

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hobie Mid-Americas Area Championship Regatta

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America, Hobie Div 14, Hobie Fleet 23

hosted by Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club (DCYC)

May 24-26, 2025

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS Part 5, Section B preamble and 63.1 do not apply.
- 1.3 [NP][DP] With respect to trampolines, both on the deck and/or wings that are dimensionally similar to stock trampolines, breaches of IHCA General Class Rule 16.5 shall not be protestable by a boat, the race committee, or the technical committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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 by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or prior to the close of protest time (Instruction 16.2), whichever is later.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the DCYC patio bulletin board.
- 3.2 There will be a competitors' meeting on Saturday, May 24th, at 10:00 a.m. on the DCYC patio. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio **channel 68**. 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 61.4(b)(1).*
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, 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.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable request from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the DCYC flagpole located in pool area.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*



6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The scheduled race information is given in the table below. Refer to Official Notice Board for initial class starting order for first race of day.
- 6.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 13:00 hrs.
- 6.3 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 2.

DAY	DATE	CLASS	1 st WARNING SIGNAL	MAX NUMBER OF RACES
Saturday	May 25, 2025	All	11:00	5
Sunday	May 26, 2025	All	10:00	4

7 CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF STARTS

- 7.1 Class flag assignments will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2 Multiple classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 7.3 Order of the initial start on Saturday will be announced at the competitors meeting.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the waters of Lake Lewisville off of the DCYC shore launch. See Appendix B.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 IHCA courses 1 & 2 will be used with a gate. Reference Appendix A for relative mark positions.
- 9.2 The “G” option will *NOT* be displayed with course numbers by the Signal Boat.
- 9.3 “Short” will be added to the course number to indicate the short windward mark is used.
- 9.4 An offset mark will *ONLY* be used on the long course.
- 9.5 All marks left to port, except gates.
- 9.6 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Rounding Marks
 - 10.1.1 Short Windward “A”: **Large Orange Tetrahedron**
 - 10.2.2 Long Windward “A”: **Yellow Cylinder**
 - 10.2.3 Gates Marks: **Yellow Cylinders**
 - 10.2.4 Offset Mark: **Red Round Ball**
- 10.2 Change Marks
 - 10.2.1 Short Weather: Large Yellow Tetrahedron
 - 10.2.2 Long Weather: Orange Cylinder
- 10.3 Start Line Mark: **Small Orange Tetrahedron**
- 10.4 Finish Line Mark: **Small Green Tetrahedron**
- 10.5 If a barging (keep away) buoy is used at the RC signal boat, neither the buoy nor its line shall rank as part of the boat, and neither will rank as an obstruction.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat (starboard end of line) and the course side of the start line mark as described in 10.3 (port end of line).
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.*
- 11.4 **Minimum wind conditions:** *No race will be started in under 3 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*
- 12.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finish line mark as described in 10.4.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty .

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES Class

- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Race Target Time
All	30 mins	90 mins	30 mins	40-45 mins

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the initial weather mark) within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the Race Target Time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS61.4(b)(1).*
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for a boat to finish after the first boat in her class sails the course. A boat that starts but fails to sail the course within the Finishing Window will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the finishing window*This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*
- 15.4 FINISHING ON THE WATER: Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Hearing Request forms are available at the notice board as described in instruction 3.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 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 the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 16.4 Notices of Race Committee (RC) or Protest Committee (OC) protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d)).
- 16.5 [DP] Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), of instructions 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 11.3, 15.4, 18, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. *This changes RRS 60.1.*

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. *This changes RRS A2.*

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number to the RC Signal Boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number.
- 18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment other than sails shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 [DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 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.**

- 22.2 The organizing authority and hosting 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.

24 SPECIAL NOTES

- 24.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). *This changes rule A5.* The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 24.3 SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

SAFETY NOTE TO ALL SAILORS

**WHILE THE EVENT SITE IS CLEAR OF ELECTRICAL POWER LINES,
WHEN OFF-SITE ... AVOID!!!**

Whenever off-site whether raising or lowering a mast, while sailing, or moving your boat over land ALWAYS 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!**

ATTACHMENT A – Illustrating the Course

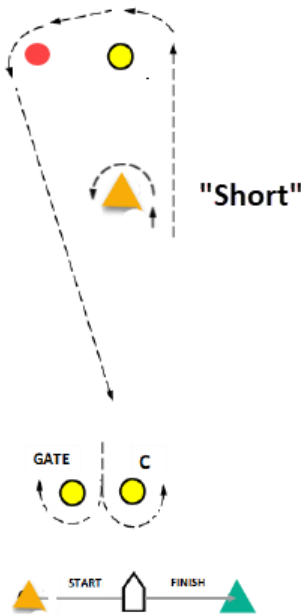
No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A G A	(F) Downwind
2	(S) A G A G A	(F) Downwind

COURSE NOTES

1. “Short” added after a course number indicates the large *orange tetrahedron* is the windward “A” mark.
2. A course number *without* “Short” after the number indicates the *yellow cylinder* is the windward “A” mark.
3. An offset mark will only be used on the “long” course.

Color and/or shape of marks used in illustrations may not accurately represent the actual color or shape of marks used on the actual race course. Refer to Instructions 10, 11 and 13 for mark shape & color details.

Course 1 & 2 Diagram



Appendix C – Starting Signals (Standard 5-Minute Countdown Sequence)

Time Before Start (min)	Flag Action
5	Class flag raised / One sound
4	Prep flag raised / One sound
1	Prep flag lowered / Long sound
0	Class flag lowered / One sound