

SAN DIEGO CLASSIC

June 17-18, 2023

Hobie Class Assn. of North America, Hobie Class Division 2 and Hobie Fleet Four
Chula Vista Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91910

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the beach at the registration table.

2.2 There will be a skipper's meeting on 17 June 2023 at 10:00am. Other skipper's meetings may be scheduled as required.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the close of protest time (instruction 15.2) on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed as announced at the skippers meeting.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled race information is given in the table below.

5.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 3:00 pm.

Day	Date	Class	Time of First Warning Signal	Maximum Number of Races per Day
Saturday	June 17 2023	All	11:54 AM	5
Sunday	June 18 2023	All	11:54 AM	4

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flag assignments will be as follows:

Green flag – Hobie 18 / 17 / 20 and Open class

Yellow flag – Hobie 16 A

Purple flag – Hobie 16 B, C, N and Waves

See Appendix C - Flags

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Appendix B shows the location of the racing area.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 IHCA courses will be used. All Classes will use the same A mark. Reference Appendix A.

8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

8.3 All marks left to port, except gates.

9. MARKS

9.1 Gate or C shall be orange tetrahedrons. The weather mark will be a yellow cylinder (4ft base with a 7ft height.)

9.2 The starting and finishing pins will be orange balls.

9.3 If a barging (keep away) buoy is used at the RC signal boat, either the buoy or its line shall rank as part of the boat, and will rank as an obstruction.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat (port) and the orange ball as described in instruction 9.2. See Appendix A. Starts get a horn.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10.4 Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 3 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.

10.5 Order of initial starts will be announced at the initial competitors' meeting, and will be posted on the official notice board if different than instruction 6.1. Multiple classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10.6 See Appendix C - Flags

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 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.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the signal boat (starboard) and the orange ball as described in instruction 9.2. Finish line is closed, unless a boat is finishing. The Boats finishing get a whistle. See Appendix A.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Time Limit	A Mark Time Limit
All	90 minutes	30 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed weather mark within the A Mark time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 FINISHING ON THE WATER: Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The Race Committee determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or to reopen a hearing shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day and the time limit is posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1(a) with the following modification: The ISAF requirement for under 6 meter boats applies to all Hobie Catamaran Classes. This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 10.2, 10.4, 17, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.*
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16. SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 CHECK IN: Boats are required to check in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hailing their sail numbers to the RC before the start of the first race each day and the first race following any postponement ashore.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Lifejackets are mandatory for racing.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee, under the provisions of IHCA General Class Rule 17.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee.
 - (c) Substitution of sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee, under the provision of IHCA General Class Rule 12.3.
 - (d) Requests for substitution of equipment other than sails shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2 All boat, crew weight, and equipment violations may additionally be protested under RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) and may be scored DNE – Disqualified Not Excludable. Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the protest committee, or regatta officials.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, under the provision of IHCA General Class Rule 16.3. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on the last day.

23. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

24. **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.

25. **SPECIAL NOTES**

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

25.2 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats for righting a capsized, will be scored Did Not Finish. For a safety reason, rescue/mark boats will pick up racers that have separated from their boat and drop them off near their boat with no penalty. This changes rule A5. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

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

IHCA 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

No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A C/GATE A	(F) Downwind
2	(S) A C/GATE A C/GATE A	(F) Downwind
5	(S) A C/GATE	(F) Upwind
6	(S) A C/GATE A C/GATE	(F) Upwind

S = Start, A = Weather Mark, B = Reaching Mark, C = Leeward Mark, GATE = GATE, F = Finish

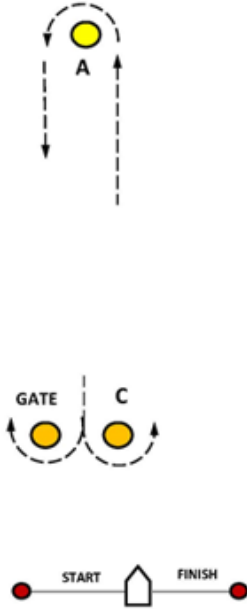
These are the standard Multihull courses. HCA normally does not use the B, Reaching Mark, and it is not represented in the diagrams here. O = Offset is also an option that can be incorporated if needed or desired

Appendix A – Courses

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 1: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH

COURSE 2: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH



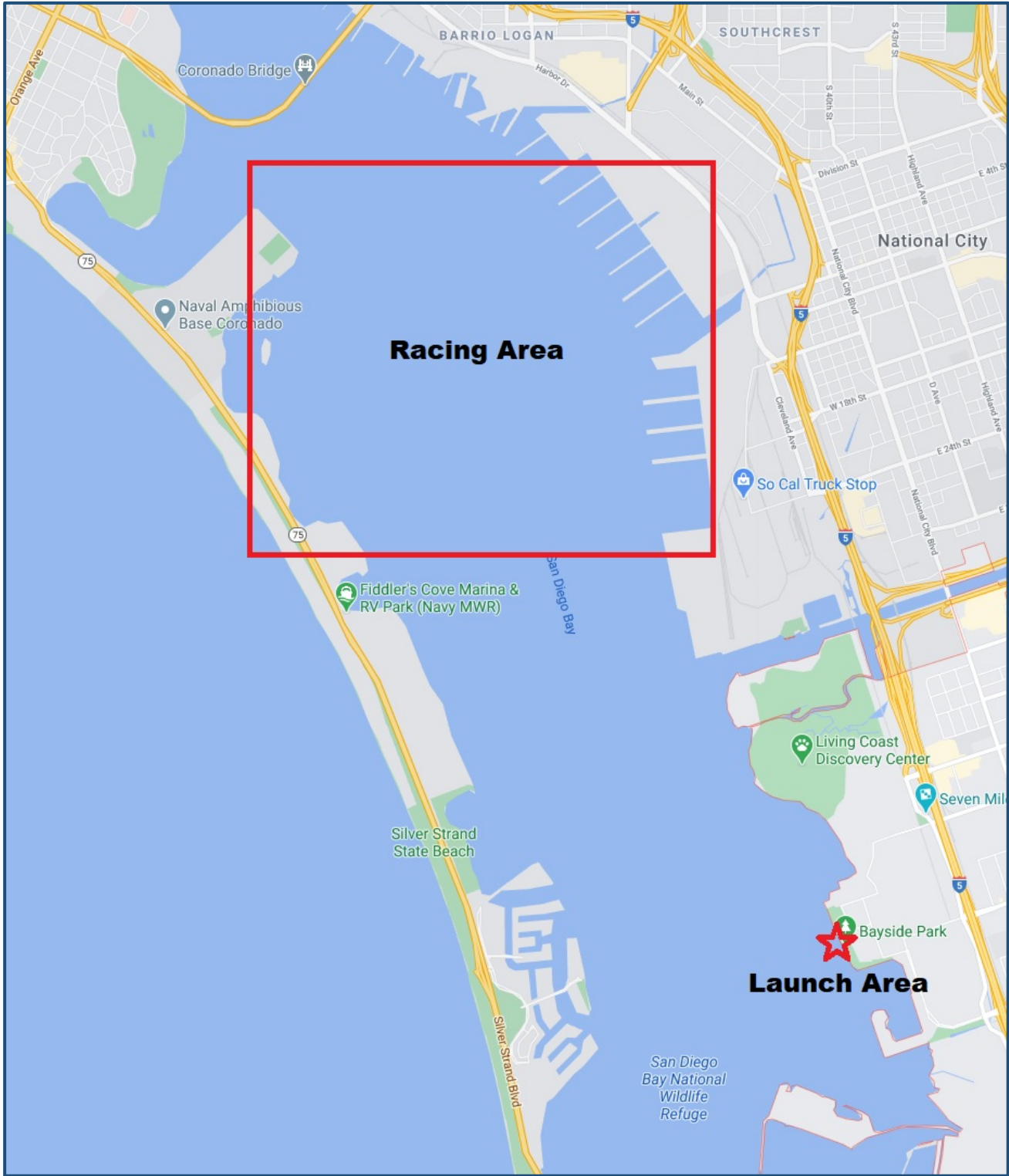
COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 5: START – A – C (or GATE) – FINISH














COURSE 6: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – FINISH



Appendix B – Racing Area



Appendix C – Flags

1 MINUTE BEFORE 1ST CLASS	AP FLAG DOWN 3 HORNS		NO FLAG 00:00:00
5 MINUTES BEFORE START	CLASS FLAG UP 1 HORN		Hobie 18 / 17 / 20 and open class 00:01:00
4 MINUTES BEFORE START PREPARATORY SIGNAL	P FLAG UP 1 HORN		00:02:00
1 MINUTE BEFORE START	P FLAG DOWN 1 HORN		00:05:00
START	CLASS FLAG DOWN 1 HORN		00:06:00
1 MINUTE BEFORE NEXT START			
5 MINUTES BEFORE START	CLASS FLAG UP 1 HORN		Hobie 16 A 00:07:00
4 MINUTES BEFORE START PREPARATORY SIGNAL	P FLAG UP 1 HORN		00:08:00
1 MINUTE BEFORE START	P FLAG DOWN 1 HORN		00:11:00
START	CLASS FLAG DOWN 1 HORN		00:12:00
1 MINUTE BEFORE NEXT START			
5 MINUTES BEFORE START	CLASS FLAG UP 1 HORN		Hobie 16 B, C, N and Waves 00:13:00
4 MINUTES BEFORE START PREPARATORY SIGNAL	P FLAG UP 1 HORN		00:14:00
1 MINUTE BEFORE START	P FLAG DOWN 1 HORN		00:17:00
START	CLASS FLAG DOWN 1 HORN		00:18:00

PREPARATORY SIGNAL	P FLAG
INDIVIDUAL RECALL	X FLAG UP 1 LONG HORN
GENERAL RECALL 3 OR MORE BOATS OVER EARLY	1ST SUBSTITUTE FLAG 2 LONG HORNS
ABANDON RACE	N FLAG UP 3 HORNS
SHORTENED COURSE	S FLAG UP 2 HORNS
POSTPONEMENT	AP FLAG DOWN 3 HORN
Course has been changed	C FLAG UP on signal boat



Blue checkered

Look for compass heading to new mark and/or + or - sign indicating leg will be longer or shorter.

Hobie 18 / 17 / 20 and Open Class	CLASS FLAG
Hobie 16 A	CLASS FLAG
Hobie 16 B C, N and Waves	CLASS FLAG



Start line	Port Side of RC Boat
Finish Line	Starboard Side of RC Boat
Mark Boat	Weather Mark



