



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (rev.8/21/19)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The first sentence of RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall meet the obligations of the rule (wear a PFD) regardless of the display of the Y flag and sound.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted Saturday on the official notice board at Hobie Fleet 240 Beach Box located at Harbor Beach until the start of the long distance race. Then notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Elkhorn Yacht Club.
- 2.2. A Mandatory Competitors' meeting will be held at Noon (12:00 PM) Saturday at Harbor Beach in front of the Crow's Nest in Santa Cruz for the Saturday long distance race.
- 2.3. VHF Channel 69 will be used for Saturday Long distance race. **The VHF Channel is changed to Channel 69 from the Notice of Race.** Coast Guard monitors channel 16.
- 2.4. **All boats in the Saturday long distance race must check-in 30 minutes prior to the start time via VHF on Channel 69.**
- 2.5. A Competitors' meeting will be held at 10:00 AM Sunday on the grass at the Elkhorn Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.

4. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 4.1. A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, by competitors while launching and when sailing, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.
- 4.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 4.3. Avoid fishing boats. They often have their line cast many feet away from their vessel.
- 4.4. Avoid power lines. 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 and/or death to people on or touching the boat.

5. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. There will be two days of racing (August 24-25).
- 6.2. On Saturday August 24 will be the long-distance race from Santa Cruz to Elkhorn (See section 10)
- 6.3. On Sunday August 25, there will be up to 4 races for each class on Sunday (See section 11)
- 6.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Saturday Long distance race is 12:55 PM
- 6.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 12 PM
- 6.6. No warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM on Sunday.

7. SCORING

- 7.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2. When three (3) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 8.1. RRS 61.1(a)(2) is changed to read: regardless of the hull length of the protesting boat, she need not display a red flag;
- 8.2. Protest forms will be available from the organizing committee at Elkhorn Yacht Club upon conclusion of the races each day.
- 8.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel has docked. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 8.4. Notices of hearings will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties

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9. CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1. Class flags will be discussed at the competitor's meeting both Saturday and Sunday
- 9.2. All Classes will start together on Saturday for the Long Distance Race
- 9.3. The initial starting order on Sunday shall be Hobie 20, Hobie 16, Hobie 18 and other.

10. SATURDAY LONG DISTANCE RACE

- 10.1. The course shall be from the start in Santa Cruz to the finish in the harbor entrance at Moss Landing.
- 10.2. All Competitors need to be prepared to launch immediately after the Competitors' Meeting on the beach at Noon.
- 10.3. The start is planned to be at the yellow Wharf fixed mark and a mark boat off the Santa Cruz Wharf near the fixed mile buoy. Start details will be finalized at the Competitors' meeting.
- 10.4. Finish will be at Moss Landing Harbor half way up the channel at a location called "The Jaws". Finish details will be finalized at the Competitors' meeting.
- 10.5. 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.
- 10.6. All Boats must carry the following:
 1. Each person must wear a PFD
 2. Must carry a VHF Radio and Cell phone on board with contact number on entry form
 3. Carry a whistle for each person
 4. Marine compass or GPS
 5. Suitable charts for piloting
 6. Sailors must be prepared for immersion protection and wear wet/dry suit.
 7. Also recommend bringing sunscreen, water, food, hat, flares, waterproof bag.
- 10.7. All Boats must monitor VHF Channel 69. Coast Guard monitors Channel 16.
- 10.8. A boat retiring before completing a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible by sailing past a Race Committee vessel and hailing, or by hailing the Race Committee on VHF (Channel 69).
- 10.9. if visual contact is lost, Race Committee may call competing boats on channel 69 between 1300 & 1630 to request position. Please be monitoring channel 69 during this time slot and be prepared to report.
- 10.10. After finishing in Moss Landing Harbor entrance, continue up the channel and turn to port (left) up the north harbor channel. Follow buoy's up the channel to boat ramp or beach on east side of channel.
- 10.11. DO NOT beach your boat across from the boat ramp at any time. You will be cited for disturbing the seals and/or other sea life.
- 10.12. Trailers need to be at Moss Landing for boat take out. This is a one-way race from Santa Cruz to Moss Landing.
- 10.13. Logistics: Saturday morning all Competitors need to prep your boat, launch at Santa Cruz Harbor or beach and shuttle your trailer to Moss Landing. The drive to Moss Landing usually takes 1/2 hour and 1/2 to return.
- 10.14. Trailer Shuttle: There will be a shuttle for the driver of the trailers from Moss Landing to Santa Cruz. Last shuttle leaves at 11 AM. Please confirm with Dafna that you need a ride back.

11. SUNDAY BUOY RACES

- 11.1. Standard Hobie buoy races in the Monterey Bay.
- 11.2. The race committee will designate the course by displaying the course flags.
- 11.3. Marks will be discussed at the competitors' meeting.
- 11.4. The Start Line will be between the committee boat and a buoy.
- 11.5. The Finish Line will be between the committee boat and a buoy.
- 11.6. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 11.7. 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.

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12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on the last day.

13. SOCIAL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

13.1. Saturday: After getting your boat secured come by the party located at the Elkhorn Yacht Club. Elkhorn Yacht Club will provide a festive dinner at 6 PM.

13.2. Sunday: Start your day off with a delicious breakfast at the Elkhorn Yacht Club, 8 -10 AM \$10 includes Coffee, toast, eggs, and other fixings

13.3. Where to Stay: Overnight parking available in north harbor parking lot for a small fee. Camping is free on the Elkhorn Yacht Club grass. Machine is located outside parking lot bathrooms. Hotels near by.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1. *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 his/her level of safety. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the condition safely, it is your decision and your decision only to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.*