

MADCATTER

May 18 - 19, 2019

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America, Hobie Division 16
and Hobie Fleet 204
Oneida shores Park, 9400 Bartell Road, Brewerton, NY, USA

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.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40 shall not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Registration Room.
- 2.2. There will be a **Competitor's Meeting** on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 0930 adjacent to the Life Guard Station.
- 2.3. 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 shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or the protest time limit of the previous day it shall take effect, whichever is later.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the Life Guard Station.
- 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 (May 18 - May 19) - with 3 to 5 races per day.
- 5.2. The scheduled first warning signals will be:
 - 5.2.1. May 18 - 1100
 - 5.2.2. May 19 - 1000
- 5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be announced at the initial Competitors' Meeting and the list posted as soon as practicable on the Notice Board after the Competitors' meeting.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be located on Oneida Lake, east of the Oneida Shores County Park beach.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. HCA Standard Courses will be used. See Addendum A and B for course geometry.

8.2. The “G” option will not be displayed by the RC. The leeward mark may be a single mark or a gate. If the leeward mark is a single mark, it shall be left to port.

9. MARKS

9.1. Rounding marks will be described at the initial Competitors’ Meeting and the list posted as soon as practicable on the Notice Board after the Competitors’ meeting.

10. THE START

10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the starting mark as described in Instruction 9.1.

10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

10.3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5. [DP]

10.4. Order of the initial start will be announced at the initial competitors’ meeting, and will be posted on the official notice board. Multiple classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, 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 change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark as described in Instruction 9.1.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES [DP]

14.1. 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

14.2. If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark A within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, award points to a boat equivalent to the boat’s position in a race. The Race Committee determines the method and order. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

15.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Vessel has docked after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the RC signals “No more racing today,” whichever is later. *This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.*

15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. 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.

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

15.5. 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. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2. When four (4) or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

17.1. Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number to the RC Signal Vessel before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore).

17.2. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

17.3. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device, at all times while on the afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Such device shall verifiably meet the requirements of either the sailor's national authority or of the government regulations that apply in the racing area. *This changes the preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40.*

REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

17.4. Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

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

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [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 can be instructed by a member of the RC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

19.1. Except in an emergency and before the first Warning Signal on each race day until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

20. AWARDS

20.1. Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22. INSURANCE

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.

SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS

WHILE THE EVENT SITE IS CLEAR OF ELECTRICAL POWER LINES, WHEN OFF-SITE - AVOID!!!

Whenever off-site whether raising or lowering a mast, while sailing, or moving your boat over land ALWAYS 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!**

Addendum A - Illustrating the Course

No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A C/GATE A	(F) Downwind
2	(S) A C/GATE A C A	(F) Downwind
3	(S) A C/GATE A B C/GATE	(F) Upwind
4	(S) A C/GATE A B C/GATE A	(F) Downwind
5	(S) A C/GATE	(F) Upwind

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

COURSE 1: START - A - C (or GATE) - A - FINISH

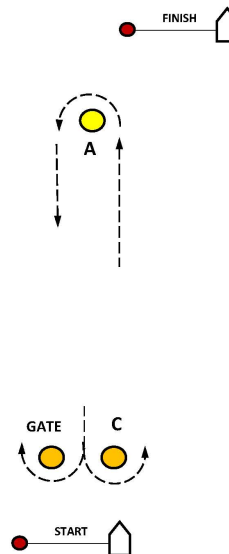
COURSE 2: START - A - C (or GATE) - A - C (or GATE) - A - FINISH



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

COURSE 5: START - A - C (or GATE) - FINISH

COURSE 6: START - A - C (or GATE) - A - C (or GATE) - FINISH



6	(S) A C/GATE A C/GATE	(F) Upwind
7	(S) A C/GATE A B C A C/GATE	(F) Upwind

S = Start, A = Weather Mark, O = Offset, B = Reaching Mark, C = Leeward Mark, GATE = GATE, F = Finish

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.

Addendum B - Illustrating the Optional Wave Course

<u>No.</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Finish</u>
1W	(S) A B C/GATE A	(F) Downwind

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