



2023 HOBIE MID-AMERICAS 50th ANNIVERSARY AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club, Oak Point TX

May 27-28, 2023

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 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

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 6:00 PM 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 on the outside south wall of the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club (DCYC) Clubhouse. The race office will be the 2nd Floor East Lounge of the DCYC Clubhouse.
- 3.2 Radio communications between boats and the Race Committee (RC) during racing will be carried out on **VHF channel 69 (Whiskey Course) and VHF channel 71 (Tango Course)**. Competitors are advised to maintain a listening watch on their designated channel at all times.
- 3.3 [NP] The following communications may be made by the RC using the designated VHF Channels in addition to any Race Signals (*this changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41*): Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark; postponements and abandonments; boats identified as On Course Side (OCS, aka "Over Early at the start line") and general recalls; identify marks; shortening the course; time limits.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [NP][DP]

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be made from the DCYC flagpole at the swimming pool.
- 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 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday, May 27, is 11:30 AM.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Sunday, May 28, is 10:00 AM.
- 6.3 On Sunday, May 28, no race will be started after 1:00 PM.
- 6.4 The RC intends to run at least 2-3 races back-to-back each day, as time and weather conditions permit.
- 6.5 There is no maximum number of races. One race constitutes a series.

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7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag assignments will be as follows:

Whiskey Course		Pennants	Tango Course	
H-20	Pennant 1		H-18	Pennant 1
H-17	Pennant 2		H-14	Pennant 2
H-16A	Pennant 3		H-16B	Pennant 3
Portsmouth	Pennant 4		H-Wave	Pennant 4

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be on Lewisville Lake, north of the Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge.
- 8.2 The relative positions of the Whiskey & Tango course areas are shown in Addendum A. Exact positions may be modified pending weather conditions.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Only 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 ("C") may be a gate or a single mark. If Mark C is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 9.3 Long and short windward "A" marks will be used on both the Whiskey and Tango courses.
- 9.4 The letter "L" will be used after the course number to indicate a course that uses the long windward "A" mark.
- 9.5 The "O" (Offset) option in the Hobie Class Standard Courses will not be displayed.
- 9.6 Offset marks will only be used on the Whiskey course.
- 9.7 Addendum B shows the courses. All marks will be left to port (except gates).
- 9.8 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 Course marks will be as follows:

WHISKEY Course			TANGO Course	
Long Windward (A)	Lrg Yellow Cylinder		Long Windward (A)	Yellow Cylinder
Short Windward (A)	Lrg Orange Tetrahedron		Short Windward (A)	Orange Cylinder
Leeward Gate (C)	Yellow Cylinders		Leeward Gate (C)	Orange Cylinders
Start Pin	Small Orange Tetrahedron		Start Pin	Small Orange Tetrahedron
Finish Pin	Small Green Tetrahedron		Finish Pin	Small Green Tetrahedron
Offset Mark	Small White Tetrahedron		No Offset Mark	

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

RESERVED

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the signal boat and the course side of the Start Pin as specified in SI 10.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*
- 12.3 If a course 5 or 6 is sailed, the start line is closed.
- 12.4 Boats not in a starting sequence are requested to stay reasonably clear of the starting area.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Due to the number of fleets sailing concurrently on long and short courses, NO change marks will be used.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag on the starboard side of the signal boat and the course side of the Finish Pin as specified in SI 10.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within **30** minutes after the first boat (in her class) sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.*
- 14.3 [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 RRS 35 and A5.1 and A5.2.*
- 14.4 If a course 5 or 6 is sailed, the finish line is closed.
- 14.5 Boats that have finished are requested to stay reasonably clear of the finishing area.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 [NP] The target time for each race is approximately **40** minutes.
- 15.2 If a boat has not rounded the initial Mark A within **30** minutes of her starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Race Time Limit (RRS 35) is **90** minutes after the starting signal.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available near the Official Notice Board or online ([US Sailing Hearing Request Form](#)).
- 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 or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 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) shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat or a request for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1.*

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When four (4) or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 18.1 Upon arriving in the starting area before the first race of the day, each boat is requested to **check-in** with the RC by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number.
- 18.2 A boat that retires at any time after the daily check-in shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall 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 [NP][DP]

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

21 AWARDS

Awards shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

22 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.**

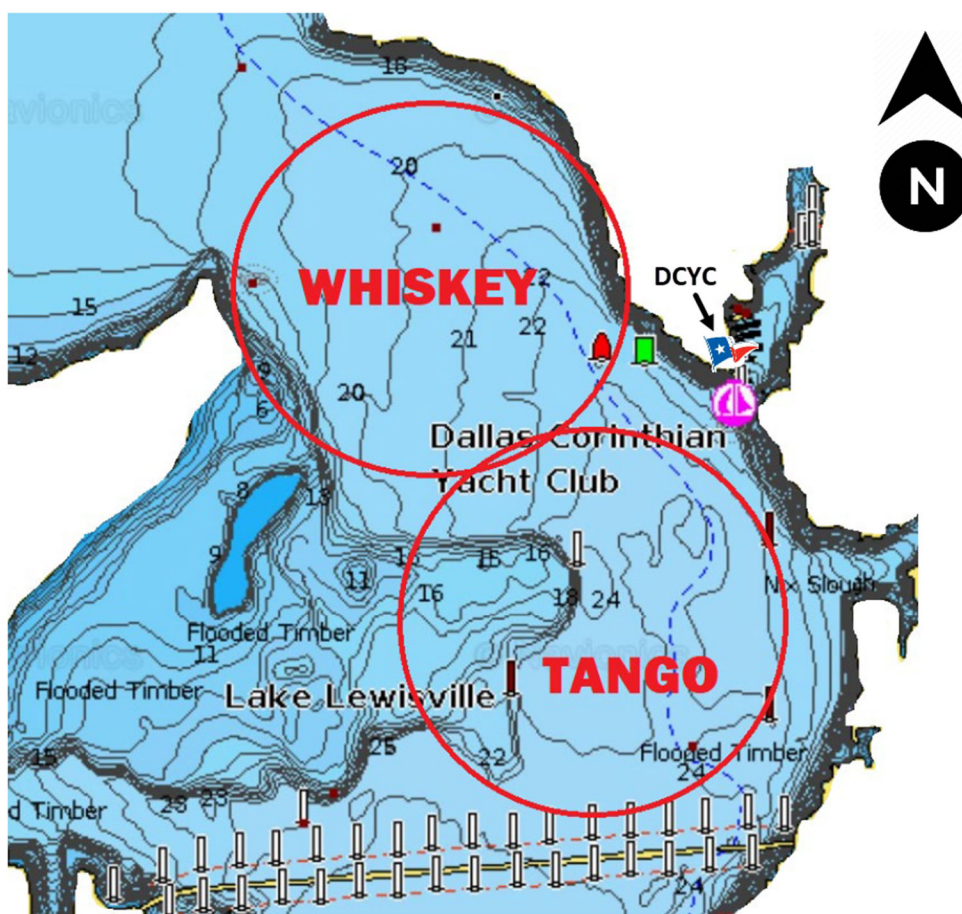
23 INSURANCE

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

24 SPECIAL NOTES

Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) 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
COURSE LOCATIONS**

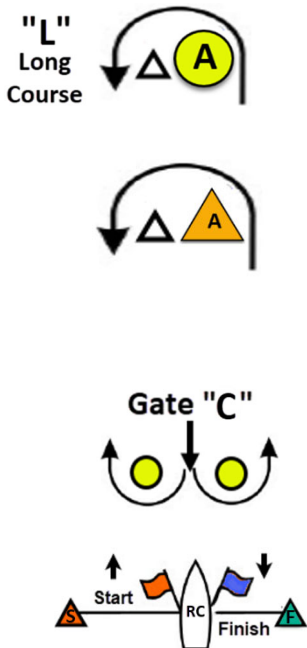


Addendum B

COURSE DIAGRAMS

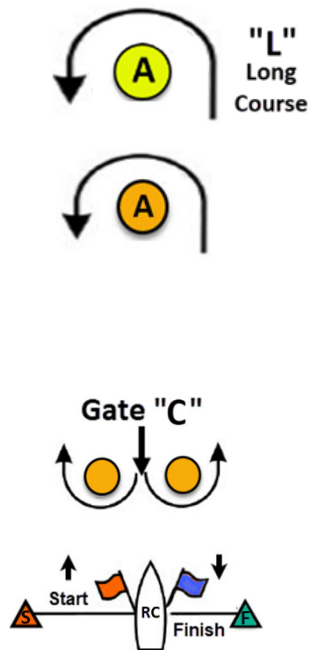
WHISKEY

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Course 2: A-C-A-C-A-Finish

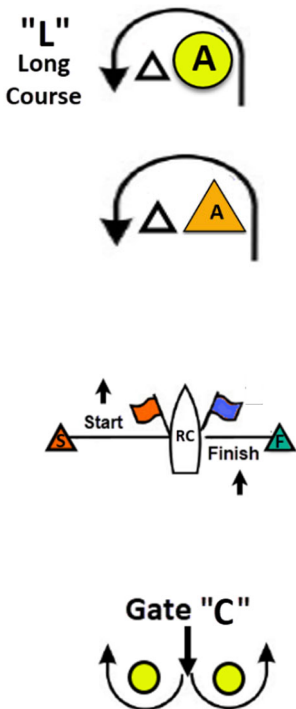


TANGO

Course 1: A-C-A-Finish
Course 2: A-C-A-C-A-Finish



Course 5: A-C-Finish
Course 6: A-C-A-C-Finish



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Course 6: A-C-A-C-Finish

