



# 2025 Shearwater Regatta

## NOTICE of RACE (NoR) October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Ocean Springs Yacht Club Ocean Springs, Mississippi, USA

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:
  - (a) **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**.
  - (b) [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, always applies 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 COMMUNICATIONS

- 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) ratio at: (<https://schrs.com/ratings.html>). One-design classes are encouraged and a minimum of five (5) boats will qualify a one-design class for separate scoring. 1.1 Boats may enter by registering online at: (<http://www.regattanetwork.com>).
- 4.2 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.3 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, pizza buffet dinner on Saturday, hamburgers and hot dogs on Sunday at the awards presentation, and a regatta shirt for each registered skipper and crew, are as follows:  
**Social Tickets are available for competitor's friends and family at \$50.00.**

**Table 1. Entry Fees**

CLASS	EARLY ENTRY FEE UNTIL 7 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	LATE ENTRY FEE AFTER 8 <sup>h</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023
SINGLEHANDED	\$65	\$85
DOUBLEHANDED	\$95	\$115

## 6 SCHEDULE (Table 2)

- 6.1 Two days of racing are scheduled, Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October
- 6.2 20<sup>th</sup>. Saturday and Sunday racing will be south Biloxi Bay in front of OSYC
- 6.3 On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1500.

**Table 2. Schedule of Events**

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND DURATION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 <sup>TH</sup>	Late Registration & Check-in	1700 – 1900
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 <sup>TH</sup>	Late Registration & Check-in	0800 – 0900
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Breakfast	0830 – 0930
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Competitor's Briefing	0930
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	First Warning Signal	~1030
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 <sup>TH</sup>	Dinner	TBD after racing
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 <sup>TH</sup>	Hot Dogs w/Awards	ASAP after racing

## 7 VENUE

- 7.1 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

- 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, except no races will be excluded. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes **RRS A2.1**
- 10.2 Three (3) races are 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

## 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 awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for all classes with a minimum of 5 boats.

## 13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information please contact:  
Regatta Operating Authority (ROA):  
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