



2008 Shearwater Regatta

Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, MS, Nov 15 & 16 2008

RULES OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and fees, (see NOR for entry fees), to Ocean Springs Yacht Club on or before the day of the race. Early entry is appreciated.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the YC structure.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the beach near the staging/registration area. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after AP is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE

A competitors' meeting will be held at 1000, on the Gazebo near the staging/registration area. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1055. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The start flag will be described at the competitors' meeting.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be offshore Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Mississippi. Courses will be windward-leeward, given depth restrictions. Courses should be kept to the northeast side of the main channel into Biloxi Back Bay, given the aforementioned depth restrictions on the southwest side of the main channel.

7 COURSE and MARKS

The course will be designated by black letters on a white board. All marks will be cylindrical orange inflatables.

8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting and finishing lines will be between the Committee Boat and an orange tetrahedron. RRS Rule 26, Five Minute starting system, will be used.

9 PROTESTS

Protests will NOT be heard. This is a fun regatta. Competitors are expected to race fairly and within the Rules. If a violation occurs, it is up to the competitors to solve it, on the water, in a mature fashion. A boat that has broken a rule shall, after getting WELL CLEAR of other boats as soon as possible, take a penalty by promptly taking one turn, including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.

10 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. If at least five (5) races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. At least six (6) races are scheduled.

11 TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers, to be determined as soon as possible after the last boat finishes Sunday, November 16. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony, to be held under the Gazebo in front of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club at 1500h Sunday, November 16.