



## 2021 Hobie 17 North American Championships

September 9-12, 2021

Washington Park Beach – Michigan City, Indiana

and



## Lake Michigan Catamaran Championship Regatta

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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.*

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices – Basic Rule) shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.

#### 2. 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 or by the protest time limit, whichever is later, on the day before it shall take effect.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the beach launch ramp. An unofficial notice board will be maintained on [RegattaNetwork](#).
- 3.2 There will be a competitors' meeting each day at 0900 at the beach launch ramp.
- 3.3 Competitors are advised to monitor the race committee VHF channel, which will be announced before racing.
- 3.4 [NP] The race committee may make courtesy announcements regarding course management, postponements and abandonments, recalls and time limits.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the beach launch ramp at Washington Park Public Beach.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 *Sept. 9 - Sept. 10*                      *Hobie 17 NAC – First warning signal 1100*  
       *Sept. 11 - Sept. 12*                      *All classes – First warning signal 1100*  
       *Sept. 12*                                      *No warning signal after 1400*
- 6.2 The race committee intends to run three to five races per day. There is no maximum number of races.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

Hobie 17	Gold "Flying H" flag
Hobie 16	Silver "Flying H" flag
F18	F18 logo on a white background
Open	Numeral #1 Flag

**8. RACING AREA**

Racing will be in the waters of Lake Michigan off Washington Park Beach.

**9. COURSES**

- 9.1 Hobie Class Standard Courses 1, 2, 5, and 6 will be used.
- 9.2 The "G" (Gate) option in the Hobie Class Standard Courses will not be displayed. The leeward mark may be a gate or a single mark. If Mark C is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 9.3 There will not be an offset mark.
- 9.4 Attachment "A" shows the courses and the rounding order. All marks except gates will be left to port.

**10. MARKS**

- 10.1 All marks will be described and posted at the competitors' meeting.
- 10.2 One or more 'keep away buoys' may be attached to the RC signal boat. These are part of the mark.

**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 nearby mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored pin boat.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*

**12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby mark or a staff displaying a blue flag on an anchored pin boat.
- 13.2 [NP] Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC will determine the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A5.1 and A5.2.*

#### **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1 [NP] The target time for each race is 40 minutes.
- 14.2 If a boat has not rounded the initial Mark A within 30 minutes of her starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 A boat that fails to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.4 The Race Time Limit (RRS 35) is 90 minutes after the starting signal.

#### **15. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks at the end of each day or when the RC signals 'No more racing today,' whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available near the Official Notice Board or online ([US Sailing Hearing Request Form](#)).
- 15.3 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 beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of IHCA general class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only) shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat or a request for redress. *This changes RRS 60.*

#### **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

#### **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]**

- 17.1 Boats are requested to check-in with the race committee before the first race of the day by sailing past the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]**

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.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP]**

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 Technical Committee equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. AWARDS**

- 20.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. The number of awards will be based on pre-registrations.
- 20.2 For the 2021 Hobie 17 North American Championship, the top-placing North American competitor will be declared the “2021 Hobie 17 North American Champion.”

## **21. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **22. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident.

## **23. SPECIAL NOTES**

Any boat receiving ‘hands on’ assistance from rescue/mark boats shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.* The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

**ADDENDUM A  
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES  
(NOT TO SCALE)**

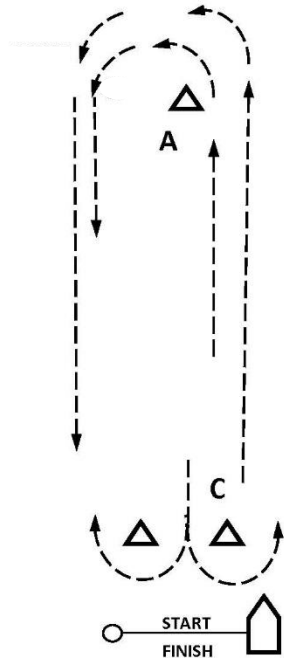
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COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 1: START – A – Offset – C – A – Offset – FINISH  
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 2: START – A – Offset – C – A – Offset – C – A – Offset – 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 – Offset – C – FINISH  
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

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

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark

