



2013 HOBIE 16 / 18 NORTH AMERICANS

October 19 - 25, 2013

Porretto Beach, Galveston, Texas

Organizing Authority: HCA-NA, Hobie Fleet 33



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS)*. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 1.2 This is an international competition; therefore, pursuant 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 notice board location **under the tent on the beach**.
NOTE: White boards may be used for informal communications like weather reports, provisional results, etc. but they are not OFFICIAL notice boards.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting on Monday, October 21 at 0930 hours – **outside the RC Beach Office Building**. 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 prior to the previous day's protest time limit or 1500 hours, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Location of signals made ashore will be **on the beach adjacent to the RC Beach Office Building**.
- 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 There will be 5 days of racing (10/21 – 10/25) - the objective of 3 to 5 races per day, back to back.
- 5.2 There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal:
 - 5.3.1 Sunday – 10/20 – Practice Race(s) – 1500 - tentative
 - 5.3.2 Monday – 10/21 is 1200.
 - 5.3.3 Tuesday thru Friday – 10/22 – 10/25 – is 1100.
- 5.4 On Friday, 10/25, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 6.1 Class flag shall be:
 - Hobie 16 – Flying Hobie H on a Red Field
 - Hobie 18 – Flying Hobie H on a White Field
- 6.2 Initial Order of Starts shall be as listed in 6.1.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the Gulf of Mexico in front of Porretto Beach.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 HCA Standard Courses will be used. Reference Appendix A.
- 8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be used. An offset mark will not be used. A gate will be used for all courses. The "G" option will not be displayed by the RC.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Signal Boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 Rounding marks **will be Yellow inflatable marks.**

9.2 The change mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, **will be an Orange inflatable mark.**

9.3 The starting and finishing marks **will be a staff displaying an Orange shape or an Orange inflatable mark.**

9.4 A barging (keep away) buoy may be attached to the RC Signal Boat. Rule 31 shall not apply to the barging (keep-away) buoy itself, but shall apply to the RC Signal boat. *This changes RRS 31.*

10 RESERVED

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a **staff displaying an Orange shape** on the Signal Boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 9.3.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as an area extending approximately 100 feet in all directions from the starting line.

11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS 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. A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal. *This changes RRS 33.*

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard for Signal Flag "S." *This changes RRS 28.1 and 32.2a.*

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a **staff displaying an Orange shape** on the Signal Boat and the course side of the mark 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:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
All	45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes	8-13 minutes

15.2 If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark within the Initial Weather Mark time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. *This changes rule 62.1 (a).*

15.3 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 at the notice board as described in instruction 2.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day, or 1500 hours, 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 notice board.

16.4 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) 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), of instructions 11.2, 15.3, 18, 19, 21 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. *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 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. *This changes RRS A2.*
(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. *This changes RRS A2.*

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, from dock to dock 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 protest committee, and may result in disqualification.
- 18.2 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).
- 18.3 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 competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 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.

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 can 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, under the provision of IHCA General Class Rule 16.3. 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 in each class will be based on pre-registrations.

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 only 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) per event or the equivalent.

25 SPECIAL NOTES

- 25.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS 41 and A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 25.2 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!**

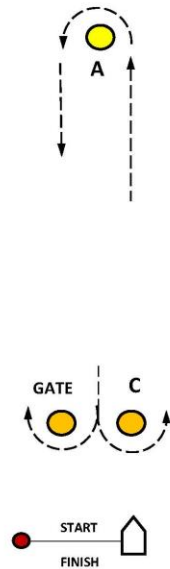
ATTACHMENT A – Illustrating the Course

No.	Course	Finish	Options
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G

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

COURSE 1: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH

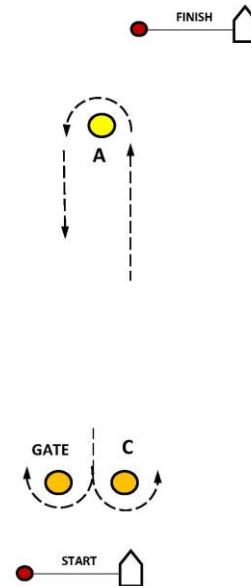
COURSE 2: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH



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

COURSE 5: START – A – C (or GATE) – FINISH

COURSE 6: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – FINISH



NOTE: Colors 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 9, 11 and 13.