



August 29-30, 2020

Santa Cruz to Moss



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (rev.8/25/20)

### 1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
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 on the official notice board at Hobie Fleet 240 Beach Box located at Harbor Beach until the start of the long distance race on Saturday Aug 29. 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 68 will be used for Saturday Long distance 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 68.**
- 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 29-30).
- 6.2. On Saturday August 29 will be the long-distance race from Santa Cruz to Elkhorn (See section 10)
- 6.3. On Sunday August 30, 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 4:00 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

### 9. CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1. Class flags will be discussed at the competitor's meeting both Saturday and Sunday



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- 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 near the Santa Cruz Harbor entrance Start details will be finalized at the Competitors' meeting.
- 10.4. The course will either be Course 1 from the start to the yellow Schuyler Buoy off of the Santa Cruz Warf and then to Moss landing or Course 2 from the start to Moss Landing. The Course will be announced at the Saturday Competitors' meeting depending upon wind conditions.
- 10.5. 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.
- 10.6. 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.
- 10.7. 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.
- 10.8. All Boats must monitor VHF Channel 68. Coast Guard monitors Channel 16.
- 10.9. 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 68).
- 10.10. if visual contact is lost, Race Committee may call competing boats on channel 68 between 1300 & 1630 to request position. Please be monitoring channel 68 during this time slot and be prepared to report.
- 10.11. 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.
- 10.12. 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.
- 10.13. Trailers need to be at Moss Landing for boat take out. This is a one-way race from Santa Cruz to Moss Landing.
- 10.14. 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 40 minutes and 40 minutes to return. Each Competitor is responsible for their own ground transportation between Santa Cruz and Moss Landing Harbors.

### 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.

### 12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on the last day at the discretion of the organizing authority.

### 13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1. ***Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death.***



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13.2. *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.*

## 14. MAP OF DISTANCE RACE – Approximate and not to Scale

