

2018 Hobie 17 North American Championships

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: HCA-NA

Hosted by: Ocean Springs Yacht Club OSYC

Ocean Springs, Mississippi

April 5 – 8, 2018

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1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the 2nd 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 5, 2017 at 0900 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 2nd 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, 04/04 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, (04/05 – 04/08), 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, 04/05 shall be 1130
 - 5.4.2. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 04/06 – 04/08 shall be 1100
 - 5.4.3. On Sunday, 04/08 no warning signal shall be made after 1400

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be a Green Background with a Flying Hobie H

7. Racing Area

The racing area shall be the waters of the Biloxi Bay 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 Signal Boat's starboard side.
- 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 **Orange Inflatable** marks, or a staff displaying an Orange flag.
- 9.4. A barging (keep away) buoy may be attached to the Signal Boat. Rule 31 shall not apply to the barging buoy itself, but shall apply to the Signal Boat. This changes RRS 31.

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. A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange 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.
- 13.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. *US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34*

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 Windward Mark Time Limit | Initial Windward Mark Target Time |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 45 minutes | 90 minutes | 30 minutes | 8-13 minutes |

- 15.2. If no boat has passed the Windward Mark within the Initial Windward Mark Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet target times shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1 (a).*
- 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 2nd 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 four (4) 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 personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except temporarily while adding or removing clothes. 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 rule 40.* The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee, and may result in disqualification.
18.4. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. The PFD may also be worn in such a way that a full trapeze harness is secured over the PFD.
18.5. 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. Awards shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.
22.2. The highest-ranking North American competitor shall be named the 2018 Hobie 17 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 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.

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

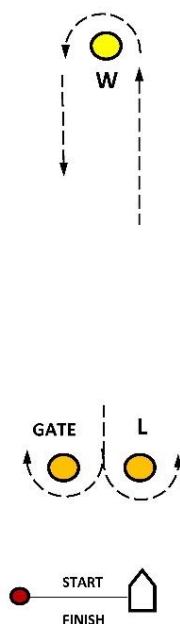
| No. | Course | Finish | Options |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | (S) A C A | (F) Downwind | 1G |
| 2 | (S) A C A C A | (F) Downwind | 2G |
| 5 | (S) A C | (F) Upwind | 5G |
| 6 | (S) A C A C | (F) Upwind | 6G |

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

