

2025 FWC Florida Keys Regional Wave Regatta

December 5-7, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): 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 and 61.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 63.5(c)(2) is 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."
- 1.3 US prescriptions to RRS 63 & 63.1 will not 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 at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30349>.
- 2.2 [NP] In addition to official notice board posts, text messages and/or emails may be sent to the phone number and/or email address listed during entry.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 2.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not freely available to all boats.

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 beach when under on-shore postponement.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Multiple back-to-back races are scheduled for each day.
- 5.2 Friday Dec. 6 – 0900 Competitors' Meeting on the front porch
1100 First Warning
Saturday Dec. 7 - 1000 First Warning
Sunday Dec. 8 – 1000 First Warning
1300 – No warning signal 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.

- 1 (S) A C A downwind finish
- 2 (S) A C A C upwind finish
- 3 (S) A B C upwind finish
- 4 (S) A B C A downwind finish
- 5 (S) A B C A C upwind finish
- 6 (S) A C A C A downwind finish
- 7 (S) A C A C A C upwind finish

Round all marks to port except gates.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks A, B and C/Gate will be yellow buoys.
9.2 The start and finish mark will be an orange buoy.

10. THE START & FINISH

- 10.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the starting mark on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
10.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the finishing mark on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
10.3 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 A5.1 and A5.2.
10.4 [NP] The Race Committee, may announce the sail number or boat name of any boats on the course side of the starting line at the start. Failure to hail her number or boat name, failure to hear the hail or the order in which boats hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
10.5 Code Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates "no more racing today."
10.6 Code Flag "H" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates "racing will continue after a break ashore."
10.7 Neither Code Flag "A" nor Code Flag "H" displayed while boats are finishing indicates that another race will follow.

11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 5 degrees or the length up to 5% of the previous length, or adjust the angle or the width of the leeward gate, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 [NP] 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 61.1(a).
12.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A10.
12.3 The Finishing Window time limit is 15 minutes.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 [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.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The Race Committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board.
- 13.3 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.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 One race will constitute a regatta.
- 14.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores except when 4 or more races have been scored, after which each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

15. [DP][NP] SAFETY (CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT)

- 15.1 Before the initial warning signal on each race day all boats shall check in with the race committee by sailing behind the stern of the race committee signal boat and hailing their bow number until acknowledged.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race or decides to leave the racing area shall attempt to notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by hail before leaving the racing area.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Overall - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.
- 16.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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