



Notice of Race

Annual Megrew's Cup - 2021

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

Date: Saturday, 21 August 2021 (weather postponement to 22 August)

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA), in conjunction with Hobie Fleet 448 of Hobie North America 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 and/or Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA) is not required. However, only HCA-NA members in good standing as of 18 August will be eligible for regatta points, per IHCA Rule 26, with the intent to be scored as a separate class. At least 5 boats are required to constitute a separate racing or open class. All classes will start and race together.

Event registration will occur via email (to: mbschmitt@gansett.org), or online (<https://fleet448.org/events>) is encouraged through Wednesday, 18 August. Race day registration will be permitted up until 9:30am. Registration fees are \$15.00 per person for skippers or crew. All Fleet members are encouraged to try it out! The Venmo e-wallet is available for on-line payment to "hobie-fleet-448". Cash or check may be also be provided on race day. Early registration 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 VHF radio. Its use and restrictions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

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. 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.

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