

2024 Mt. Scott Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Aug 31 – Sept 1, 2023

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the 2021-2024 World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS).
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETING (S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the window of RV.
- 2.2 There will be a skippers meeting on Saturday Aug 31 at 10:30am. Other skippers meetings may be scheduled are required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole or in the window of the RV by the flagpole.
- 4.2 When AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing schedule will be described at the initial skippers meeting and posted on the window of the RV.
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the first race on Saturday is 12:00 and 10:00 am on Sunday.
- 5.3 When more than one race or sequence of races, for two or more classes will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 2:00 pm.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags may be replaced by numeric pennants and serve as the class flag warning signal as defined in RRS 26. Alternative class flags will be announced at the skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board.
- 6.2 Order of start of the first race each day will be announced at the initial skippers meeting. Subsequent race start orders may be changed.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 International Hobie Cat Class courses will be used. Reference appendix A.
- 7.2 All marks left to port, except gates.
- 7.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks A1, B, C and Gates will be large yellow cylinders. A2 will be red sphere/ball.
- 8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a red ball at pin end and a flag on committee boat.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be as described in instruction 8.2.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.1.
- 9.5 Start line obstruction: The start line shall rank as an obstruction.
- 9.6 Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started as determined by the Race Committee.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any Mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Small changes to keep course square may be made without a signal.
- 10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.1.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between as described in instruction 8.2.

- 11.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes Race signal S.
- 11.3 Finish Line Obstruction: The finish line shall rank as an obstruction. Boats may not pass through this line unless finishing.
- 12 PENALTY SYSTEM
- 12.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed for all classes to one 360 degree turn that includes one tack and one gybe.
- 13 TIME LIMIT
- 13.1 If no boat has passed 'A' mark within 30 minutes the race may be abandoned.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes may be finished in place. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.
- 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the pavilion or RV. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 Breaches of instructions 9.3, 16, 19, and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.5 Signaling a protest. A boat protesting another shall follow Rule 61.1(a) with the following modification: The ISAF requirement for under 6 meter boats applies to all Hobie Catamaran Classes. This changes rule 61.1(a) (2).
- 15 SCORING
- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4 Boats penalized under the class rules for boat, crew weight and equipment violations will be scored – DNE –Disqualified Not Excludable.
- 15.5 All non-Class boats will be combined and scored using SCHRS scoring method.
- 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS
- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT
- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee under the provisions of Hobie General Class Rule 17.
- 17.2 Substitution of sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee under the provision of Hobie General Class Rule 12.3.
- 18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 19 TRASH DISPOSAL
- 19.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.
- 20 RADIO COMMUNICATION
- 20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 21 PRIZES
- 21.1 Prizes will be given for each class represented for places as warranted based on participation.
- 22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
- 22.1 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 23 SPECIAL NOTES
- 23.1 Race committee support boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 23.2 On the water, no questions will be answered by the race committee.

23.3 Any boat receiving ‘hands on’ assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance. 24 SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

HCA ADDITIONAL SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS

GENERAL

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race.

ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID !!!

Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line,

AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

APPENDIX A

No.	Course	Finish	Race Committee Options		
1	(S) A C A (F)	Downwind	1G	1O	1GO
2	(S) A C A C A (F)	Downwind	2G	2O	2GO
3	(S) A C A B C (F)	Upwind		3O	
4	(S) A C A B C A (F)	Downwind		4O	
5	(S) A C (F)	Upwind	5G	5O	5GO
6	(S) A C A C (F)	Upwind	6G	6O	6GO
7	(S) A C A B C A C (F)	Upwind		7O	

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish, O = offset mark if used.