

HOBIE CAT 14, 16 WOMEN AND WAVE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (NAC)

October 5 - 7, 2012, Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, Dewey Beach, DE

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America in conjunction with
HCA Division 11 and Hobie Fleet 106 and the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing (except the prescription to RRS40; refer to 18.1) shall apply and will be made available at the Notice Board.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the 2nd floor of the Club House.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting for the NAC on October 5, 2012 at 1000. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 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 prior to the protest time limit.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club House deck flag pole. 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 The scheduled race information is given in the table below. First warning signal times for the non-NA Hobie 17 and Fall Classic classes are approximate and are added as reference for the competitors of the NAC.
- 5.2 The Race Committee intends to run 3 to 5 races per day, back to back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.

Day	Date	Time	Class	Event
Thursday	Oct 4	1500 – 1800	Wave, 14, 16W	Registration
Friday	Oct 5	0800 - 0900	Wave, 14, 16W, 17	Registration
		1000	Wave, 14, 16W, 17	Competitors' meeting
		1100	Wave, 14, 16W	First Warning Signal
		1115	17	First Warning Signal
Saturday	Oct 6	1000	Wave, 14, 16W	First Warning Signal
		1100	17, Fall Classic Classes	First Warning Signal
Sunday	Oct 7	1000	Wave, 14, 16W	First Warning Signal
		1015	17, Fall Classic Classes	First Warning Signal

- 5.3 On Sunday, 10/07, the last day of the NAC, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 6.1 Class flags shall be the Hobie Class insignia or the name "HOBIE" on different color backgrounds. Class flag assignments will be as follows:
GREEN – Hobie Wave
YELLOW – Hobie 14
RED – Hobie 16 Women
- 6.2 The initial order of starts shall be the order as given in instruction 6.1.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The location of the racing area will be the waters of Rehoboth bay to the west and south of RBSA.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 HCA Standard Courses and/or a Trapezoid Course will be used. Reference Appendix A.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.3 All marks 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 and C (gate) will be **pink** inflatable marks. Rounding marks B and C2 (gate2) will be **yellow** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The change mark for rounding mark A, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a **pink** inflatable mark with black striping. The change mark for rounding mark B, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be an **orange** inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be **orange/red** inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an **orange** flag.
- 9.4 A barging (keep away) buoy may be used at the RC signal boat. Neither the buoy nor its line shall rank as part of the boat, and neither will rank as an obstruction.

10 RESERVED

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an **orange/red** flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an **orange** flag as described in instruction 9.3.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will 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 will lay a change mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original rounding mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original rounding mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard. *This changes RRS 28.1.*
- 12.3 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a **orange** flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an **orange** flag as described in instruction 9.3.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 If no boat has passed A Mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

15.2 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 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 shall be posted on the notice board, beginning at the time posted on the notice board.

16.4 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) protests will 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), instructions 11.3, 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 21.1 will 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 will 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 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 (a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) 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

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 will 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 will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will 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 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, under the provision of IHCA General Class Rule 16.3. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 AWARDS

22.1 Awards will 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 will be based on pre-registrations.

22.2 Daily awards will be presented at the Friday night and Saturday night dinners.

22.3 The top-placing North American team of the Hobie 16 Women, Hobie 14 and Hobie WAVE Classes shall be declared the North American Champion of their class.

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 and your decision only 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

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 will 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!**

APPENDIX A ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

STANDARD MULTIHULL COURSES

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

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish

TRAPEZOID COURSES

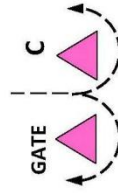
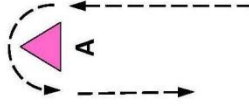
No.	Course	Finish	Options
O 1	(S) A B C2 B C2 F	(F) Downwind	see NOTE
O 2	(S) A B C2 B C2 B C2 F	(F) Downwind	see NOTE
I 1	(S) A C A B C2 F	(F) Downwind	see NOTE
I 2	(S) A C A C A B C2 F	(F) Downwind	see NOTE

NOTE: In the absence of a gate the leeward mark is to be rounded and left to port

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

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

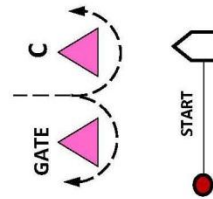
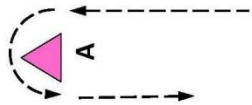
COURSE 2: START - A - C (or GATE) - A - C (or GATE) - A - FINISH



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

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

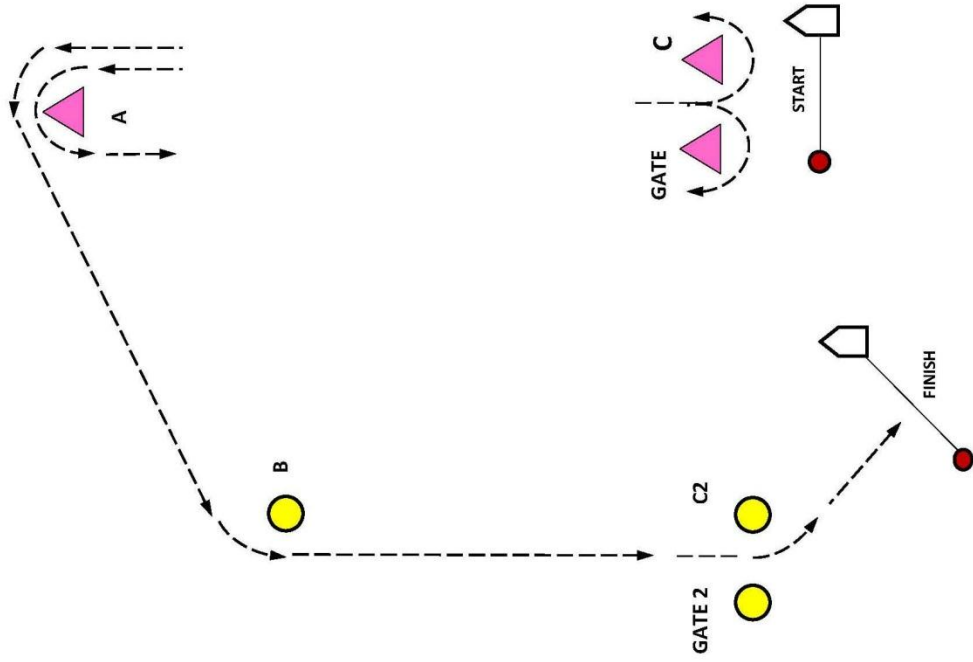
COURSE 6: START - A - C (or GATE) - A - C (or GATE) - FINISH



Trapezoid Course IL (Inner Loop) –

NOT TO SCALE – ANGLES BETWEEN MARKS ARE APPROXIMATE

- I 1 - START – A – C (or GATE) – A – B – C2 (or GATE2) – FINISH
- I 2 – START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – A – B – C2 (or GATE2) - FINISH



Trapezoid Course IL (Inner Loop) –

NOT TO SCALE – ANGLES BETWEEN MARKS ARE APPROXIMATE

- O 1 - START – A – B – C2 (or GATE 2) – B – C2 (or GATE 2) – FINISH
- O 2 – START – A – B – C2 (or GATE2) – B – C2 (or GATE2) – B – C2 (or GATE2) - FINISH

