

Hobie Fleet 448

Notice of Race

Annual Megrew's Cup - 2022

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

Date: Saturday, 13 August 2022 (weather postponement to 14 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, and in amplification of RRS Rule 78. RRS Rule 40.1 and IHCA Rule 8.1 (PFDs) are invoked as required equipment.

This is a club race event open to all Hobie Cats. Membership in U.S. Sailing is not required. Membership in Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) is required. Only HCANA members in good standing as of 11 August will be eligible for regatta points, per IHCA Rule 26. At least 5 boats are required to constitute a separate class. There will be one Hobie 16 class of at least 5 boats. All classes will start and race together.

Event registration will occur via email (to: psschmitt1956@gmail.com), and is encouraged in person at the Fleet 448 meeting on 9 August. Race day registration will be permitted up until 9:00am. Registration fees are waived for skippers or crew who are both Fleet 448 and HCANA members. All Fleet members are encouraged to try it out! Event registration for all others is \$15. The 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 appreciated to assist with Race management and logistics planning.

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 at Compass Rose Beach. Any final changes to the SI will be issued 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 approximately 500 yards 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, including one tack and one gybe, is required. Visual signals (RRS 26) will govern starts. Sailors may bring and use a VHF radio. Its use and restrictions will be described in the SI.

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A (with 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. At least two races need to be run to constitute the series.

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