

2024 Hobie South West Area Championships/Mid-Winters West

April 6-7, 2024. Six Mile Cove, Lake Mohave, Nevada

Organizing Authority: Hobie Fleet 51, in conjunction with the Hobie Class Association of North America

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' 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]' means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. *This changes RRS60.1(a)*

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are not in effect.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board, located at Race Headquarters, on the beach at Six Mile Cove.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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 prior to the protest time limit the day before.
- 3.2 Changes made afloat will be communicated by the RC boat displaying code flag L over code flag A with one sound signal. Competitors shall sail within hailing distance of the RC boat to receive the change.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Race Headquarters.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There will be 2 days of racing (April 6-7, 2024).
- 5.2 The objective is to hold 3-4 races per day, back to back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal for Saturday and Sunday will be 11:00 AM, weather permitting. The warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 5.4 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be as follows:

Hobie 16 A	red
Hobie 16 B	yellow
Weta	polka dot
Hobie Wave	purple
- 6.2 Order of the first start of racing each day will follow the order of starts listed above.

- 6.3 In the event that multiple fleets are started together, their class flags will be displayed on the same pole.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area location will be the main basin of Lake Mohave, directly in front of Six Mile Cove.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 HCANA Standard Courses will be used, except the designation of the wind at the finish is deleted and course 8 is added. Reference Attachment A.
- 8.2 All marks rounded to port, except gates. Boats shall pass between gate marks from the direction of the last rounding mark. If a gate is replaced with a signal leeward mark, boats shall round it to port.
- 8.3 Courses shall be designated on a large digital board from the stern of the RC Signal boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The short weather mark ('A') will be an orange inflatable mark
- 9.2 The long weather mark ('A') will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The leeward marks ('C') will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.4 No change marks will be used
- 9.5 The start and finish buoys will be small yellow inflatable marks.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a small yellow mark to the port side of the RC boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a small yellow tetrahedron to the starboard side of the RC boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat. *This changes RRS Race Signals.*

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limit for all fleets is 45 minutes.
- 14.2 If no boat has rounded the first Mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boat is anchored near shore after the last race of the day.
- 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 outside, with parties remaining safely distanced at all times.
- 15.4 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), of instructions 17.1, 17.2, and/or 19 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. *This changes RRS 60.1.*

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race (1) is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 In accordance with RRS A2, when three (3) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 In accordance with RRS A2, when four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply. [DP, NP]
- 17.2 Boats shall check in by hailing their sail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). [DP, NP]
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.4 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS rule A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications, under the provision of IHCA General Class Rule 16.3 [DP, NP]. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21 AWARDS

- 21.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. The number of trophies in each class will be based on pre-registrations.
- 21.2 The top-placing Division 2 or 3 team in each class shall be declared the 2024 Southwest Area Champions.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

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

APPENDIX A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

No.	Course
1	(S) A C A (F)
2	(S) A C A C A (F)
8	(S) A (F)

****The designation 'L' or 'S' displayed after the course number indicates whether boats will sail to the Long or Short weather mark****



A - Long



A - Short

