



Moth North American Championship 2026

August 27-30, 2026

Hosted by: Kaneohe Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. RRS 40 and the preamble to Part IV are amended so that competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits or dry suits do not qualify as personal flotation devices.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the event website located under the Event tab on the [Kaneohe Yacht Club website](#)
- 2.2. Notice to competitors and RC docking time will be posted on the courtesy notice board in the Ma Shultz Lounge.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted (SI 2.1) before 1100 hours on the day of racing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. A skipper's meeting will be held at 930 on Thursday, August 27th.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal will be 1100 each day.
- 5.3. There will be no warning signal after 1800 on Sunday, August 30th.
- 5.4. Four races are scheduled for each day of racing.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. The Moth class flag will be a Number 1 pennant

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The location of the racing area is in Kaneohe Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Courses are as shown in **Course Diagram**.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting pin is an orange cylinder with an orange flag on top.
- 9.2. The leeward gate will be 2 orange inflatable cylinders.



- 9.3. Windward gate, or mark 1/1a (drop mark) or mark 1 (single mark), will be 2 orange inflatable tetrahedra.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat and the starting pin.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1. As a courtesy, the R/C will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) using VHF channel 68 or loud hail as soon as possible after the start.
- 11.2. Failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a)

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat and mark 2P.
- 12.2. **Grand Prix Finish** – when the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee vessel will display a Black Chequered flag [**F flag** – for finish] with a long sound signal. This indicates the Finishing Time window is now open. From this time all boats shall cross the finishing line.
- 12.3. All boats that cross the finishing line within 10 minutes after the leading boat has finished, shall be deemed to be finished irrespective of the number of laps they have completed.
- 12.4. Their position in the race will be noted from their finishing order and number of laps completed, with those having most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps.
- 12.5. Boats that have completed 1 lap or 2 laps (if applicable) shall be recorded as finished in the order in which they complete their last lap.
- 12.6. If a boat after the Finishing Time Window has opened sails one more lap, this will not count as a completed lap in the scoring. This changes RRS 28.1 and A5.
- 12.7. Boats failing to cross the finishing line to complete one lap, within the Finishing Time Window, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1 and A5.2
- 12.8. [NP][DP] Boats which have finished shall not re-cross the line in either direction until the Blue flag is removed.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. Time limit is 40 minutes.
- 13.2. Target time is 20 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A5.1 and A5.2

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at Kaneohe Yacht Club in the front office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.



- 14.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the R/C signal boat has returned to the dock at Kaneohe Yacht Club. RC docking time will be posted on the courtesy notice board.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing location, protests in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Three (3) completed races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2, shall apply except that:
 - 15.2.1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.2.2. When between 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 15.2.3. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 15.3. A total of 14 races are scheduled. This changes NOR 15.2.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the R/C as soon as possible.
- 16.2. Boats shall obey promptly instructions from a R/C boat to alter course or to keep clear of commercial traffic.

17. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 17.1. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water while sailing and shall dispose properly of all trash while ashore. Trash may be placed aboard support and R/C boats.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule **3**, 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.

19. TROPHIES

- 19.1. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers.
- 19.2. Trophies and snacks will be handed out on the upper deck following races on Sunday.

20. BOAT REPAIRS

- 20.1. No boat repairs or maintenance shall be undertaken anywhere on Kaneohe Yacht Club property without the prior permission of the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 20.2. Any approved repairs involving sanding, grinding, painting, resins, solvents, fiberglass, or other materials or processes requiring containment, mitigation, or cleanup shall be conducted only in the location designated by the OA and in accordance with any conditions established by the OA. Competitors are responsible for restoring the work area to its original condition and for the proper disposal of all waste materials.

Course Diagram

