



US Multihull Championship For the Hobie Alter Cup

November 3-7, 2025
Corpus Christi, TX



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing
Hosted by the Formula Wave Class and
Corpus Christi Yacht Club

In partnership with Surfrider Foundation and Sailor for the Sea



All times are Central Time

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Note: The Notice of Race was restructured and reissued due to the changes to the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*. No changes were made to the schedule, venue, entry fees, entry requirements, or any other prohibited items.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR 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 of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the *Class Rules of the Formula Wave Class*.
- 1.2 Other documents that govern the event are:
 - (a) [DP] [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#)
 - (b) [DP] Conditions for the US Multihull Championship, available on the [event website](#).
 - (c) [NP] [US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct](#)
 - (d) [DP] [US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#). This is a Grade 3 (no private coaching) event.
- 1.3 RRS 60.1 is changed to add: 'However, a boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule other than class equipment measurement rules nor for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership. A competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor either for breaches for some specific parts of the Sailing Instructions.'
- 1.4 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.
- 1.5 The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the US Sailing Prescriptions to the Preamble of Part 5, RRS 65 and 76.1, which are stated in full below:
 - 1.5.1 Preamble to Part 5 - Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress - US Sailing prescribes that: no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
 - 1.5.2 Rule 65 - Legal Liability and Costs - 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.

1.5.3. 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.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [DP] Rule 40.1 applies. Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.2 [DP] The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located on the event website.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Boats are strongly encouraged to bring a VHF radio to monitor race committee communications.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board approximately one month before the event.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to all class legal boats of the Formula Wave Class that meet the following requirements:
- (a) Competitors shall provide their own boats.
 - (b) Competitors shall be members of the Formula Wave Class.
 - (c) International teams who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to participate; However, they will not be eligible to win the title or trophy.
 - (d) All competitors shall be members of US Sailing or a member of their home country’s Member National Authority.
- 5.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering and paying all required fees online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27828>. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all advance and on-site registration requirements and pay all fees.

6 FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees are as follows:

If paid by midnight on:	Entry Fee (US\$)
January 1, 2025	\$250 (\$175 for youth)
September 15, 2025	\$300 (\$175 for youth)
November 4, 2025	\$350 (\$175 for youth)

- 6.2 The entry fee includes racing, boat storage and launching during the event, post-race socials, and the awards dinner.

7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1 The OA will seed competitors for preliminary racing and the decision shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).
- (a) If there are more than 40 boats attending, the event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. There will be two fleets if between 41 and 80 boats attend, and three fleets of more than 80 boats attend.

- (b) If used, the qualifying series will be sailed on the first two days, and the final series on the last two days. Class splits will be posted for finals after racing on Tuesday and Wednesday.

7.2 Further details will be included in the sailing instructions.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Item
Sun, Nov 2	1600-1800	On-site registration
Mon, Nov 3	0900-1200	On-site registration and equipment inspection
	1200-1400	Practice races
	1400-1700	On-site registration and equipment inspection
	1700	Competitors' meeting
Tue, Nov 4	0800-0900	On-site late registration
	0900	Competitors' briefing
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
Wed, Nov 5	0900	Competitors' briefing
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
Thu, Nov 6	0900	Competitors' briefing
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
Fri, Nov 7	0900	Competitors' briefing
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
	1800	Awards Dinner/Banquet at Corpus Christi Yacht Club

8.2 12 races are scheduled with up to 3 races per day.

9 [DP] REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 By the end of onsite registration and equipment inspection (see hours shown in the schedule above):

- All competitors shall, in writing or online, agree to abide by the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.
- All competitors shall, in writing or online, agree to the US Sailing Waiver of Liability.
- All boats shall be required to provide proof of liability insurance coverage.
- [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection.
- 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.
- All competitors must submit their sail for event ID and marking, whether already measured or not.
- 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.
- A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected, or directed to a place for inspection, at any time in compliance with Formula Wave Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions, and this Notice of Race.
- [DP] 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.

9.2 Boats, sails, and equipment may be inspected at any time.

10 ADVERTISING

10.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

10.2 The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

11 VENUE

11.1 'Event Central' will be the Holiday Inn Express / Hotel Indigo (formerly Emerald Beach Hotel), 1102 S Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi TX.

11.2 Boats will launch off McGee Beach adjacent to the hotel.

11.3 Racing will be held on Corpus Christi Bay, east of McGee Beach.

12 COURSES

12.1 Courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

12.2 If the fleet is split, the courses will be Trapezoids with inner and outer loops and gates.

12.3 If the fleet is not split, the course may be Triangle-Windward-Leeward and/or Windward-Leeward.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will apply.

13.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.3 A 30% penalty will be applied should a competitor take a penalty after a race.

14 SCORING

14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

14.2 If the fleet is split, scores from the qualifying series will not carry over to the championship series.

14.3 Appendix A2 is modified as follows:

(a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores.

(b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding that competitor's worst score.

14.4 Additional scoring details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

15 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15.2 Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the regatta from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 PRIZES

17.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three overall finishers in the Gold fleet.

17.2 The winning competitor will have their name placed on the HOBIE ALTER CUP.

17.3 The highest-ranking U.S. competitor shall be named the 2025 United States Multihull Champion.

17.4 If applicable, awards may also be given for the top three finishers in the Silver and Bronzes fleet.

17.5 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 **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.

18.2 For further information please contact:

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