

**MADE FOR WATER®****Organizing Authorities:**
Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC)**Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA)****NOTICE OF RACE****REVISED 09-February 2025**

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 The regatta shall be governed by the "rules" as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble to RRS Part 5, Section B and RRS 63.1(b) shall not apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted to the official notice board at least one week before the event starts.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on Regatta Network (https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28927#_home) An unofficial notice board may be maintained at PYC.
- 3.2 There will be a competitors' meeting on Monday, September 29, at 0900 hrs on the lawn of PYC.
- 3.3 Competitors are encouraged, but not required, to have a marine hand-held VHF radio capable of sending and receiving USA channel frequencies.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all IHCA Class Legal Hobie 16s. Go to <https://hobieclass.com/class-rules/> for the latest version of the class rules.
- 4.2 In accordance with IHCA General Class Rule 26, all crewpersons shall be 2025 IHCA members (HCANA or other regional Hobie class association).
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at Regatta Network - https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=28927.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Online registration closes September 19, 2025 at 1200 hrs CDT. Entries received after that time will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA and/or the Host.

5 FEES AND REFUNDS

Entry Fee		Refunds		
Through August 19	August 19 to September 19	Before August 19	From August 20 to September 19	After September 19
\$475 USD	\$550 USD	90%	50%	None

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- 5.1 The entry fee includes Regatta T-shirt and all social events for competitors. Additional activities will be announced at registration. Specify your shirt sizes, and please pay for guest meals when registering on-line. Competitors registering after September 19, 2025 may not receive an event shirt.
- 5.2 Meal plans available for family members, support persons, and guests can be purchased for \$30/person per event/dinner.

6 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA and/or Host.

7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Depending on the number of entries, there may be a qualifying series and a final series. Details of the qualifying series / final series format, scoring, etc. will be in the Sailing Instructions.

8 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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
Friday, October 3	1100	First warning signal of the day
	1400	No warning signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards ceremony

- 8.1 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.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Boats shall be weighed in accordance with IHCA General Class Rule 19. Boats will be presented to the weighmaster dry with mast down and all equipment available for inspection including boat corrector weights. **Have your boat weighed before checking in at registration.**
- 9.2 Crews shall be weighed in accordance with IHCA General Class Rule 17. **Crews and crew corrector weights will be weighed at the same time as your boat. PFDs will be inspected per IHCA General Rule 8.1**

10 VENUE

Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St., Pensacola, FL 32502. Racing will take place on Pensacola Bay.

11 COURSES

Hobie Class Standard Courses will be used.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*
- 12.2 For class rule infringements, the IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy will be used (<https://hobieclass.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/IHCA-penalties-related-to-class-rule-violations-1-1.docx>)

13 SCORING

- 13.1 In accordance with RRS A2.1, a boat's series score shall be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score after four (4) races are completed.

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13.2 The maximum number of races is twenty-three (23).

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 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 **an engine kill-cord attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running.**
- 14.2 [DP] 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. This rule does not apply to the OA drones.
- 14.3 Support persons and Support Vessels shall register with the race office during registration times. They shall declare which boat or boats to which they are attached. Support persons 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.
- 14.4 Support boats shall display a numbered flag. A deposit may be required to ensure flags are returned at the conclusion of the event.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA and Host 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.
- 15.2 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:
- a) 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;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) 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;
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000 USD. **Proof of insurance must be presented at registration.**

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 The top placing team shall be named the 2025 North American Champions.
- 17.2 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA and/or Host.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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