

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2025 FWC Championship Regatta

April 28-May 2, 2025

### Shreveport, LA.

Organizing Authority: Formula Wave Class, Shreveport Yacht Club

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the Formula Wave Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 All boats are required to have bow numbers that conform to FWC class rule 14.

#### **2 Notice to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower level of yacht club.

#### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.2 Changes made on the water; The RC will display flag L with one sound for 5 minutes. Announcements will be made by VHF radio and hailer as necessary.

#### **4 Code of Conduct**

- 4.1 Competitors and support personnel shall comply with reasonable request from race officials.

#### **5 Signals made ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from staff near the launch area.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 Minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

#### **6 Schedule of races**

Tuesday 4-29	9:00	Skippers Meeting
	10:30	First Warning Signal
4-30, thru 5-2	10:00	First Warning Signal
Friday 5-2	No Warning Signal after 1400	

#### **7 Class Flags**

- 7.1 Wave class flag will be yellow FWC

#### **8 The Courses**

- 8.1 Formula Wave Class courses will be used.
- 8.2 The "G" option will not be displayed by the RC. 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.

## **9 Marks**

- 9.1 Windward Mark(A) will be a yellow inflatable.
- 9.2 Leeward Mark (C) gate will be orange spheres.
- 9.3 If a change mark is used it will be an orange inflatable.

## **10 The Start**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **11 Change of the next leg of the course**

- 11.1 Course changes may be made between races, or by RRS 33 a single gate mark may be moved without signaling a change.
- 11.2 The course can be adjusted up to 10 degrees and .1mile to square the course without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

## **12 The Finish**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of finish mark, *this changes race signals Blue Flag*.
- 12.2 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the race committee. The race committee will determine the method and order of finishing.
- 12.3 The race committee may display the flag A while finishing to signal that there will be no more races that day.

## **13 Penalty System**

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

## **14 Time Limits and Target Times**

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
All	40 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes	8-13 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark A within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

## **15 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks following the last race of the day.
- 15.2 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 and where the hearing will be held.
- 15.3 Penalties for breaches of FWC class rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16 Scoring**

- 16.1 When four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score. This modifies RRS A2.1
- 16.2 One race will constitute a regatta.

## **17 Safety Regulations**

- 17.1 Competitors shall check in by hailing their number to the race committee signal vessel and be acknowledged before the start of the first race each day.
- 17.2 A competitor that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

## **18 Radio Communication**

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This also applies to mobile phones.
- 18.2 Competitors may monitor the race committee VHF channel 69.  
This information is provided as a courtesy and a request for redress may not be based on any aspect of this unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, and or failure to hear. *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*

## **19 Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **20 Awards**

- 20.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

## **21 INSURANCE**

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