



Hobie 17/ Hobie 18 North American Championships

Hobie Class Association of North America

Hobie Division 4, OA

August 3-7, 2026

Rain Forest Resort, Lake Quinault, Washington

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed to read, "if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, and it is from a boat that was not involved in, **and** did not see, the incident, or"

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 **ORAL CHANGES** The RC may make oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water by flying flag L with one sound. The RC will announce oral changes to SIs on VHF 69 before the warning signal. Monitor VHF or come within hail. See RRS 90.2(c).

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the campground shelter (i.e. "Regatta Headquarters").
- 3.2 The race office is located at the campground shelter
- 3.3 [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 electronic voice or data transmissions and shall not receive electronic voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 Race Committee will monitor VHF 69.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a vessel moored near the shore.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 A competitors meeting will be held at the campground shelter at 1030hrs Tuesday August 4th.

6.2 Check-in and Weigh-in

Date	From	To
Monday Aug 3 rd	0900hrs	1800hrs

6.3 Racing Schedule

Date	Warning signal
August 4 th	1200hrs
August 5-7	1100hrs

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, a series of multiple horns may sound one (1) minute before the warning signal.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flag for the Hobie 17 fleet is Yellow.

7.2 The Class flag for the H18 fleet is Red.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Lake Quinault, WA.

9 COURSES

9.1 Standard Hobie Courses will be sailed. See Appendix A.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed using number pennants.

10 MARKS

10.1 Course Marks are Yellow.

10.2 The starting mark will be an Orange flag on a floating staff. The Finish mark will be a Blue flag on a floating staff.

10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 13, are Red. If the signal boat is moved for the finish, the finish line will still be as defined below.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 After rounding the first mark of the course, until rounding the last mark of the course the finishing line is an obstruction which any part of a boat's hull shall not touch.

11.2 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken SI 11.1.

11.3 A boat observed by the race committee to break SI 11.1 and that does not take the penalty specified in SI 11.2 will be scored DSQ by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 16.1 Race Time Limits are shown in the table below.

Race Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<i>45 mins</i>	<i>30 mins</i>	<i>90 mins</i>	<i>20 min</i>

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.
- 16.4 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16.5 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee reaches shore. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available at the campground shelter.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 Hearings will be held at the protest location posted.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, and shall seek out a VHF radio on shore to do so if possible.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] With respect to Hobie Class General Rules 12.3 and 17.2: Verbal permission may be granted by the RO 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.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash shall only be disposed of in appropriate trash receptacles ashore after racing or be placed aboard official or support person vessels while on the water. See RRS 47.

23 RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
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SI ADDENDUM A

