



2023 HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP August 22-25 2023 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Hobie Division 3 and Hobie Class Association of Northern America

The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the SI (Sailing Instructions) 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. IHCA One-Turn Penalty Rule: Rules 44.1 is changed so that only a One Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 1.2. RADIO COMMUNICATION: Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB (Official Notice Board) located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26143>
- 2.2. Results, official notices, schedule of protest and redress hearings will be on the ONB.
- 2.3. Notices to competitors may be duplicated on the notice board located near the Beach Pavilion Race Office.
- 2.4. The RC (Race Committee) intends to use VHF 78 for on-the-water communication including changes to the Sailing Documents. If there are issues with VHF 78 the alternative channel is VHF 72.
- 2.5. The following communications may be made by the race committee using VHF radio in addition to any Race Signals. This changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41.
 - (a) Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark.
 - (b) Postponements and abandonments.
 - (c) Identification of boats during start sequence.
 - (d) Boats identified as OCS and general recalls.
 - (e) Changing courses or marks and identity of marks
 - (f) Shortening the Course
 - (g) Time limits
- 2.6. Failure to make or receive such communications will not be grounds for redress.
- 2.7. A yacht retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee.

- 2.8. The RC may hail over-early OCS boats. Failure to hear or make these notifications shall not be reasons for a request for redress.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed from the Beach Pavilion area.
4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" will be replaced with not less than "30 minutes." This changes Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND RACES

CREW WEIGH-IN: ENTRY:	AUG 21: 1200 to 1500, AUG 22 0830 to 0900 https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26143
COMPETITORS MEETING	TUE-FRI 1000 @ BEACH PAVILION
PRACTICE RACE	MONDAY AUG 21 1st WARNING 1400
RACING	TUE-FRI 1ST WARNING 1200

- 5.1. The RC intends to run three to five races back-to-back each day.
5.2. On the last day of racing, no race will be started after 1500 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be a black Hobie "Flying H" on a RED background.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on San Francisco Bay, immediately west of Crown Beach, Alameda, CA.

8. MARKS AND COURSES

- 8.1. See Addendum A
8.2. No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal boat may display or use VHF to communicate the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1. Please note RRS 33: Changing the next leg of the course.

- 9.2. To change the position of the next mark, the race committee may lay a red CM (Change Mark) and remove the original mark as soon as possible.
- 9.3. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 9.4. If a red CM (Change Mark) is used to replace Mark A it will not have an offset.
- 9.5. The change to a CM for Mark A will be notified by a markset boat at the Gate with a C Flag over a Red Flag and intermittent sounds.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Signal Bboat and the course side of a red start mark or the staff displaying an Orange Flag on a markset boat.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNF (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of a Red Mark at the other end of the start / finish line.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

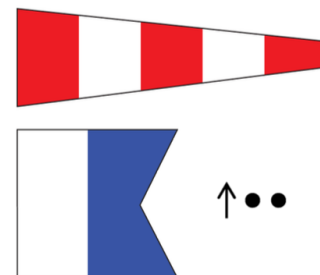
- 12.1. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.
- 12.2. The intended time for each race is 40 minutes.
- 12.3. If a boat has not rounded Mark A on the first leg within 30 minutes of her starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 12.4. The Race Time Limit (RRS 35) is 90 minutes after the starting signal. See RRS 35.

13. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

Competitors shall keep clear of all commercial traffic.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat signals “No more racing today” by displaying AP over A. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 14.2. Hearing request forms are available at the Beach Pavilion Race Office.
- 14.3. Hearing notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 14.4. Hearings will be held in the Beach Pavilion Race Office.



AP over A Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. NOR Rule for SCORING is changed to read: A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score when five (5) races are completed.
- 15.2. RRS A 5.3 will apply.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 16.1. Competitors are strongly encouraged to have a working handheld VHF radio and / or cell phone for safety reasons.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. CREW REPLACEMENT

Requests for substitution of crew shall be made to the PRO for approval at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

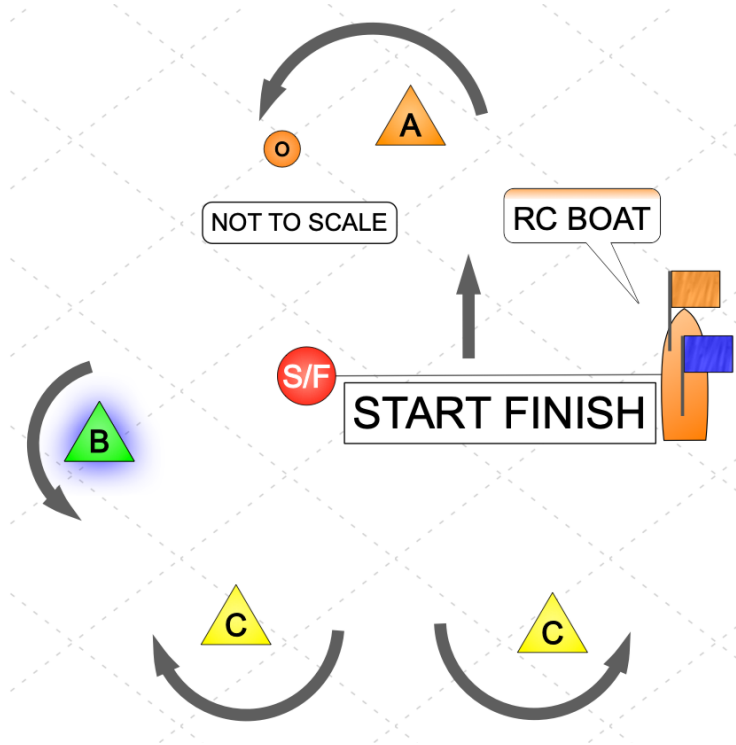
- 18.1. A boat or crew may be inspected or weighed at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 18.2. A boat or its crew may be instructed to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 18.3. A skipper shall not change sails during a race or regatta unless his sail has been damaged and is no longer usable.
- 18.4. Permission to make a sail change must be received and approved by the PRO.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A: MARK DIAGRAM / DESCRIPTION / COURSES

- ALL ROUNDING MARKS PASSED TO PORT EXCEPT GATE
- IF ONE OF THE GATE MARKS IS MISSING PASS REMAINING TO PORT
- ALL COURSES MARK A WILL HAVE AN OFFSET. CM WILL NOT



MARK	DESCRIPTION
(S/F)	START / FINISH RED
o	OFFSET ORANGE
A	WINDWARD ORANGE
B	REACHING GREEN
C	GATE YELLOW
CM	CHANGE MARK RED

	COURSE	FINISH
1	(S) A C A	(F) DOWNWIND
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) DOWNWIND
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) UPWIND
4	(S) A C A B C A	(F) DOWNWIND
5	(S) A C	(F) UPWIND
6	(S) A C A C	(F) UPWIND
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) UPWIND



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America & Hobie Division 3

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) Class Rules will apply. The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 will not apply.

ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Participants must be current members of the HCANA, regardless of nationality.

Membership may be obtained [HCANA Membership](#)

Registration:

Early Reg (by March 30th)	\$475
Standard Reg (March 30th- May 30th)	\$525
Late Reg (May 30th-Aug 13th)	\$575
Nailbiter Reg (After Aug 13th/ Onsite)	\$625

SCHEDULE

Registration & Crew weigh in:

Aug 21st - 12-5pm

Aug 22nd - 8:30-9am

Racing: Aug 22nd - Aug 25th

Competitors' Meeting: 10am Daily

First Warning Signal: 12:25pm

MEASUREMENTS

Boats shall comply with the International Hobie Class Rules and may be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted to Regatta Network by Aug 20th 10 am.

VENUE

Crown Beach Memorial Park in Alameda, CA. The event will be sailed in the waters south of the Bay Bridge in the San Francisco Bay.

THE COURSES

The courses will be Standard IHCA Courses.

SCORING

FOUR races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score for each FIVE races she completes.

BERTHING

We will be sharing the event site with the public. Boats may be stored on trailers, ground, or wheels near the beach.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Radios are strongly recommended. Race committee may communicate between races over radio. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

PRIZES

Prizes will be given based on pre-registration. The winning team of the regatta will be named the Hobie 16 North American Champion, regardless of nationality.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INSURANCE

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

CHARTER BOATS:

A limited number of charter boats are available.

Contact: Jim Sajdak at jim@cs3.us

For accommodations and further information please contact: Tom Sinnickson 415-505-0079.

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