

HOBIE FLEET 85 NOTICE OF RACE

JOIN US FOR THE 40TH ANNUAL PINATA REGATTA

OCT 10-12, 2025



Organizing Authority: *The Hobie Class Association of North America in affiliation with Arizona Hobie / Multi-hull Fleet 85*

VENUE

The Beautiful Beach-side, Playa Bonita Hotel & RV Park, Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. Keep your boat on the sand for the weekend and sail the warm waters of the Sea of Cortez!

RULES & STARTS

The regatta will be governed the *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and class rules for Hobie fleets. Starting groups will be determined after all registrations are received.

ENTRY FEES

Double-handed boats \$110 Includes 2 dinners, 2 Shirts
Single-handed boats \$90 Includes 1 dinner, 1 Shirt

REGISTER EARLY!

On-line registration via Regatta Network, visit:
fleet85.com for all links and event registration.

Registration after Sept.15th will be accepted with a \$10 late fee and no guarantee of shirt availability. **So Register EARLY!**

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Based on event insurance requirements, all skippers must be a current member of the HCANA (Hobie Class Association of North America) regardless of the brand of beach cat.

Join with an annual membership of \$55 and you are ready to attend the many Hobie regattas that are now opening up to all brands of beach cats!

HCANA Membership status/renewal:
hcanamembers.com

Join HCANA BEFORE you register:
hcanahobieclass.com/join

Personal Liability Insurance Required

All skippers are required to carry proof of personal liability insurance of \$100,000. Most homeowners and renter policies will cover personal liability, check with your agent to confirm. Download or print out a current declarations page to show our registration volunteers when you check-in at the regatta HQ.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

fleet85.com

arizonafleet85@gmail.com

Facebook: Arizona Multihull Fleet 85

EVENT ORGANIZERS:

Chris Picknally at 928-639-9584

Steven Dawson at 602-341-5596

ALL BEACH CATS WELCOME!

CLASSES / EXPECTED CLASSES

Our 2025 regatta is open to all Hobie One-Design Classes as well as an Open Class!

We expect to have H16 A and H16B Class starts, WAVE and an Open Class. Classes of 5 or more boats will get a start. Boats shall conform to class rules or have handicap certification. Classes with less than 5 boats registered may be combined into the Open Class.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Sailing has inherent risk, see RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

BRING YOUR VHF RADIO

We encourage you to carry a personal VHF radio to monitor race committee communications and to declare an emergency or ask for assistance from the race committee. No Private Radio Communication Allowed. **Race Committee is on channel 69.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Oct 10th

5:30-7pm Registration & Happy Hour at the HQ Tent

Saturday, Oct 11th

8-9am Registration

9:05am Skippers Meeting

11:00am ... 1st Race Warning Signal, wind permitting

6pm **Post-Race Dinner Party!**

- Food Bar
- Great Music
- Draft Beer & Margaritas
- Silent Auction and Raffle

Sunday, Oct 12th

9:00am..... Skippers Meeting

11:00am ... 1st Race Warning Signal, wind permitting

Final race start is no later than 2pm

Post-Race Hot Dogs, Chips, Beverages!

4:00pm Awards Presentation

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Beautiful beach side, Playa Bonita Hotel & RV Park, Puerto Peñasco is hosting the regatta. Keep your boat on the sand for the weekend.

Playa Bonita RV Park

RV and Tent camping sites with water and electric. Reserve your spot by mailing in a \$20 deposit - No Online Reservations.

Playa Bonita Hotel

Reservations: <https://playabonitaresort.com/>

Phone from US: 011-52-638-3832-596.

Sonoran Sky Resort/Condominiums rentals next to the RV Park Reservations:

Sonoran Sky Resort - Sonoran Resorts

Phone: From US: 011-52-638-1124-399.

Other Accommodations

There are many other condominium rentals all along the beach within a short walk or drive. Keep in mind you will need to reserve a camping spot at the Playa Bonita RV Park in order to launch and store your boat during the regatta. You can easily store two cars and trailers per camp site, so sharing with fellow sailors is a great option.

YES YOU NEED A PASSPORT IN/OUT!

To enter Mexico, AND to reenter the United States, you will need to present a valid passport or passport card.

All children under 16 (even infants) are required to have a passport. Be sure to plan ahead.

Every visitor entering Mexico must have an FMM form as well as a Passport or Passport Card. No application fee for trips less than 7 days. Regardless if you get the form at the Immigration Office or in Advance Online, you still need to stop and get it stamped at the Immigration Office just as you cross the border (*building on the right hand side just passed the Mexican border gate*).

PAPERWORK FOR YOUR BOAT!

If you register your boat in your home state, bring the registration paperwork! If your Hobie is not registered within your state, we highly recommend you register it before you attempt to bring it to Mexico. Be warned, a Bill of Sale for your Hobie may not be enough proof of ownership for the Mexican boarder official to let you cross into the country. Bring your current and up-to-date registration for boat and trailer, make sure it is in your own name. Times have changed and Mexican Travel Laws are being followed to the letter in most cases. You will be turned back if you do not have the proper paperwork.

MEXICAN AUTO INSURANCE

If you are traveling into Mexico, you are required by law to have Mexican Automobile Insurance. Your US auto insurance liability policy, even if it bears a limited Mexican endorsement, is not recognized by Mexican authorities. **A separate Mexican Liability policy is required by Mexican Law.** Inexpensive Insurance can be purchased for the weekend at gas stations and insurance agents in **Gila Bend, Ajo, Why, or Lukeville.**

Having an auto accident in Mexico can be a felony, rather than a misdemeanor. Whenever you are involved in an automobile accident in Mexico, you must immediately be able to prove financial responsibility in either of two ways: 1) Immediate Cash to cover all damages OR 2) An approved Mexican insurance policy. All Citizens driving in Mexico are subject to the laws of Mexico.



On the way to the regatta, consider stopping at the Why Not Travel Store located in Why, AZ, for fast and affordable Mexico trip insurance, propane, gun & vehicle storage, gas, snacks and more! (520) 387-7783 www.WhyNotTravelStore.com

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED INTO MEXICO

No firearms or ammunition into Mexico without prior written authorization from the Mexican authorities.

No duty-free alcohol. ALL alcoholic beverages - even on can of beer - must be declared and you will pay a 114% duty on whatever you bring. You are allowed nothing.... No 3 liters of alcohol and 6 liters of wine, no 6-packs ... Nothing duty-free. You can bring it, but you need to auto-declare and pay a 114% tax.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED BACK INTO USA

All travelers entering the United States are required to DECLARE any meats, fruits, vegetables, plants, seeds, or animals. Most fruits, vegetables, and plants may not be brought into the United States. Fresh, dried, or canned meats and meat byproducts are prohibited entry into the US.

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CINCO DE MAYO REGATTA ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

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Playa Bonita RV Park - All RV / Tent camping sites have water, electric and sewer for \$29 per night / \$174 per week "Ocean View". Reserve your spot by mailing in a \$20 deposit along with the Reservation Form below. You can not book online.

On your reservation "Special Request" line note: "HOBIE Sailing Group"

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Reservations: PlayaBonitaResort.com Phone from US: 011-52-638-3832-596.

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RESERVATION BY MAIL ONLY **WE DO NOT ACCEPT PHONE RESERVATIONS**

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

No. OF NIGHTS: _____ No. OF SPACES: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ R.V. LENGTH: _____

SPECIAL REQUEST: _____

DEPOSIT: **\$20** CHECK No. _____ CASH: _____

SPECIFIC SPACE NUMBERS ARE NOT GUARANTED, THERE WILL BE A \$10.00 DLLS. FEE FOR ALL CANCELATIONS. WE MUST RECEIVE CANCELATION NOTICE 7 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE TO RECEIVE REFUND.

To reserve your space at the RV Park, you must mail this reservation form with a \$20 check or cash deposit to:

Playa Bonita RV Park
PO Box 254
Lukeville, AZ 85341