



Notice of Race

Annual Megrew's Cup - 2026

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

Date: Saturday and Sunday, 18-19 July 2026 (Day1 weather postponement to 19 July)

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

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. Only members of the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) in good standing (as of 9:00 am on 19 July) 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 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 16 July, and thereafter at Fleet Trailer at the beach. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available electronically, and at a Competitors' meeting at 9:30 am on each race day at Compass Rose Beach. Any final changes to the SI will be issued and posted at the Competitors' meeting.

4. ENTRY. Event registration will occur via email to: fleet448@gmail.com, and is highly encouraged by not later than July 8th. Registration fees are \$15 per person for skippers and crew. Early registration electronically assists with Race management and logistics planning. Venmo e-wallet is available for on-line payment to "hobie-fleet-448". Late registration on race day will be permitted up until 9:00 am. Cash or check will also be accepted on race day until 9:00 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. Day 1: 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. Day 2: The race committee intends for the warning signal for the distance race at 10:30 am.

8. COURSES.

Day 1: 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 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. Races are planned for 30-40 minutes each, and at least 4 races are planned.

Day 2: A single distance race is planned for about 6-12 nautical miles, and will be described in the SI and at the Competitors' meeting. The start/finish line will be in the vicinity of Compass Rose Beach.

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. The Day 2 distance race will be scored separately from the Day 1 race series.

11. PRIZES. The top finishing boats in the largest class for the Day 1 series will receive prizes, with the best overall score for a Fleet 448 Skipper in the largest class to be awarded the Annual Megrew's Cup. 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.

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