

Formula Wave Class Championship Regatta

November 17-20, 2022

Organizing Authority: Gulfport Yacht Club & Formula Wave Class
Gulfport, Florida (St. Petersburg)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US prescriptions to RRS 63.2 & 63.1 will not apply. RRS A5.3 shall apply
- 1.3 All competitors must be current members of the Formula Wave Class.
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the south side of clubhouse porch at the Gulfport Yacht Club. Daily results will be posted in the same manner and on Regatta Network.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 08:00am on the day it will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00pm the day before it takes effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on southeast corner of clubhouse at the Gulfport Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." This changes race signal AP. Competitors are instructed not to leave the harbor when under on-shore postponement.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Multiple back to back races are scheduled for each day.
- 5.2

Thursday Nov 17th	2:00 – 4:00pm	Practice Racing
	4:00 – 7:00pm	Registration / Sail Measuring
Friday Nov 18th	8:00am – 9:00am	Late Registration
	9:00 am	Skippers Meeting
	9:55am	RACING: First Warning
	On water Lunch Break	
		RACING RESUMES
Saturday Nov 19th	9:00am	Daily Skipper's Meeting
	9:55am	RACING: First Warning
	On water Lunch Break	
		RACING RESUMES
Sunday Nov 20th	8:00am	Daily Skipper's Meeting
	8:55am	RACING: First Warning
	2:00pm	No warning after 2pm : Awards & food ASAP after last race

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 Descriptions of the class flags will be posted on the official notice board no later than 9:00am on Friday, Nov 18th and will be reviewed at the Skipper's Meeting on Friday, Nov 18th.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be in the near shore waters in the Boca Ciega Bay

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment "A" shows the courses to be sailed, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The start/finish line will be open.

9. MARKS

9.1 The Windward and Wing / Gybe marks shall be Yellow Barrels. The Windward offset mark will be an Orange Ball

9.2 The start and finish mark will be an Orange Barrel.

9.3 The Leeward / Gate marks shall be Yellow Barrels.

10. THE START & FINISH

10.1 The start and finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a nearby mark on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

10.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.3 The Race Committee, *may* hail premature starters. However, the following **shall not be grounds for redress**: failure to hail; the timeliness of the hail; failure to hear the hail; and, the order of the boats hailed

11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay an Orange mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practical. Change will be signaled by Charlie flag and Red or Green Flag.

11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark. When the original mark was the Gate, the subsequent change mark will be a single mark which would then be rounded to Port.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix V shall apply with the following change: the last sentence of V1, "her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty" will be modified to be "her turn shall be a One-Turn Penalty."

13.2 PENALTY AFTER THE RACE:

Per APPENDIX V2: After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post- Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within thirty (30) minutes of the start, or if no boat finishes within seventy-five (75) minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limits will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks following the last race of the day. The Race Committee will post the days Race Summary, including time of docking, on the official notice board.

15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Chief Judge at the GPYC. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at GPYC. Notices shall be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they may be parties or witnesses.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 One race will constitute a regatta. The intention is to have 12-16 races or more if conditions allow.
- 16.2 The Low Point scoring system described in Appendix A shall apply except as changed below.
- 16.3 Each boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores except when 6 or more races have been scored, each boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

17. SAFETY (CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT)

- 17.1 Before the initial warning signal on each race day all boats shall check in with the race committee signal boat by sailing across her stern on Starboard tack and hailing their Bow number until acknowledged.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or decides to leave the racing area shall notify the race committee by hail or radio until acknowledged as soon as possible before leaving the racing area.

18. COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 A competitor may keep a radio on their boat. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. No coaching or radio communication between competitors is allowed.
- 18.2 Communication between Race Committee overheard by competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes 62.1(a)

19. AWARDS

- 19.1 Awards will be given as follows: Overall - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th place. Also: 1st Place Seniors (over 70)

20. MEASUREMENT

- 20.1 Each boat shall conform to the FWC class rules.
- 20.2 All sails Must be measured before the beginning of racing to conform with class rules. Sails that may have been previously measured at other FWC regattas should be presented to be identified as the sail to be used for this regatta. Any previously un-measured sail should be measured and approved prior to the start of racing on Friday Nov. 18th.
- 20.3 Only one sail may be used during the regatta. If a competitor’s sail is damaged beyond repair, they may appeal to the FWC Measurer &/or Rules Chair to substitute another measured and approved sail.
- 20.4 A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected, or directed to a place for inspection, at any time for compliance with Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions, and Notice of Race.
- 20.5 Each boat shall display a bow number on the outside of each hull. No two boats shall have the same number

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor or coach 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.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party insurance policy with a minimum liability of \$100,000. A copy of which MUST be shown to the Registrar at check in Thur. Nov 17th 4-7pm, or before racing on Friday.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 Principle Race officer:	Mike Kasper	mrmikekasper@icloud.com	727-410-7746
FWC Event & Race Coordinator:	Doug Seib	dseibracer@aol.com	216-210-2108
FWC Secretary & Registrar:	Wendy Rice-Larson	wricelarson@gmail.com	712-661-9279
Gulfport Yacht Club Liaison	Bob & Cheryl Johnson	hobiebob@aol.com	727-216-9357

FORMULA WAVE COURSES:

1 **A C A** Downwind Finish

2 **A C A C** Upwind Finish

3 **A B C** Upwind Finish

4 **A B C A** Downwind Finish

5 **A B C A C** Upwind Finish

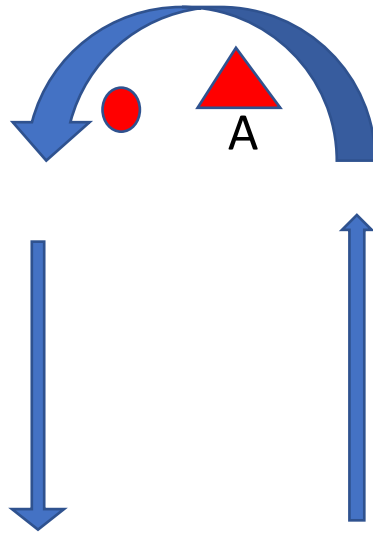
Round all marks to port, except gates

B Mark should be 90 – 105 degrees from leeward mark C

Leeward mark gate may use start finish line as gate

COURSE 2

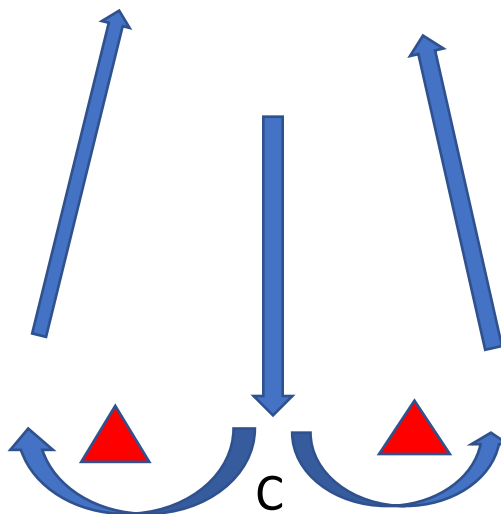
S-A-C-A-C-F



Start & Finish Line



Either mark may
be rounded at gate



COURSE #5

S-A-B-C-A-C-F

mark B to mark C distance =
1.25 X mark A to mark C

