

2023 Shearwater

14th and 15th October 2023
Ocean Springs Yacht Club
Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Supplementary Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 Notice of Race (NoR) 2023OSYCShearwaterRegattaFinalNoR.pdf, found at: www.regattanetwork.com, is in effect, except where changed by these instructions.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, is in effect.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs. LT or by the protest time limit, whichever is later, on the day before it shall take effect. This changes RRS Appendix S, 3.1.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located in the dining room of the clubhouse and on Regatta Network (2023 Shearwater Regatta).
- 3.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held upstairs in the OSYC clubhouse at 1000 on Saturday and at 0900 on Sunday.
- 3.3 The 'race office' is a table set up inside the clubhouse dining room. The PRO phone is: (228) 875-1915. The PRO email is: jconal@gmail.com.
- 3.4 On the water the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 68. This information is given as a courtesy and a request for redress may not be based on any aspect of this unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, and/or failure to hear. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.5 [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. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole located on the southwest corner of the upstairs deck of the clubhouse. When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Two days of racing are scheduled for the event, 14 and 15 October 2023. The objective is to have 5 races per day, back-to-back. There is no maximum number of races.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1055. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 0955.
- 6.3 To alert competitors that a race or series of races will begin soon, multiple short horn sounds may be made one minute before the warning signal. This changes RRS Appendix S, 5.2.
- 6.4 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flags will be assigned at the Competitors Briefing on Saturday.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Biloxi Bay, southwest of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. (See Addendum A).

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Addendum B show the courses that will be used, Courses 1 or 2, Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish, Courses 3 or 4 with an Inside A Mark, or Courses 5 or 6, Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be inflated tetrahedrons, cylinders, or spheres. The description, color, and shape will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), on Regatta Network, and will be discussed at the Competitors Briefing on Saturday.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 There are no obstructions. (The Start – Finish Line is Open)

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end of the line, and the course side of the port-end Starting Mark.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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 with an original mark.
- 13.2 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end Finishing Mark.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat in her class to sail the course and finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) as per NoR 1.3, one point more than the last boat finishing within the thirty (30) minutes.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS Appendix V is changed by deleting the following: "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 Two-Turns Penalty."

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 If no boat in a class has passed the first mark (Mark A) within thirty (30) minutes of her start, or no boat in a class has finished within seventy-five (75) minutes of her start, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the Time Limits will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after, the last boat finishes the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board (ONB).
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the 'race office' located in the clubhouse.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4 Hearings will be held in a location and at a time which will be posted on the ONB.

18 SCORING

18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 (a) When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her individual scores.

b) 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.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number or bow number to the RC Signal Vessel before the start of the first race of each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number or bow number.

19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 AWARDS

20.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. The number of trophies will be based on pre-registration.

21. RISK STATEMENT

21.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* 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.

22. SPECIAL NOTES

22.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS A5. The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

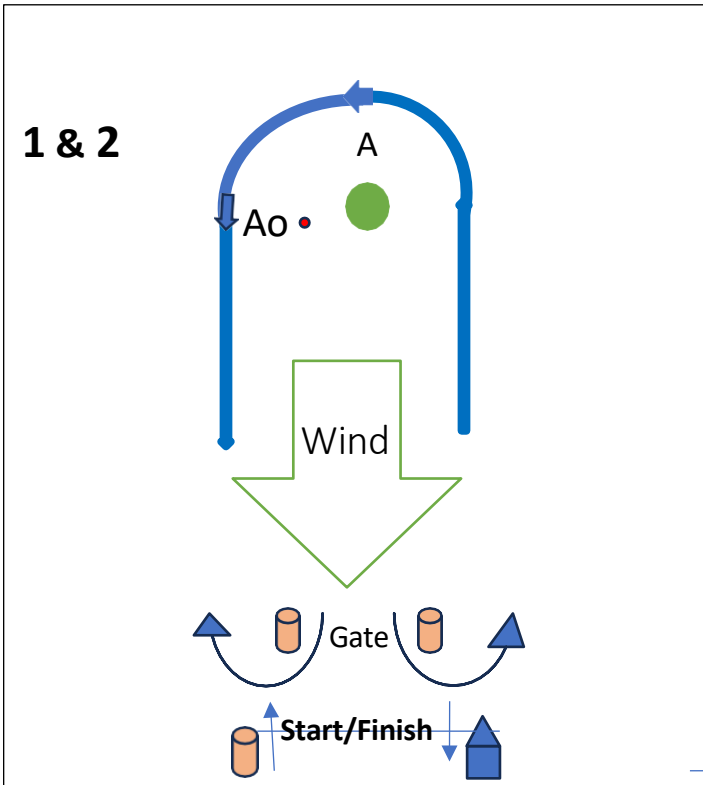


Addendum A

A1. Map of Regatta Racecourse Area

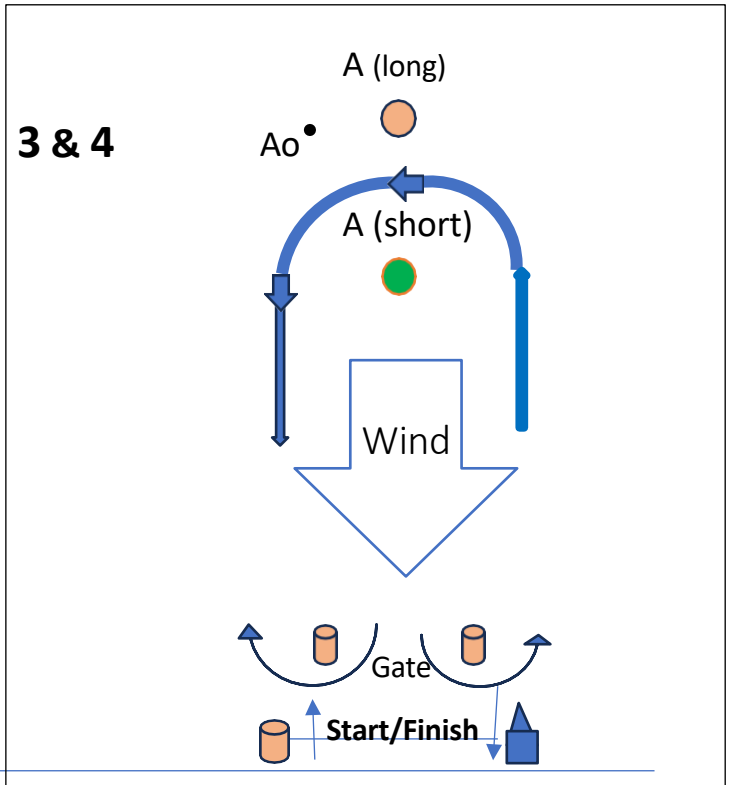


Addendum B – Course Diagrams



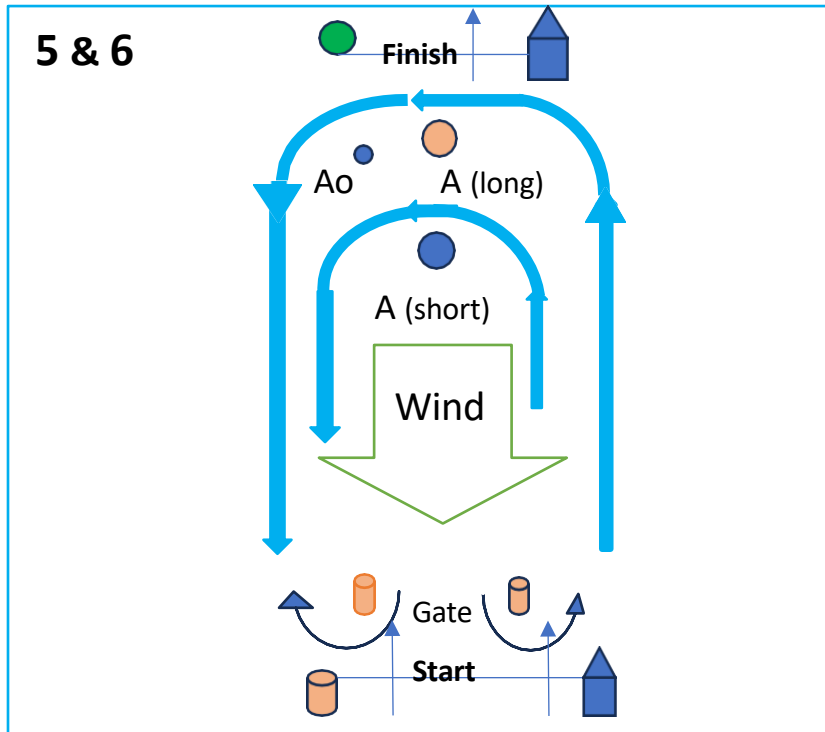
#1: Start-A-Ao-gate-A-Ao-Finish

#2: Start-A-Ao-gate-A-Ao-gate-A-Ao-Finish



#3: Start - As - gate - As - Finish

#4: Start - As - gate - As - gate - As - Finish



#5: Start - A(long) - Ao - gate - Finish. #6: Start A (long) - Ao - gate - A(long) - Ao - gate - Finish. Class with A (short) does not have an offset mark.