

Hobie Cat Caper on Waves *October 24 – 27, 2024* *Notice of Race*



The Organizing Authority (OA) is Pensacola Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and:
 1.2 In any rule governing the Regatta: the notation **[NP]** means that any infraction to the *rule* will not be grounds for protest by a boat (*Changes rule RRS 60.1 (a)*) and the notation **[SP]** Denotes a rule which a penalty may be applied by the RC without a hearing (*Changes rule RRS 63.1, A4 and A5*).

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, on the blue porch of Pensacola Yacht Club.
 2.1 Changes to the *rules* will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
 2.2 For an on the water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel. (*This changes RRS Race Signals*)

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all HCA and FWC Wave boats.
 3.2 A minimum of 5 boats registered by October 19, 2024 is required to constitute a regatta.
 3.3 Eligible boats shall enter by completing online registration at [Regatta Network](#) no later than October 19, 2024. Entries may be accepted after this date only with approval by the OA on a case-by-case basis.
 3.4 Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete. (**Note – completed entry includes payment of entry fee**)
 3.5 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.
 3.6 Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and will be available at registration.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The Entry Fee will be \$75.00.
 4.2 Entry Fee includes World class sailing venue and race committee, Halloween Party (Saturday evening), Sunday hors d'oeuvres after sailing. Access to private club amenities including newly renovated bar and restaurant.
 4.3 Payment of entry fees may be made by observing the guidelines for online registration.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The program is as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIME(S)	EVENT
Thursday	October 24, 2024	1600 – 1800 1800	Welcome and Check In Competitors Meeting
Friday	October 25, 2024	0800 - 1000 1055	Late Check In First Warning Signal of the day
Saturday	October 26, 2024	1055 TBD	First Warning Signal of the day Halloween Party
Sunday	October 27, 2024	0900	First Warning Signal of the day Awards and hours devours to follow



- 5.2 12 (twelve) races are targeted (five on Friday, five on Saturday, and two Sunday) however 2 (two) races will constitute a regatta.
- 5.3 The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole on the Pensacola Yacht Club lawn.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. *(This changes RRS Race Signals)*
- 6.3 The RC may broadcast its intentions for the day at 0930 each morning on channel 72 VHF.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 9.1. The Hobie Class flag will be the class emblem on a white background.

9 VENUE – RACING AREA

- 9.1 The venue host address: Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St., Pensacola, FL 32502.
- 9.2 The location of the racing area is on Pensacola Bay, Southeast of the entrance to Bayou Chico, as showed in Attachment A.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The illustrations in Attachment A show example course diagrams.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the designated course by flying the corresponding signal described in Attachment A. The approximate compass bearing and distance from the RC signal vessel to Mark 1 may be broadcasted on the designated VHF channel.
- 10.3 The position of the marks in the Attachment A is approximate. A different distance of the leg or bearing shall not be grounds for a request for redress. Nevertheless, and to the effects of the corrected time, the marks' actual position will be considered when calculating the distance of the legs. *(This changes RRS 62.1(a)).*
- 10.4 Mark 1 and offset shall be rounded to port.
- 10.5 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately 0.05 nm to windward of the RC signal vessel.

11 MARKS

11.1

HOBIE CLASSES		
Mark	Shape and colour	
1 & Gate	GREEN inflatable tetrahedron	
New Mark according to SI 15	YELLOW inflatable tetrahedron	

- 11.2 The starting marks will be: RC Vessels with an orange flag.
- 11.3 The finishing marks will be an RC vessel with a blue flag and an orange round buoy.
- 11.4 An RC vessel signalling a change of course, according to SI 15.1, shall be treated per RRS 31. *(This Changes rule RRS 31)*

12 COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72. Channels 68, 69, and 71 may be used.
- 12.2 On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. A boat may request and receive repetition of information broadcasted by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made. *(This changes RRS 41)*
- 12.3 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or as required by a rule, a boat shall not make voice nor data transmissions and shall not receive voice nor data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 12.4 The RC may broadcast:
- The course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal, start times, starting infractions, and information important to racing; and
 - Individual recalls and boats penalized under RRS 30.2 or RRS 30.3 may be broadcast on the designated VHF channel using bow/sail numbers. *(This changes RRS 29.1, 30.2 and 30.3);* and
 - Course changes, if any.
- 12.5 The following failures will not be grounds for granting redress *(This changes RRS 62.1(a))*:
- Action, omission or error from the RC acting under 13.4, or
 - The transmission, or
 - To time it accurately, or
 - Any boat to receive or properly interpret this information

13 THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying orange flags on the port end RC line vessel and starboard end RC Signal vessel (or round ball).
- 13.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an **ORANGE** starting line flag will be displayed at least **1 minute** before a warning signal is displayed. This flag will be removed approximately 4 minutes after a valid start of the last class in that sequence with no sound signal.
- 13.3 **[SP]** A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.
- 13.4 RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) is changed to permit the RC to display bow number and/or sail number.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

15 THE FINISH, TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.
- 15.2 The target time for W/L races is 45 to 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1(a))*

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 Rule 44.1 is change as follows:
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”
- 16.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *(This changes RRS 44.2.)*

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Hearing requests shall be filed by filling the form online than can be found here: https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf. within the appropriate Time Limit. The email address to be used for filing a hearing request will be announced.
- 17.2 The Hearing Request Time Limit shall be **sixty (60) minutes** after the RC signals no more racing today or the designated docking time of the R signal boat, whichever is later. The resulting time will be posted at the Official Notice Board Online. *(This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2)*



- 17.3 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 17.4 Notices of scheduled hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress.
- 17.5 RRS 66 is changed as follows:
On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the hearing request time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 17.6 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board **not 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, beginning at the posted time.
- 17.7 Within the hearing request time limit, the RC shall post on the Official Notice Board the boats that are disqualified or penalized under A5. A boat so notified may only request for redress within 30 minutes after that posting.
- 17.8 Notices of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under rule 61.1 b).
- 17.9 In RRS 90.3(e) 24 hours is changed to 30 minutes.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two (2) races shall be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 18.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

20 SAFETY AND SUPPORT PERSON / SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

- 20.1 **[DP] [NP]** Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Vessel on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail/bow number. They shall continue to do so until their sail/bow number is verbally acknowledged by the RC.
- 20.2 All boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
- 20.3 **[DP] [NP] [SP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact from PYC (Regatta Director or PYC staff).
- 20.4 **[DP] [NP]** All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard PFD that depends 100% on foam for flotation that is the appropriate size for the sailor with no modification. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. *(This Changes the preamble to Part 4, rule RRS 40 and Race Signals).*
- 20.5 Each Support Vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, a basic first aid kit and **a kill-cord attached to the driver at all times while on the water.**
- 20.6 **[SP]** No drones are allowed closer than 500 meters from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the race. As a penalty for breaching this rule the Protest Committee may impose a discretionary penalty to all boats associated with the owner / operator of the drone. This *rule* does not apply to the OA drones.
- 20.7 Support person and Support Vessels shall register with the race office during registration times. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to. Support person and support vessels shall declare proof of insurance and provide photo ID of the driver. Vessels shall comply with local laws and regulations regarding their operation.
- 20.8 Under all circumstances, coaches and other support vessels are expected to assist any boat in danger.
- 20.9 Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the Race Committee.
- 20.10 Support persons shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the time the racers leave the dock until completion of the final race *(This changes Preamble of Part 4).*
- 20.11 **[DP] [NP]** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall be outside of the racing area described in SI 20.14 and 20.15 from the Preparatory Signal until the last boat finishes the race or the RC displays a postponement, general recall or abandonment signal, unless they are helping a boat in danger.
- 20.12 **[DP]** Any penalty points given by the Protest Committee is at their discretion but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not excluded. *(This changes Appendix A)*
- 20.13 The **racing area** is defined as a surface which borders are over 100 meters from the laylines.

- 20.14 The **starting area** is a rectangle with its borders 100 meters to windward and leeward and 100 meters to pin ends of the starting line.
- 20.15 A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail their proper course or carry out their commercial functions in a normal manner.
- 20.15.1 A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 Horns or Sounds) from a commercial vessel, shall be protested.
- 20.15.2 **[NP]** A boat in violation of SI 20.16 can only be protested by the RC. *(This Changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3)*
- 20.15.3 The penalty for breaking this SI 20.16 shall be disqualification from the entire regatta in which case rule RRS 36 will not apply. *(This changes RRS 36)*

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Competitors desiring to substitute crew shall have crew members weighed-in prior to 0830 on that race day at the Race Office, unless otherwise extended by the Race Committee.
- 21.2 Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.3 Any substitution granted via 21.1 or 21.2 will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall if 10 boats or more are registered or approximately the same ratio if fewer boats than 10 are registered.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race and to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions." The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 24.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

25 MEDIA RIGHTS AND MEDIA VESSELS REGULATIONS

- 25.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 25.2 All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organizing authority during registration.
- 25.3 Press and spectator vessels shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the Race Committee.



- 25.4 The race organizers may appoint one or more photo vessels, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. *(This changes rule RRS 62.1)*
- 25.5 Press and spectator vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or the Regatta Direction in any way.

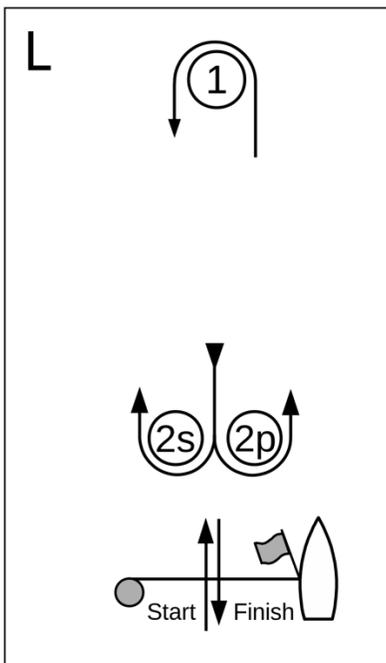
28 KEY CONTACTS

For more information, contact Mark Smith (850-291-2545) or Wayne Fischer (920-619-3356)

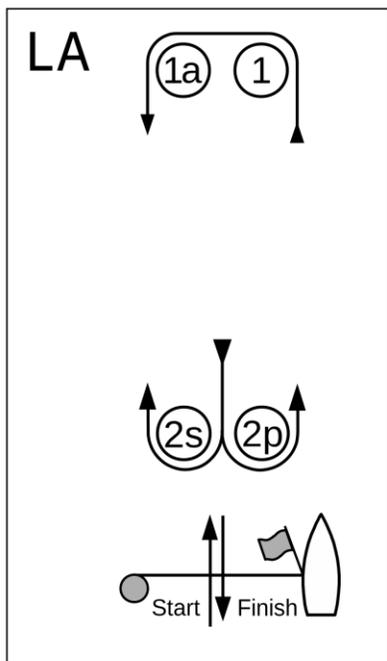
Susan Domagala (941-224-5477) – Fleet Captain, Pensacola Yacht Club



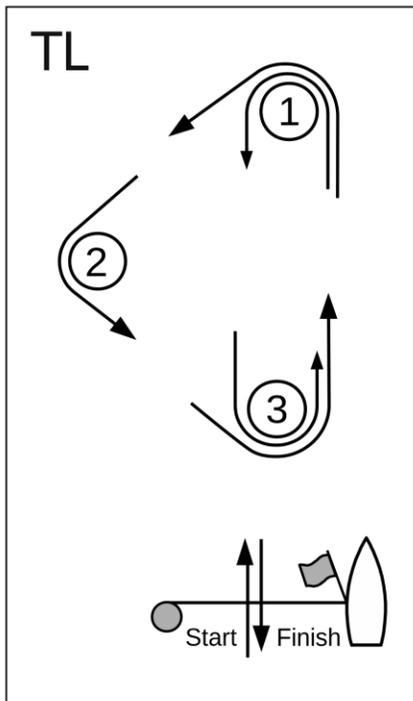
Appendix A



Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish



Course TL – Triangle, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TL2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish
TL3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish
TL4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish