



HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
Pensacola Yacht Club, Pensacola, FL
September 20 – 25, 2015
Organizing Authority:
Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA)
Hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3 This is an international competition; therefore, pursuant to the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 88.2, the 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 official notice board, located on the Watson Sailing Center Deck at the Pensacola Yacht Club.
- 2.2 There shall be a general competitors' meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 0930 hrs at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 by 1800 hrs on the day before it shall take effect or within one hour after the Race Committee (RC) signal boat docks, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the mast located on the lawn south of the Pensacola Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Practice races are scheduled for September 20, with a warning signal at 1300 hrs. Check the notice board for more information regarding the practice races.
- 5.2 The North American Championship shall have five (5) days of racing (9/21 – 9/25) with the objective of three (3) to five (5) races per day, back to back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal for Monday, 9/21 through Friday, 9/25 shall be 1100 hrs.
- 5.4 On the last day of the event, no warning signal shall be made after 1500 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag for the first start in each race shall be the Hobie "flying H" logo on a white field. The class flag for the second start in each race shall be the Hobie "flying H" logo on a purple field. See instruction 10 – Racing Format.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be in Pensacola Bay, southwest of the Pensacola Yacht Club.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Hobie Class Association standard courses shall be used. Refer to Attachment A for course configurations.
- 8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 shall be used and shall be designated by a placard on the starboard side of the signal boat.
- 8.3 The “G” option shall not be displayed by the RC. Mark C may be a single mark or a gate. If Mark C is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.5 All marks shall be 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, B and C (gate) shall be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The change mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, shall be a **yellow** inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.

10 RACING FORMAT

- 10.1 Round-Robin Series – September 21-23:
 - a. Competitors will be seeded across four groups of approximately equal size.
 - b. Competitors shall fly a colored ribbon identifying their group from the aft end of the lowest mainsail batten: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green.
 - c. Two groups will start in the first start of each race; the other two groups will start in the second start. See Attachment B – Round Robin Schedule.
 - d. No later than the warning signal for each start, the RC shall display plain colored flags of the two groups in the that start from mast on the signal boat.
- 10.2 Gold / Silver Fleet Series – September 24-25
 - a. Competitors with the lowest scores as determined in the Round-Robin Series will advance to the Gold Fleet. The remaining competitors will comprise the Silver Fleet.
 - b. The number of competitors advancing to the Gold Fleet will be approximately half the total number of competitors. The actual number will be announced at the “Cut Party” on the evening of September 23.

11 THE START.

- 11.1 The starting line shall 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 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. *This changes RRS 26.*
- 11.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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 a change mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall 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	Race Time Limit	Mark A Time Limit
45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark A within the Mark A time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall 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 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 near the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked after the last race of the day, or 1500 hrs, 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 official notice board.
- 16.4 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of IHCA general class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), instructions 10.1(b), 15.4, 18, and 21 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat or a request for redress. *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.
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 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score after four races have been completed.
- 17.3 In the Round-Robin Series, the "number of boats entered in the series" is defined as the sum of the two largest round-robin groups. In the Gold / Silver Fleet series, the "number of boats entered in the series" is defined as the number of boats in the Gold and Silver fleets respectively. *This changes RRS A4.2.*

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 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 CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

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 RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

On board VHF radios shall be permitted during this event for monitoring purposes only, except to notify the RC pursuant to instruction 18.2 or in the case of an emergency situation where they may be used to transmit a distress call to the RC. *This modifies IHCA General Rules 16.3 and 16.3a.* This 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 shall be based on pre-registrations.
- 22.2 The top-placing North American competitor in the Gold Fleet shall be declared the "Hobie 16 North American Champion."

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 alone 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

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 Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.* The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

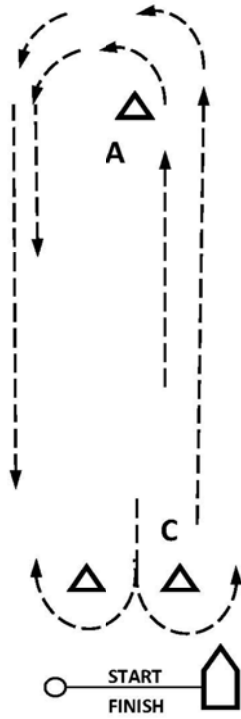
ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

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

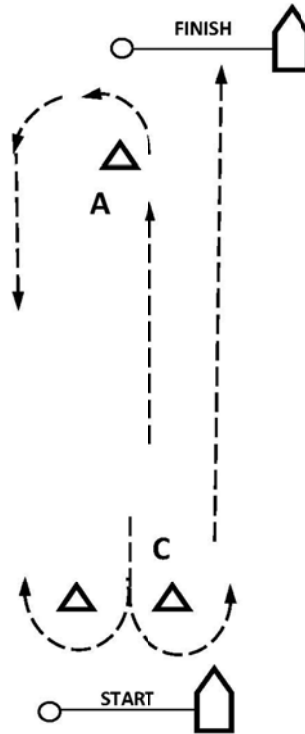


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 5: START – A – C – FINISH
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

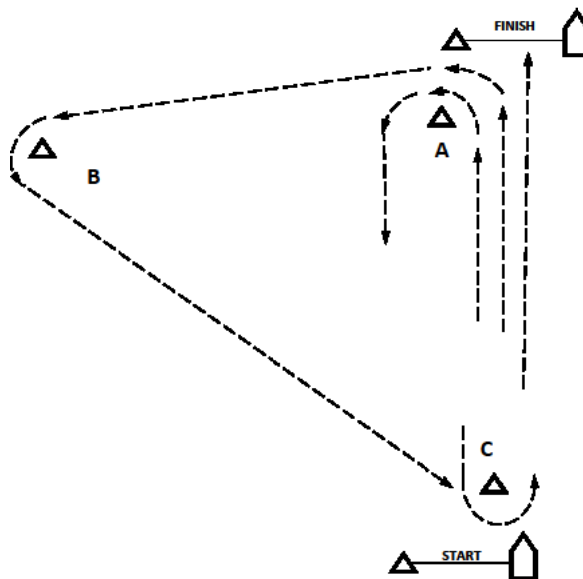
Course 6: START – A – C – A – C – FINISH
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark



COURSE 3 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 3 - START – A – C – A – B – C – FINISH



ATTACHMENT B
Round-Robin Schedule

Race	Class Flag	Groups
1	White	RED BLUE
	Purple	YELLOW GREEN
2	White	RED YELLOW
	Purple	BLUE GREEN
3	White	RED GREEN
	Purple	BLUE YELLOW
4	White	YELLOW GREEN
	Purple	RED BLUE
5	White	BLUE GREEN
	Purple	RED YELLOW
6	White	BLUE YELLOW
	Purple	RED GREEN
7	White	RED BLUE
	Purple	YELLOW GREEN
8	White	RED YELLOW
	Purple	BLUE GREEN
9	White	RED GREEN
	Purple	BLUE YELLOW
10	White	YELLOW GREEN
	Purple	RED BLUE
11	White	BLUE GREEN
	Purple	RED YELLOW
12	White	BLUE YELLOW
	Purple	RED GREEN
13	White	RED BLUE
	Purple	YELLOW GREEN
14	White	RED YELLOW
	Purple	BLUE GREEN
15	White	RED GREEN
	Purple	BLUE YELLOW