

2024 HOBIE Wave North American Championship

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America

hosted by: Division 7 Fleet 474

Marble Beach State Recreation Area, Spirit Lake, Iowa

September 25-28, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 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 at the North end of the boat ramp parking lot facing the lake, on the side of an enclosed trailer.

3.2 A competitors’ meeting will be held at 0930 on Wednesday, September 25, near the trailer at the beach.

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 78. 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)*

3.4 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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 near the regatta trailer.

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 24 – 10AM - 3PM Boat set up at Marble Beach Campground.
- 6.2 Wednesday, September 25 – 1100 First warning signal, other races to follow.
- 6.3 Thursday, September 26 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 1400.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag is a YELLOW flag with a Hobie “flying H” logo.

8 RACING AREA

Spirit Lake, in proximity to the Marble Beach State Recreational Area.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Hobie Class Standard Courses will be used (see Attachment 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 may 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 yellow inflatable mark.
- 10.2 There **WILL NOT** be an offset mark.
- 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 small orange mark.
- 10.5 New marks, as provided in instruction 12 will be a red inflatable.

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 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 an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

1. 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

First A Mark Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
30 minutes	40-45 minutes	90 minutes	8-13 minutes

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

14.3 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 A4.*

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 regatta trailer.

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 a location to be announced, 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.

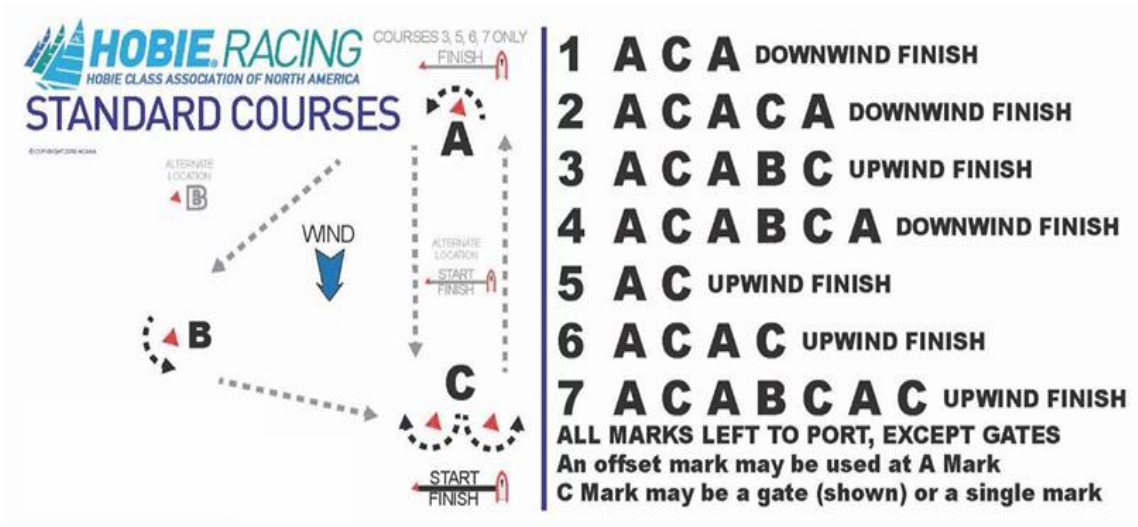
20 AWARDS

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

21 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.