

# 2021 WETA FEST



Organizing Authority

## *Weta Class North American Association*

This event is the final leg of the 2021 Florida Championship Series

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* for 2021 -2024 and the *Weta Class North American (WCNA)* rules.
- 1.2. US Sailing prescription RRS 60, 63.2, 63.4 will not apply.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the FWYC back patio.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

### 5. SCHEDULE

Date		Time
4-16-2021	Check-in/ Verification	900
	Skippers Meeting	1100
	First Warning	1155
	Subsequent races to follow	
	Panel Discussion (Back Patio)	1700
4-17-2021	Skippers Meeting	1100
	First Warning	1155
	Subsequent races to follow	
	Dinner, Panel Discussion (Back Patio)	1700
4-18-2021	Skippers Meeting	1000
	First Warning	1055
	Awards, Burgers & Dogs (Back Patio)	1600

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the class insignia on a white background unless otherwise briefed.

## **7. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be East of the FWYC grounds, at the Western end of Choctawhatchee Bay. The Racing area is shown in Attachment A.

## **8. THE COURSES**

**8.1.**The diagrams in Attachment B show the possible courses.

**8.2.**The RC intends to set a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, if a single leeward mark is set it shall be left to port.

## **9. MARKS**

**9.1** Mark one will be an orange inflatable.

**9.2** Mark 1a will be orange or red hip hop ball.

**9.3** Mark 2s and 2p will be green inflatable marks.

**9.4** The starting mark will be either an anchored vessel flying an orange flag or orange inflatable mark.

**9.5** The finish mark will be an orange inflatable mark.

**9.6** New marks as described in SI 11 will be yellow inflatable marks.

## **10. START**

**10.1.**Races will be started by using rule 26 with a wake-up signal of multiple sounds 1 minute before the warning signal.

**10.2.**The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark.

**10.3.**If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast, the order of sail numbers called, or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1a.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1.**To change the next leg of the course, as allowed by RRS 33, the race committee will lay a new mark, move the finishing line or move the gate and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. Mark 1a (offset) is optional when the weather mark is changed. When a subsequent change of the new mark is required it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark described in SI 9.5.

**12.2** Code flag A flying at the finish indicates "no more racing today".

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**13.1** The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to:" A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule in Part2 or RRS 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than the *starting mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty.

**13.2** Penalties within three (3) boat lengths of Mark 1 or on the leg from Mark 1 to Mark 1a may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

**14.1** In accordance with RRS 35 the time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.

**14.2** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

**14.3** Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired without a hearing. TLE will be scored as finishers plus 1 (one). This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5 and A11.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**15.1** Protest forms will be available at the Notice Board on the FWYC patio, or from the Race Committee. Protests will be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**15.2** The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the signal vessel docks after the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

**15.3** Notices will be posted no later than thirty (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 "Commodore's Room" inside the main clubhouse, beginning at the time posted on the Official Notice Board. All parties to Protest Meetings shall meet the judges table ten (10) minutes prior to their hearing. Protest Meetings that do not have all parties present at its start will be moved to the end of the line.

**15.4** Protests by the RC, Technical Committee (TC), or the Protest Committee (PC) shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1b

**15.5** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

## **16. SCORING**

**16.1** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A2 will be used. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if five (5) or more races have been completed.

**16.2** Three (3) races must be sailed and completed to constitute a regatta.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** Check-In: All boats shall check in with the RC signal vessel displaying the "L" flag at least five minutes prior to the first warning signal of each day. Each boat shall sail past the RC signal vessel and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so will be a twenty (20) percent penalty in the first race of each day.

**17.2** Retirement: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**18.1** All radio communication between the RC and the competitors will be on VHF channel 72. VHF radios are allowed by the class for this event and is encouraged. Class rules regarding other electric/electronic devices will remain in place.

**18.2** Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to the competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's signals which shall govern the conduct of racing.

**18.3** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make or receive radio communications that are not available to all boats.

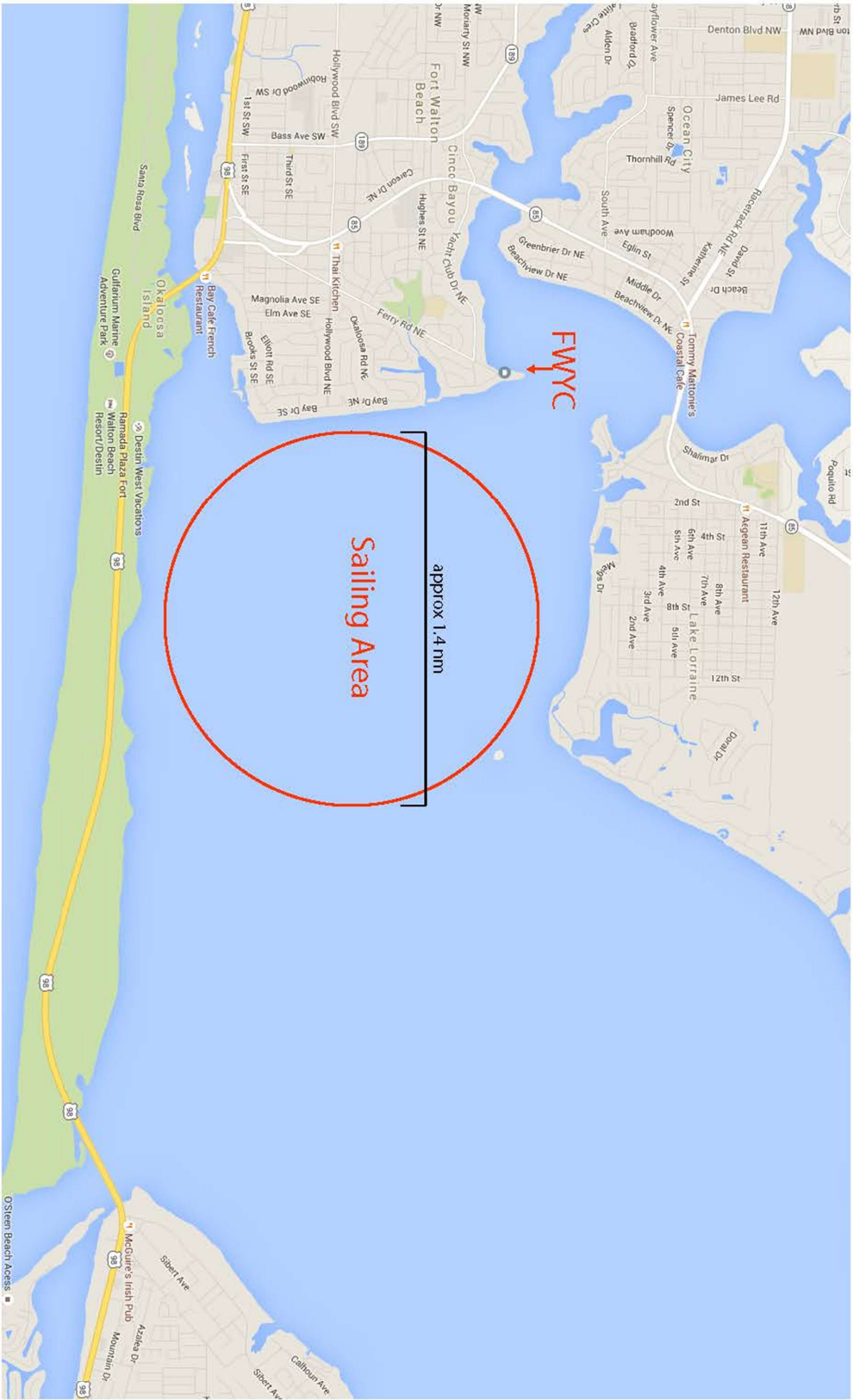
## **19 PRIZES**

**19.1** Awards shall be presented to the top 30% of boats within a class. An Overall Award will be presented to the top finishing boat.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

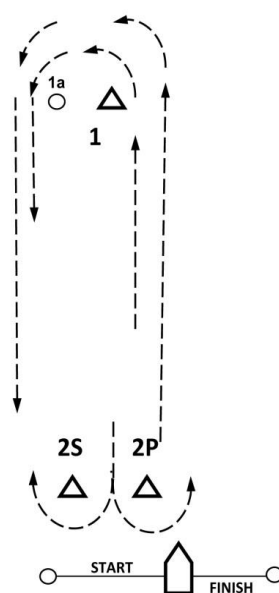
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A



**FWYC Sailing Venue Map**

ATTACHMENT B

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