

HILL COUNTRY REGATTA

Notice of Race

April 26-27, 2025

LCRA Black Rock Park, Lake Buchanan, TX

A Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) Division 6 Regatta hosted by the AustinCats / Fleet 64, the organizing authority (OA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2029 <https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/23114336/2025-2028-RRS-with-Changes-and-Corrections.pdf> and the AustinCats Sailing Instructions (SIs). Any changes to this notice of race (NOR) or the event SIs will be emailed to registered participants and posted on the Regatta Network registration page and at the regatta location.

2. ELIGIBILITY, RATINGS, REGISTRATION, & INSURANCE

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all beachcats and beach-able small trimarans.
- 2.2. Each skipper is required to be a member of the HCANA. For non-HCANA members, a temporary (event) membership can be purchased (\$30) at the HCANA website <https://hcana.prepflag.com/temporary-membership/>. A temporary membership proof of purchase is required for regatta registration.
- 2.3. Regatta registration must be completed by 10 am Saturday, April 26 on Regatta Network:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29197.
- 2.4. Unless assigned to a one-design class, all boats will be handicapped and scored using the Small Catamaran Handicap System (SCHRS) <https://www.schrs.com>. During registration, enter the boat's SCHRS rating that has been used previously Division 6 events, if available.
 - 2.4.1 For boats without a SCHRS rating previously accepted by Division 6, the rating entered during registration must be from the SCHRS rating list.
 - 2.4.2 If any sails, equipment, or number of crew differ from class requirements, the SCHRS rating must be adjusted appropriately using the Rating Calculator (<https://www.schrs.com/download/>) and

measurements (<https://www.schrs.com/measurements/>) and that information submitted to jimrehage@outlook.com **no later than April 19.**
NO EXCEPTIONS!

- 2.4.3 Any boat that registers with rating not previously accepted for Division 6 events or one not appropriately adjusted for changes to sails, equipment, or number of crew will be assigned a provisional rating for scoring purposes. Provisional ratings will be assigned by the OA based on its judgement, information supplied by the boat owner, and a brief inspection.
 - 2.4.4 Any appeal to an assigned provisional rating must be submitted in writing to the RC prior to the RC Signal Boat leaving shore on the final day of racing. The RC will review and approve/disapprove any rating change request prior posting final race results
 - 2.5 Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance appropriate to the risks of sailboat racing and boating. The policy shall provide coverage for bodily injury and property damage at a level suitable for the event and local requirements.
- 3. FEES**
- 3.1. The regatta fees listed below include the event registration, dinner Saturday evening, and lunch on Sunday after the races.
 - 3.1.1 Double-handed boats - \$65.
 - 3.1.2 Single-handed boats - \$45.
 - 3.2 Additional meals can be purchased for \$10 per person during online registration or at the event.

4. CLASSES & SCORING

- 4.1 Registered boats will be initially divided into Spin Handicap, Non-Spin Handicap A, and Non-Spin Handicap B classes. Depending the types and number of boats registered, additional classes may be designated. One design classes will be recognized for three or more like boats.
- 4.2 Non-Spin B Handicap is reserved for skippers with less than five years racing experience.
- 4.3 The Race Committee will attempt to combine boats with similar performance into classes. Final class assignments will be announced at the Competitors Briefing on April 26.

5. SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25

5:00-7:00 pm On-site registration (location to be announced)

Saturday, April 26

9:15-10:00 am On-site registration at Black Rock Park

10:00 am Competitor's Briefing

11:00 am Initial Warning Signal, multiple races to follow

6:00 pm Dinner

Sunday, April 27

10:00 am Initial Warning Signal, multiple races to follow

1:00 pm Time limit for Warning Signal for final race

≈ 2 pm Lunch and Awards

7. LODGING

7.1. Most participants will tent camp or lodge in cabins at Black Rock Park
<https://www.lcra.org/parks/black-rock-park/>. RV hookups are available.

7.2. AustinCats has reserved a group campsite that will accommodate up to 12 tent campers (bring your own tent). Contact Terri Kischer for details:
<mailto:terri.kischer@gmail.com>.

7.2. Camping and RV hookups are available at other Lake Buchanan resorts:
<https://www.buchananlaketexas.com/camping-rv-parks>.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1. Changes to NOR will be updated on Regatta Network. Sailors are encouraged to visit the AustinCats Facebook Event page:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/18CMBzqD3q/?mibextid=wwXlfr> and select the "Going" option to be added to the Facebook Messages Group; this group will be used to communicate details leading up to and on the days of the regatta.

8.2. If you have questions, please contact the regatta chair Terri Kischer at
terri.kischer@gmail.com.