

TLYC Hobie Club Championship
(4th Sunday) January -December 2024

Sailing Instructions

Taal Lake Yacht Club, Talisay, Batangas, Philippines

organising authority is TLYC

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- 1.2 National Authority prescriptions will not apply
- 1.3 Hobie class rules
- 1.4 The Notice of Race
- 1.5 These Sailing Instructions
- 1.6 If there is a conflict succeeding rules take precedence

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the TLYC Training Tent.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted at least 24 hours before the scheduled Racing.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be made near the TLYC training tent or on the large balcony (starting Platform) in front of the Hobie bar/registration kiosk.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, and there are a significant number of boats ashore then '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' before the preparatory signal.

5 RACING DIVISIONS (Discretionary Penalty [DP], Not Protestable [NP]) All sailors are in the Open Division. Additional divisions such as, but not limited to B-Fleet, Women and Sailability may be instituted by the Race Committee for any Sunday sailed depending upon the number of competitors in each division.

The Race Committee may give discretionary penalties for temporary or permanent breaches of Division Rules (see appendix C).

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Every 4th Sunday of each month

Briefing	09:00
First Preparatory signal	09:55
First Start	10:00
Lunch break (estimate)	13:00
Afternoon Preparatory signal	(see 6.1)
Last start not later than	15:30
Limited Open Bar	16:00

6.1 The afternoon preparatory signal will be 1 hour and 15 minutes after the first boat finishes the morning racing. This time may be posted on the club notice board within the TLYC training tent by the Race Officer (RO), not less than 30 minutes before its due time.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be a yellow flag with a black letter A

8 COMMITTEE BOAT and STARTING PLATFORM (large balcony)


The Committee Boat or Starting Platform will fly an orange flag at all times.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The Sailing Area and Course Descriptions in Appendix A and Appendix B and also posted on the Notice Board, show the courses, the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

9.2 The Numeral Pennant (see appendix B) indicating the course number, along with the board identifying the windward mark, and the wing mark, should there be one, will be displayed by the Committee boat/Starting Platform prior to the Warning Signal.

9.3 A GREEN FLAG will be displayed if mark roundings are to STARBOARD. If a green flag is not displayed then all mark roundings are to PORT.

9.4 A large yellow beach flag  will be displayed if the start involves a short downwind leg to a mark, to be identified by the Race Committee, prior to the 1st windward leg. This will not be a mark on the course for subsequent legs or laps.

10 MARKS

[NP] The marks of the courses are described in the Sailing Area Diagram (Appendix A) and may be updated at Race Briefings.


11 THE START


11.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat or Starting Platform at one end and the nearby buoy at the other end.


11.2 The Committee Boat or Starting Platform may have an inner distance Mark (probably an orange buoy) which is deemed to be part of the Committee Boat or defines the innermost point at which the start line can be crossed if a shore-based start is in operation.

11.3 [NP] A competitor starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored as “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE


12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may move the original Mark (or the Finishing Line) to a new position, or add a new mark. The Race Committee will display the “C” flag  and may display a compass course or other method to indicate the change of position.

Boats should follow the instructions of the Race Officer or his team flying the “C” flag  or instructions given at the briefing.

12.2 To replace a missing Mark or a Mark made unavailable for other reasons the Race Committee may choose to use a new Mark, or a boat with an "M" flag  placed as near as possible to the original location.

13 THE FINISH [NP]

13.1 The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Port End and the Finish Mark at the Starboard End, or a staff with an orange flag on a race committee boat.

The finishing line may change in position and orientation. Boats should follow the instructions of the Race Officer or his team flying the “C” flag .

13.2 A blue flag may be flown to indicate that the finish line is open. When it is lowered, the finish line is closed.

13.3 Alternatively the Finishing Line may be shore based, then the Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag placed on the Starting Platform and a buoy or a staff with an orange flag on a Committee Boat.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM [NP]

14.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turn penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

14.2 44.3(a) and 44.3(b) Scoring Penalty is not available to competitors however the Protest Committee reserves the right to use whatever Scoring Penalty deemed fit and may invoke 44.3, Scoring Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS, RETIRING AND TARGETS

15.1 The time limit for boats to finish is 15 minutes after the first boat.

15.2 Competitors who anticipate themselves not completing the course within the time limit are advised to “Retire” by informing the Race Committee as soon as possible and will be given points equal to the last place plus one.

15.3 The Race Committee can advise boats to finish that are unlikely to finish within the time limit and will be scored either “On Course Finish” and will be given points equal to the last finished place plus one or “Current position” and given points equal to their current position on course at the discretion of the race committee without hearing.

- 15.4** Additionally the Race Committee has an option to award boats as “Did Not Finish” without a hearing.
- 15.5** Any Competitor who has started, then retires, informing the Race Committee that they have retired will be given points equal to the last finished place plus one. Any competitor who does not finish and does not inform the Race Committee that they are retiring shall be recorded as “Did Not Finish” and will be given points equal to the number of starters plus 1.
- 15.6** The target time for all races is 45 minutes.
- 15.7** The target number of races each day is 6 (3 before the lunch break, and 3 after the lunch break), with a maximum of 7 races each day.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Hearing request forms are available at the TLYC Bar. Competitors must request that the receipt time be written on the form.
- 16.2** [NP] The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Protests may be heard at the next convenient date after a racing Sunday.
- 16.3** To allow for a swift prize giving ceremony and timely departures. Any changes in results due to a subsequent protest committee ruling will be back-dated on any published results sheets
- 16.4** [NP] The allocation of prizes to boats involved in protests may be delayed to a date after the protest has been decided.

17 SCORING [NP]

- 17.1** The Low Point System as described in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 17.2** One race is required to constitute a monthly series.
- 17.3** a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s Sunday series score will be the total of her race scores.
b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s monthly Sunday series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4** a) In the TLYC Hobie Club Championship Series, all fourth Sunday races, or their postponement, during the year will be scored.
b) Those who do not start, but are present for at least one race, will be scored as the number of starters for that day, plus one. Those who are not at the club that day, will be scored as dnc, the number of participants in the series, plus one.
c) Only the best 66% scores of a competitor’s results will count towards the TLYC Hobie 16 Club Championship. i.e. Competitors will drop their worst scores, in races exceeding 2/3 of the total number of races scored. e.g. *If 30 races are run, they will drop 10 races.*

18 SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

The following scores will be applied. This changes rules A4, A5 and A10.

	MEANING	ALLOCATION
dnc	Did not Compete (did not enter any races on a particular race day)	Total number of entries for the season +1
ocf	On Course Finish	Position on course estimated by Race Committee or no. of finishers +1
dnf	Did not Finish (Exceeded time limit or retired but did not inform Race Committee)	Race Starters +1
rtd	Retired and informed the Race Committee	Race Finishers +1
dsq	Disqualified	Day's Race Fleet +1
dns	Did not Start	Race Starters +1

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible otherwise they will be assigned dnf.

19.2 Boats are reminded that it is advisable to carry a cell-phone in a waterproof plastic bag.

19.3 Emergency cell phone number: +63 (0)917 123 1403

19.4 [DP] All competitors must wear an adequate personal floatation device at all times whilst afloat. This rule applies even if the "Y" flag is not flown.

19.5 All competitors should take adequate amounts of drinking water afloat. Water canisters will be available ashore to replenish your bottles.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

[DP] Substitution of crew and damaged or lost equipment is allowed if it does not bring about a performance advantage and is authorised by the Race Committee.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

22 ADVERTISING

22.1 All advertising must be approved by the organiser. Any advertising not approved, may be required to be removed before the next race.

22.2[DP] Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organising authority if requested.

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official support boats will not be carrying any uniform markings.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard a support boat or the Race Committee Boat.


25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 BREAKAGES TO RENTAL BOATS

All damage to rental boats, however minor, must be immediately reported to the Race Committee or Sonya and any estimates for repair arising thereof must be paid for, before leaving TLYC.

27 HIGH WIND WARNINGS

In the event that the Race Officer declares a condition of Strong Wind Status a “W” flag  will be flown not later than 15 minutes before the preparatory signal on the Committee boat or Starting Platform. Under such conditions all competitors are advised to consider carefully before venturing out on the water, Rental Boats will not be allowed out on the water. Special Divisions, such as Womens or PWD, may be suspended. The Race Committee may decide to award an average of a boat’s other scores if a competitor cannot sail due to high wind warnings.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

Appendix A

Sailing Area

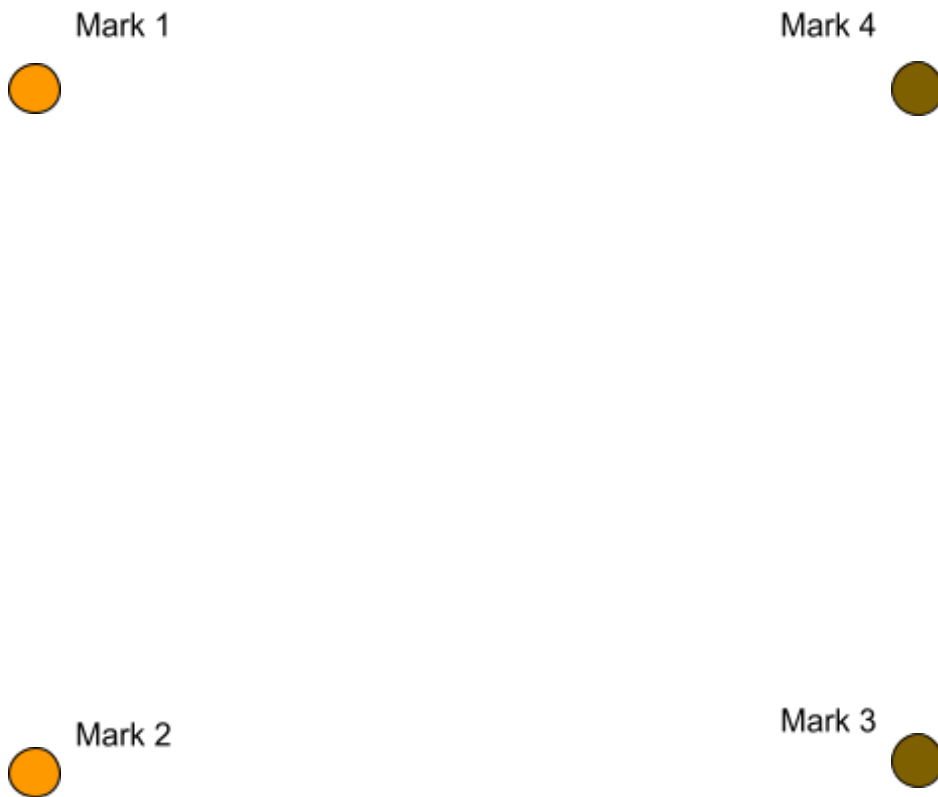
Mark Numbers	Description
Mark 1	White buoy with orange flag
Mark 2	TBA during briefing
Mark 3	Currently a Bamboo cone
Mark 4	Currently a Bamboo cone
Mark 5	“The Change Mark”. TBA during briefing

At the discretion of TLYC alternative items may be used as alternative/s the above marks, any alternative will be advised to competitors during briefing.

To protect the Committee boat there may be an orange buoy tied to the stern of the Boat (which is deemed to be part of the Committee Boat).


Sailing Area Diagram

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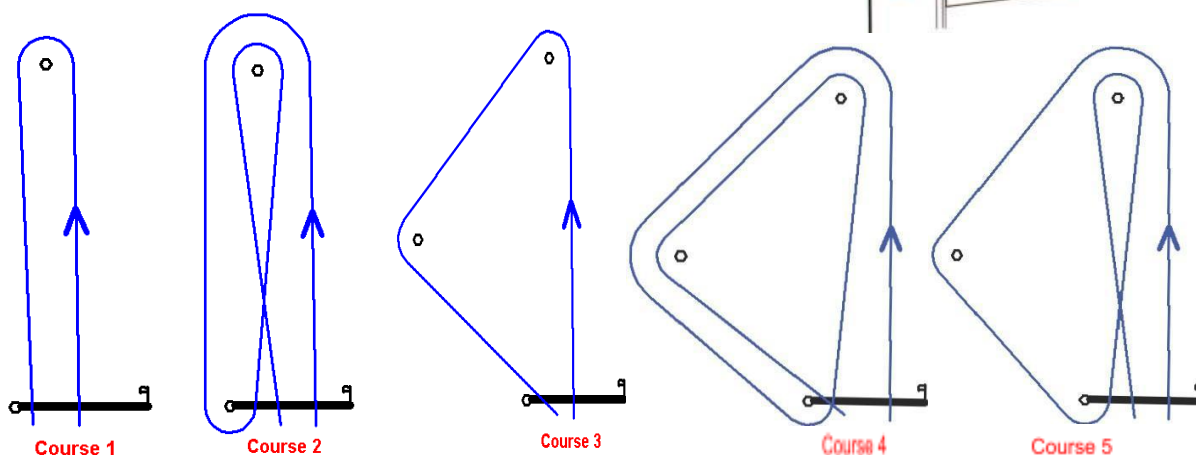
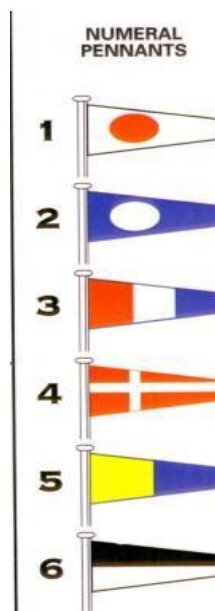


Appendix B

Courses

1. The Committee Boat/Starting Platform will fly a pennant to indicate the course pattern to be sailed.
2. The Committee Boat/Starting Platform will display the identity of the Windward Mark and when applicable, the identity of the Wing Mark by displaying a number(s).
The first number is the identity of the 1st Mark (to Windward).
The 2nd number is the identity of the Wing Mark when applicable.
3. The Committee Boat/Starting Platform will display a **Green flag** with the mark number(s) if the mark roundings are to **Starboard**.
4. A large yellow beach flag  will be flown from the Committee Boat/Starting Platform if the short downwind leg starting protocol is in operation.

Course Number	Pennant Number	Course
1	1	Hotdog
2	2	Two Hotdogs
3	3	Triangle
4	4	Two Triangles
5	5	Triangle Hotdog



Appendix C

Division Rules

Divisions may be applied at the discretion of the Race Committee

B-Fleet Division

The “B” in B-Fleet stands for “beginner” or in the vernacular “baguito”. Awards in B-Fleet aim to reward sailors who cannot practise regularly to improve their skill but still come out to participate in races, knowing that competing against seasoned competitors, whom they could also emulate can accelerate improvement in their sailing abilities.

In club racing, determining who can be in B-Fleet is relatively easy as the race records of participants and time logged on the water are available in club records. New members or visiting sailors will be assigned to B-Fleet if requested and if they fulfil the criteria described below.

Participants are eligible to be in B-Fleet if:

They have never had a podium finish in any regatta participated in with more than 10 competitors

Participants are ineligible to be in B-Fleet if:

- The crew is a professional competitive sailor or was once a professional competitive sailor.
- Crew has had a podium finish in regattas with more than 10 competitors as skipper.

Women’s Division

[NP] [DP] Women must helm all races from the preparatory signal, throughout the race and until crossing the finish line, except for emergencies or very short periods which may need to be justified. If the helm is handed over to a male sailor for a period of time, for whatever reason during the race, the boat must declare this to the Race Committee as soon as possible after the race. Failure to make a declaration may result in a more severe discretionary penalty and even disqualification from the division.

Sailability Division

[NP] [DP] A PWD sailor must helm all races from the preparatory signal, throughout the race and until crossing the finish line except for emergencies or very short periods which may need to be justified. If the helm is handed over to a non PWD sailor for a period of time, for whatever reason during the race, the boat must declare this to the Race Committee as soon as possible after the race. Failure to make a declaration may result in a more severe discretionary penalty and even disqualification from the division.

Most Improved Sailor Award

Most Improved Sailor (MIS) will be awarded by comparing the average of the best 5 races sailed over November and December to the average of the 5 worst races sailed in the Club Championship Series over January and February. The worst scores cannot include any non- finishing results including dsq, rtd, dnf, dns scores etc.

Appendix D





Strong Wind Status

See Rule 27

Appendix E

Suspension of Racing

At any point the Race Officer may suspend racing for individual divisions, or the fleet as a whole.

<p>RACING ABANDONED N-FLAG ONLY</p>	<p>ALL DIVISIONS</p>	<p>IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO STARTING AREA</p>	 <p>...</p>
<p>RACING POSTPONED AP FLAG ONLY</p>	<p>ALL DIVISIONS</p>	<p>The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal or 15 minutes if ashore</p>	 <p>↑...↓</p>
<p>RACING ABANDONED N over H flag</p>	<p>ALL DIVISIONS</p>	<p>GO ASHORE</p>	 <p>↑...↑</p>
<p>Additional B flag flown</p>	<p>Individual Divisions</p>	<p>If Individuals choose to continue to sail under B-Flag they will only be scored in the Open Division So this means racing in all special divisions like womens and sailability is cancelled.</p>	 <p>↑...↑</p>