



**2018 Texas Kitefoil and Twin Tip Kite
Gulf Coast Championships
September 22-23, 2018**
Texas City Dike | Texas City, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is the American Kiteboarding Association.
- 1.2. The Host will be Houston Kiteboarding.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix F.
- 2.2. RRS F4-44.2 is changed to replace the word 'hull' with 'foil'.
- 2.3. US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 2.4. Competitors who are 18 years or younger are strongly encouraged to wear a PFD at all times while on the water. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. [NP]
- 2.5. A competitor shall not fly a kite on land outside the Launch Area. The penalty for this action shall be a disqualification not excludable (DNE) for all of that day's races. This changes RRS 63.1.

3. IDENTIFICATION ON COMPETITORS

Add second sentence to RRS F9 G1(a): Failure to wear the correct assigned personal competition number will result in a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board will be a white board, located inside the Host Tent.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 30 minutes prior to the first warning on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole near the Host Tent.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. A maximum of five (5) races per day are scheduled, per discipline.
- 7.2. All competitors are required to check in with the Host Tent at 1000 on Saturday, September 22.
- 7.3. A competitors' meeting will be held at 1030 in the Host Tent on Saturday, and at 1000 on Sunday.
- 7.4. The first warning signal will be at 1130 on Saturday, and 1030 on Sunday.
- 7.5. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be given after 1530.

8. RACING AREA

Races will be sailed on the open water of Galveston Bay, west of the Houston Ship Channel, approximately 1 -2 nautical miles north of the Texas City Dike Beach. Launching and landing of kites will be from the beach within the designated Launch Area located at approximately mile marker 4 of the Texas City Dike. Attachment B map of designated race area. Shore side events will take place in the Host Tent at the Launch Area.

9. COURSES & MARKS

- 9.1. The courses will be windward-leeward for Foiling kites and slalom figure 8 for TwinTip kites. All courses will be described in Attachment A – Course Descriptions.
- 9.2. For the Foiling kites, mark G will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the mark shall be rounded in the same direction as the previous mark.
- 9.3. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 10. THE START**
 - 10.1. All races will be started in accordance with Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System.
 - 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red inflatable buoy at the port end.
 - 10.3. A kiteboard shall not start four (4) minutes after her starting signal.
- 11. THE FINISH**
 - 11.1. Course 1 & 3: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a white inflatable buoy set approximately downwind of the signal boat.
 - 11.2. Course 2: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
 - 12.1. If no kiteboard has passed Mark 1 within seven (7) minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
 - 12.2. Kiteboards failing to finish within ten (10) minutes, after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
 - 13.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. This time will be posted on the official notice board. The posting of the protest time limit constitutes the time limit mentioned in the first sentence of RRS 61.3.
 - 13.2. Protest forms will be available from the Beach Captain or from a table in the Host Tent. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
 - 13.3. The protest committee will hear protests and requests for redress as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the close of protest time. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 63.2.
 - 13.4. Notices of any other protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will also be posted. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
 - 13.5. It is the sole responsibility of each rider involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
 - 13.6. The race committee shall post a list of kiteboards scored BFD on the official notice boat before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
 - 13.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress on a protest committee decision, or a request to reopen a hearing, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was announced, either written or orally. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.
- 14. SCORING**
 - 14.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 14.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a kiteboard's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
 - 14.3. When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a kiteboard's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**
 - 15.1. Also refer to SI 2.4 and 2.5.
 - 15.2. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, a safety boat or the Beach Captain as soon as possible. [NP][DP]
 - 15.3. Except for brief periods of time while changing kites, a competitor shall not have kites rigged and lines out in the Launch Area. [NP][DP]
 - 15.4. Competitors shall comply with any directions or requests made by any Race Official, Host, OA, or the Beach Captain. [NP][DP]
- 16. PRIZES**

- 16.1 Kitefoil: There will be prizes for 1st-3rd place in each division.
- 16.2 TwinTip: There will be prizes for 1st – 3rd place.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any kiteboard or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

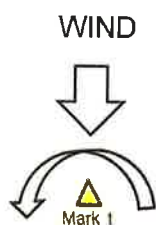
By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

Attachment A: Course Descriptions

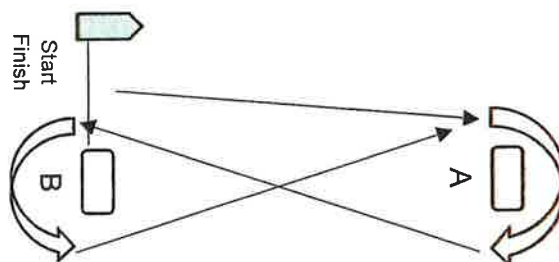
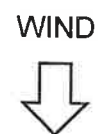
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G	Inflatable yellow tetrahedrons set as a leeward gate below the starting line
Pin	Inflatable red buoy

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1 - Foiling	Start → 1 → G → 1 → G → Finish (all marks taken to port, except the gate)
2 - TwinTip	Start → A → B → A → Finish (Mark A to be left to starboard, Mark B to be left to port)
	NOTE: TwinTip slalom marks will be white inflatables

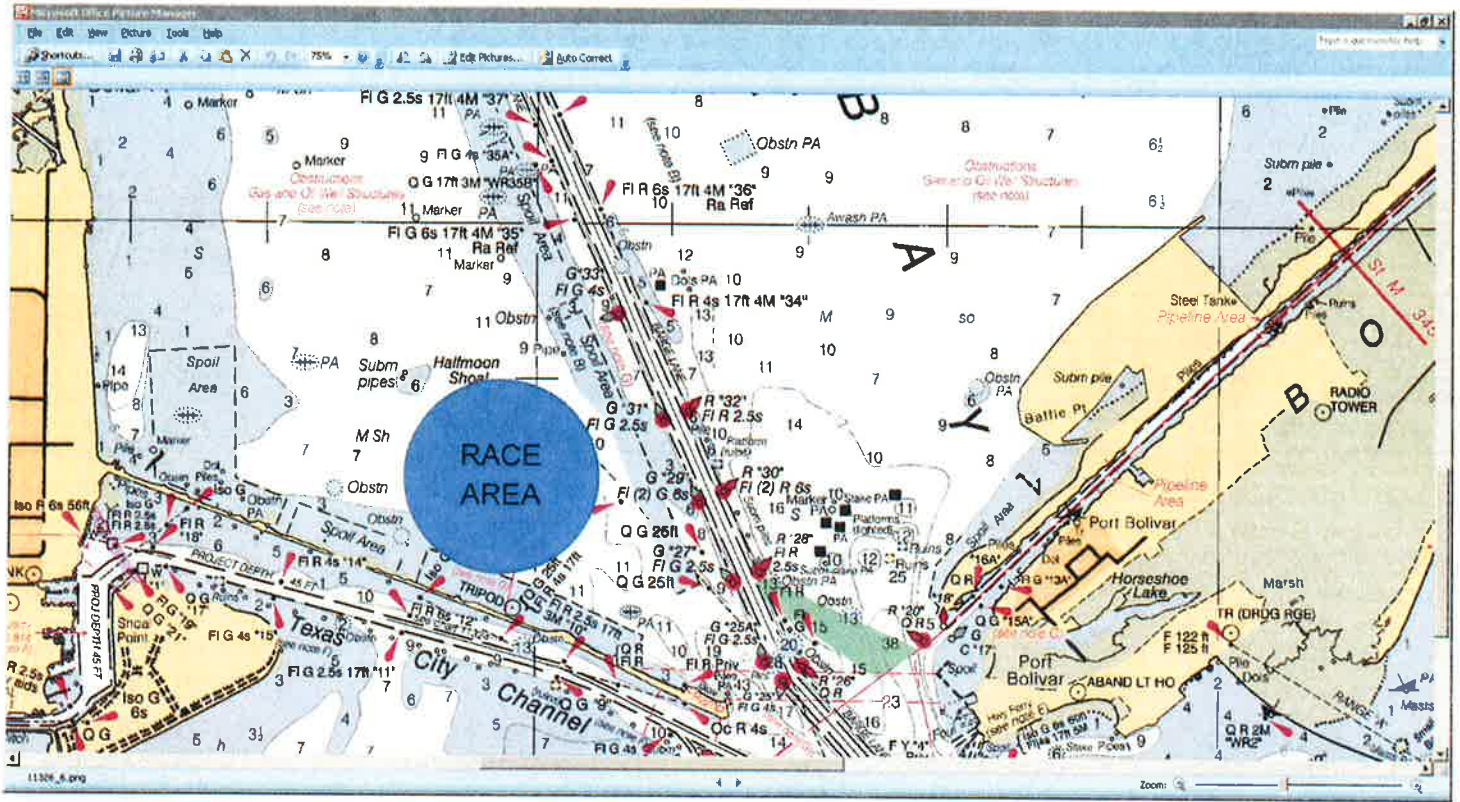
COURSE 1



COURSE 2



Attachment B

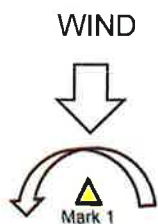


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