



St. Thomas International Regatta

March 23-24, 2019

Organizing Authority: St. Thomas Yacht Club International Regatta Committee
hosted by: St. Thomas Sailing Center

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Hobie Wave Class

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI 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 SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The minimum number of crew is one.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board will be electronic, find it here: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=5994>. As a courtesy, Notices may be posted on the Notice Board at the St. Thomas Yacht Club.
- 2.2 There will be a **Competitors Meeting** 9:30am on Saturday, March 23, 2019.
- 2.3 Other competitors meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or the protest time limit of the previous day it shall take effect, whichever is later.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 There shall be 2 days of racing (March 23 - 24) - with up to 8 races per day.
- 4.2 Boats will return to the beach for lunch at approximately 1300, then resume racing at approximately 1400 Saturday and Sunday.
- 4.3 The scheduled first warning signals will be 1100 on Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25.
- 4.4 On Sunday, March 25, there will be no warning signal after 1500.

5 BOAT ROTATION

- 5.1 There shall be an initial drawing of boats prior to racing Saturday.
- 5.2 Thereafter, prior to racing Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon, there will be a boat swap as follows: The competitor with the lowest score in the previous session will swap boats with the competitor with the highest score in the previous session, the competitor with the second lowest score will swap boats with the competitor with the second highest score and so on.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be located in or near Cowpet and St. James Bay. Refer to Addendum B.

7 THE COURSES

The course to be sailed is illustrated in Addendum A.

8 MARKS

The starting mark will be a green sphere. The finishing mark will be a red sphere. The gate marks are the starting mark and the finishing mark; the starting mark will be the gate mark furthest from the RC signal boat. The finishing mark will be the gate mark closest to the RC signal boat. Rounding marks will be orange spheres.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of the starting mark as described in Instruction 8.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5. [DP][NP]
- 9.3 The starting sequence will be a series of sound signals as follows:

	HORNS	TIME
	Multiple Short	3 minutes, 15 seconds
Warning Signal	3 Long	3 minutes
Preparatory Signal	2 Long	2 minutes
	1 Long, 3 Short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 Long	1 minute
	3 Short	30 seconds
	2 Short	20 seconds
	1 Short	10 seconds
	5 Short, 1 Long	5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Start

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the gate mark closest to the RC signal boat as shown in Addendum A.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES [DP][NP]

- 12.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
Wave	30 minutes	60 minutes	20 minutes	8 minutes

- 12.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark A within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 12.3 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, award points to a boat equivalent to the boat's position in a race. The Race Committee determines the method and order. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk located outside the STYC tennis courts. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the respective race committee finish boat has reached its mooring.
- 13.3 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 as soon as possible after each day's racing in approximate order of receipt.
- 13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 13.5 Arbitration: Rule Appendix "T" will apply.
- 13.6 Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.
- 13.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66. 15.
- 13.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 A competitor's series score will be the sum of their race scores without a discard. This changes rule A2.1.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 15.1 Competitors shall check in by hailing their hull number to the RC Signal Vessel before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her hull number.
- 15.2 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 15.3 Competitors shall wear a life jacket, at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may result in disqualification.

16 AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

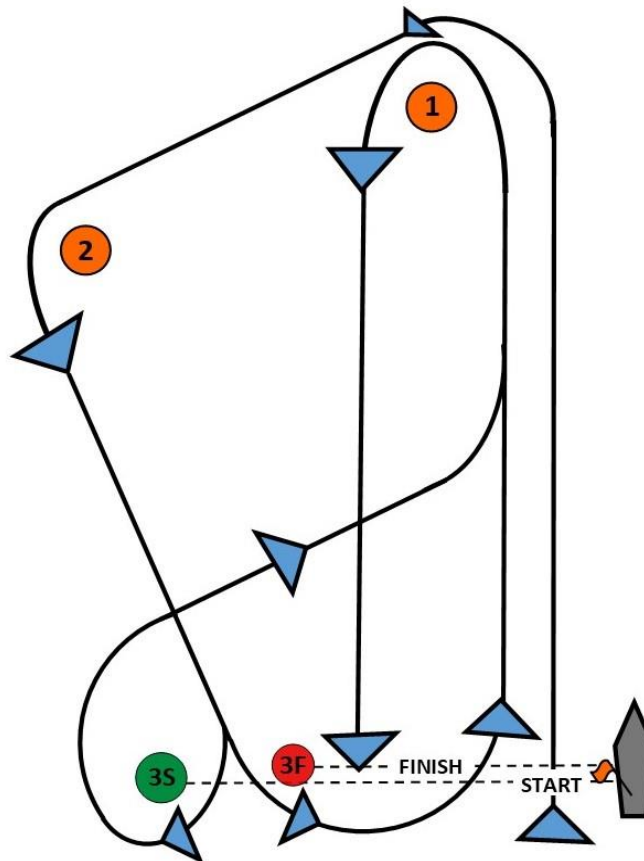
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 SPECIAL NOTES

- 18.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark vessels shall be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS rule A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 18.2 The RC may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

Addendum A – Illustrating the Wave Course

Course: Start, 1, 2, Gate: 3S or 3F, 1, Finish



Addendum B – Racing Area

