



HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
2015 Pan Am Games Country Qualifier
United States 2015 Pan Am Games Athlete Qualifier
Lewes Yacht Club, Lewes, DE



September 21-26, 2014

Organizing Authorities: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA),
and HCA-NA Division 11

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS)*, the Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF) *2015 Qualifying System and Regatta Schedule* and the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) *Athlete Selection Procedures* for those countries attempting to qualify athletes for the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto, Canada.
- 1.2 The words "when practical" in the first sentence of the US Sailing prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3 This is an international competition; therefore, pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 shall not apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the notice board on the south wall of the Regatta Room on the 1st floor of the Lewes Yacht Club (LYC).
- 2.2 There shall be an initial competitors' meeting on Monday, September 22 at 0930 hours in the parking lot outside the Regatta Room on the 1st floor of LYC. There shall be a daily meeting at 1000 in the same location.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted prior to the previous day's protest time limit or 1500 hours, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore shall be made on the flag pole on the northwest corner of the pool deck at LYC.
- 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 shall be 5 days of racing (09/22 – 09/26) - 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 – 09/21 – Practice Race(s) – 1500 - tentative
 - 5.3.2 Monday – 09/22 is 1200.
 - 5.3.3 Tuesday thru Friday – 09/23 – 09/26 – is 1130.
- 5.4 On Friday, 09/26, no warning signal shall be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag shall be a flying Hobie H on a red field

7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on Delaware Bay, immediately north of the Lewes Yacht Club.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Internationals Hobie Class Association (IHCA) Standard Courses shall be used. Reference Appendix A.
- 8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 5 and 6 shall be used and shall be signaled via placards on the Race Committee (RC) signal boat. An offset mark shall not be used. The "G" option will not be displayed; however a gate shall be used for all courses.

- 8.3 If one of the gate (C) marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first weather mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks A and the gate (C) shall be pink tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The change mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, shall be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark boat 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 shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or flag as described in instruction 9.3.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall 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 shall 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 shall 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. *This changes RRS 28.1 and 32.2a.*

13 THE FINISH

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

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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 shall be abandoned.
- 15.3 When approximately half the boats in a race have rounded the last mark, the RC may, at its absolute discretion, award finishing points (FPA) to boats not yet finished that remain on the course. Boats who are informed of this decision shall immediately follow the directions of the RC. The RC determines the method of finishing and the finish points awarded each boat. *This changes rules 28.1, 35 and A4.1.*

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the jury desk near 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 shall 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 shall 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 shall 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), IHCA class rule 16.3 (with respect to VHF radios only), of instructions 11.2, 15.1 (with respect to target times only), 15.3, 18, 19, 21 shall 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 shall 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 In accordance with the provisions of RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score once four races are completed.

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 PC, 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 their first race each day (and their 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 shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

On board VHF radios shall be permitted during this event for monitoring purposes only except in the case of an emergency situation where they may be used to transmit a distress call to the RC. *This modifies IHCA General Rules 16.3 and 16.3a.* This also applies to mobile telephones.

22 AWARDS

Awards shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of each event. The 1st place team from North America shall be crowned the 2014 Hobie 16 North American Champions. The number of trophies in each class shall 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 shall not accept any liability for property damage, 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 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 shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *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.

26 SUPPORT BOATS

- 26.1 Spectator and support (coach) boat drivers shall register their vessels with the organizing authority and shall be assigned identification flags which shall be flown at all times on the water. Spectator / support vessels without identification **shall NOT** be allowed on or near the race course. No "team" flags, private signal flags or any object that might be construed as a signal shall be flown from a support boat while racing is underway.
- 26.2 Spectator / support boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor the RC channel, particularly in windy / threatening weather. Spectator / support boats shall follow the instructions of the RC (including instructions of mark and patrol boats) and the PC at all times.
- 26.3 Spectators, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 50 meters downwind of the start/finish line and 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 26.4 After the start of a race, spectator / support vessels shall be allowed to transit to and from the weather mark / gate **on the right side of the course (looking upwind) ONLY**, staying at least 100 meters away from any boat that is racing.
- 26.5 If a spectator / support boat interferes with any boat racing, including, but not limited to throwing an excessive wake, that may be cause for immediate revocation of on-the-water privileges for that spectator / support vessel and driver by the RC or PC. Competitors affiliated with any support / spectator boat that breaks instruction 26 may break rule 41, even when boats are not racing. *This changes rule 41.*

27 SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR THE UNITED STATES PAN AM QUALIFICATION

Competitors wishing to attempt to qualify to represent the United States in the Hobie 16 Class at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto, Canada must comply with the following conditions:

- 27.1 Competitors should be familiar with and must agree to be bound by the selection procedures posted at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/US-SAILING-PANAM-FINAL.pdf>
- 27.2 Both crew members must be members of US Sailing before the start of the first race or September 23, 2014, whichever is earlier. Competitors shall be able to join at check-in.
- 27.3 Both crew members must be members of the Hobie Class Association of North America before the start of the first race or September 23, 2014, whichever is earlier. Competitors shall be able to join at check-in.

28 US SAILING PROTECTED EVENT

The Hobie 16 North American Championship is a US Sailing Protected Competition, as established by US Sailing Regulation 12.03. Pertinent sub-sections of Regulation 12.03 are:

- 28.1 The right of appeal shall not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b) or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal
- 28.2 Any boat that is party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.
- 28.3 If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it shall be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

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 IHCA Standard Courses

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

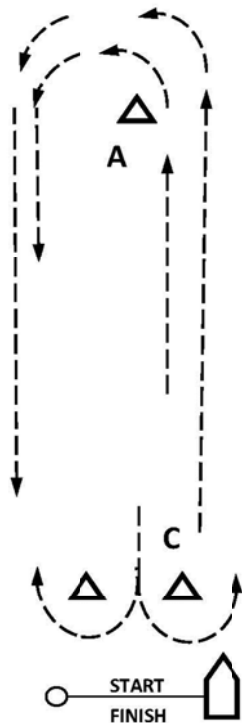
NOTE: Colors and/or shape of marks used in illustrations may not accurately represent the actual color or shape of marks used on the actual race course. Refer to instructions 9, 11 and 13.

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

