



2025 Santa Cruz Summer
Hobie & Multihull Regatta
July 19-20, 2025
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
244 Fourth Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies while racing.

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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the north window of the Regatta Office.
- 3.2** On the water the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF (Channel 68) to classes before their preparatory signal, including plans for starting order and courses to be sailed.
- 3.3** While racing, except in an emergency or to announce its retirement, 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 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast flagpole at the Regatta Office.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** Nine races are scheduled, five (5) on Saturday and four (4) on Sunday.
- 5.2** The warning signal for the first race each day of racing is 1255 hours.
- 5.3** No warning signal will be made after 1555 hours on Sunday.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1** The class flags are:

Hobie 20 & 18	Blue background with Black Flying H
Hobie 16	reen background with Black Flying H
Wave	Pink background with Black Flying H

7 COURSES

- 7.1** Courses are described in SI Addendum A.
- 7.2** Courses will be designated on the water using numerical pennant flags.

8 MARKS

- 8.1** Mark A is an orange tetrahedron.
- 8.2** Marks C1 & C2 are yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.3** The Start/Finish (S/F) mark is a red ball.
- 8.4** Mark C, when set as single mark, is to be left to port.
- 8.5** Marks C1 & C2 are set as a gate. Sail between the marks and exit to port or starboard.

9 THE START AND FINISH

- 9.1** Races will be started as follows: using US Sailing Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System Reference
<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028-10.29.2024.pdf>
- 9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and S/F mark on the port side of the signal vessel.
- 9.3** The finishing line will be between staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and mark S/F on the port side of the signal vessel.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1** The Time limit for each race is 90 minutes. Boats that have not finished within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 11.2** The Finishing Window for each race is 15 minutes. A boat that fails to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1** RRS 61.1(a)(2) is changed to read: regardless of the hull length of the protesting boat, she need not display a red flag.
- 12.2** Hearing request forms are available from the Regatta Office in the dry storage yard and upstairs in the club across from the office door.
- 12.3** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel has docked. The time will be posted on the official notice board in the north window of the Regatta Office.
- 12.4** Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Regatta Office.
- 12.5** 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.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

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- 13.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by sailing past a Race Committee vessel and hailing, or by hailing the Race Committee on VHF (Channel 68). A boat that breaks this instruction may be penalized less than points for a DSQ by the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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- 14.1** Sailing is an activity that includes potential risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 14.2** The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Addendum A

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COURSES AND DIAGRAM



A Mark

Marks

A – Windward Mark

C – Leeward Gate

Marks A, C1 & C2 are rounding marks.



C1 Mark



C2 Mark

Mark S/F



Signal Vessel

Courses

1– Start – A(port) – Finish

2– Start – A(port) – C – A(p) – Finish

3– Start – A(port) – C – A(p) – C – A(p) – Finish