



2025 U.S. Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup

November 2 - 7, 2025
Corpus Christi, TX



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) Posted October 24, 2025

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

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 (PC), 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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as detailed in the notice of race (NoR), the Class rules of the Formula Wave Class, U.S. Sailing Championship Conditions, the Conditions for the US Multihull Championship Conditions, U.S. Championship Code of Conduct, the U.S. Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy, as well as all other rules published on the [event website](#).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix V, Alternate Penalties, shall apply.
- 1.3 In case of a conflict between the NoR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall govern. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat. 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee (RC) at the first reasonable opportunity.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board is online and located at the [event website](#).
- 4.2 The OA, RC and Protest Committee may use a WhatsApp group to facilitate unofficial communications during the event. A QR code to join the group will be available to all competitors during registration/check-in.
- 4.3 The race office is located in the Seabreeze Room at the Holiday Inn Express/Hotel Indigo.
- 4.4 The RC will use the VHF CH 69 radio to inform competitors of race information. This information is given as a courtesy and a request for redress may not be based on any aspect of the unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, and/or failure to hear. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.1(c).
- 4.5 [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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a mast on South McGee Beach, near the ramp to the North parking lot of the hotel.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than '60 minutes'. This changes Race Signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Item
Sun, Nov 2	1400-1800	On-site registration/check-in (Seabreeze Room at the Hotel)
Mon, Nov 3	0900-1700	On-site registration/check-in (Seabreeze Room)
	1400	Practice starts and races
	1830	Competitor's meeting at Bar Under Sun (702 N Chaparral St, CCTX)
Tue, Nov 4	0800-0900	Late registration/check-in (Seabreeze Room)
	0900 YC	Competitor's briefing (Seabreeze Room)
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
Wed, Nov 5	0900	Competitor's briefing (Seabreeze Room)
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
Thu, Nov 6	0900	Competitor's briefing (Seabreeze Room)
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
Fri, Nov 7	0900	Competitor's briefing (Seabreeze Room)
	1055	RACING - first scheduled warning signal
	1830	Awards dinner/Banquet at Corpus Christi Yacht Club

6.2 A total of 12 races are scheduled with up to three races a day.

6.3 No initial warning signal may be made after 1600 on Friday, November 7th.

7 CLASS FLAG AND STARTING ORDER

7.1 For the qualifying series, per NoR 7.1(a), there will be four fleets. The class flags shall be designated by group color. Two (2) class flags will be displayed together at the warning signal.

7.2 **Qualifying series on Tuesday and Wednesday the start order will be:**

First race each day First start: Red/Green Second start: Purple/Yellow
Second race each day First start: Green/Purple Second start: Red/Yellow
Third race each day First start: Green/Yellow Second start: Red/Purple

7.3 After two days of qualifying races, the fleet will be split into Gold and Silver fleets. If there is an uneven number, the gold fleet will be larger by one.

7.4 **Championship series on Thursday and Friday the start order will be:**

First start: Gold. The class flag will be a yellow flag.
Second start: Silver. The class flag will be a green flag.

8 COURSES AND RACING AREA

8.1 Competitors will launch off of McGee Beach and race in Corpus Christi Bay, due east of McGee Beach.

8.2 SI Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

9.1 Rounding marks A and C shall be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 Rounding mark O (offset) will be a buoy.

9.3 The windward change mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

9.4 The starting marks shall be RC vessels displaying orange flags.

9.5 The finishing marks shall be RC vessels displaying blue flags.

9.6 If only one of the gate marks (C) is in position, boats shall round the one remaining part to port.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be the course side of the staff displaying orange flags from a RC signal vessel on the starboard end and a RC pin vessel on the port end of the line.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will set the new mark and remove the original mark as soon as possible. If the change is to the windward mark, the offset mark may not be reset.

11.2 The RC may change a leg of the course by up to 10 degrees in bearing and/or 0.1nm in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be the course side of the staff displaying blue flags from a RC vessel on the starboard end of the line and the RC signal vessel on the port end of the line.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS Appendix V, Alternate Penalties, shall 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 the race.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 [NP] The Mark 1 Time Limit, the Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
30 minutes	75 minutes	15 minutes	40-45 minutes

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their fleet starts, sails the course and finishes, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), and scored points for the finishing place two (2) points more than the number of boats that did finish the race within this time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day in each heat. The time will be posted on the official notice board and sent out in the WhatsApp group.

15.2 Hearing request forms and scoring inquiry forms are available at the protest desk in the Seabreeze Room.

15.3 A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring inquiry will meet the time limit if:

(a) the scoring inquiry was submitted within the time limit specified in SI 15.1.

(b) the request for redress is delivered as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the RC response to the scoring inquiry. The response by the RC may be provided in writing by email or WhatsApp. This changes RRS 61.2.

15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in a Hotel meeting room, location TBA, beginning at the time posted.

15.5 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is replaced with "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

16 SCORING

16.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship, which includes qualifying races.

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

16.3 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.

16.4 To request a correction in posted race or series results, a boat may complete and submit a scoring inquiry available online or from the protest desk.

17 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

[DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC. Written requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

18 {RESERVED}

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the championship conditions, class rules or NoR.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be described at the competitors' briefing.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

22 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

22.2 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.

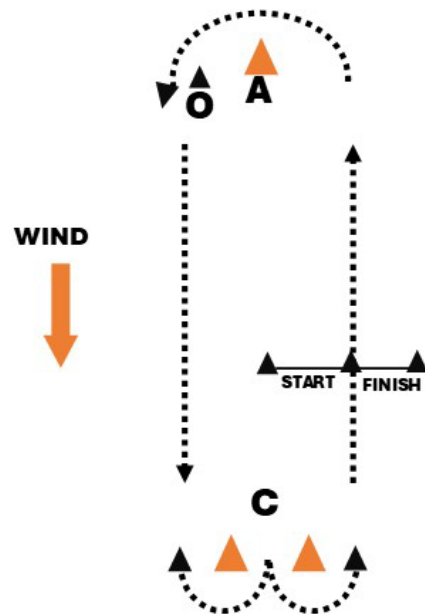
23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR and championship conditions.

23.2 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the OA and host club.

Addendum A: Course Description

Course 2



START-A-O-C-A-O-C-UPWIND FINISH