



Ocean Springs Yacht Club



OSYC Katrina Memorial & Club Wave Championship August 24th and 25th, 2024 Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 Notice of Race (NoR) [2024OSYCKatrinaFinalNoR.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 1900 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 downstairs of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 The 'race office' is a table set up outside by the Sail Locker. The PRO phone is: 850-305-9653 Email is: Patssun@yahoo.com
- 3.3 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).*
- 3.4 [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 near the OSYC pier in clear view to the competitors. 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, 24 and 25 August 2023. The objective is to have 3 to 5 races per day, back-to-back.

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on **Saturday 24 August is 1100.**
The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on **Sunday 25 August is 1100.**
- 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.
- 6.4 On Sunday 25 August, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Open Wave Class Flag is White
- 7.2 The Youth Wave Class Flag is Pink

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Biloxi Bay, southwest of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI (Figure 1) show the courses that will be used for the Open and Youth Wave Class; Courses 1 or 2, Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish, or Courses 5 or 6, Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish.
- 9.2 No later than at the time of the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate bearing (in degrees) to the first mark of the course.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Rounding Marks: (Figure 1)
 - 10.1.1 Open Wave Course, Mark A1: Open Class / **Orange Tetrahedron.**
 - 10.1.2 Youth Wave Course, Mark A2: Youth Class / **Green Tetrahedron.**
 - 10.1.3 Open Wave Course, Marks Cg1: Leeward Gate Marks: Open Class: **Two Orange Cylinders Leeward of Start/Finish Line**
 - 10.1.4 Youth Wave Course, Mark Cg2, Youth Class **Two Orange Cylinders Windward of Start/Finish Line.**
 - 10.1.5 Open Wave Course, Offset Mark Ao: **Yellow boat bumper**
 - 10.1.6 Youth Wave Course, Offset Mark: None.
- 10.2 Change Marks:
 - 10.2.1 Open Wave Course, Mark A1 Change Mark: **Yellow Tetrahedron**
 - 10.2.2 Youth Wave Course, None- Original mark will be moved.
- 10.3 Start and Finish Marks:
 - 10.3.1 Both Wave Courses, Start and Finish Marks: **Orange Cylinder.**

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 There are no obstructions.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within **four (4) minutes** after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*

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.*

- 13.3 In RRS 33 (a) (2), ‘a green triangle’ is changed to ‘a green flag’ and ‘a red rectangle’ is changed to ‘a red flag’.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line for both Wave Classes is between a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 NoR 9.1 applies. RRS Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES) are in effect.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 Time limits and target times for the Wave Class are as follows:

Class	Initial Weather Mark Target Time	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit
Wave	8 – 13 minutes	30 minutes	40 – 45 minutes	90 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed their Initial Weather Mark (A1-2) within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race may be abandoned.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 16.4 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

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 (NOB).
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the ‘race office’ located at the clubhouse.
- 17.3 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 in a location which will be posted on the official notice board, beginning at a time that will also 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 or fewer races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. *This changes RRS A2.*
- (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. *This changes RRS A2.*

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 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.**

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.

23. SIGNALS AND SOUNDS FROM RACE COMMITTEE

Open- Blue
Youth- Pink

Class flag

5 Mins

4 Mins

P flag

1 Min

Long

Start

Short

Short

Short

Short

Individual Recall 'X'

General Recall

Postponement

Preparatory 'P'

Black Flag

1 Minute rule

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