

2025 Madcatter 49

Organizing Authority: Hobie Fleet 204 & Hobie Cass Association of North America

May 16-18, 2025

Oneida Shores County Park, Brewerton, New York

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

The notation [NP] in a rule in the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS60.1

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] For the Wave, Hobie 17 and Hobie 20 classes only, International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) class rule 16.5 regarding trampolines, both on the deck and/or wings, that are dimensionally similar to stock trampolines does not apply.

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 previous day's protest time limit, whichever is later.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located under the tent. **NOTE:** White boards may be used for informal communications (weather reports, provisional results, etc). They are not OFFICIAL noticeboards.
- 3.2 There will be a competitors' meeting on Saturday, May 17 at 0930 in front of the guard station. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via 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.
- 3.4 (DP) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole adjacent to the Lifeguard Station.
- 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 There will be an informal Distance Race to be held Friday, May 16 – Competitor's meeting 1300, Warning signal 1400
- 6.2 There will be 2 days of fleet racing (5/17 – 5/18) - the objective of 3 to 5 races per day, back-to-back.
- 6.3 There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 6.4 The scheduled first warning signal:
 - 6.4.1 Saturday – 05/17 is 1100
 - 6.4.2 Sunday – 05/18 is 1000.
- 6.5 On Sunday, 05/18 no warning signal will be made after 1404 hours (2:04 PM).

7 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

7.1 Class flags shall be:

7.1.1 Hobie 16A – **Red Background with a Black Flying H**

7.1.2 Hobie 14 – **Purple Background with a Black Flying H**

7.1.3 Hobie 16B – **White Background with a Black Flying H**

7.1.4 Hobie Wave – **Yellow Background with a Black Flying H**

7.1.2 Hobie 17 – **Green Background with a Black Flying H**

7.2 **The initial order of starts each day shall be as listed in 7.1.**

7.2.1 Order of subsequent starts may be different – watch for Class Flags.

7.2.2 Multiple Classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area shall be on Oneida Lake, east of the Oneida Shores County Park Beach.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 HCA Standard Courses will be used. Reference Attachment A.

9.2 The “G” option will NOT be displayed by the Signal Vessel. The leeward mark may be a single mark or a gate. If the leeward mark is a single mark, it shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

10.1 Rounding Marks

10.1.1 Inside Course Mark A2 for Wave and Hobie 16B Classes: Will be described at the competitor’s meeting

10.1.2 Outside Course Mark A1 for all other Classes: Will be described at the competitor’s meeting

10.1.3 Gate: Will be described at the competitor’s meeting

10.1.4 Offset Mark for A1 and A2: Will be described at the competitor’s meeting

10.2 Change mark as provided in Instruction 13.1 will be described at the competitor’s meeting. There will be only one change mark.

10.3 Starting and Finishing marks: Will be described at the competitor’s meeting

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The Start and Finish lines will be closed unless starting or finishing, if the gate has been moved downwind of the Signal Vessel.

12 The Start

12.1 The Start Line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

12.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.*

12.3 (DP) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a change mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finish Line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. *This changes RRS Race Signals, Blue Flag.*
- 14.2

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*
- 15.2 RRS APPENDIX V2 POST-RACE penalties applies.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
All	40-45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes	8-13 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark (A or A2) within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. *This changes rule 61.*
- 16.4 If the Race Committee determines that the finishing order in a race is unlikely to change, it may use reasonable discretion to score boats still racing, points equal to their position in the race. This changes RRS 35, A3, A4 and A5.2

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Hearing Request forms are available at the noticeboard. Hearing requests shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat Docks. The time will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 17.3 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 notice board.
- 17.4 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 (a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) 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.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 (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. [DP]
- 19.2 (DP) A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP]
- 19.3 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. The PFD may also be worn in such a way that a full trapeze harness is secured over the PFD.

20 (DP) REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 (DP) EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 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 RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 AWARDS

22.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. The number of trophies in each class will be based on pre-registrations.

23 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 3, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions safely, it is your decision and your decision only to continue sailing or to retire. 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.

24 INSURANCE

24.1 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.

25 SPECIAL NOTES

25.1 The RC may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

25.2 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from safety/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS rule A5. The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

SAFETY NOTES 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

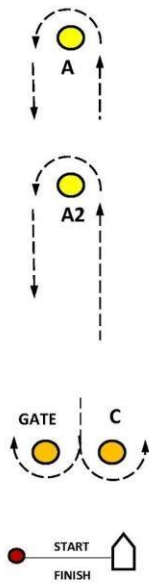
No.	Course	Finish	Options
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G

NOTE: 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 SI 10, 12 and 14.

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 1: START – W – GATE – W – FINISH

COURSE 2: START – W – GATE – W – GATE – W – FINISH



COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 5: START – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

COURSE 6: START – W – L (or GATE) – W – L (or GATE) – FINISH

