



HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 16-20, 2024

PRE-EVENT REMINDERS FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Class membership:

- As the North American Hobie Cat 16 Championships is classified as a regional event all crew members on board shall be members in good standing of the International Hobie Class Association, e.g. through a full membership of Hobie Class Association North America. This to meet the requirements of General Class Rule 26.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD):

- Bring your PFD for inspection during registration at the desk of the Technical Committee. PFDs shall meet the requirements of General Class Rule 8.1.

Righting-lines:

- Mount a righting-line meeting the requirements of General Class Rule 8.2 on the boat.

Electronic equipment:

- VHF radios are allowed and encouraged for this event per the NOR.
- The use of all other electronic equipment on board is restricted by General Class Rule 16.3. It means the use of smartwatches, smartphones or any GPS device is not permitted while racing.

Twist Toggles:

- Twist toggles, as outlined in General Class Rule 15.2, shall attach the shrouds to the anchor pins and shall not be removed.



Twist Toggle

Trampolines:

- Trampolines must be manufactured by Hobie Cat Company (General Class Rule 16.5).

COMPTIP masts

- A COMPTIP mast is mandatory when racing the Hobie Cat 16 within the North American Region (General Class Rule 13.3 a)).

Minimum boat weight:

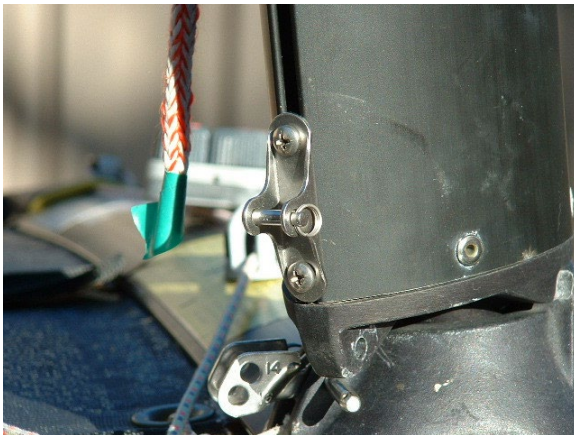
- All boats will be weighed, with MASTS DOWN. Boats must be prepared per General Class Rule 19.1, and drained and dry for weighing. If used, VHF radios are considered “personal gear.”
- For the weighing of boats during registration bring any boat corrector weights if required to meet class minimum boat weight. Weights shall be attached per General Class Rule 19.2. The IHCA Rules Committee defines “weights” as dry solid, and “attached” as tied or taped to the boat.

Minimum combined crew weight:

- For the weighing of competitors during registration bring any crew corrector weights if required to meet class minimum crew weight. As required by General Class Rule 17.4 corrector weights shall be dry solid. Also see General Class Rule 17.5 and 17.6. The IHCA Rules Committee defines “attached” as tied or taped to the boat.

Upgraded 6:1 downhaul system:

- If using the upgraded 6:1 downhaul system, the lower end of system must connect directly to the custom HCC supplied mast track attachment fitting near the mast-base and the upper end to the gooseneck via a shackle/pin (HC16 Rule 6.1).



Custom HCC Supplied Mast Track Attachment Fitting

Bow Number Preparation:

- Bow numbers (similar to those used at Hobie 16 World Championships) will be supplied, and attached to all boats, per General Class Rule 20.2 and World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats may be allowed to display existing bow numbers, at the discretion of the OA. Note, other existing stickers must be removed from the area defined in the Advertising Code. It is highly recommended that this area be cleaned prior to your arrival.

Click [here](#) for the Hobie Class Rules. Click [here](#) for the World Sailing Advertising Code.

If you have any questions, please write rules@hobieclass.com

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