

Formula Wave Class Championship Regatta

October 25 - 27 2019

Organizing Authority: Fort Walton Yacht Club and Formula Wave Class

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US prescriptions to RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 60.1a is changed to prohibit a boat protesting another for an alleged breach of class rule requiring class membership
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 will be 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."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Back Patio at the Fort Walton Yacht Club. Daily results will be posted in the same manner.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 07:30 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 on Back Lawn at the Fort Walton Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes." This changes race signal AP. Competitors are instructed not to leave the harbor when under on-shore postponement.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Multiple back to back races are scheduled for each day.

Thursday Oct. 24 th	2:00 – 4:00pm	Practice Racing
	4:00 – 7:00pm	Registration / Sail Measuring
Friday Oct. 25 th	10:00am	Skippers Meeting
	11:55am	RACING: First Warning
Saturday Oct. 26 th	8:30am	Daily Skipper's Meeting
	9:55am	RACING: First Warning
	1:00-1:45pm	Lunch on the water
	1:55 pm	RACING RESUMES
Sunday Oct. 27 th	8:30am	Daily Skipper's Meeting
	9:55am	RACING: First Warning
	2:00pm	No warning after 2pm

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Descriptions of the class flags will be posted on the official notice board no later than 10:00am on Friday, Oct 25th and will be reviewed at the Skipper's Meeting on Friday, Oct 25th.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the near shore waters in the Western end of Choctawhatchee Bay in Fort Walton Beach Florida.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment "A" shows the courses to be sailed, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The start/finish line will be open.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The Windward and Wing / Gybe marks shall be orange tetrahedrons.
9.2 The start and finish marks will be an orange tetrahedron or ball.
9.3 The Leeward / Gate marks shall be green tetrahedrons.

10. THE START & FINISH

- 10.1 The start and finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a nearby mark on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
10.2 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 A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a yellow mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practical.
11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark. When the original mark was the Gate, the subsequent change mark will be a single mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing'.

13.2 PENALTY AFTER THE RACE:

Per APPENDIX V2: After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post- Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within thirty (30) minutes of the start, or if no boat finishes within seventy-five (75) minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limits will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks following the last race of the day. The Race Committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board.
15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee chair at the FWYC. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at FWYC. 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.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 One race will constitute a regatta. The intention is to have 12-15 races or more if conditions allow.
- 16.2 The Low Point scoring system described in Appendix A shall apply except as changed below.
- 16.3 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores except when 6 or more races have been scored, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

17. SAFETY (CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT)

- 17.1 Before the initial warning signal on each race day all boats shall check in with the race committee signal boat by sailing across her stern on Starboard tack and hailing their sail number until acknowledged.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or decides to leave the racing area shall notify the race committee by hail until acknowledged as soon as possible before leaving the racing area.

18. COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make nor receive electronic communications not available to all boats.
- 18.2 Communication between Race Committee that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Overall - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th place. Also: Seniors(over 70)- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.

20. MEASUREMENT

- 20.1 Each boat shall conform to current FWC Rules.
- 20.2 All sails will be measured before the beginning of racing by the Class Measurer to conform with class rules. Only one sail may be used during the regatta. If a competitor's sail is damaged beyond repair, they may appeal to the Organizing Authority through the class Measurer to substitute another measured and approved sail.
- 20.3 A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected, or directed to a place for inspection, at any time for compliance with Class Rules, The Sailing Instructions, or the NOR.
- 20.4 Each Boat shall display bow numbers (NO letters) on the outside of each hull. No two boats shall have the same number.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 or coach 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.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party insurance policy with a minimum liability of \$300,000

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1 For further information:

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