

Hobie Midwinters East - South
Clearwater Sailing Center – Clearwater, Florida
March 29th – 31st, 2019

The Organizing Authority is Red Gear Racing and Hobie Division 8

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 This is an international competition. Pursuant to the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 is deleted.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & COMPETITORS' MEETINGS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the white trailer in the fenced area north of the Sailing Center.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting on Friday, March 29, at 1000 hrs. at the tent near the official notice board. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs. or by the protest time limit, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the official notice board.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will be held March 29-31, 2019. The Race Committee intends to run from three to five races per day. There is no maximum number of races per day or for the regatta.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Friday, March 29, is 1200 hrs.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on the remaining days, March 30-31, is 1100 hrs.
- 5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flags will be:

- Hobie 14s: Hobie "flying H" logo on a gold field
- Hobie 16s: Hobie "flying H" logo on a pink field
- Hobie 17s: Hobie "flying H" logo on a blue field
- Wetas: Weta logo on a yellow field

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico to the southwest of Clearwater Pass. Racing may be moved into Clearwater Harbor if necessary. If the racing area is changed, competitors will be notified by posting on the official notice board. Competitors may also be alerted to the posted change by text message and/or email.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Hobie Class Association standard courses will be used. Refer to Attachment A for course configurations.
- 8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 will be used. The “G” option will not be displayed if a gate is used.
- 8.3 Mark C may be a gate or a single mark. If Mark C is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 8.4 All marks except gates shall be left to port. 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) will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 Change marks will be inflatable marks.
- 9.3 Starting and finishing marks will be inflatable marks distinct from the rounding marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.
- 9.4 The color and shape of marks will be posted on the official notice board.

10 [RESERVED]

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.3.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the position of the next mark during a race, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The race committee may make minor adjustments to marks by moving them without signaling a change.

13 THE FINISH

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

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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:

| Race Target Time [NP] | Race Time Limit | Mark A Time Limit |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 40 minutes | 75 minutes | 30 minutes |

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark A within the Mark A time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 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 RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC will determine the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the applicable time limit.
- 16.2 Competitors intending to protest are requested to notify the race committee of their intent to protest as soon as practicable after finishing.

- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the RC signals ashore "No more racing today," whichever is later.
- 16.4 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which will be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 16.5 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Breaches of IHCA general class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only) shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat or a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 16.7 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.8 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 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be permitted only if authorized in writing by the race committee. Written requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP]

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 Technical Committee equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP][DP]

Onboard VHF radios are permitted only for monitoring purposes, except to notify the RC pursuant to instructions 16.2 and 18.2 or in case of emergency. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. The race committee will post its working channel.

22 AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. The number of trophies will be based on pre-registrations

23 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 alone to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE

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

25 SPECIAL NOTES

Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats shall be scored Retired without a hearing. This changes RRS A5. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

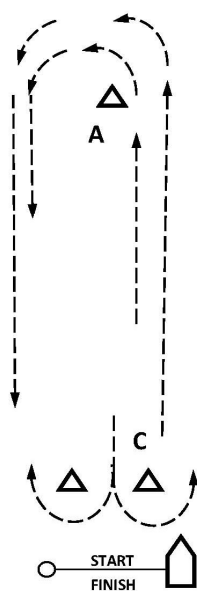
ATTACHMENT A ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

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

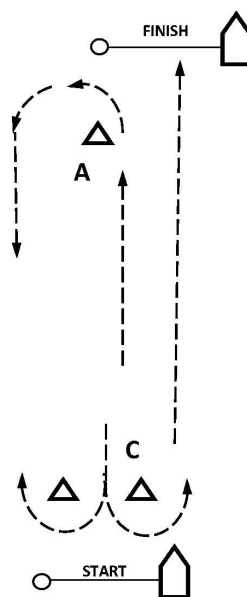


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

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 and 7 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 3 - START – A – C – A – B – C – FINISH
COURSE 7 - START – A – C – A – B – C – A – C – FINISH

