



HOBIE 16 / HOBIE 20 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

November 6th – 11th 2011

Organizing Authority:

Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA)



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 This is an international competition; therefore, pursuant to the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 will not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located under the regatta tent on the beach in front of the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort.
- 2.2 There will be a general competitors' meeting on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 1000 hrs on the beach next to the regatta tent. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect or within one hour after the Race Committee (RC) signal boat docks, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a boat or a flag staff near the regatta tent on the beach.
- 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 Practice races are scheduled for November 6th, with a warning signal at 1300 hrs. Check the notice board for more information regarding the practice races.
- 5.2 The North American Championship will have five (5) days of racing (11/07 – 11/11) with the objective of three (3) to five (5) races per day, back to back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal for Monday, 11/07 shall be 1200 hrs.
- 5.4 The scheduled first warning signal for Tuesday, 11/08 through Friday, 11/11 shall be 1100 hrs.
- 5.5 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag for the Hobie 16s shall be the Hobie "flying H" logo on a white background.
- 6.2 The class flag for the Hobie 20s shall be the Hobie "flying H" logo on a purple background.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico, directly off the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort beach.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Hobie Class Association standard courses will be used. Refer to Attachment A for course configurations.
- 8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be used. Mark C may be a single mark or a gate. The "G" option will not be displayed by the RC. If Mark C is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.4 All marks shall be left to port, except gates. Boats shall pass between gate marks from the direction of the last rounding mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks A, B and C (gate) will be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The change mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a **yellow** inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.
- 9.4 A barging (keep away) buoy may be used at the RC signal boat. Neither the buoy nor its line shall rank as part of the boat, and neither will rank as an obstruction..

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS RESERVED

11 THE START

- 11.1 The races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The initial order of start shall be Hobie 16s first, then Hobie 20s. The race committee may change the order of start after the initial race.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.3.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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 an original mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard. *This changes RRS 28.1.*

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.3.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Mark A Time Limit
45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark A within the Mark A time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*
- 15.4 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available near the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or 1500 hrs, whichever is later.
- 16.3 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 official notice board.
- 16.4 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), instructions 15.4, 18.1, 18.2 and 21.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat or a request for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1.* Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. *This changes RRS 66.*
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 (a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats shall check in by hailing their sail numbers 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.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 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.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 AWARDS

- 22.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of each event. The number of trophies will be based on pre-registrations.
- 22.2 The top-placing North American competitor in each class shall be declared the "North American Champion" for their respective class

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, 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 alone to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing 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) or the equivalent.

25 SPECIAL NOTES

- 25.1 The Race Committee will not answer any questions from a competitor on the water.
- 25.2 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS rule A5.* The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 25.3 The RC may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS 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!

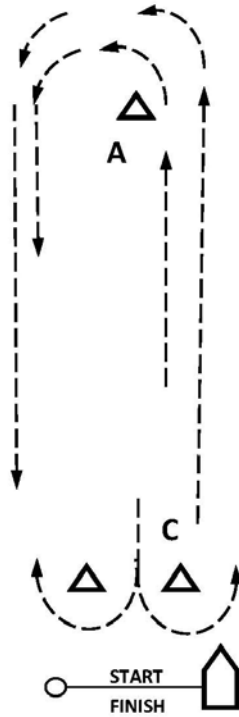
ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 1: START – A – C – A – FINISH
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 2: START – A – C – A – C – A – FINISH
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark

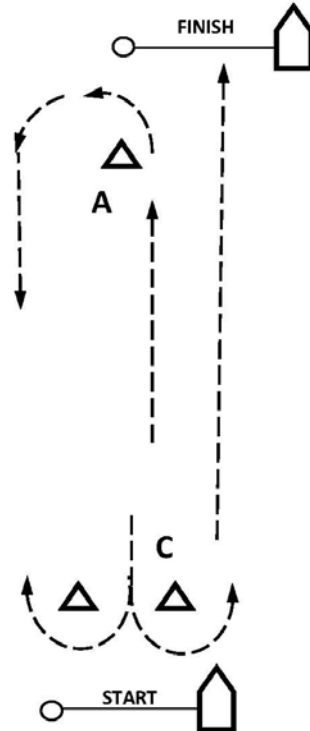


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 5: START – A – C – FINISH
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 6: START – A – C – A – C – FINISH
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark



ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES (continued)

COURSE 3 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 3 - START - A - C - A - B - C - FINISH

