

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2018 United States Multihull Championship

2018 Hobie Alter Cup

2018 FWYC WetaFest

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Hosted by: Fort Walton Yacht Club

108 Ferry Road NE

Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

April 18-22, 2018

### 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Weta Class North American Rules, US Sailing's Championship Conditions, the US Multihull Championship Conditions, US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, and the US Sailing Regulations and Prescriptions.

### 2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the patio of the (FWYC).

2.2 In an attempt to utilize the US Sailing Clean Regatta Program, all notices will be placed on the Official Notice Board and copies of documentation will be available upon request.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the masthead located on the back lawn of the FWYC.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### **Wednesday April 18, 2018**

1300 – 1600	On the water seminar with two-time Olympic Champion, Randy Smyth. This seminar is optional. The cost of \$60 per boat and is payable at the seminar.
1600 - 1900	Registration & Check In Evening on your own

## Thursday April 19, 2018

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
0800 - 0900	Late Registration and Check-in
0930	Competitors Meeting
1130	First Race Warning Signal
After racing	Dinner (included in registration) Clean Regatta Presentation, Stephanie Taylor Heavy Wind Sailing, Jonathan Weston

## Friday April 20, 2018

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
1030	First Warning Signal
After racing	Dinner (included in registration)

## Saturday April 21, 2018

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
1030	First Warning Signal
After racing	Dinner (included in registration) WETA Class Meeting

## Sunday April 22

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
1030	First Warning Signal
1400	No warning signal will be made after this time unless it is the result of a General Recall
After racing	Awards and Late lunch (included in registration)

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be the class insignia on a white background unless otherwise briefed.

### 7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area will be located in Choctawhatchee Bay, within Okaloosa County.

### 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses are windward/leeward with dropped marks. Diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

8.2 All marks are left to port except gates (gates may be exited in either direction). The approximate course leg length will be greater than one-half (½) mile.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) will designate the course by displaying the number of the course on the RC Signal Vessel.

### 9 MARKS

9.1 Starting and Finishing marks will be RC vessels with Orange Flags. If two RC vessels are not used, one mark will be a dropped mark.

9.2 All dropped marks are red balls or orange tetrahedrons.

9.3 Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons if other than the Finishing marks on the final leg.

### 10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Pin Set Vessel.
- 10.3 Any boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 4 and A5.
- 10.4 In the event of individual recalls, the RC will endeavor to hail offending boats. Failure to broadcast, broadcast in a timely manner, or be heard by the offending boats will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When subsequent changes are made, and a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 12 THE FINISH

12.1 The Finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Pin Set vessel or the nearby mark.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty changing RRS 44.1. However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 13.2 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark. This changes RRS 44.2

## 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has passed the first upwind mark of the course within one (1) hour of the start or has not finished within two (2) hours of the start, the race shall be abandon. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This Changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the Official Notice Board. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC has returned to the dock or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 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 and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the RC, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.6 Decisions of the judges will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 15.7 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made not later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used.
- 16.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 16.3 In accordance with RRS A2, a competitor's worst score shall be excluded after four (4) races are completed.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Each boat competing shall Check-In with the RC Signal Vessel on the water at the beginning of each racing day or as soon as possible after reaching the race course. On the water, check out is required for each competitor leaving the course prior to the end of the race day.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OF EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 Sail measurements and boat weighing will not be conducted at FWYC.
- 19.2 Measurements required by class rules shall be the responsibility of the Weta Class North American
- 19.3 T-handles may be used on shrouds during this regatta
- 19.4 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC or the Weta Class Measurer, to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules.

## 20 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 20.1 Boats shall display event advertising and/or bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority as follows: US Sailing identification label. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

## 21 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1 Official boat will be marked as follows:

RC Signal Vessel	Race Committee Flag (dark blue)
RC Pin Vessel	Blue Flag
Judges Vessel	Judges Flag (white)

## 22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 All support boats for competitors shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until all boats have finished or retired until the end of racing for the day.

## 23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels. Support vessels used primarily for the distribution of water will be available on the race course.

## 24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 24.2 The RC will use VHF channel 72 for all broadcasts. Failure to hear or understand these broadcasts will not be ground for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1.

## 25 PRIZES

25.1 US Sailing medals and keeper trophies will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place competitors.

25.2 The winning competitor(s) will have their name(s) placed on the Hobie Alter Cup Trophy.

25.3 The highest-ranking US Competitor(s) will be named the 2018 United States Multihull Champion(s). Only US competitors are eligible for this award.

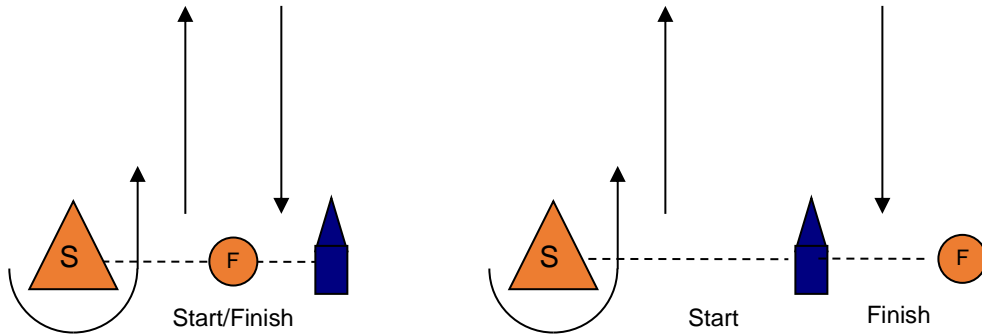
25.4 Additional trophies will be awarded for WetaFest. This may include first, second and third place trophies for single handed and double handed boats. In addition, other trophies may be awarded.

## 26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club, sponsors and their respective employees, agents or appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death.

# Attachment A

## Course Diagram



**W Course**

**A Course**

COURSE <sup>(1)</sup>	SEQUENCE <sup>(2)</sup>
W1	Start - W - o - Finish
W2	Start - W - o - S - W - o - Finish
W3	Start - W - o - S - W - o - S - W - o - Finish
A1	Start - W - o - Finish
A2	Start - W - o - S - W - o - Finish
A3	Start - W - o - S - W - o - S - W - o - Finish

- (1) The digit indicates the number of laps.
- (2) For the W Course, the Finish mark will not be in the water during the start sequence.