

**INTERNATIONAL MOTH US NATIONALS
LADD LEWIS MEMORIAL MOTH, WASZP, AND UFO REGATTA**

Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC), FL, USA
March 1 - 3, 2019

The Organizing Authority is the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) in conjunction with the International Moth Class
& Waszp & UFO Associations

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No National Authority Prescriptions will apply
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Competitors may use their own camera recording equipment. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board inside the club.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will – in most cases - be posted by 9:30 AM on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 In some cases, changes to the sailing instructions can be made after agreement from sailors and/or class representatives.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located by the water.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 1:

Skippers' meeting at 1200
First Race first warning 1300

Saturday, March 2:

First race warning 1200

Sunday, March 3:

First race first warning 1100
No Warning signal after 1400

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 One race constitutes a Regatta.
- 7.2 The number of races run each day is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The Class Flag for the International Moth Class shall be a solid red flag.
- 8.2 The Combined Class Flag for the Waszps and UFOs shall be a solid blue flag.

9. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed is a windward-leeward. More details will be provided during the Skippers' Meeting.

10. THE MARKS

The marks will be inflatable yellow or orange buoys and will be described at the Skippers' Meeting.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Starts will be conducted according to Rule 26, the Five Minute Sequence.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.3 The Moths will start as one class. Waszps and UFOs will start together.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than FOUR minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, FIVE short sound signals will be made one minute before the warning signal.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2 Boats may be finished on the race course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 12.3 Boats that do not complete the appropriate number of laps shall cross the finish line on the OTHER side of the finishing mark, and shall be scored as if they finished after all the boats that completed both laps.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing that day, whichever is later. This time will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 When fewer than FIVE races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When from FIVE to EIGHT races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4 When NINE or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 Competitors are required to 'check-in' each race day.
- 16.2 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 30 yards of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.
- 17.2 Coach and support boats should monitor VHF Channel 72 for Race Committee announcements or requests for assistance.
- 17.3 All support boats are at all times submitting to the Race Committee authority, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and must comply with any instructions given by these authorities or by the police.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Competitors in a UKSC events are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard, including but not limited to cans, bottles, and plastic. This action is protestable either by any competitor or by the Race Committee.

Water for refillable water bottles is available at the clubhouse and also on board the Race Committee boat.

19. PRIZES

The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top third of each class.

20. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.