



2025 HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP September 27 - October 3, 2025

Organizing Authorities:
Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC)
Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation **[NP]** in a rule in the SIs means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows
'if it alleges a breach of rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, **and** did not see, the incident, or'
- 1.2 **[DP]** For Class rules infringements, the IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy will be applied and can be found at:
(<https://hobieclass.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/IHCA-penalties-related-to-class-rule-violations-1-1.docx>).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The channel will be 72.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at PYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes RRS Race Signals.*

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Daily Schedule:

Day	Time	Action
Saturday, September 27	0900 – 1700	Boat weighing, inspection and check-in
Sunday, September 28	0900 – 1700	Boat weighing, inspection and check-in
	1400	Practice race first warning signal
Monday, September 29	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First warning signal of the day
Tuesday, September 30	1100	First warning signal of the day
Wednesday, October 1	1100	First warning signal of the day
	1800	Competitors' dinner at Pensacola Yacht Club
Thursday, October 2	1100	First warning signal of the day
	1100	First warning signal of the day
Friday, October 3	1400	No warning signal after this time
	1800	Dinner and Awards ceremony



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- 6.2 No more than five (5) races are scheduled each day. The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Hobie "flying H":
For White / Gold Fleets White background
For Purple / Silver Fleets Green background

8 RACING AREA

Racing will be located in Pensacola Bay, southwest of PYC.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The leeward mark may be a gate or a single mark. If the leeward mark is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
9.2 **Addendum A** shows the courses and the rounding order. All marks will be left to port (except gates).
9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel:
a) may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
b) shall display at the astern of the RC Signal vessel the course to be sailed (#1 for course 1 and #6 for course 6).

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks A, Offset (O) and Leeward Gate (CS/CP) will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
10.2 New marks used according to SI 12 will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron.
10.3 The starting marks will be a RC vessel with an orange flag and a green inflatable tetrahedron.
10.4 The finishing marks will be RC vessel with a blue flag and a green inflatable tetrahedron.

11 THE START

- 11.1 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with a series of whistle tweets at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.
11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end RC signal vessel and the course side of the green inflatable tetrahedron.
11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rule A5.*
11.4 [NP] If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72
11.5 After the first race of the day, it is the intention of the RC to start subsequent races as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the previous race.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next windward 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 When a gate is moved, the original marks will be used.
12.3 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 5 percent of the previous length, or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gate, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel on starboard and the course side of a green inflatable tetrahedron on port.
13.2 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS35 and A5.1*



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14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is seventy-five (75) minutes
- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark A (the initial windward mark) within thirty (30) minutes after the start of her fleet, the race shall be abandoned. *This changes RRS 32.1*

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Hearing Request forms will be available at the Protest Desk located in the PYC clubhouse.
- 16.2 Hearing Request shall be delivered to the Race Office at the Protest Desk.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the docking of the RC signal vessel.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 To request correction of an alleged error in a posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form through the website of the regatta: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_scoring_inquiry.php?regatta_id=28927&es=1
If the boat is not satisfied with the result of the Scoring Enquiry, she may, then, Request for Redress.

17 FORMAT OF RACING AND SCORING

- 17.1 The regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.
- 17.2 **[DP][NP]** Each boat will receive 1 set of ribbons (White and Purple) and it will be the sole responsibility of the crew that the ribbon:
- a) is properly attached to the aft end of the boom and is clearly visible, and
 - b) matches the group for which the boat is assigned for the day.
- 17.3 A boat shall inform the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity if the ribbon is missing or damaged in a way that can not be used.

17.4 QUALIFYING SERIES

- 17.4.1 For the Qualifying Series boats will be assigned to White and Purple Fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. In case of odd number of competitors, the White fleet will have 1 boat more than the Purple fleet.
- 17.4.2 Initial fleet assignments will be made by a Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority, and posted by 20.00 on September 27th. The initial fleet assignment will not be ground to request redress. *This changes RRS 61.1 a)*
- 17.4.3 In the Qualifying Series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks on their series. If the fleets have not completed the same number of races, the reassignment will be based on their results of the overall completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Overall	Fleet assignment
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First	White
Second	Purple
Third	Purple
Fourth	White
Fifth	White
Sixth	Purple
Seventh	Purple
Eighth	White
Ninth	White

and so on

- 17.4.4 Assignments will be based on the overall available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

17.4.5 If both fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleet with fewer races will continue racing the following day until both fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.

17.4.6 A maximum of fifteen (15) races are scheduled for the Qualifying Series.

17.5 FINAL SERIES

17.5.1 Boats will be assigned to Final Series Fleets Gold and Silver on the basis of their ranks in the Qualifying Series. The top half of the fleet of the overall in the Qualifying Series will be assigned to the Gold fleet. The other half of the fleet in the qualifying series will be assigned to the Silver fleet. In case of odd number of competitors, the Gold fleet will have 1 boat more than the Silver fleet.

17.5.2 Any recalculation of Qualifying Series rankings after boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

17.5.3 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled for the Final Series depending in the races sailed in the qualifying series.

17.6 SCORING

17.6.1 THREE (3) Qualifying races are required to be scored by all fleets to constitute a regatta.

17.6.2 FOUR (4) races are required to be scored by each fleet to constitute a Qualifying Series. If FOUR (4) races are not scored, the Qualifying Series will be extended to score them.

17.6.3 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more races scored than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of races scored.

17.6.4 Rule A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

17.6.5 The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked over silver fleet.

17.6.6 Series Scores:

i) **Qualifying Series:** When fewer than four (4) races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four (4) or more races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst eligible score.

ii) **Final Series:** When fewer than four (4) races have been scored in the Final series, a boat's score will be the total of her races scores and the net from the Qualifying series. When four (4) or more races scored in the Final series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst eligible score and the net from the Qualifying series.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

18.1 **Check-In** - Before the start of the first race of the day, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

19.1 Substitution of crew shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

19.2 Substitution of equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors and support persons shall not foul the water with garbage. Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels.

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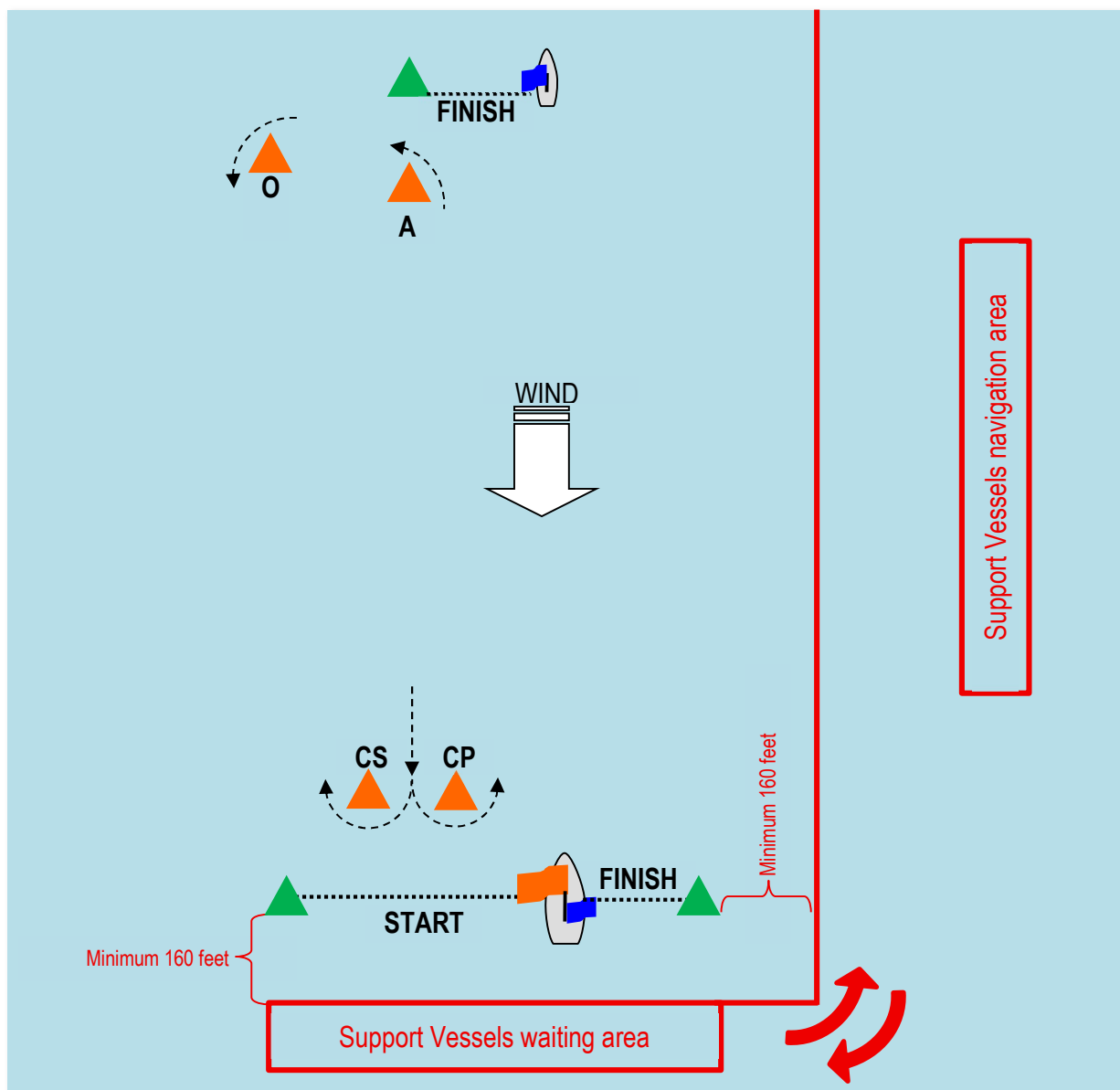
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ADDENDUM A

ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

(NOT TO SCALE)



DISPLAY	COURSE AND ORDER TO PASS THE MARKS	MARKS
1	Course 1: Start – A – O – Gate (CS/CP) – A – O – Finish (Leeward)	 A, O and CS/CP (Leeward Gate)
6	Course 6: Start – A – O – Gate (CS/CP) – A – O – Gate (CS/CP) – Finish (Windward)	 Start and Finish marks