



2023 HOBIE WAVE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP September 11 - 16, 2023



Organizing Authority (OA): Hobie Class Association of North America
Hosted by Hobie Fleet 204 and Onondaga Yacht Club (OYC)
Syracuse, New York



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescription to rule 63.1 shall not apply.
- 1.3 In rule 30.4, “sail number” is replaced by “bow number.”
- 1.4 For other rules and documents that apply, please refer to the Notice of Race (NoR).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than one (1) hour prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the later of 1800 or the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Competitor notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the OYC patio roof, by the steps.
- 3.2 A competitors’ meeting will be held at 0930 on Wednesday, September 13 on the lawn of OYC.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 78.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a small flagpole on the OYC dock.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in race signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Tuesday, September 12 – 1404 (2:04 pm) - Warning signal for practice race.
- 6.2 Wednesday, September 13 – 1100 – First warning signal, other races to follow.
- 6.3 Thursday, September 14 through Saturday, September 16 – The first warning signal each day will be at 1000.
- 6.4 The race committee intends to run three to five races per day. Races will be run back-to-back each day.
- 6.5 There is no maximum number of races.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no starting signal will be made after 1404 (2:04 pm).

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag is a silver (light gray) flag with a Hobie “flying H” logo.

8 RACING AREA

Onondaga Lake, in proximity to the Onondaga Yacht Club.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Hobie Class Standard Courses will be used (see Addendum A).
- 9.2 The “G” (gate) option will not be displayed; however, the leeward mark may be a gate or a single mark.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9.4 The course number will be displayed with a placard on the race committee signal vessel.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark A will be a **orange** inflatable mark.

10.2 Mark O (the offset mark) will be a smaller, **white** sphere.

10.3 Marks B, CS and CP (the gate) will be **orange** inflatable marks. If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

10.4 The starting and finishing mark will be a **green** inflatable mark.

10.5 New marks, as provided in instruction 12 will be a **pink** inflatable mark.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.

11.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her bow or sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1(b).*

11.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will 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. An offset mark will not be set with a changed weather mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The A Mark Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below:

First A Mark Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	45 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the A Mark Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress will be scored TLE, "Time Limit Expired." TLE will be scored points equal to one-half the number of yachts not finishing, rounded to the next highest number, plus the number of yachts that finished. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

14.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks after the last race of the day or the race committee 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 at the protest desk in the OYC clubhouse.

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, located in the OYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

15.4 Protests by the RC, Technical Committee (TC) or Protest Committee (PC) shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 If the RC posts the race scores, including boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or TLE on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one (1) hour after the penalties are posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16 SCORING

16.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

16.2 In accordance with RRS A2.1, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores with one race excluded after four races have been completed.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 **Check-In** - All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee boat displaying the "L" flag before the first warning signal of the day. Each boat shall sail past the committee boat on starboard tack and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. [DP][NP]

17.2 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP][NP]

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC. [DP]

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC or TC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. [NP]

20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. [DP][NP]

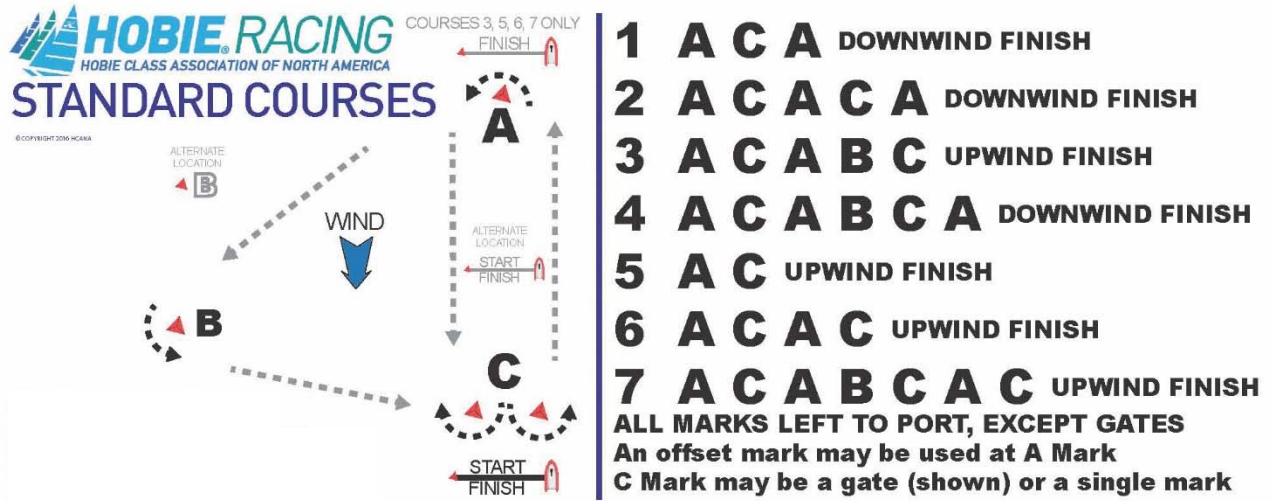
21 AWARDS

The first-place finisher will be the "Hobie Wave North American Champion." Other awards will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.

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.**

ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES



**If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.
 There will be no offset mark when a changed A Mark is set.**