



Notice of Race

Annual Conimicut Cup Regatta - 2026

Location: Conimicut Point Reach, Warwick, RI 02889

Date: Saturday, 29 August 2026

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

Sponsored by: Rhode Island Orthodontic Group (RIOG)

- 1. RULES.** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2025-2028 and the International Hobie Cat Association (IHCA) Class Rules.
 - a. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe), is required
 - b. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows to read: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- 2. ELIGIBILITY.** This is a club race event open to all beach catamarans, and is the capstone event for the Fleet 448 Hobie 16 Summer Race Series. Only members of the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) in good standing (as of 9:15 am on 29August) will be eligible for regatta points (IHCA 26). Membership in U.S. Sailing is not required. There will be one Hobie 16 class of at least 5 boats. At least 5 boats are required to constitute a separate class to be eligible for a class award. All classes will start and race together.
- 3. COMMUNICATIONS.** The online official notice board is located at <https://fleet448.org/events> (Downloadable Documents) through 28 August, and post-race at 72 Shawomet Avenue. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available electronically, and at a Competitors' meeting at 9:30 am on race day at the Conimicut Point Beach boat launch, 400 Shawomet Avenue, Warwick. Any final changes to the SI will be issued at the Competitors' meeting.
- 4. ENTRY.** Event registration will occur via email to: bturchetta@yahoo.com and fleet448@gmail.com. There is no registration fee for participants in the Fleet 448 Tuesday evening summer race series. All others have a \$25 fee. Early registration electronically assists with Race management and logistics planning. Late registration on race day will be permitted up until 9:15 am.
- 5. RISK STATEMENT.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (RRS 3, 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. RRS 81, Indemnification, is hereby deleted. **If neither skipper nor crew are HCANA members, an additional \$25 per boat will be charged for HCANA event liability coverage.**
- 6. INSURANCE.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent. Skippers shall be prepared to present proof of coverage prior to participation. An email attachment or presentation of the insurance declarations summary page satisfies this requirement.
- 7. SCHEDULE.** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:00 am. At least four (4) races will be scheduled. The last warning signal will be not later than 3:30 pm.

8. COURSES. All classes will start/finish and sail the same course for each race. Visual signals (RRS 26) will govern starts. The start/finish line will be in the vicinity of Green Can “17” and Conimicut Reach in the Providence River. Courses will be windward/leeward around fixed and drop marks, per the SI. Races are planned for 30-40 minutes each, and at least 4 races are planned.

9. PENALTIES. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe), is required. Sailors should bring a VHF radio. Its use and restrictions will be described in the SI. Competitors are advised to ensure compliance with RRS G.1.2(a)(3) (Identification of Sails - Specifications). Failure to comply without prior notification and concurrence of the Race Committee may result in a protest under RRS G4 and a scoring penalty under RRS 44.3.

10. SCORING. Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A (Low Point scoring system) and RRS 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. One race must be run to constitute the series.

11. PRIZES. The top three finishing boats will receive prizes. Additional prizes may be awarded, depending on availability and number of entries.

12. SAFETY. PFDs are required equipment to be worn, in amplification of RRS 40.1 and IHCA 8.1. Sailors are strongly recommended to use trapeze harnesses with a quick release hookless system or a quick release hook, which meets the ISO 10862 standard. If sailors wish to wear head protection, it is strongly recommended that they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

