

Sailing Instructions

Otter Regatta

July 3 - 5, 2015

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. RRS 40 is changed to require competitors wear a personal flotation device while racing.
Flag "Y" will not be displayed

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the registration area
- 2.2. There will be a competitors briefing on July 3rd 2015 at 9:45 in the boat park.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the registration tent.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. On July 3rd, 2015, the scheduled time of the warning signal is 11:00
- 5.2. On July 4th, 2015, the scheduled time of the warning signal is 11:00
- 5.3. On July 5th, 2015, the scheduled time of the warning signal is 11:00, no starts after 4PM
- 5.4. As many races as possible will be run each day for the different classes
- 5.5. On each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible after the preceding race.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class Flags are as specified in Table 1: Class Flags.

7. The Courses

- 7.1. Table 2: Courses describes the standard US Sailing multihull courses that will be used.
Figure 1: Course Configuration shows the course configuration.
- 7.2. Mark A shall be left to port.
- 7.3. Mark C will be a Gate. If one mark of the gate is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port
- 7.4. Mark L will be a single mark below the RC boat.
- 7.5. The courses will be signaled using a course board or flags.

8. Marks

- 8.1. Marks A and C (gate) will be yellow tetrahedrons, Mark L will be described at the Skippers meeting.
- 8.2. The starting and finishing marks will be a race committee boat and mark S/F which will be a red ball.

9. The Start

- 9.1. The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and mark S/F.

9.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10. The Finish

10.1. The finishing line shall be between a flag on the race committee/signal boat and mark S/F which may be a red ball or a different mark.

11. Penalty system

11.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

12. Protests and Requests for Redress

12.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat has docked after the last race of the day.

12.2. 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. The time and location of these hearings will be posted on the official notice board.

12.3. RRS 61.1 (a) (2) is changed to apply to all Hobie Catamaran Classes.

12.4. Breaches of instructions 9.2 and 14 will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

13. Scoring

13.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. Radio Communication

14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. Prizes

15.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority and based on early registration.

15.2.

Table 1: Class Flags

Hobie 16A Red flag

Hobie 16B Purple flag

Hobie 18 Pink flag

Hobie 20 Green flag

Table 2: Courses

Standard Hobie courses will be used:

Course 1 Start A – C – A Finish

Course 2 Start A – C – A – C – A Finish

Course 5 Start A – L Finish

Course 6 Start A – C – A – L Finish

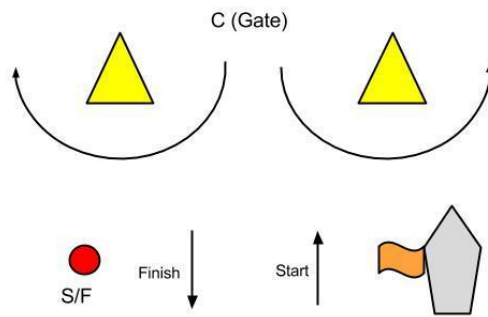
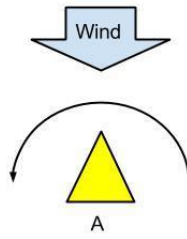
Course 3 Start A - Finish

Courses 1 & 2 with downwind finish will have leeward gate just above committee boat

Courses 5 & 6 with upwind finish will have a single leeward mark down wind of finish line not shown in figure one.

Note that L is not shown on Figure one, but will be below the committee boat and the mark description will be given at the skippers meeting before the first race.

Figure 1: Course 1 & 2 Configuration



Drawing Not To Scale