



# U.S. MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Hosted by: Ocean Springs Yacht Club OSYC

Ocean Springs, Mississippi

April 6-9, 2017

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) rules, US Sailing's Championship Conditions, the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Yacht Club outside the bar area. NOTE: White boards may be used, i.e. weather reports, provisional results, etc. but they are NOT OFFICIAL notice boards.
- 2.2. There shall be a general competitors' meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 1000 on the lawn adjacent to the beach. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race of the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall 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 shall be displayed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, southeast corner of the Yacht Club.
- 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 may be Practice Racing on Wednesday, 04/05 for those competitors in attendance. Check the official notice board for more information regarding any Practice Races.
- 5.2. There shall be (4) days of racing, (04/06 – 04/09), with the objective of 3 to 5 races per day, back to back.
- 5.3. There is no maximum number of races that shall be conducted.
- 5.4. The scheduled first warning signal:
  - 5.4.1. Thursday, 04/06 shall be 1100
  - 5.4.2. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 04/07 – 04/09 shall be 1030
  - 5.4.3. On Sunday, 04/09 no warning signal shall be made after 1400

### 6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be a US Sailing Flag

### 7. Racing Area

The racing area shall be the waters of the Biloxi Bay out in front of the Yacht Club and to the east of the Biloxi Bridge.

### 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Hobie Class Association standard courses shall be used. Refer to Attachment A for course geometry.
- 8.2. Only courses 1, 2, 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. 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.
- 8.4. No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat may display the approximate compass heading and distance to the first mark.
- 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 Windward and Leeward shall be Orange inflatable marks.
- 9.2. The change marks, as provided in Instruction 12.1, shall be a Yellow inflatable mark.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or a staff displaying an Orange flag.

**10. RESERVED**

**11. THE START**

- 11.1. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the starting mark or the staff displaying a flag as described in Instruction 9.3
- 11.2. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) 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 practical. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it shall be replaced with an original mark.

**13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying a 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	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit
45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

- 15.2. If no boat has passed the Weather Mark within the Initial Weather Mark Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats may be finished on the race 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 described in Instruction 2.1. 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.
- 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. Hearing shall be held in the protest room, which shall be located in the Board Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Yacht Club to the left, just inside the front door.
- 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 11.2, 15.3, 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. Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 17.2. In accordance with RRS A2, a competitor's worst score shall be excluded after five (5) races are completed.

#### **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number 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 competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 18.3. Competitors shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. No modifications of the PFD are permitted.
- 18.4. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty.
- 18.5. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 18.6. A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. *This changes rule 64.1.*

#### **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or a piece of equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat or crew member may be instructed by an RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

#### **21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Competitors are permitted to carry VHF radios while racing. Except for emergencies or retirement from a race (pursuant to Instruction 18.2), a competitor shall not make VHF radio transmissions while racing. A boat shall not receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This also applies to mobile telephones.

#### **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. US Sailing medals and keeper trophies shall be awarded to first, second and third place competitors.
- 22.2. The winning competitor shall have his or her name placed on the Hobie Alter Trophy.
- 22.3. The highest-ranking U.S. competitor shall be named the 2017 U.S. Multihull 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 own 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 retire. The Organizing Authority, host club, sponsors, and their respective employees, agents or appointees shall not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury or death sustained with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

### **24. INSURANCE**

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

### **25. SPECIAL NOTES**

- 25.1. Any boat receiving “hands on” assistance from a rescue/mark boat shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS A5. The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 25.2. The RC may request redress for competitors exhibiting extraordinary sportsmanship.

### **26. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

- 26.1. US Sailing Regulation 10.03 - Prohibited Substances will apply
- 26.2. For US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.
- 26.3. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor’s boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

## **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!**

### ATTACHMENT A – Illustrating the Course

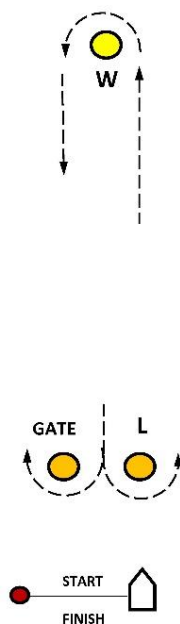
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1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G

**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.

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

COURSE 1: START – W – L (or GATE) – W – FINISH

COURSE 2: START – W – L (or GATE) – W – L (or GATE) – W – FINISH

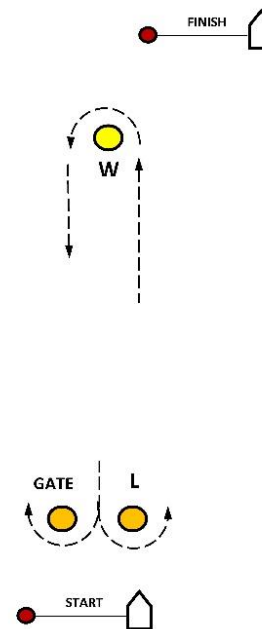


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 5: START – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

COURSE 6: START – W – L (or GATE) – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

NOTE: Location of FINISH represents it is upwind & may not be above the Weather Mark



## Alternate Finishing Geometry

**NOTE:** The gate does not have to be honored on the final leg to the finish, just the one Leeward Mark.

