



FORMULA WAVES at CANDLER REGATTA

June 1 - 2, 2024

St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club
Panama City, FL

Sailing Instructions for the Wave Class

dated: 10 May 2024

1. RULES

- 1.1 Notice of Race (NoR) dated 7 May 2024 is in effect, except changes by these instructions.
- 1.2 Formula Waves and Hobie Waves will be sailed as a one-design multihull class: **Waves**.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it shall take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located **under the deck**.
- 3.2 The 'race office' is a table set up **under the deck**.
- 3.3 On the water the Wave Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF **channel 72**. This information is given as a courtesy and a request for redress may not be based on any aspect of this unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, and/or failure to hear. *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*.
- 3.4 [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 available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the St.ABYC flagpole located on the south lawn. Signals meant **for Waves only** will have the Class Flag flown with the Signal.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Two days of racing are scheduled for the Wave Class, 1 and 2 June 2024. The objective is to have 3 to 5 races per day, back-to-back.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on **Saturday 1 June is 1255**.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on **Sunday 2 June is 1055**.

- 6.4 To alert competitors that a race or series of races will begin soon, multiple short horn sounds may be made one minute before the warning signal.
- 6.5 On **Sunday 2 June**, no warning signal will be made after **1400**.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The **Wave** Class flag is Pink

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in St. Andrews Bay southwest of the club and will be separate from the Capdevielle and Open Viper Course.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Attachment A show the courses, order of rounding and sides to leave Marks. Courses 1 and 6, Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish, or Courses 2 and 7, Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish, are preferred.
- 9.2 If the leeward gate is missing, the leeward mark will be the original starting mark, to be left to port. This is not a Change of Course.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate bearing to the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Rounding Marks:
 - 10.1.1 Wave Course, Mark A, Windward Mark
 - 10.1.2 Wave Course, Mark Ao, Offset Mark
 - 10.1.3 Wave Course, Mark B, Jibe Mark
 - 10.1.4 Wave Course, Marks Cg, Gate/Leeward Marks
- 10.2 Change Marks:
 - 10.2.1 Wave Course, Mark A Change Mark
- 10.3 Start and Finish Marks:
 - 10.3.1 Wave Course, Start and Finish Marks

<Describe Marks/ wait for Competitors Meeting>

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 There are no obstructions.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 [DP] Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number or bow number to the RC Signal Vessel before the start of the first race of each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number or bow number.
- 12.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 THE START

- 13.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 13.2 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 14.2 Marks can be moved up to 10 degrees without signaling a change of course. *This changes RRS 33.*
- 14.3 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*
- 14.4 In RRS 33 (a) (2), ‘a green triangle’ is changed to ‘a green flag’ and ‘a red rectangle’ is changed to a ‘red flag’.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. The race committee vessel may be on either end of the line.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 NoR 1.4 applies; RRS Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES) are in effect.

17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 Time limits and target times for the Wave Class are as follows:

Class	Initial Weather Mark Target Time	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit
Wave	8 – 13 minutes	30 minutes	40 – 45 minutes	90 minutes

- 17.2 If no boat has passed their Initial Weather Mark (A1) within the Initial Weather Mark Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 17.3 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 17.4 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

18 HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after, a) the last boat finishes the last race of the day, or b) the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 18.2 Hearing request forms are available from the ‘race office’ located under the deck.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 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 a location which will be posted on the official notice board, beginning at a time that will also be posted on the ONB.

19 SCORING (for Waves)

- 19.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 19.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. *This changes RRS A2.*
- (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

20 AWARDS

- 20.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. The number of trophies will be based on pre-registration.

21 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

22 SPECIAL NOTES

- 22.1 Any boat receiving ‘hands on’ assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

FORMULA WAVE RACE COURSES

COURSE 1:	S – A – C – A – F	DOWNWIND FINISH
COURSE 2:	S – A – C – A – C – F	UPWIND FINISH
COURSE 3:	S – A – B – C – F	UPWIND FINISH
COURSE 4:	S – A – B – C – A – F	DOWNWIND FINISH
COURSE 5:	S – A – B – C – A – C – F	UPWIND FINISH
COURSE 6:	S – A – C – A – C – A – F	DOWNWIND FINISH
COURSE 7:	S – A – C – A – C – A – C – F	UPWIND FINISH

