



HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 16-20, 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA),
in affiliation with HCA-NA Division 12, Hobie Fleet 448 and the Roton Point Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

Revision 3, Includes Amendments 1 and 2 (Amendment 2 items in red)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 **The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association apply.**
- 1.3 **The US Sailing prescriptions to the following *rules* apply: Introduction, 25.1, 34, 60.3, 61, 63.1, 63.2, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 81, 88.2 and Appendix R. These are stated in English in NOR Addendum 1 (separate document), which will be available at <https://regattanetwork.com/event/27351>, and will be posted on the official notice board at Roton Point.**
- 1.4 **Notation '[NP]' denotes a rule for which a boat may neither protest another boat for breaking that rule, nor request redress based on the rule. The protest committee may refuse to hold a hearing. **This changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.1(b) and 63.1.****

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available **on** 12 Sep 24 at <https://regattanetwork.com/event/27351>, **and will be posted on the official notice board at Roton Point.**

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 For safety, all boats are strongly urged to sail with at least one submersible VHF radio. Best practice is one VHF radio per person, attached to each person. Radio use **instructions** and restrictions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all IHCA class legal Hobie 16s.
- 4.2 Youth Division competitors shall be under the age of 21 years of age on 21 Sep 24.
- 4.3 Per IHCA **General** Class Rule 26, all competitors must be 2024 IHCA members (membership in HCA-NA, or other IHCA sanctioned regional or national association, as applicable).
- 4.4 Enter on-line at <https://regattanetwork.com/event/27351>.
- 4.5 **[NP]** All boats must be registered, measured and checked in (**on-site**) by 0930 on 16 Sep 24, or their entry will be cancelled. Exceptions must be approved, in writing, by the OA. Competitors are requested to make every effort to complete this process on or before Sunday, 15 Sep 24. Refer to NOR 7.1 for schedule and NOR 8 for requirements.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Entry Type	Deadline	Fee (USD)
Early	30 Apr / Midnight	\$395
Standard	15 Aug / Midnight	\$475
Late	16 Sep / 0930	\$550
Youth	16 Sep / 0930	\$200

5.2 Other fees for items including social packages for non-competitors (e.g. meals and parties) and regatta merchandise will be payable at fleet448.org.

6 [NP] ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 Boats WILL BE required to display bow numbers, to be supplied by the organizing authority. Boats may be allowed to display existing bow numbers, at the discretion of the OA.
- 6.3 Refer to World Sailing Regulation 20 (Appendix 1 - Advertising Code) for placement requirements.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Racing Schedule:

Date	Time	Event
13 Sep	1500-1900	Measurement
14 Sep	0700-0900	Measurement
	1400-1800	Measurement
15 Sep	0700-0900	Measurement
	1400-1800	Measurement and Check-In
16 Sep	0800-0930	LATE Measurement and Check-In
	1000	Competitors Meeting
	1300	First Warning Signal
17-20 Sep	0830	Competitors Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
20 Sep	1500	No warning after this time

- 7.2 There will be a maximum of 5 days of championship racing, with the objective of 3 to 5 races per day. There is no maximum number of races. **While racing may be postponed or abandoned due to conditions, no lay days will be scheduled.**
- 7.3 No practice race is scheduled. Competitors interested in practicing for the NAs are encouraged to enter the Roton Point Fall Multihull Regatta, a separate event at the same venue, on 14-15 Sep 24 (enter at rpmr.org).

8 [NP] INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Prior to the completion of on-site check-in, all boats must complete the initial measurement process, which will be described within the Sailing Instructions, and which will include the following:
 - 8.1.1 Boats will be inspected and weighed (with masts down).
 - 8.1.2 Crew members will be weighed, in accordance with class rules.
- 8.2 Boats may be re-inspected (afloat and/or ashore), and any boat or crew weight may be subject to additional verification, at any time during the regatta.
- 8.3 All inspection and measurement (including weighing boats and crews) shall be performed on-site, by a member of the Technical Committee.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 Roton Point Association, 15 Pine Point Road, Rowayton, CT.
- 9.2 Pets are not permitted on site, including in RVs.
- 9.3 Racing will be on the open waters of Long Island Sound.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Standard IHCA Courses will be used, and will be described within the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.
- 11.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark O is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the Zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark O, as soon as possible after leaving the Zone around Mark O". **This changes RRS 44.2.**
- 11.3 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a class rule will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee [which will be guided by the IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy, at <https://hobieclass.com/class-rules>], and may be other than disqualification. **This changes RRS 64.2.**

12 [NP] CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 12.1 Boats are not available for charter or loan through the OA.
- 12.2 For the avoidance of doubt, boats privately chartered or loaned are not eligible for redress due to breakdowns.

13 AWARDS

- 13.1 The top placing North American team shall be named the 2024 Hobie 16 North American Champions.
- 13.2 The top placing North American youth team shall be named the 2024 Hobie 16 North American Youth Champions (minimum of 5 boats required).
- 13.3 Other awards will be made based on the number of competitors.
- 13.4 Additional awards may be presented, at the discretion of the OA and RC.

14 INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall have current third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000 USD. Proof of this insurance must be presented [during online registration (preferred), or on-site check-in].

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 Visit fleet448.org for information regarding charter boats, accommodations, and free on-site tent camping and self-contained RV parking (RVs must reserve in advance).

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