



2025 US Sailing Multihull Championship for the Hobie Alter Cup

FORMULA WAVE CLASS

November 3-7, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing

Hosted by: The Formula Wave Class & The Corpus Christi Yacht Club

In partnership with Surfrider Foundation and the Sailors for the Sea



NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, The Class rules of The Formula Wave Class, US Sailing's Championship Conditions, the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations

1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67 and 76.1, which are stated in full below:

1.2.1. Rule 61.4 – Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress – US Sailing prescribes that: no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

1.2.2. Rule 67 – Damages – US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of "assumption of risk" for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

1.2.3. Rule 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors – US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

1.3 Under rule 86, Changes to The Racing Rules the following racing rules will be changed as follows:

- Rules 35, A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish
- Rule 60.1(a) will be changed to state, that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches for some specific parts of the Sailing Instructions.
- Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state, that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.4 Rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership.
- 1.5 Advertising: ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20 will apply. Per regulation 20.4, competitors may be required by the OA to display event sponsor advertising.
- 1.6 Rule 40.1 applies at all times when on the water. Competitors shall wear a USCG approved personal floatation device (PFD) that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.1.

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, AND PLACEMENT

- 2.1 This event is open to all class legal Formula Hobie Waves and is a bring-your-own-boat event for sailors who have joined the Formula Wave Class Association (FWC). Membership in US Sailing will also be required at all levels of competition for US Citizens and resident alien's entrees. Join/Renew your US Sailing membership here: <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/>
- 2.2 Contestants may join the FWC class prior to the event.
- 2.3 The OA and Hosts have no role in chartering boats. Any such arrangement is between the competitor and subsequent boat owner or chartering company.
- 2.4 Eligible boats shall register using online registration by the specified deadlines. See Sec. 3 For questions please contact Formula Wave Class Registrar: See Sec. 18.
- 2.5 Online registration: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27828>
- 2.6 US Sailing Event Website:
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championship/2025-u-s-multihull-championship/>
- 2.7 The OA will seed competitors for preliminary racing. This is non-negotiable.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry fees received **Before JANUARY 1st 2025** are as follows: **EVENT FEES \$250.00**
- 3.2 Entry fees received **JANUARY 1st through SEPTEMBER 15th 2025** are as follows: **\$300.00**
- 3.3 Entry fees received **SEPTEMBER 16th through November 4th 2025** are as follows: **\$350.00**
- 3.4 Entry Fees for **Youth Competitor: \$175.00**

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Competitors will be split into two fleets if 41+ boats attend. If there are 81+ boats, there will be three fleets. The event will consist of a qualifying series (first two days) and a finals series on Thursday and Friday. Finals will consist of Gold & Silver fleets or Gold, Silver, & Bronze if, 81+ boats. 12 races are scheduled with up to 3 races per day.

4.2 The itinerary for the event is listed below; daily times are subject to change: **ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL**

- Sun, Nov 2 4:00 – 6:00 pm Registration
- Mon, Nov 3 9:00 am - noon & 2:00 -5:00 pm Registration & Sail Measurement
Noon - 2:00pm Practice Races
5:00 pm Skippers meeting with PRO (all competitors)
- Tues, Nov 4 8:00 --9:00 am Late Registration
9:00 am Competitors Briefing
10:55 am RACING : First Warning
- Wed, Nov 5 9:00 am Competitors Briefing
10:55 am RACING : First Warning
After racing concludes: Class splits posted for finals Thur & Fri
- Thur, Nov 6 9:00 am Competitors Briefing
10:55 am RACING : First Warning
- Fri, Nov 7 9:00 am Competitors Briefing
10:55 am RACING : First Warning
6:00 pm Awards Dinner Banquet at Corpus Christi Yacht Club
After racing concludes:Class splits posted for finals Thur & Fri

5. ACCOMODATIONS

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express / Hotel Indigo (formerly Emerald Beach Hotel), 1102 S Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi TX. Room Block & Special Rates will open on Jan 1, 2025. An email notification will be sent to all registrants.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 Each boat shall conform to the FWC class rules.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1REQSnh8lZZz2GI_FHigzhM3-iY-Z6Bn6OMDLmPcbwvU/edit?usp=drive_link

6.2 All sails will be measured or previously certified before the beginning of racing to conform with FWC class rules. Certification means having been measured and recorded by the class measurer at a previous event. OEM unmodified Hobie sails are considered certified and do not require measurement.

6.3 All competitors must submit their sail for event ID and marking, whether already measured or not.

6.4 Only one sail may be used during the event. If a competitor's sail is damaged beyond repair, they may appeal to the FWC Measurer or Chief Judge to substitute another Measured & Pre- Approved sail.

6.5 A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected, or directed to a place for inspection, at any time for compliance with FWC Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions, and this Notice of Race.

6.6 Each boat shall display a bow number on the outside of each hull per FWC class rules. No two boats shall have the same number.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Race packets, including Sailing Instructions, will be available during Check-in/Registration times. Sailing Instructions will be posted online prior to the event at website listed in NOR Sec 2.5

8. VENUE

Holiday Inn Express / Hotel Indigo, 1102 S Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi TX 78401, will be “Event Central” (competitor hotel, registration, meeting rooms etc.) All boats will be launched off McGee Beach, adjacent to the hotel. Racing will be on Corpus Christi Bay, east of McGee Beach.

9. COURSES

9.1 If the fleet is split, the courses will be Opti Courses or Trapezoids with inner and outer loops and gates.

9.2 If the fleet is not split the course may be Triangle-Windward-Leeward and/or Windward-Leeward as defined in the Formula Wave Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low-Point System of Appendix A of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will be applied.

10.2 The first sentence of rule A2 is changed to read : When five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

10.4 Scores from the preliminary series will not carry over to the championship series.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

This event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US Sailing’s Support Vessel Guidelines at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/> . Support boats are allowed but must be outside of the racing area. No private/team coaching is allowed.

12. AWARDS

12.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in the Gold Fleet.

12.2 The winning competitor will have their name placed on the HOBIE ALTER CUP Trophy

12.3 The highest-ranking US competitor shall be named the 2025 United States Multihull Champion.

12.4 Awards will also be given for the top three finishers in the Silver fleet and, if applicable, the Bronze fleet.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors are strongly encouraged to bring and use VHF radios. The Race Committee will communicate with the competitors on the water via VHF. Their use and restrictions may be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. US SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

14.1 US Sailing Regulation 10.3 and subsequent sections shall apply at all times while racing, or ashore. Prohibited Substance rules shall apply, including all State and Federal prohibited substance laws.

- a) For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.

b) For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:

- 1) marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law: or
- 2) any alcoholic beverages.

An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the event venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will be used. V1: Penalty at time of an Incident. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty. V2: Penalty taken after a Race. 30% scoring penalty.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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 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.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a coverage US \$100,000.00 per event or the equivalent thereof. Proof of liability coverage may be required at the time of registration (online or in person).

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION talk or text:

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