



NOTICE OF RACE

2018 United States Multihull Championship
2018 Hobie Alter Cup
2018 FWYC WetaFest
Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Hosted by: Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida
April 18-22, 2018

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Weta Class North American Rules, US Sailing's Championship Conditions, the US Multihull Championship Conditions, US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, and the US Sailing Regulations.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Membership in US Sailing is required at all levels of competition for US citizens and resident-alien's entries. Other nationalities must be members of their National Governing Body.

3.2 Competitors may register online at US Sailing:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/multihullchamps/>

3.3 Competitors must determine single handed or double handed entry prior to the end of Late Registration, Thursday, April 19, 2018, before 0900. Single handed and double handed boats will compete as one fleet for the Hobie Alter Cup Championship.

3.4 Crew weight for any boat shall not exceed 440 lbs. Scales will be available at check-in.

4. Fees

4.1 The entry fee is US \$225.00 (single hand entry) and US \$285 (double hand entry) and is payable through the registration page at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=15798

4.2 Competitors registering after March 21, 2018 may not receive an event shirt.

4.3 No refunds will be given after March 31, 2018.

4.4 Registration closes at 0900 Thursday, April 19, 2018.

4.5 Proof of \$100,000 liability insurance is required at registration.

5. Boats and Charters

5.1 This event is Bring-Your-Own Boat Regatta to be sailed on a Weta Trimaran. Only stock sails will be allowed.

5.2 The Organizing Authority will have no role or responsibility regarding chartered boats. Charter boats may be available. It will be the responsibility of the lessee and the boat owner to work out all costs and logistics.

6. Housing

No housing is provided by the organizing authority; however, there is limited availability for campers, tents and recreational vehicles on FWYC property. There is a variety of hotels available near the event.

7. Preliminary Schedule of Events

Wednesday April 18, 2018

1300 – 1600	On the water seminar with two-time Olympic Champion, Randy Smyth This seminar is optional . The cost of \$60 per boat and is payable at the seminar.
1600 - 1900	Registration & Check In Evening on your own

Thursday April 19, 2018

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
0800 - 0900	Late Registration and Check-in
0930	Competitors Meeting
1130	First Race Warning Signal
After racing	Dinner (included in registration)

Friday April 20, 2018

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
1030	Scheduled First Warning Signal
After racing	Dinner (included in registration)

Saturday April 21, 2018

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
1030	Scheduled First Warning Signal
After racing	Dinner (included in registration)

Sunday April 22

0800 – 0930	Continental Breakfast
1030	Scheduled First Warning Signal
1400	No warning signal will be made after this time

After racing Awards and Late lunch (included in registration)

8. Measurement

Boats will not be weighed or inspected for class rule compliance at the events. However, competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment is class legal according to the Weta North American Class Rules.

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1 The Official Sailing Instructions will be available at check in.

9.2 Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be posted on the FWYC regatta website.

WWW.FWYC.ORG and on the US Sailing Multihull Championship website, <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/multihullchamps/>.

10. Venue

The championship will be sailed at Fort Walton Yacht Club, 180 Ferry Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548, (850) 243-7102.

FWYC will attempt best practices of the Clean Regatta Program during the event. See <http://sailorsforthesea.org> for more information.

11. The Courses

Windward/leeward with dropped marks. Course diagrams will be included with the sailing instructions.

12. Penalty System

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

Scoring

12.1 In accordance with RRS A2, a competitor's worst score shall be excluded after four (4) races are completed.

12.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

13. Support Boats

The event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US Sailing's Support Vessel Guidelines at [Http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy](http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy). Support boats are allowed but must be outside of the racing area. No private/team coaching is allowed.

14. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) and Personal Equipment

14.1 Competitors shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. No modifications of the PFD are permitted.

Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

14.2 A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes Rule 64.1.

15. Prohibited Substances

15.1 US Sailing Regulation 10.03 Prohibited Substances will apply.

15.2 A For adult US Sailing Championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.

15.3. B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water

1. Marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law or
2. Any alcoholic beverages.

15.3C An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of a series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races from the series.

16. Communication

16.1 Competitors are permitted to carry VHF radios while racing. Except for emergencies or retirement from a race, a boat shall not make VHF radio transmissions while racing. A boat shall not make radio or cell phone communications that are not available to all boats.

17. Prizes

17.1 US Sailing medals and keeper trophies will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place competitors.

17.2 The winning competitor(s) will have his or her name(s) placed on the Hobie Alter Cup Trophy.

17.3 The highest-ranking US Competitor(s) will be named the 2018 United States Multihull Champion(s).

17.4 Additional trophies will be awarded for WetaFest. This may include first, second and third place trophies for single handed and double handed boats.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club, sponsors and their respective employees, agents or appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death.

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