



HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 16-20, 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), in affiliation with HCA-NA Division 12, Hobie Fleet 448 and the Roton Point Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 01 Sep 24 at <https://regattanetwork.com/event/27351>.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 For safety, all boats are strongly urged to sail with at least one submersible VHF radio. Best practice is one VHF radio per person, attached to each person. Radio use and restrictions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all IHCA class legal Hobie 16s.
- 4.2 Youth Division competitors shall be under the age of 21 years of age on 20 Sep 24.
- 4.3 Per IHCA Class Rule 26, all competitors must be 2024 IHCA members (membership in HCA-NA, or other IHCA sanctioned regional or national association, as applicable).
- 4.4 Enter on-line at <https://regattanetwork.com/event/27351>.
- 4.5 All boats must be registered, measured and checked in by 0930 on 16 Sep 24, or their entry will be cancelled. Exceptions must be approved, in writing, by the OA. Competitors are requested to make every effort to complete this process before Monday, 16 Sep 24.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Entry Type	Deadline	Fee (USD)
Early	30 Apr / Midnight	\$395
Standard	15 Aug / Midnight	\$475
Late	16 Sep / 0930	\$550
Youth	16 Sep / 0930	\$200

5.2 Other fees for items including social packages for non-competitors (e.g. meals and parties) and regatta merchandise will be payable at fleet448.org.

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Racing Schedule:

Date	Time	Event
13 Sep	1500-1900	Measurement and Check-In
14-15 Sep	0700-0900	Measurement and Check-In
	1400-1800	Measurement and Check-In
16 Sep	0800-0930	LATE Measurement and Check-In
	1000	Competitors Meeting
	1300	First Warning Signal
17-20 Sep	0930	Competitors Meeting
	1200	First Warning Signal
20 Sep	1500	No warning after this time

7.2 There will be a maximum of 5 days of championship racing (a lay day may be scheduled), with the objective of 3 to 5 races per day. There is no maximum number of races.

7.3 No practice race is scheduled. Competitors interested in practicing for the NAs are encouraged to enter the Roton Point Fall Multihull Regatta, a separate event at the same venue, on 14-15 Sep 24 (enter at rpmr.org).

8 INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

8.1 Boats must be weighed (with masts down) prior to check-in.

8.2 Crew members shall be weighed, in accordance with class rules, prior to check-in.

8.3 All inspection and measurement (including weighing boats and crews) shall be performed on-site, by a member of the Technical Committee. Boats may be inspected, and any boat or crew weight may be subject to additional verification, at any time during the regatta.

9 VENUE

9.1 Roton Point Association, 15 Pine Point Road, Rowayton, CT.

9.2 **Pets are not permitted on site, including in RVs.**

9.3 Racing will be on the open waters of Long Island Sound.

10 COURSES

10.1 Standard IHCA Courses will be used, and will be described within the Sailing Instructions.

11 AWARDS

11.1 The top placing North American team shall be named the 2024 Hobie 16 North American Champions.

11.2 The top placing North American youth team shall be named the 2024 Hobie 16 North American Youth Champions (minimum of 5 boats required).

11.3 Other awards will be made based on the number of competitors.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall have current third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000 USD. Proof of this insurance must be presented [during online registration (preferred), or on-site check-in].

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 Visit fleet448.org for information regarding charter boats, accommodations, and free on-site tent camping and self-contained RV parking (RVs must reserve in advance).

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