

53rd Hobie® Gunpowder Points Regatta and Hobie 14 Division 11 Championships, Chase, MD May 2 - May 3, 2026 Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Hobie Fleet 54 is the organizing authority.

Rules: Racing shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the class rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA). Competitors are reminded that per IHCA class rule 26, at least one crew member per boat must be a paid member of the Hobie Class Association. Note: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

Eligibility and Entry: This event is open to all class-legal Hobie Waves, Hobie 14s, Hobie 16s (A and B fleet depending on registration), Hobie 17s, Hobie 18s, and A Cats.

Fees:

Double-handed: \$85

Single-handed: \$70

Youth: **free** (All crew under the age of 21 year as of December 31 of the year the event begins)

An active Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) membership is required to accrue points and is **free** if this is the skipper's first Hobie regatta. See <https://hcana.prepflag.com/>. HCANA membership is \$55 annually. An additional fee of \$25 will apply to non-HCANA member registrants to defray associated insurance costs.

If you wish to charter or borrow a boat for this event, please contact Dan Flanigan (410-303-0663 / dpf135@msn.com) prior to 4/17/26.

Registration information will be available on Regatta Network and the Division 11 website.

Event ID: 30833

Link To Event Website



Schedule:

Saturday

First race not before 11:00 AM

Sunday

First race not before 10:00 AM

Communication: Communication with competitors will be carried out via email, SMS, and/or VHF radio.

Scoring:

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When more than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

The objective is 3 – 5 races per day. There is no maximum number of races scheduled.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing instructions will be posted on the event page on Regatta Network and the Division 11 website.

Venue: Gunpowder Falls State Park – Hammerman Area, 7200 Graces Quarters Rd, Middle River, MD 21220. Sailing will take place on the Gunpowder River. Exit Route 95 to Route 40 East, follow that for 7/10th of a mile, take a right onto Ebenezer Road, proceed 4.2 miles, and turn left into the park.

Radio Communication: Competitors are encouraged to bring and use VHF radios. Their use and any applicable restrictions shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

Prizes: Prizes will be given for the top three places in all classes. Prize may be given for additional places depending on class registration.

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, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Liability / Insurance: Each participating boat shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000 USD. Proof of insurance may be required at registration.

General Contact: Please contact Dottie Graham for general information 610-656-8867 / graham.dot@gmail.com.

Additional Information:

Accommodations - Camping on-site and restroom facilities are available. Camping is permitted Friday and Saturday nights. Note: the park gates close at 11 PM sharp!

Additional off-site hotels and accommodation options are available nearby in White March, MD.

Please contact Matt Mannfolk (845-721-9708 / matthew.mannfolk@gmail.com) and/or Kristen Wymer (717-668-0355 / wymerkb@gmail.com) if you are interested in being hosted offsite for this event.

Park Entry - Entry fee to park must be paid on entering and re-entering the park. Please support the park!

Pets - Pets on leashes are welcome except on the sandy portion of Hammerman Beach, concession stand, restrooms, and playgrounds.

Dinner – A catered dinner is available on Saturday evening 5/2/26 for \$25 with reservations indicated in and prior to close of registration, or by contacting Kristen Wymer at 717-668-0355 / wymerkb@gmail.com by 10 am on Saturday 5/2/26.

General – All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Beginners are welcome – bring a friend!

Mentors are available upon request to assist with boat setup, rigging, racing rules, etc. throughout the weekend.

A racing overview will be conducted prior to racing on Saturday if there is interest. A racing debrief will be offered before dinner on Saturday.