

2024 Weta North American Championship Sailing Instructions



November 7-10, 2024

**Hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida**



1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the *Weta Class North America* (WCNA) *Class Rules*.
- b. The US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except for RRS 63.1 and 63.2.
- c. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the FWYC back patio.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted within 30 minutes after the Skipper's meeting on Friday and before 0830 on Saturday and Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- b. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water per RRS 90.2(c). The Race Committee will display Race Signal L with one sound signal. Oral changes may be announced over VHF.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm on the FWYC back lawn.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, November, 8

1000 Competitors Meeting

1100 First Warning Signal

Saturday, November 9

1000 Warning Signal

Sunday, November 10

1000 Warning Signal

1400 No warning signal made after this time, except if due to a General Recall.

6. THE COURSES

- a. The diagram in Attachment One shows the courses.
- b. No later than the warning signal, the course will be displayed at the stern of the Race Committee Signal Vessel.
- c. If the change mark is used for the weather mark, the offset will not be used.
- d. If a mark is missing from the gate, all boats will round the remaining mark to port.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- a. The Weta Class flags will be the Warning signal for each Division.
 - i. Single-Handed Division – Class Flag with One “W” logo.
 - ii. Double-Handed Division – Class Flag with Two “W” logos.



8. MARKS

- a. The windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron inflatable.
- b. The offset mark will be a red/orange ball.
- c. The leeward marks 2S and 2P will be green tetrahedron inflatables.
- d. The start and finish mark will be a red/orange ball.
- e. The change mark will be a yellow tetrahedron inflatable.

9. THE START

- a. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- b. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel at the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end.
- c. Five (5) or more registered Double-Handed Division entries will qualify for a separate start. Otherwise, the Double-Handed Division will start with the Single-Handed Division.
- d. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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10. THE FINISH

- a. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

11. TIME LIMITS

- a. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish each race is 60 minutes. If no boat meets the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- b. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in each division sails the course and finishes and not subsequently retire are penalized or given redress and will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will receive a score equal to the number of boats finished within the Time Limit plus two (2). Such score shall not exceed the number of entries plus two (2) points. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

- a. A boat intending to protest should notify the Race Committee of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.
- b. Request for Hearing Forms will be available at the Official Notice Board.
- c. Request for Hearing Forms shall be delivered to the Jury Representative at the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit.
- d. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked and sounds a horn signal following the day's last race.
- e. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- f. Hearings will be held in the Commodore's Room in the FWYC Clubhouse.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. [DP] Before the first warning signal of each day, each boat shall sail by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Vessel on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's sail number.
- b. [DP] A boat that retires from a race or leaves the course before racing for the day is completed shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- c. [DP] All competitors shall have their sail number visible on their dolly, both front and back.
- d. Competitors are encouraged to carry a VHF radio and a towline.

14. TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. [DP] Competitors shall not intentionally put trash in the water. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification.
- b. Trash may be placed aboard Race Committee Vessels.

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Attachment One

Course Diagrams

W4 and W6	W3 and W5
<p style="text-align: center;">Course 4: START – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – FINISH (2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Course 6: START – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – FINISH (3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark left to port</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Course 3: START – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – FINISH (1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Course 5: START – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – FINISH (2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark left to port</p>