

## 2018 US Multihull Championship for the Alter Trophy Fort Walton Yacht Club | April 18-22, 2018

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# US Multihull Championship (37 boats) (top) Series Standing - 10 races scored

Information is final.

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Pos	Sail	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Pos
1	437	Randy Smyth [WETA SINGLE]	2	3	3	3	1	4	1	[5]	2	1	20	1
2	1193	Mike Krantz [WETA SINGLE]	1	2	1	4	[20]	1	7	2	1	2	21	2
3	1003	Robert Hodges [WETA SINGLE]	3	4	2	5	4	[14]	2	4	3	10	37	3
4	1190	Jonathan Weston [WETA SINGLE]	7	5	4	2	2	[10]	9	3	5	4	41	4
5	254	Keith Rice [WETA SINGLE]	5	6	7	6	3	2	6	[8]	6	3	44	5
6	1199	David Berntsen [WETA SINGLE]	10	1	5	1	12	21	[23]	1	4	9	64	6
7	622	Carey Jones [WETA SINGLE]	4	[15]	10	12	13	7	3	9	10	7	75	7
8	362	Richard Stephens [WETA SINGLE]	8	12	6	10	[18]	3	8	14	14	6	81	8
9	1197	David Bacci [WETA SINGLE]	9	10	8	7	24	13	[26]	11	7	5	94	9
10	007	Cam Farrah [WETA SINGLE]	14	19	[20]	16	7	11.5/TIE	4	10	8	8	97.5	10
11	1194	Cliff Farrah [WETA SINGLE]	6	18	12	[38/OCS]	11	11.5/TIE	14	7	9	11	99.5	11
12	527	Norm Hansen [WETA SINGLE]	11	9	16	[18]	6	5	10	17	16	13	103	12
13	18	Michael Boks [WETA SINGLE]	17	8	19	13	10	[20]	16	13	11	14	121	13
14	503	carson smith [WETA SINGLE]	12	13	17	11	22	[27]	21	12	13	15	136	14
15	1201	Bill Frissell [WETA SINGLE]	[38/DNS]	22	13	9	17	19	25	6	12	18	141	15
16	1007	Randy Mulligan [WETA SINGLE]	19	7	9	8	8	17	5	[38/DNC]	38/DNC	38/DNC	149	16
17	19	Rick Sylvester [WETA SINGLE]	16	23	15	17	27	6	11	[38/DNC]	38/DNC	16	169	17
18	937	Alan Taylor [WETA DOUBLE]/ Stephanie Taylor	24	24	23	19	14	[25]	19	15	18	20	176	18
19	1198	John Heizer [WETA SINGLE]	21	14	22	[38/DNC]	38/DNF	26	24	18	17	12	192	19
20	940	Linda Wright [WETA SINGLE]	25	20	24	20	5	9	18	[38/DNC]	38/DNC	38/DNC	197	20
21	373	Nelson Cable [WETA SINGLE]	18	17	[38/RET]	38/RET	38/DNF	22	22	16	15	17	203	21
22	910	Tim Wieringa [WETA SINGLE]	26	21	21	14	26	16	28	[38/DNC]	38/DNC	19	209	22
23	1010	Knox Rodgers [WETA SINGLE]	13	16	14	[38/RET]	25	15	15	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	212	23
24	869	Deborah Deats-Wilusz [WETA SINGLE]	15	11	11	15	23	28	[38/RET]	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	217	24
25	619	Eric Frank [WETA SINGLE]	22	27	18	[38/DNS]	16	8	17	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	222	25
26	508	Phil Sanders [WETA DOUBLE]/ Cathie Allie	30	30	27	21	[38/DNF]	31	31	19	19	21	229	26
27	1013	Howard Paul [WETA SINGLE]	23	29	[38/RET]	38/RET	19	23	13	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	259	27
28	1195	Terry Crockett [WETA SINGLE]	28	32	25	22	[38/DNF]	18	29	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	268	28
29	1005	John Adams [WETA SINGLE]	20	[38/RET]	38/DNC	38/DNC	9	38/OCS	12	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	269	29
30	1186	Cliff Peshek [WETA SINGLE]	27	25	[38/DNF]	38/DNS	21	24	27	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	276	30
31	1191	Kim Higgs [WETA SINGLE]	29	[38/DNC]	38/RET	38/RET	15	38/DNC	20	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	292	31
32	1074	Warren Parsons [WETA SINGLE]	33	31	28	23	[38/DNS]	32	33	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	294	32
33	1043	Jennifer French [WETA DOUBLE]/ Tim French	32	26	26	[38/DNS]	38/DNS	29	30	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	295	33
34	745	Mike Wright [WETA SINGLE]	31	28	[38/RET]	38/RET	38/DNF	30	32	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	311	34
35	1167	Mark Critzer [WETA SINGLE]	[38/DNC]	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/RET	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	342T	35
35	382	pete pollard [WETA SINGLE]	[38/DNC]	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	342T	35						
35	1449	Richard Hitchcock [WETA SINGLE]	[38/DNC]	38/DNC	38/DNC	38/DNC	342T	35						

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. (April 22, 2018) – Legendary multihull sailor, Randy Smyth (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.), won his record-setting fifth career Hobie Alter Trophy for the U.S. Multihull Championship this weekend in his hometown of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.



The 2018 U.S. Multihull Championship was hosted by the Fort Walton Yacht Club in

conjunction with the WetaFest.

Smyth earned the title following three days of exciting racing on Choctawhatchee Bay in the Weta trimaran. Sunday's fourth and final day of racing was canceled due to incoming storm fronts and Smyth's one-point lead over Mike Krantz after (Flowery Branch, Ga.) stood for the victory.

The 41 competitors (33 singlehanded, 4 doublehanded) tallied 10 races this week, Thursday through Saturday, in a variety of conditions. Smyth finished with 20 points, won three races, and never placed worse than fifth (throw-out) in any race. The performance was one point better than Krantz's 21 points, who won four races, but his lone throw-out score was a 20 in race five.

Robert Hodges (Covington, La.) finished in third place with 37 points.

"It was a learning experience for us all as we were learning the Weta, and we were learning from each other all week. We had all the players on the same playing field at the same time," said Smyth. "We had so many conditions as well – smooth water, choppy water, high wind, medium wind, light wind – it was really quite a test."

"There was a lot of enthusiasm here this week with new faces and world class caliber sailors," he added.

Smyth, a National Sailing Hall of Famer, is one of the most prolific multihull sailors of all time. He is a Two-time

Olympic silver medalist (1992, 1984) in the Tornado. He is also a two-time Tornado World Champion (1981-82) and seven-time National Champion (1980-86). He won the America's Cup as helmsman for *Stars & Stripes* in 1988. Smyth last won the U.S. Multihull Championship in 1999.

Results - Top Five

- 1. Randy Smyth, 2-3-3-3-1-4-1-[5]-2-1-; 20
- 2. Mike Krantz, 1-2-1-4-[20]-1-7-2-1-2-; 21
- 3. Robert Hodges, 3-4-2-5-4-[14]-2-4-3-10-; 37
- 4. Jonathan Weston, 7-5-4-2-[10]-9-3-5-4-; 41
- 5. Keith Rice, 5-6-7-6-3-2-6-[8]-6-3-; 44

#### **Final Standings**

On Saturday, the race committee attempted four races, but completed three. "It's completely rare to start a race day with 20 knots of wind and big waves, and then end the day towing everyone back to the club in zero winds," said Smyth after Saturday's racing.

West coast sailors, especially Jonathan Weston (Gold River, Calif.), accustomed to high wind conditions really took off in the first two races, but the winds died off and he and other sailors excelling in the conditions had to compete in the lighter winds.

The real story of this class and the ability to learn to sail the Weta was exemplified by 17-year-old Fort Walton High School junior, Cam Farrah (Destin, Fla.). She placed 10th overall and mixed it up with the experienced multihull sailors admirably all week.

On Friday, three races were completed in 4 to 7 knots of breeze. The first race started in a dying northeasterly and was shortened by one leg due to the breeze steadily dropping. After about an hour wait, racing resumed with the wind shifting to the southeast and holding steady at 5-7 knots.

On Thursday, the opening day of the Championship, sailors were blessed by "champagne" sailing conditions and a 10 to 16 knot seabreeze on Choctawhatchee Bay. Four races were completed on Thursday, as Krantz took an early lead.

For the first time in event history, the U.S. Multihull Championship was raced in trimarans.

## **Results and Coverage**

- For social media coverage, results and standings, photos, and more information from the 2018 U.S. Multihull Championship, please visit the event website.
- For breaking news and real-time results from the water, follow <u>@USSailing</u> on Twitter or use#Alter18 to search for updates from the race course.

## **Championship Facts**

- The U.S. Multihull Championship was conceived by the Multihull Council in the spring of 1985 as a service to the multihull racing community.
- The perpetual trophy was presented and named the Alter Trophy in 1986 in honor of Hobie Alter, Sr. and his extraordinary promotion of one-design multihull sailing and racing programs.
- World Champions from numerous classes, Olympic medalists and several national champions from the multihull ranks have raced for the Hobie Alter Trophy.
- The Championship rotates in discipline each year to showcase the depth of classes in multihull racing in the United States.
- Previous Winners and Results