

2023 FWC Florida Keys Regional Wave Regatta

December 1-3, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA): Formula Wave Class Association
Hosted by the Upper Keys Sailing Club
Key Largo, FL

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sis 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 Sis means that the instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.1(b).

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 will not apply.
- 1.3 [NP] RRS 60.1a is changed to prohibit a boat protesting another for an alleged breach of class rule requiring class membership.
- 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."
- 1.5 US prescriptions to RRS 63.2 & 63.1 will not apply. RRS A5.3 shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the office in the club house. Daily results may be posted in the same manner and may also be posted online using Regatta Network.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than one (1) hour prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 the day before it takes effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located by the main dock.
- 4.2 [DP][NP]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 Friday Dec. 1 – 0900 Competitors Meeting on the front porch
1100 First Warning
Saturday Dec. 2 - 1000 First Warning
Sunday Dec. 3 – 1000 First Warning
1300 – No warning after this time

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be a yellow flag with a Hobie H on it.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the near shore waters of the Buttonwood Sound.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed are listed below. The C mark may be a single mark or a gate. The start/finish line will be closed when a blue flag is flying.

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

6 A C A C A downwind finish

Round all marks to port except gates.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The Windward and Wing / Gybe marks will be yellow buoys.
9.2 The start and finish mark will be an orange buoys.
9.3 The Leeward / Gate marks shall be yellow buoys.

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 the course side of the starting 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 [NP] 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.
10.4 The course will be displayed on a board on the signal boat. The leeward mark may be a single mark or a gate. If the leeward mark is a single mark, it shall be left to port.

11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark as soon as practicable.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.'
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 sixty (60) 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).
- 14.2 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 [DP][NP]A boat intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the race committee finishing vessel as soon as possible after finishing or retiring (if retiring, to any race official in the racing area) of her intention to protest. This adds to RRS 61.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks following the last race of the day. The Race Committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Protests shall be delivered to the office. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day. 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.
- 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, Then 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 [DP][NP]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 [DP][NP]A boat that retires from a race or decides to leave the racing area shall attempt to notify the race committee by hail before leaving the racing area.

18. COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make nor receive electronic communications not available to all boats.
- 18.2 Communication between Race Committee that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Overall - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.

20. MEASUREMENT

- 20.1 Each boat shall conform to current FWC Rules.
- 20.2 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, or the NOR.
- 20.4 Each Boat shall display bow numbers 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.

23 FURTHUR INFORMATION

23.1 For further information, contact Chris Wessels; xanderwess@yahoo.com; 641-425-8720.