



HOBIE 16 AND HOBIE 18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Puerto Peñasco, Mexico

October 10 – 14, 2016

Organizing Authority:

Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA)

in association with Tucson Hobie Fleet 514 and Phoenix Hobie Fleet 66



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS),
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at the Regatta Headquarters (Tecate tent in the center of Playa Bonita RV park).
- 2.2 There shall be a general competitors' meeting on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 0900 hrs at the Regatta Headquarters. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall 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 shall be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it shall take effect or the protest time limit, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the top of the sailing ramp at Playa Bonita RV park.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Practice racing is scheduled for 1430 on October 9, after the conclusion of the preceding Piñata Regatta. Check the notice board for more information regarding the practice races.
- 5.2 The North American Championship shall have five (5) days of racing (10/10 – 10/14) with the objective of three (3) to five (5) races per day, back to back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal for Monday, 10/10 through Friday, 10/14 shall be 1100 hrs.
- 5.4 On the last day of the event, no warning signal shall be made after 1500 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag for the Hobie 16s shall be the Hobie "flying H" logo on a lime green field.
- 6.2 The class flag for the Hobie 18s shall be the Hobie "flying H" logo on a pink field

7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be in the waters of the Sea of Cortez, south of the beach launching area.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Hobie Class Association standard courses shall be used. Refer to Attachment A for course configurations.
- 8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 shall be used and shall be designated by a placard on the starboard side of the signal boat.
- 8.3 The "G" option shall not be displayed by the RC. Mark C may be a single mark or a gate. If Mark C is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.5 All marks shall be left to port, except gates. Boats shall pass between gate marks from the direction of the last rounding mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks A, B and C (gate) shall be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The change mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, shall be a **yellow** inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or a staff with a yellow flag with the Fleet 514 logo.

10 THE START.

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying a flag as described in instruction 9.3.
- 10.2 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. *This changes RRS 26.*
- 10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC shall lay a change mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying a flag as described in instruction 9.3.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Mark A Time Limit
45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark A within the Initial Mark A Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available near the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked after the last race of the day, or 1500 hrs, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices shall 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 shall be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of IHCA general class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), instructions 14.3, 17, and 20 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat or a request for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1.* Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

- 15.6 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.
This changes RRS 66.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score after four races have been completed.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Boats shall check in by hailing their sail numbers to the RC signal boat 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 sail number.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

On board VHF radios shall be permitted during this event for monitoring purposes only, except to notify the RC pursuant to instruction 17.2 or in the case of an emergency situation where they may be used to transmit a distress call to the RC. This also applies to mobile telephones.

21 AWARDS

- 21.1 Awards shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of each event. The number of trophies shall be based on pre-registrations.
- 21.2 The top-placing North American competitor in the Hobie 16 class shall be declared the "Hobie 16 North American Champion."
- 21.3 The top-placing North American competitor in the Hobie 18 class shall be declared the "Hobie 18 North American Champion."

22 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. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions safely, it is your decision and your decision alone to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) or the equivalent.

24 SPECIAL NOTES

Any boat receiving ‘hands on’ assistance from rescue/mark boats shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.* The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

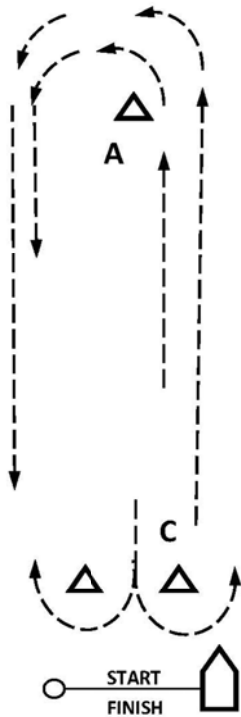
**ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES**

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 1: START – A – C – A – FINISH
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 2: START – A – C – A – C – A – FINISH
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark

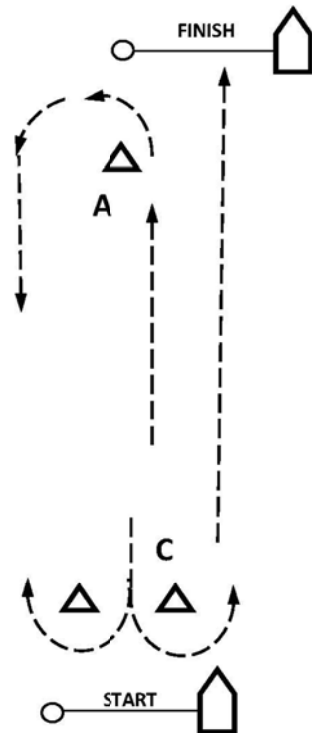


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 5: START – A – C – FINISH
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 6: START – A – C – A – C – FINISH
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark



COURSE 3 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 3 - START – A – C – A – B – C – FINISH

