



## PIÑATA REGATTA, OCTOBER 8-9, 2022

### HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The current Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association will apply.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & COMPETITORS' MEETING

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Regatta Headquarters under the Tecate tent.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting at the Regatta Headquarters on Saturday at 0900.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the top of the sailing ramp at Playa Bonita RV Park.
- 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 Racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9, 2022.
- 5.2 The objective is to hold 3-4 races each day, back-to-back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100, wind permitting.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

#### 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags and initial starting order each day shall be as follows:

Hobie 16 A	Red
Hobie 20, 18, 17	Lime Green
Hobie 16 B, C, N	Turquoise
Hobie Wave	Pink

## **7 RACING AREA**

Racing will take place directly off the beach in front of Playa Bonita RV Park.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 Standard IHCA Courses shall be used, except any designated wind direction at the finish shall be ignored.

8.2 Note the addition of a Course 8. Reference Appendix A.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Mark A, B, and Gates will be orange inflatable marks.

9.2 The pin end of the starting and finishing lines will be orange buoys. The boat end of the starting and finishing line will be defined by a Yellow Fleet 514 flag flying from the Signal Boat

## **10 THE START**

10.1 The starting line will be between the course side of the pin and the flag staff on the signal boat, as described in instruction 9.2.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark to a new position.

11.2 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between the course side of the pin and the flag staff on the signal boat, as described in instruction 9.2.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes of her start, the race shall be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.*

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Headquarters. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. *This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.*

15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Ashburn's large enclosed white trailer.

- 15.4 Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), of instructions 10.2, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. *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 will be DPI.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. *This changes RRS A2.*

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, by competitors while launching and when sailing, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the PC, and may result in disqualification. Pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 will not apply.
- 17.2 Boats shall check in by sailing close astern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail numbers to the signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore).
- 17.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of equipment will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 18.3 Requests for substitution of equipment or crew shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

On board VHF radios shall be permitted during this event for monitoring purposes or to advise the RC of retirement from a race only, except in the case of an emergency situation where they will be used to transmit a distress call. This also applies to mobile telephones. In case of emergency, the RC will be monitoring channel 69. Announcements to competitors may be made over the radio.

## **22 AWARDS**

Awards presentation shall be on Sunday afternoon following racing. The number of trophies in each class will be based on the number of pre-registered boats.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent, with proof to be provided upon request.

**25 SPECIAL NOTES**

Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.* The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

**HCANA ADDITIONAL SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS**

**GENERAL**

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race.

**ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!** 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 OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

## Appendix A – Illustrating the Courses

No.	Course
1	(S) A C A (F)
2	(S) A C A C A (F)
3	(S) A C A B C (F)
4	(S) A, C, A, B, C, A (F)
5	(S) A C (F)
6	(S) A C A C (F)
7	(S) A C A B C A C (F)
8	(S) A (F)

**\*Note: Course 8 is *not* part of the standard IHCA course chart.**

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, F = finish

### Course Diagram (Not to scale!)

