



2024 HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 16 - 20, 2024

Additional Information Pack – Revised 1-25-2024

IMPORTANT NOTE ON THIS DOCUMENT: This is not the NOR or SI which are considered to be the governing documents for all purposes. In case of any conflict with the NOR or SI's posted on Regatta Network, those documents rule and supersede any information in this document. That being said! We've been planning this event since mid-2023, and are working to make it the best Hobie National Championship event ever. To that end we've secured a highly experienced sailing club to host the event (Roton Point Club) with a 150+ year history and a focus on catamaran sailing. To maximize participation, we've also decided to keep the cost of entry the same as it was a decade ago (about \$100 less than the 2023 event!). To do this, the team pulling this together are doing extra fundraising and seeking sponsorship (check out the raffle section in this document!). We will continue to add details about the daily schedule of events, helpful information for participants and visitors to the area, socials, bands, swag, sponsors, meals, and extras... check in with "fleet448.org" regularly for updates and look for this in the Quick Links: [DOWNLOAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PDF!](#)

Registration for Event: Discounted early registration opens 1/1/2024 and closed 4/30/2024. Standard registration closes 8/15/2024 and late registration closes at the start of the event 9/16/2024. See details at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27351>

2024 Hobie 16 Youth North American Championship: YES! That's right, the Youth 16 fleet will be joining us at the NAC and will be sailing with the big boys and girls. We're scoring the youth separately and with the main fleet, planning to sail together. The Youth will have a chance to win both the Hobie 16 NAC and the Youth Hobie 16 NAC in one event. The youth will have to meet minimum weight (285lb) but can carry up to 50 lbs to do so. For more on the Youth part of the event, contact caden.bradshaw@gmail.com

Venue: Roton Point Association, 15 Pine Point Road, Rowayton, CT (**No pets on-site, including in RVs**) for more information on the site, explore the menu options at www.rotonpoint.org and their annual regatta site at www.rpmr.org .. you'll find a handy map of the Roton Point venue further on in this document.

Sponsor Spotlight Roton Point: www.rotonpoint.org

Roton Point Association

Roton Point Association and Roton Point Club membership are going above and beyond to put on a fabulous event and have donated the use of their beautiful facility including all the amenities we always enjoy at their annual fall regatta (RPMR), as well as several support vessels. Their club membership will be volunteering and hosting our out of town volunteer race committee, there is no way we can thank them enough for this generosity, but we hope you will make a point to thank them in person while you're at the event! Thank you Roton Point!



What's included in my Registration fee? We are working to include more as we get committed registrations and funding, so check back – for now the following are included with your registration fee:

- Double handed entry into the 5 day championship event, on-site parking and mast-up boat storage
- Free Tent or RV Camping on site, use of 10k sq. ft clubhouse, 24 hour hot showers & bathrooms
- Hot Coffee & Breakfast daily (Check out our gourmet coffee sponsor!)
- 2 people for Monday Night Welcome Pizza Party
- 2 people for Wednesday Night – Lobster Bake / Steak / Chicken dinner
- 2 people for Friday Night Awards Dinner – Fleet 448 Hosted Grilling
- 2 custom Hobie 16 2024 North American Championship Regatta T-Shirts
- Trophies for at least the top 5 teams

What are we looking to add to the regatta? We want to know what YOU want us to include, so please drop a line early with your ideas... for now the following are on our radar:

- Hire the band “Green Eyed Lady” for Wednesday Night’s social.
- Provide hot breakfast every day at the event.
- Provide packable lunches available to purchase at the event daily (need to gage interest)
- Provide reusable water bottles to all competitors and volunteers
- Create a classy regatta rash guard and make them give-aways if we can get a sponsor.
- Create an embroidered fleece with the regatta logo and make them available for purchase in advance and potentially on site (this is September after all)
- Create custom etched glass tumblers or glasses with the event logo and give away or sell at the event
- Charter Boats & Host families will be limited – we likely won’t know the details until April/May 2024.

Sponsor Spotlight: Biota Coffee www.biotacoffee.com

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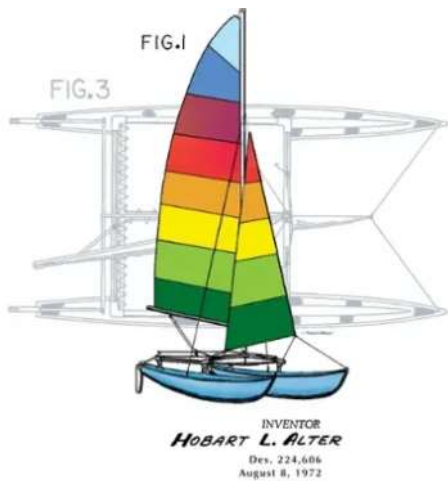
One of our beloved Fleet 448 members, Zach moved to Minesota and launched his own coffee company "Biota" focused on supporting regenerative agriculture in coffee farming... when he heard about the NAC, I got this generous note from him... " I'd love to be the coffee sponsor of the event. We could donate a bunch of coffee to brew over the weekend, including Roton Point, plus donate some retail bags to be included as prizes." Heck yeah Zach, we're interested in that!



The Event before the Event! RPMR: The annual Roton Point Multihull Regatta is a multihull open regatta run every September - this year is the 64th! September 13th – 15th For this 2 day regatta, there will be a fleet of Getaways, and non-Hobie catamarans as well as many Hobie 16's that will come for September 13-15th just prior to the H16 NAC. This is always a well-run event, and the same RC & PRO are going to be running it, so it will be great practice. There is always a huge party Saturday night including a live band and a big dinner party. For the NAC participants, it can be a great way to practice in Long Island Sound and make the most of your trip. Registration is required and is handled separately through yachtscoring.com. If you want to participate in the RPMR, we encourage you to arrive Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning and follow the link for registration <https://www.rpmr.org> for more on that! (Expect registration to be updated by July 2024). Late registration for the RPMR may be accepted at the discretion of the RPMR Organizing Authority, but we recommend pre-registration so you can participate in the great dinner and party Saturday night!

Advertising: You’re seeing some of our sponsors already in this document. We are going to include sponsors on our regatta t-shirt, in our regatta program, and for certain tiers we’ll include “feather flags”, inflatables, and posters at the event site. If we can make it happen, we’ll use bow numbers and add sponsor vinyl decals to boats – if you would like to advertise at the event, please contact Christopher at fleet448@gmail.com

Sponsor Spotlight: Hobie Cat Company



Hobie

Steve Fields of Hobie Cat Company has secured a generous donation to assist us in fundraising for the event... the exact details are to be announced by April 1, but trust us... this donation shows the commitment Hobie has to the class association and the regatta, as well as those who love to sail Hobie Cats... stay tuned to learn about our fantastic raffle!

Accommodations: There are several options for accommodations, we're working on this but here's the latest:

HOTEL: As of January 2024 we've selected Hilton Garden Inn as our "host hotel" HGI gave us a discounted rate and reserved a block of rooms for attendees, with a rate between \$139 and \$169 per night depending on the day of the week. There are several other hotels in the area for a bit more money.

Your RV: There is plenty of parking for RV's – but to make this convenient for all, please complete an RV Registration form available at www.fleet448.org or just e-mail Christopher at fleet448@gmail.com with your RV type, length & plate #, and cell phone at the event.

Tent Camping: There is a beautiful grove where several dozens of tents can be set up, and an over-flow field where even more can be – so we can easily accommodate more than 60 tents in all without over crowding.

Air B & B / VRBO: There are some listed in this area, so if this is your idea, please look early and often, you may have to expand to nearby towns and have a little drive, but this area of CT is beautiful. Suggest starting your search with the exact dates and putting in the town "Rowayton, CT" and the size of your party. We've pre-set some relevant search criteria and linked them on fleet448.org, under the NAC Housing options page.

Host Families: We hope that we can offer some rooms with RPSA club members, but at this point we do not have a list of such rooms or any firm commitments. Priority will be to get our volunteers housed, and then we'll see what we can offer to competitors. If this is something you insist on, please understand that it will be limited and we will do our best but can't guarantee anything at this time.

Charter Boats: We do not have any as of January 2024, but we have a few members and near-by sailors that may be able to come through. As you can imagine, organizing charter boats can be quite complicated and right now it's beyond our ability to manage for you, so, for now we suggest you reach out to your friends either in this area, or where you are and consider stacking boats to get your friends competing with you! As we get information on available charter boats, we'll make that available at fleet448.org.

Swag / Merch: We're working on several things in this venue in addition to the regatta t-shirts which will be given to each contestant. Regatta rash guards – designed for the 2024 NAC are in the works, and we'll need your shirt sizes in advance to get these for all that want them – there may be a charge if we can't get a rash guard sponsor. Embroidered Hobie Regatta fleece jackets are a possibility, etched glass tumblers and other nice gifts are also planned. All of this can be found starting at our event site fleet448.org when it becomes available.

Sponsor Spotlight: C4 Design



C4 Design

Fleet 448 member and graphic designer... Carl 'Lee' French is responsible for our event logo in all it's forms and is assisting in the "merch department" ... if you've got a marketing or advertising need, we highly recommend giving Lee a call, 617-306-8094, or visit his site C4Design.net ... we hope to see Lee on the water at the main event!



Fleet 448 members, friends and family!

It takes a village... and we need you! Can you become a sponsor or a volunteer to help us make the 2024 Hobie 16 North American Championship the best NAC ever? At the event we need about 20 volunteers on RC, chase and mark boats, beach, food service, registration, measurement, and a "runner". Outside the event we need help fundraising, getting raffle items donated and organized, reaching out to potential other sponsors, website design, promotion... please reach out with the chat link to find out how you can help!

Tentative Schedule for the weekend, including the RPMR: NOTE ... this is to help you plan, the NORs & SI schedules will ultimately rule ... but with two separate events happening on one site, we figured this could help you plan!

Friday – Sept 13: RPMR Registration & Check-in Times: 1500-1900
NAC Registration, Weigh in & Check-in Times: 1500-1900
Welcome party for all participants... TBD

Saturday, Sept 14: NAC Registration, Weigh in & Check-in Times AM: 0700-0900
RPMR Late Registration & Check in 0800-0900
Roton Point Multihull Regatta – Skippers Meeting 0930
RPMR First Warning 1100
RPMR Saturday Dinner Party TBD (Social tickets are required)
NAC Registration, Weigh in & Check-in Times PM: 1400-1800++

Sunday, Sept 15: NAC Registration, Weigh in & Check-in Times AM: 0700-0900,
RPMR First Warning 1030
RPMR No Warnings after 1500
NAC Registration, Weigh in & Check-in Times PM: 1400-1800++
RPMR Awards / NAC Welcome Party - 1800

Monday Sept 16: NAC Late weigh in and check in 0800 – 0930 (not preferred, please get weighed early)
NAC 1000 Competitor’s Meeting
1030-1200 ... Get your boats to the beach!
NAC 1300 1st Warning Signal

H16 NAC Schedule for Tuesday – Friday, Sept 17 – 20 expected:

0930 Competitors Meeting
1300 First Warning Signal

Friday, Sept 20: No warning after 1500
NAC Awards Ceremony TBD, tentatively 1730

For more Information:
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Site Map:



2024 H16 North Americans Regatta Site Map
www.fleet448.org for more informatoin

- What the Locals will be doing ...
- > Arriving early, Setting up, Weighing In
 - > Participating in the 64th Roton Point . open multihull regatta on the prior . weekend - (please see Yachtscoring site & join us!)
 - > Wheeling our boats down the launch . to paddle or Sail to beach storage
 - > Setting up tents in the grove, or RV's
 - > Enjoying the hospitality, food, band, . and sailing in Long Island Sound

Interested in getting to Manhattan for a day trip? Best would be to take a train...

Plenty of parking at the train station just a few minutes drive from our site:

300 Rowayton Ave, Norwalk, CT

The screenshot displays a Google Maps interface with the following elements:

- Search Bar:** Shows the origin as "Grand Central Terminal, 89 E 42nd St, New York, NY" and the destination as "Rowayton, 300 Rowayton Ave, Norwalk, CT".
- Travel Mode:** Includes icons for Best, Car (57 min), Train (1 hr), Walking (15 hr), Bicycling (4 hr 22), and Airplane.
- Departure Time:** Set to "Leave now".
- Options:** A button to "Send directions to your phone".
- Route 1:** "10:41 PM—11:41 PM" with a duration of "1 hr". It is labeled "New Haven" and "10:41 PM from Grand Central Terminal - on time every 40 min". A "Details" link is provided.
- Route 2:** "6:45 AM (Saturday)—8:08 AM" with a duration of "1 hr 23 min". It is labeled "M1" and "New Haven".
- Explore nearby Rowayton:** A section with icons for Restaurants, Hotels, Bars, Coffee, and More.
- Map:** A detailed map showing the red route from Grand Central Terminal in NYC, through New York and New Jersey, to Rowayton, CT. Key locations like Newark, Yonkers, and New Rochelle are visible.