

# 2017 HOBIE FALL CLASSIC REGATTA

October 7 - 8, 2017

Organizing Authority: Hobie Fleet 106 and Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association,  
Dewey Beach, DE

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS). If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.
- 1.2 This is an international competition; therefore, pursuant to RRS 88.2 US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 shall not apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the notice board upstairs in the club house. NOTE: White boards may be used, i.e. weather reports, provisional results, etc. but they are not OFFICIAL notice boards.
- 2.2 There shall be a competitors' meeting on Saturday October 7, 2017 at 1000 hours either on the deck or in the club house. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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 prior to the previous day's protest time limit.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagpole at the club house.
- 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 There shall be 2 days of racing (10/07 – 10/08) - the objective of 3 to 5 races per day, back to back.
- 5.2 There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal:
- 5.4 Saturday, 10/07 shall be 1100.
- 5.5 Sunday – 10/08 shall be 1000.
- 5.6 On Sunday, 10/08, no sequence of races shall be started after 1400 hours.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 6.1 Class flags shall:
  - 6.1.1 H14 – Purple background with a Black Flying Hobie H
  - 6.1.2 Waves – Yellow background with a White Flying Hobie H
  - 6.1.3 Hobie 16 – Red background with a Black Flying Hobie H
  - 6.1.4 Hobie 18, 20, F18 – White background with a Black Flying Hobie H
  - 6.1.5 Hobie 17 – Green background with a Black Flying Hobie H

### 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the waters of the Rehoboth Bay.

### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 HCA Standard Courses shall be used. Reference Appendix A.

### 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks:
  - 9.1.1 Inside Course Weather Mark (A2) shall be an Orange inflatable mark.
  - 9.1.2 Outside Course Weather Mark (A) shall be a Yellow inflatable mark.
  - 9.1.3 Leeward and Gate Marks shall be Yellow inflatable marks and will be common for both Inside and Outside Courses
- 9.2 The change mark, as provided in instruction 12.1:

9.2.1 Inside Course – there shall be no change mark.

9.2.2 Outside Course shall be a Green inflatable mark.

9.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be Orange inflatable marks.

## 10 RESERVED

## 11 THE START

11.1 Races shall be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line shall 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 9.3.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as an area extending approximately 100 feet in all directions from the starting line.

11.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4.*

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 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 and a change mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark. A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*

## 13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark as described in Instruction 9.3

13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

## 15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 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
All	45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes	8-13 minutes

15.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark (A or A2) within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target times shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes rule 62.1 (a).*

15.3 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.*

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board as described in instruction 2.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day, or 1500 hours, whichever is later.

16.3 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 notice board.

16.4 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), of instructions 11.3, 18, 21 shall not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. 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.

16.6 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 on that day.  
*This changes RRS 66.*

- 16.7 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.*

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. *This changes RRS A2.*  
(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. *This changes RRS A2.*

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, from dock to dock by competitors while launching and when sailing, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee, and may result in disqualification. Pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2 the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 shall not apply.
- 18.2 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).
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 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.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 Competitors are permitted to carry VHF radios while racing. Except in emergencies or retirement from a race (pursuant to Instruction 18.3), a competitor shall not make radio transmissions while racing. A boat shall not receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **22 AWARDS**

- 22.1 Awards shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of each event. The number of trophies in each class shall be based on pre-registrations.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 23.1 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 only 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.

## **24 INSURANCE**

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

## **25 SPECIAL NOTES**

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

# SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS

## ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!

Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, **AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!**

## ATTACHMENT A – Illustrating the Course

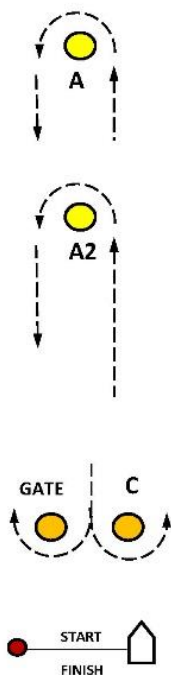
No.	Course	Finish	Options
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G

**NOTE:** Colors and/or shape of marks used in illustrations may not accurately represent the actual color or shape of marks used on the actual race course. Refer to SI 9, 11 and 13.

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

COURSE 1: START – W – GATE – W – FINISH

COURSE 2: START – W – GATE – W – GATE – W – FINISH



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

COURSE 5: START – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

COURSE 6: START – W – L (or GATE) – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

