



2025 MONK SMITH REGATTA

October 11-12, 2025

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (OA)

Bay St Louis, Mississippi

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1 RULES

1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Bay Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC). The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and for high school sailing, the current Procedural Rules of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA).

1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI). In the event of a conflict between these documents, the SI shall take precedence. Notices on the Official Notice Board will take precedence over the NOR and SI.

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at BWYC or on Regatta Network Website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30069>) or communicated electronically to competitors via email or text message.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 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.

3.2 A Competitors' Meeting will be held. Announcements at the Competitors' Meeting will take precedence over the Sailing Instructions where a change occurs.

3.3 Verbal announcements from the Race Committee (via voice or VHF radio) made on the water shall take precedence over all other instructions.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Flag Pole on lawn at BWYC.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Schedule

Saturday, October 11, 2025

0900 – 1000 Registration – All Fleets – doughnuts and coffee available

1000 Competitors' Meeting

- A sandwich bar will be available for competitors to make lunch to bring on the water.

1100 First Warning – All Fleets – Additional races to follow

- After Racing – Jambalaya Dinner

Sunday, October 12, 2025

0900 Doughnuts and coffee available. A sandwich bar will be available.

1100 First Warning – All Fleets – Additional races to follow

1500 Cut-off time for last warning signal

- After Racing – Trophy Presentation

5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.3 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."



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6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as described at Competitors Meeting.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on the Bay of Saint Louis, and located approximately 0.1 to 1.0 nautical mile from the BWYC harbor. Location of course for each class or fleet will be described during the Competitors' Meeting.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in "Attachment – Courses" 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.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the Course to be sailed, and the display may include the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 Courses may be shortened (RRS 32).

8.4 Legs of the course may be changed after the preparatory signal (RRS 33).

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are described in "Attachment - Courses" or as described at the Competitors' meeting.

9.2 A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS: None

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal, or unless announced otherwise at the Competitors' Meeting. This may change RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between staff on signal boat displaying orange flag on 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. [DP]

11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.5 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast on VHF radio the sail numbers of such boats. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately or efficiently will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

(OR)

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.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal 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.



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14 PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Appendix V will apply (Alternative penalties: one turn, two turn, post race 30%).

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Time limits, if imposed, will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the BWYC office or online at USSailing.org. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal boat has docked in the harbor.

16.3 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 at BWYC.

16.4 Breaches of SIs 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

17.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.

17.2 One completed race is required to constitute a regatta.

17.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Before the first race of each day, all boats shall pass near the stern of the signal boat and announce sail number for check-in.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

18.3 All sailors in singlehanded boats shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) [DP].

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at any time.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Not used.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be described at the Competitors' Meeting.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement,



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general recall or abandonment. [DP]

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

None

26 Not Used.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

28 PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the top three (3) boats in each fleet depending on fleet size. The Awards Ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the last race of the regatta.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Bay Waveland Yacht Club (OA) will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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RRS, US Sailing: APPENDIX V

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription. Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the notice of race or sailing instructions so state. When rule V2 applies it does not replace any penalty that may be taken under rule 44.1. Please report your experiences with and evaluations of these rules to US Sailing by sending an email to rules@ussailing.org.

V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. 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.'

V2. POST-RACE PENALTIES

- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, 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.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.