

Katt Scratch Regatta Sailing Instructions August 29-30, 2026

1. **Rules:** (1) All races will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing. (2) If the Notice of Regatta conflicts with these instructions, these Sailing Instructions will control.
2. **Notice to Competitors:** Official notices will be posted on the west wall windows of the OCBC clubhouse.
3. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and posted at least one hour before the start of the first race in which the change is effective; except, notice of a change in the schedule of races will be given by whatever practical means is available that is reasonably calculated to give notice to all competitors. The PRO may verbally change these SIs, 'on-the-water', by signaling code flag "L" for all boats or by displaying code flag "L" along with the class flag for the applicable division(s).
4. **Signals Made Ashore:** (1) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal flag pole located south of the clubhouse near the walkway to "A" Dock. (2) One sound signal with no flag (harbor gun) means, "next race will begin in approximately 1 hour." (3) Lowering the abandonment or postponement signal with one sound signal means "the postponed or abandoned race will be sailed as soon as practical but not less than 30 minutes."
5. **Schedule:**

Saturday	0945	Competitors meeting
	1000	Harbor gun
	1100	1 st race of the day Warning Signal,
		Lunch will be on the water. No warning signals after 1600.
Sunday	0900	Harbor Gun
	1000	1 st race of the day Warning Signal, others to follow ASAP
		No race to start after 1300 Sunday
6. **Class Flags** Class flags, as defined by RRS 26, will be determined and posted in accordance with SI #2 after close of registration and announced at the Competitors' meeting.
- 7.0 **Courses:** (1) There may be separate courses based on the makeup of boats entered. These divisions will be posted after close of registration. (2) Courses will be displayed on a course board on the Race Committee Vessel(s) no later than the warning signal for the first division. All marks are to be left to port. Order of start of classes and divisions will also be shown on the course board.
- 7.1 Course marks will be yellow tetrahedrons, "A" mark will have an offset mark. The "C" mark will be a leeward gate.
- 7.2 Courses will be designated as "HCA Standard Courses": See Addendum A
8. **The Start:** (1) All competitors shall check-in with the RC signal vessel before the first warning signal of the day. **Any boat attempting to check-in after the first warning signal for the first race will be in violation of SI# 8(3)** (2) Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. (3) Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. (4) The starting line will be between the hoist of the orange flag

displayed on the Race Committee Vessel and a mark at the port end. (5) A boat shall start no later than five minutes after the starting signal for her class or division.

9. Recalls: (1) The Race Committee will attempt to notify individually recalled boats on VHF channel 68 as well as by voice hail. Failure of the RC to make such hails, failure of any hail to be heard, or the order of hails, shall not be grounds for redress. (2) Racing rule 29.2 is modified to provide that, in the case of multiple starts, a class or division for which a general recall has been signaled shall return across the extensions of the starting line (“around the ends”), and start in a separate start after the last class or division to start. (3) Each subsequent recalled division shall start in a separate start after the previous recalled division.

10. Change of Course After Start:

(1) If a mark is changed, it will be replaced by an orange tetrahedron. If a changed mark is subsequently changed again, it will be replaced by an original mark. (2) If a class flag is displayed with the Change of Course flag, the change shall apply only to the division corresponding to that class flag. (3) The RC may adjust any leg of the course by moving the mark(s) up to 10 degrees in bearing and 0.1nm in length without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

11. The Finish: (1) The finish line will be between the hoist of a blue flag displayed on the Race Committee vessel and a small orange sphere. (2) If a class flag is displayed with the Shorten Course flag, “S”, the shortened course shall apply only to the division corresponding to that class flag. (3) When finishing to windward, the windward mark is not part of the course, when finishing leeward the leeward mark is not part of the course.

12. Time Limit: (1) The lead boat in a starting division must complete the first leg of the course within 30 minutes after her start and must finish the race within 90 minutes. For any division in which the lead boat fails to satisfy both requirements above, the race shall be abandoned. (2) The RC may, at its discretion, award points to a boat equivalent to its finishing position in a race. The RC determines the method and order. This changes App. A4,A5 & RRS 35

13. Protests: (1) Racing rule 60.2 is modified to require a boat intending to protest to notify the Race Committee, if possible, of the boat being protested at the finish of the race. (2) The time prescribed for delivery of a protest to the Race Committee referred to in rule 60.3 is “within 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.” (3) When applicable, Appendix V: Alternative Penalties, shall be used.

14. Alternative Penalties: (1) The two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1. (2) Appendix V2 will be used.

15. Scoring: (1) Shall be scored using the Portsmouth Handicapping system, with wind factors. (2) The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply. (3) A total of 8 races are scheduled. (4) If 6 races are sailed, then a boat's worst score shall not count. Otherwise, all races shall count, and one race shall constitute the regatta.

16. Fleets: A class fleet may exist for any class of boat where at least three boats of that class have registered for the regatta. Handicap fleets will be established if necessary to accommodate all competitors.

17. Prizes: Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class/division. (Additional places may be awarded for large fleets at the discretion of the Regatta Director.)

18. Substitutions: Crew may not be substituted or changed between races without prior written consent of the Race Committee. This consent will not be given except when it is clearly shown that no material advantage will be gained by any interested party on account of the substitution and that such substitution is necessary.

- 19. **Disposal of Waste or Trash:** Boats shall not discharge waste or trash overboard.
- 20. **Withdrawal:** Boats withdrawing from a race before finishing shall endeavor to notify the Race Committee before leaving the race area or, if unable to do so, must post notice on the Regatta Bulletin Board as soon as practical.

Addendum A

HOBIE.SAILING
HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION NORTH AMERICA

STANDARD COURSES

ALTERNATE LOCATION B

WIND

ALTERNATE LOCATION A

ALTERNATE LOCATION C

START FINISH

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REFER TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICIAL COURSES

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COURSES 3, 5, 6, 7 ONLY

1	A C A	DOWNWIND FINISH
2	A C A C A	DOWNWIND FINISH
3	A C A B C	UPWIND FINISH
4	A C A B C A	DOWNWIND FINISH
5	A C	UPWIND FINISH
6	A C A C	UPWIND FINISH
7	A C A B C A C	UPWIND FINISH

ALL MARKS LEFT TO PORT, EXCEPT GATES
An offset mark may be used at A Mark
C Mark may be a gate (shown) or a single mark