

# 2025 Shark Nationals

Organizing Authority: Shark Fleet #1

Hosting Authority: The Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club (SHBCC) and Hobie Fleet 250

August 15-17, 2025

## 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)*.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 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 noticeboard located near 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 Friday August 15th at 1000 under the tent. 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 near on pole in front of the tent.
- 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 MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION

- 6.1 Sails without stamp will be measured prior to the regatta
- 6.2 Boats that have been reconstructed (new beams or decking) and newly manufactured boats shall be weighed at HYC prior to competing, by the ASA Chief Measurer or his appointee.
- 6.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and the SI. On the water, the RC may instruct a boat to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 7.1 There will be 3 days of fleet racing (8/15 - 8/17) - the objective of 3 to 5 races per day, back-to-back.
- 7.2 There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 7.3 Friday and Saturday – 8-/16, 8/17– shall be 5 minutes before the Hobie Class starts.  
The scheduled first warning signal:
  - 7.3.1 Fri. 8/15 – not before 1130
  - 7.3.2 Sat. 8/16 –not before 1130
  - 7.3.3 Sun. – 8/17 not before 1030.
- 7.4 On Sunday, 8/17, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## **8 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS**

- 8.1 Class flags shall be the Shark Logo
- 8.2 Shark class will start 5 minutes before the Hobie Classes on Saturday and Sunday.

## **9 RACING AREA**

- 9.1 The racing area shall be on the waters of Sandy Hook Bay.

## **10 THE COURSES**

- 10.1 HCA Standard Courses will be used. Reference Attachment A.
- 10.2 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.

## **11 MARKS**

- 11.1 Rounding Marks
  - 11.1.1 Windward Mark: Yellow Tomato THERE WILL BE AN OFFSET MARK
  - 11.1.2 B Mark TBD
  - 11.1.3 Gate: Yellow Tomato
- 11.2 Change mark as provided in Instruction 13.1 will be a Green Tetrahedron. There will be only one change mark.
- 11.3 Starting and Finishing marks: Orange Cone

## **12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

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

## **13 THE START**

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 13.3 (DP) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## **14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 14.1 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 the original mark.

## **15 THE FINISH**

- 15.1 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.*

- 15.2 A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## 16 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.

## 17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 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

- 17.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark (A or A2) within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race shall be abandoned.  
17.3 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. *This changes rule 61.*  
17.4 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

## 18 HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 Hearing Request forms are available in the clubhouse. Hearing requests shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.  
18.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat docks. The time will be posted on the official noticeboard.  
18.3 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.  
18.4 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

## 18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.  
18.2 Appendix A2 is changed to read as follows:  
(a) If fewer than five races are completed and scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) If five or more races are completed and scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score  
(c) When 10 or more races are completed and scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 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]  
19.4 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 AWARDS**

- 21.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event. 1<sup>st</sup> place skipper and crew, 2<sup>nd</sup> place skipper and crew, 3<sup>rd</sup> place skipper and crew. Each to receive a keeper trophy and the Nationals Perpetual Trophy.

## **22 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 RC vessels shall not be scored DNF.

# **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

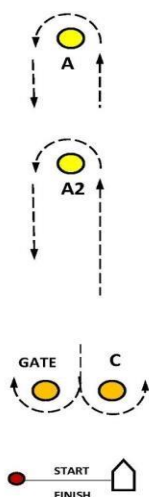
No.	Course	Finish	Options
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind	3G
4	See illustration below	(F) Downwind	4G
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G

**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

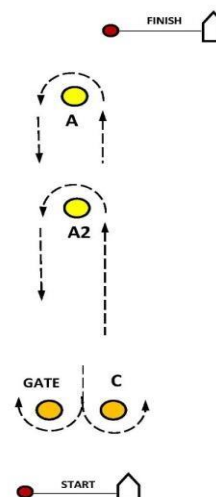
COURSE 2: START – W – GATE – W – GATE – W – FINISH



### 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



### COURSE 4 DIAGRAM AND ROUNDING ORDER (not to scale)

START – A – GATE – A – B – GATE – A – FINISH

