

# 2024 FWC Florida Keys Regional Wave Regatta

## December 6-8, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): Formula Wave Class Association  
Hosted by the 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(a) and 60.1(b).

### 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 63.7 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 63.2 & 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/28127>.

### 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 and finish 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. This changes Race Signals Other Signals Orange and Blue flags.
- 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 A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.3 [NP] The Race Committee, may announce the sail number or boat name of any premature starter. 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 62.1(a).
- 10.4 [NP] If the Race Committee determines that the finishing order in a race is unlikely to change, it may use reasonable discretion to score boats still racing, points equal to their position in the race. This changes rules A3, A4 and A5.2.

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

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. 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 62.1(a).

### **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 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks following the last race of the day. 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 - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- 16.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

### **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1 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.

### **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 18.1 For further information, contact Chris Wessels; [xanderwess@yahoo.com](mailto:xanderwess@yahoo.com); 641-425-8720.