

2022 HOBIE WAVE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Shreveport, LA.

October 12-16, 2022

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 it is non-protestable by a boat, the RC or the Technical Committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the *One Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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. or by the protest time limit, whichever is later, on the day before it shall take effect.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located outside the lower level on the north side of SYC.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 There will be competitors' meetings on Thursday Oct. 13 at 1000 hrs. and on Friday Oct. 14 at 0930 at the lower level of SYC. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as needed.
- 3.2 [NP] On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 69. This information is given as a courtesy and a request for redress may not be based on any aspect of this unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, and or failure to hear. *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*.
- 3.3 [DP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [NP] [DP]

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the launching area and flown from an available mast.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' will be replaced with '30 minutes'. *This changes Race Signals AP.*

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Practice races are scheduled for Thursday 10/13 at 1300
- 6.2 The scheduled First Warning for Friday 10/14 and Saturday 10/15 is 1100 hrs.
- 6.3 The scheduled First Warning for Sunday 10/16 is 1000 hrs. with no start after 1300.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be Yellow.

8 RACE AREA

The racing area will be on Cross Lake.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Hobie Class Standard Courses will be used (Appendix A of these instructions).
- 9.2 The "G" (gate) option will not be displayed; however, the leeward mark may be a gate or a single mark.
- 9.4 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Starting, finishing, and rounding marks will be orange spheres or inflatables.
- 10.2 If an offset is used it will be a small white sphere.
- 10.3 If a change mark is used it will be a white sphere.

11 START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A 5.1 and A5.2*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will 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 will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark. *This changes RRS Race Signals, blue flag.*
- 13.2 [NP] Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS35 and A5.1 and A5.2.*

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 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 The Race Time Limit (RRS 35) is 90 minutes after the starting signal.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Protest committee hearings will be virtual. Participants in any hearings (parties, party representatives and witnesses) must have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability. Participants must use audio and video to appear before the protest committee unless advised otherwise by the protest committee. (See Virtual Hearing Addendum VH to these sailing instructions.)
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks at the end of each racing day or when the RC signals 'No more racing today', whichever is later. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Hearing request forms are available near the Official Notice Board.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 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 60.1*

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. *This changes RRS A2*

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP] [DP]

- 17.1 Upon arriving in the starting area, boats are requested to check-in with the race committee by sailing past the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing their bow number.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]

- 18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP]

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 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 shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. The number of awards shall be based on pre-registrations.
- 20.2 The top-placing North American competitor shall be declared the 2022 Hobie Wave North American Champion.

21 RISK STATEMENT

RRS3 State: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participation 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 if 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 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.

Appendix A – Illustrating the Course

IHCA Standard Courses

No.	Course	Finish	<i>Options for the Race Committee</i>		
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1 G	1 O	1 GO
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2 G	2 O	2 GO
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind		3 O	
4	((S) A, C, A, B, C, A	(F) Downwind		4 O	
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5 G	5 O	5 GO
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6 G	6 O	6 GO
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind		7 O	

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish, O = offset mark is used.

"B" MARK LOCATION: The Race Committee will endeavor to locate "B" Mark, the reaching mark, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of the windward or leeward mark.

VIRTUAL HEARING ADDENDUM VH
VIRTUAL HEARING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES
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All hearings conducted pursuant to the rules of RRS Part5, Section B [Hearings &Decisions] and any misconduct hearings conducted pursuant to the rules of RRS Part5, Section D [Misconduct] shall be conducted virtually using Zoom and the following rules.

1. People participating in these hearings [parties, party representatives in misconduct hearings, and witnesses] must have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability.
2. If someone participating does not have such a device, the person will have to obtain access to and use of such a device from another person or have another person appear before the hearing committee in their place and stand in the case of protests or redress requests. If a person appearing before the hearing committee does not know how to use such a device, they can have someone else set the device up so audio and video is in use for the person participating. Information about Zoom is available on its website: <https://zoom.us>; is available for computers, tablets, and mobile phones.
3. People participating in virtual hearings and arbitration meetings must use audio and video in the presence of the hearing committee unless otherwise advised by the hearing committee. If a party or witness does not comply with this rule, the hearing committee may nevertheless decide the protest or request for redress as if the person did not come to the hearing[SeeRRS63.3(b)],or take such action as is provided in rule 69 for a misconduct hearing [See RRS 69.2(f) and 69.2(k)].
4. On the date of the hearing, and at least 10 minutes before the hearing is scheduled to begin, the parties, party representatives for misconduct hearings, and any witness a party intends to have testify during the hearing, are to join the virtual hearing.
5. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, and party representatives for misconduct hearings, present in the virtual hearing at least 10 minutes before the time of the hearing on the date of the hearing.
6. At that time, the hearing panel will review the procedure for having parties, party representatives for misconduct hearings, and witnesses participate in the hearing. Note: Parties and witnesses must be in separate locations when party testimony is being given: if a witness is present when party testimony is being given, the witness will not be permitted to testify.
7. No audio or video recording of the hearing is to be made by anyone other than the hearing committee; the hearing committee will advise the parties if a recording of the proceeding will be made.
8. Parties and witnesses shall not communicate or share information with anyone other than the hearing committee by any means or technology from the time the hearing begins until the hearing is closed except to testify or question a party or a witness.
9. Notices of hearings will be posted on the official noticeboard (see below) as soon as practical after a request for hearing is filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
10. Hearings will be held virtually online on the day and time posted on the official notice board using Zoom links to be provided by the hearing committee (by email) before the hearing time.
11. Competitors must contact the Chief Judge or Jury Co-Ordinator by email should there be any questions regarding information posted.
12. Decisions will be communicated to the parties in person at the hearing, by email or cell phone and they will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.

Finding and submitting forms:

- Location for forms: [ussailing.org]
- Email for submitting forms: [jconal@gmail.com; patssun@yahoo.com]
- Notice Board [hearing schedule]: [outside the lower level, north side of SYC: /regattanetwork.com]
- Chief Judge: [J. Conal Lancaster; jconal@gmail.com]
- Jury Co-Ordinator: [John Farris; patssun@yahoo.com]