



## 2026 Pinata Regatta - October 17-18

### HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The current Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association will apply.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & COMPETITORS' MEETING**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Regatta Headquarters under the Tecate tent.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting at the Regatta Headquarters on Saturday and Sunday at 0900.

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the top of the sailing ramp at Playa Bonita RV Park.
- 4.2 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.*

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 17-18, 2026
- 5.2 The objective is to hold 3-5 races each day, back-to-back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100, wind permitting.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags and initial starting order each day shall be as follows:

Hobie 16 A/B/C/N	Red
Hobie Wave	Lime Green
Open Class	Pink

## **7 RACING AREA**

Racing will take place directly off the beach in front of Playa Bonita RV Park.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 Standard IHCA Courses shall be used, except any designated wind direction at the finish shall be ignored.
- 8.2 Note the addition of a Course 8. Reference Appendix A.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 'A' Mark for 16A and Open Classes will be the FAR mark, and will be an 8' orange tetrahedron. 'A' Mark for 16B/C/N and the Waves will be the NEAR mark, and will be an 8' green tetrahedron. Gate will be 5' orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The pin end of the starting and finishing lines will be orange cylinders. The boat end of the starting and finishing lines will be defined by a Flag flying from the Signal Boat, color TBD

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the course side of the start pin and the flagstaff on the signal boat, as described in instruction 9.2.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

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

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark to a new position.
- 11.2 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between the course side of the finish pin and the flagstaff on the signal boat, as described in instruction 9.2.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes of her start, the race shall be abandoned.

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.*

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Headquarters. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. *This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.*
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location to be determined.
- 15.4 Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), of instructions 10.2, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. *This changes RRS 60.1.*

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores, excluding her worst score. *This changes RRS A2*
- 16.3 OPEN CLASS boats shall be scored using the SCHRS **International Small Catamaran Rating System**.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, by competitors while launching and when sailing, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the RC, and may result in disqualification. Pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 will not apply.
- 17.2 Boats shall check in by sailing close astern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail numbers to the signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore).
- 17.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of equipment will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 18.3 Requests for substitution of equipment or crew shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

**21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

On board VHF radios shall be permitted during this event for monitoring purposes or to advise the RC of retirement from a race only, except in the case of an emergency situation where they will be used to transmit a distress call. This also applies to mobile telephones. In case of emergency, the RC will be monitoring channel 69. Announcements to competitors may be made over the radio.

**22 AWARDS**

Awards presentation shall be on Sunday afternoon following racing. The number of trophies in each class will be based on the number of pre-registered boats.

**23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

**24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent, with proof to be provided upon request.

**25 SPECIAL NOTES**

Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.* The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

**HCANA ADDITIONAL SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS**

**GENERAL**

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race.

**ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!** Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, 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!



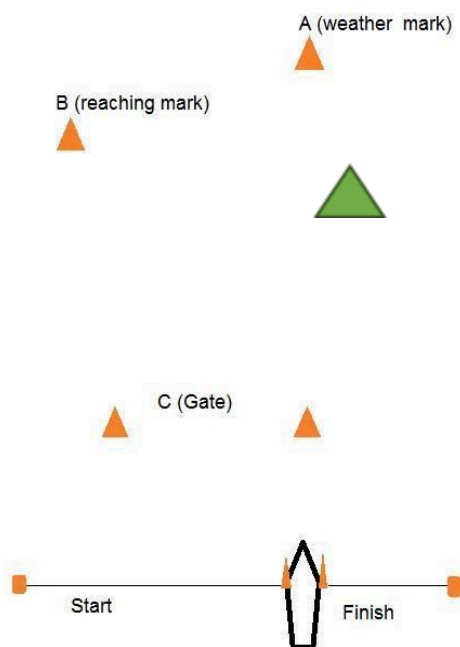
## Appendix A – Illustrating the Courses

No.	Course
1	(S) A C A (F)
2	(S) A C A C A (F)
3	(S) A C A B C (F)
4	(S) A, C, A, B, C, A (F)
5	(S) A C (F)
6	(S) A C A C (F)
7	(S) A C A B C A C (F)
8	(S) A (F)

**\*Note: Course 8 is *not* part of the standard IHCA course chart.**

S = Start, A = Weather mark, C = Gate/leeward mark, F = finish

### Course Diagram (Not to scale!)



# REGATTA COMPETITOR'S ON-THE-WATER SAFETY PROTOCOL

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- It is the responsibility of each skipper and their crew to determine their capabilities in the sailing conditions. It is also the responsibility of all the competitors to give all possible help to any person in danger.
- All vessels and their crew shall meet all applicable requirements set forth in the applicable class rules, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- All crew members should be aware of the emergency contact information below.
- Each boat and crew should develop and rehearse emergency procedures including righting the boat from the turtled position.

## SIGNALLING ASSISTANCE FROM SUPPORT BOATS

- If **NO** assistance is required - pat the top of your head with your hand – wait for “thumbs-up” confirmation signal from the proximate support boat
- If **ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED** – wave your arm(s) above your head.

“I’m OK!”



“I need help!”



## SAFETY PROCEDURES

In the event of an accident or injury, competitors shall:

1. Call the PRO **VHF channel 69**. Identify yourself, your sail number, your approximate location, and state that this is an **EMERGENCY**.
2. State the nature of the emergency; provide any possible useful information on the type of aid needed (wound, injury to bones, muscles, joints or sudden illness, consciousness, etc.) and if the injured person is in the water.
3. Give your best assessment of the seriousness of the injury or illness as either: Non-Life Threatening Emergencies ----OR ---- Life Threatening Emergencies: i.e., stoppage of breathing, severe bleeding, heart attack, spinal injury, heat stroke or seizure.
4. Advise if transport may be needed – immediate transport will be provided by the support boat in closest proximity.

## EMERGENCY / CONTACT INFO

**VHF Channel 69**



# REGATTA EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

## CLOSEST MEDICAL FACILITIES

From Puerto Penasco.com –

In the downtown area of Puerto Peñasco you can find **San Jose Clinic** it is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. San Jose Clinic provides the following services; X-rays, ultrasounds, a delivery room, surgery and also if you required transportation to local hospitals and or hospitals to the United States. Another service San Jose Clinic provides is an onsite pharmacy where you will get discounts for being a patient there.

Phone **(638) 383 51 21** and **(638) 383 15 21**

Blvd. Benito Juárez and Guillermo Prieto

You may need to add the dialing code prefix **00+52**

Google map from Playa Bonita RV park attached at the end of this document

There is also an equivalent emergency number to our 911 – it is **066**. This is a reliable number, but they may not speak English, and it is suggested to contact the San Jose Clinic first

## **MEDICAL PERSONNEL /SAFETY PERSONNEL AT THE EVENT –**

- Mexican Bombero rescue services on duty during on-the-water activities, stationed at the top of the sailing ramp at Playa Bonita RV Park



#### **ON-THE WATER EMERGENCIES –**

- Mexican Bombero Rescue Services will be on duty during all on-the-water activities, and stationed at the top of the sailing ramp at the Playa Bonita RV Park. Stationed personnel will have compatible radios (provided for their use by the organizers during the event) to allow direct communications, and the Bombero squad has historically has at least one English speaker.
- Competitors will be provided information on Safety Protocols at registration, and have been advised to use channel 69 to contact the Race Committee in the event of an emergency.
- Biggest decision in the event of an on the water emergency will be whether the victim/patient needs to be transported to the dock and launch facility, or can be brought in through the surfline. Sea conditions and the nature of the incident will need to guide rescue decisions. The Bombero Rescue Squad will be informed of where to meet the victim/patient - either through direct radio contact from the Race Committee, or through the Beach Captain.

#### **ON-SHORE EMERGENCIES –**

- During the time the Bomberos are on duty, any medical or other emergency on shore will be reported directly to them.
- During hours when the Bomberos are not on duty, but the Playa Bonita RV Office is still open, contact with emergency services will be initiated through the Playa Bonita RV Office. It will most likely be best/fastest to transport a patient to the San Jose Clinic via private vehicle, and the Office will call ahead to let them know a patient is on the way. If the patient's condition is such that it is better to have transport provided by ambulance, this will be coordinated through the Office as well.
- During after-hours when the Office is not open, it will be best to transport the patient to the San Jose Clinic directly via private vehicle. The Clinic should be called to let them know that an emergency is on the way. If the patient's condition is such that it is better to have transport provided by ambulance, the emergency number **066** can be called as well.



# \*CLOSEST CLINIC\*

