

Tropical Dreams Regatta
June 22 – 23, 2019
Hobie Fleet 61, Division 5
HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION of North America
STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETING (S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Fleet 61 tent.
 - 2.2 There will be a skippers meeting on **Saturday, June 22 at 9.45 a.m. OR AT PRO'S DISCRETION.**
- 2.3 . Other skippers' meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8 pm on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Fleet 61 tent.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing schedule will be described at the initial skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is **10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2019, OR AT PRO'S DISCRETION.** Races may start on **Sunday, June 23, 2019 as early as 8 a.m.,** wind permitting, **OR AT PRO'S DISCRETION.**
- 5.3 When more than one race or sequence of races, for two or more classes will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 3 p.m.**

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags may be numeric or colored pennants and serve as the class warning signal as defined in RRS 26. Alternative class flags will be announced at the skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board.
- 6.2 Order of start will be announced at the initial skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board.

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.
- 7.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 7.4 The Offset Mark, if used, is defined as a mark located approx. 200 ft. from the windward mark at right angles, as determined by the race committee. It applies both at the beginning of downwind legs and at reaches.
- 7.5 No later than the preparatory signal the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the start line to the weather mark.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks A, B, C and Gates will be **yellow buoy**.
- 8.2 Change marks will be **orange buoy**.
- 8.3 Offset mark will be **orange buoy**.
- 8.4 The starting and finishing marks will be a flag on the race committee boat and an **orange buoy**.
- 8.5 A race committee boat signaling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 10.2.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between orange flags, shapes or buoys as described in instruction 8.4.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.1.
- 9.5 Start line obstruction: The start line shall rank as an obstruction for classes previously started while other classes are starting and in sequence until after the last class has successfully started.
- 9.6 Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 5 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any Mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.1.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between orange flags, shapes or buoys as described in instruction 8.4.
- 11.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes Race signal S.
- 11.3 Finish Line Obstruction: The finish line shall rank as an obstruction when a Blue flag or shape is displayed on the race committee Signal boat at the finish line. Boats may not pass through this line unless finishing.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed for all classes to one 360 degree turn that includes one tack and one gybe.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 If no boat has passed 'A' mark within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the TBD beginning one hour after the last race of the day.

14.4 Breaches of instructions 9.3, 16, 19, and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS 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 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.2 Check in and check out procedures will be described at the initial skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 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 Substitution of sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee under the provision of Hobie General Class Rule 12.3.

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

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as to First Second and Third place finishers in each class.

22 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.

23 INSURANCE

Each participation boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

24 SPECIAL NOTES

24.1 Race committee support boats shall rank as obstructions.

24.2 On the water, no questions will be answered by the race committee.

24.3 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats may continue racing so long as the assistance does not improve the competitors' position in the race. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

24.4 SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

HCA 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!

Appendix A – Illustrating the Course

IHCA Standard Courses

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

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

"B" MARK LOCATION: The Race Committee will endeavour to locate "B" Mark, the reaching mark, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of the windward or leeward mark.