

Lake Quinault Points Regatta

August 2 & 3, 2025 - Rain Forest Resort Village, Lake Quinault

Organizing Authority:
Hobie Class Division 4, and Hobie Fleet 95



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Official Race Headquarters, the central shelter at Rain Forest Resort campground.
- 2.2. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 2.3. Race Committee will monitor VHF, the channel will be announced at skippers meeting.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs 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.
- 3.2. Oral changes may be made by the race committee by flying code flag L from the committee boat before or between races. When fly L is flown, it is the responsibility of each boat to sail by the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions, (changes may also be relayed by support boats). It is each boats responsibility to seek out the changes when the L flag is displayed. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the beach or a boat at anchor near the beach.
- 4.2. When AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "*not less than 30 minutes*" in Race Signal AP provision. This changes RRS Signals.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Check in Saturday August 2 from 0900 -1030 hrs at the campground shelter.
- 5.2. The Competitors Meeting will be held at the campground shelter each day.

	Competitors Meeting	Race Warning Signal
August 2, 2025	1030 hrs	1130 hrs
August 3, 2025	0930 hrs	1100 hrs

- 5.3. On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.
- 5.4. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Lake Quinault, WA.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be **H18 - RED, H17 - YELLOW, H16 - GREEN** and serve as the class flag warning signal as defined in RRS 26.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. International Hobie Cat Class courses will be used. Reference Appendix A.
- 7.2. All marks left to port, except gates.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. For all classes, course marks will be announced at the competitors meeting.
- 8.2. The starting mark will be an ORANGE flag on a floating staff. The Finish mark will be a floating YELLOW OR ORANGE mark.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 except that an attention signal, consisting of a series of sounds, may be made one minute before the warning signal.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the starting mark.
- 9.3. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting and finishing areas.
- 9.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A5
- 9.5. Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in wind that is not conducive to fair racing as determined by the Race Committee.

10. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark or finishing line to a new position.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on the Committee Boat and the finishing mark.
- 11.2. Finish Line Obstruction: The finish line shall rank as an obstruction. Boats may not pass through this line unless finishing.
- 11.3. Boats may correct this error with a One Turn Penalty. Boats that do not correct the error will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

The first sentence of RRS Rule 44.1 is changed to read: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*.

13. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes may be scored in their relative position on the course and instructed to return to the Signal Boat. This changes RRS Rules 35 and A4.1.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the Official Race Headquarters. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat has reached the shore. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 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 Official Race Headquarters beginning at times posted on Official Notice Board.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. 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.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible or seek out a VHF radio on shore to do so if possible.
- 16.2. [NP] Rule 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) will apply at all times while racing.

- 16.3. [NP] Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS Rule A5. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance and this action is not open to redress.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. [DP][NP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee under the provisions of Hobie General Class Rule 17.
- 17.2. [DP][NP] As per Hobie Class General Rule 12. 3, a boat shall not change sails during a race or regatta unless his sail has been damaged and is no longer usable. Permission to make a sail change must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee prior to the change being made.
- 17.3. [DP][NP] Verbal permission may be granted by the Race Committee on the water to allow a competitor to continue racing, however, it must be followed by a request in writing before the end of the protest time limit for that day.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

[NP] Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats or trash receptacles ashore. See RRS 47.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the Organizing Authority.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.

22. SPECIAL NOTES

- 22.1. Race Committee support boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 22.2. SPORTSMANSHIP: The Race Committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

23. 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.

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.

Hobie Division 4 Code of Conduct Pledge

As members of the Hobie Family, enjoying the "Hobie Way of Life" together, we shall pledge to watch over and protect each other. We shall all strive to set examples of good conduct and sportsmanship and treat each other with respect and dignity. Adult participants shall take responsibility for the wellbeing of all youth at our events. It may be possible adult beverages (aka controlled substances) may be present at some of our events. Underage youth shall not acquire or consume any adult beverages or controlled substances at these events. All adults shall assure that no adult beverages or controlled substances are provided to, acquired by, or consumed by, underage youth at these events to the extent possible. We shall all aim for a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. And we shall all **Have a Hobie Day!**

APPENDIX A - IHCA Standard Courses

No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A C A (F)	Downwind
2	(S) A C A C A (F)	Downwind
3	(S) A C A B C (F)	Upwind
4	(S) A C A B C A (F)	Downwind
5	(S) A C (F)	Upwind
6	(S) A C A C (F)	Upwind
7	(S) A C A B C A C (F)	Upwind

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish.

'B' Mark Location: The Race Committee will endeavor to locate 'B' mark, the reaching mark, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of either the windward or leeward mark.

