2 The intention is to have 5 races on Saturday, back-to-back, no maximum number, and 3 to 4 races on Sunday.
- 6.3 On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1500.

Friday 21 October	Late Registration & Check-in	1700 – 1900
Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 October	Late Registration & Check-in	0800 – 0900
Saturday & Sunday	Breakfast	0830 – 0930
Saturday & Sunday	Competitor's Briefing	0930
Saturday & Sunday	First Warning Signal	1100

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The event will be held at Ocean Springs Yacht Club with racing on Biloxi Bay, south and west of OSYC and between Deer Island and the mainland.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed and the marks that may be used will be provided with the supplementary sailing instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will be used. V1: Penalty at the Time of an Incident. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty. V2: Post-Race Penalty. 30% scoring penalty.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low-Point System of Appendix A of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will apply.
- 10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4 Boats not in a one-design class will be scored using the SCHRS, either Open Spinnaker or Open Non-Spinnaker.

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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

12.1 Prizes will be given as follows: **Trophies will be presented to first three boats in each class.**

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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