



## Notice of Race

### *Annual Megrew's Cup - 2023*

**Location: Compass Rose Beach, Roger Williams Way (Quonset Point), North Kingstown, RI 02852**

**Date: Saturday, 19 August 2023 (weather postponement to 20 August)**

**Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA), in conjunction with Hobie Fleet 448 of HCANA Division 12**

**Event Sponsor: Megrew's Boats, 5211 Old Post Rd; Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813**

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021-2024. The International Hobie Cat Association (IHCA) 2021-2024 Class Rules will apply, as applicable. PFDs are required equipment to be worn, in amplification of RRS Rule 40.1 and IHCA Rule 8.1.

This is a club race event open to beach catamarans. Membership in U.S. Sailing is not required. Only members of the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) in good standing (as of 18 August) will be eligible for regatta points, per IHCA Rule 26. There will be one Hobie 16 class of at least 5 boats. At least 5 boats are required to constitute a separate class. All classes will start and race together.

Event registration will occur via email to: [RacingFleet448@gmail.com](mailto:RacingFleet448@gmail.com), and is encouraged not later than the 9 August Fleet 448 meeting. Race day registration will be permitted up until 9:00am. Registration fees are \$15 per person for skippers and crew. Venmo e-wallet is available for on-line payment to "hobie-fleet-448". Cash or check will also be accepted on race day until 9:00am. Early registration electronically is greatly appreciated to assist with Race management and logistics planning.

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, or prior to, during, or after the regatta. **If neither skipper nor crew are HCANA members, an additional \$25 per boat will be charged for HCANA event liability coverage.**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent, and shall present proof of coverage prior to participation. An email attachment of the insurance declarations summary page satisfies this requirement.

The warning signal for the first race is planned for 11:00 am. At least four (4) races will be scheduled. The last warning signal will be not later than 3:00 pm.

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available electronically, and at a Competitors' meeting at 9:30am on race day at Compass Rose Beach. Any final changes to the SI will be issued and posted at the Competitors' meeting.

The race course will be in the vicinity of Compass Rose Beach, NE of the Wickford breakwater and WSW of Quonset Point. Courses will be windward/leeward around fixed and drop marks, per the SI. The start/finish line will be SW of Compass Rose Beach. Races are planned for 30-40 minutes each. All classes will start/finish and sail the same course for each race.

RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that only a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe), is required. Visual signals (RRS 26) will govern starts. Sailors should bring a VHF radio. Its use and restrictions will be described in the SI.

Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A (Low Point scoring system) and Rule 90.3. The series will consist of at least 4 scheduled races, conditions permitting. If at least four races are run, the worst score will be excluded. If three races are run, all scores will be included. Two races must be run to constitute the series.

The top finishing boats in each class will receive prizes, with the best overall score for a Fleet 448 Skipper to be awarded the annual Megrew's Cup. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on availability and number of entries.

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