

Hobie 14 Challenge 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): HCA-NA Division 16, Fleet 441

September 8 - 11, 2025

Burlington Beach Catamaran Club, Burlington, ON, Canada

Abbreviations

NoR	Notice of Race	RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
BBCC	Burlington Beach Catamaran Club	SlS	Sailing Instructions

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and they can be viewed at:
[Sail Canada Prescriptions](#)
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be made available prior to Thursday, September 4, 2025 at BBCC and online at https://burlingtoncatamaranclub.com/images/Events/HC14-2025/SlS_Challenge.pdf

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the outside wall of the BBCC and online at [https://burlingtoncatamaranclub.com/Home/EventDetail/2025Hobie Cat 14 North American & Challenge](https://burlingtoncatamaranclub.com/Home/EventDetail/2025HobieCat14NorthAmerican&Challenge).
- 3.2 [DP] All boats are recommended to carry a VHF radio capable of receiving communication from the race committee.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SlS.
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Hobie 14 and Hobie 14 Turbo classes and those Hobie 14 boats which are which are non-conforming to International Hobie Class Association rules. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
 - 4.1.1 proof of age for Youth Division competitors who shall be under the age of 21 years of age on September 12, 2025.
 - 4.1.2 for competitors under 18 years of age, a completed and signed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form. The form can be downloaded from the event website <https://burlingtoncatamaranclub.com/images/Events/HC14-2025/YouthConsentForm.pdf>

- 4.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at [https://burlingtoncatamaranclub.com/Home/EventDetail/2025 Hobie Cat 14 North American & Challenge](https://burlingtoncatamaranclub.com/Home/EventDetail/2025%20Hobie%20Cat%2014%20North%20American%20Challenge) and submitting it, together with the required fee.
- 4.3** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Fee Type	Start Date	End Date	Fee	Approx USD Value (1)
Early Entry	Jan 1, 2025	Apr 30, 2025	\$ 375 CAD	\$ 280 USD
Regular Entry	May 1, 2025	Jul 31, 2025	\$ 450 CAD	\$ 335 USD
Late Entry	Aug 1, 2025	Sep 8, 2025	\$ 500 CAD	\$ 375 USD

(1) based on CAD to USD exchange rate of \$0.75 on Jan 2, 2025. US entries will be charged actual exchange rate by credit/debit card on the payment date.

- 5.2** If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through June 30, 2025	Amount paid less \$ 50 CAD Administrative Fee
July 1 – August 15, 2025	Amount paid less \$ 75 CAD Administrative Fee
After August 15, 2025	No refund

- 5.3** A social ticket which includes welcoming BBQ, Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony, Apres-Sail Receptions and Continental Breakfast to be available for purchase online.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1** [DP] Competing boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor as provided by the OA. Boats may also be required to display identification numbers. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Programme
Saturday, Sep 6	0900 - 1600 0900 - 1600	Early arrivals Registration and equipment inspection
Sunday, Sep 7	0900 - 1600 0900 – 1600 1800	Early arrivals Registration and equipment inspection Back Porch BBQ
Monday, Sep 8	1100 1800	First race signal Welcome Reception Dinner
Tuesday, Sep 9	1100 After races	First race signal Apres-sail Reception
Wednesday, Sep 10	1100 After races	First race signal Apres-sail Reception

Thursday, Sep 11	1100 After races	First race signal Awards and Pizza at BBCC Compound
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- 7.1** On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 except as a consequence of a general recall.

8 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1** Competitors are responsible for ensuring their boats meet standards as prescribed by the class association.
- 8.2** Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUE

- 9.1** NoR Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas on Lake Ontario.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1** Challenge racing format will be a combination of course racing using HCA Standard courses or coastal racing.
- 10.2** The Challenge racing format for each day will be posted by 2000 on the day before racing is scheduled.
- 10.3** The location of course racing and coastal racing will be described in the SIs.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2** When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 BERTHING [DP]

- 13.1** Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places while they are competing at the event.
- 13.2** Boats and trailers shall be allowed on the beach beginning on September 6, 2025 unless previously arranged with the OA.

14 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRIC EQUIPEMENT

- 14.1** By participating in the event each competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete and their equipment during the period of the competition, without compensation.
- 14.2** Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified and provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 14.3** Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the event.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1** Each boat and each support boat shall be insured for third-party liability with a minimum cover of \$100,000 USD per incident, or the equivalent thereof.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1** The highest placed boat will be declared the "2025 Hobie 14 Challenge Champions".
17.2 Other prizes maybe awarded.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

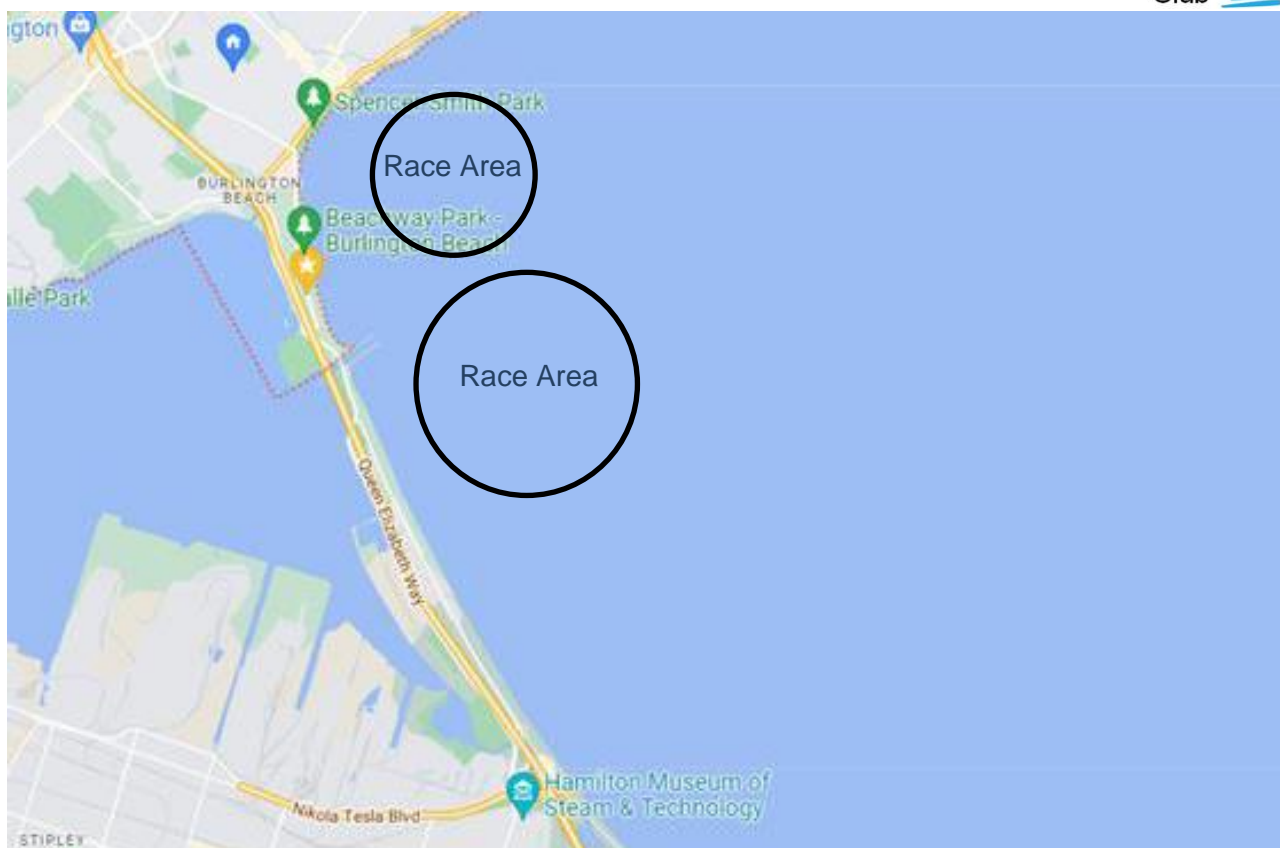
- 18.1** For further information, please contact:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/873692134259617>

Addendum A – Racing Area



PRACTICAL INFORMATION **(NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)**

1. COVID-19 NOTICE

The Organizing Authority is fully committed to the safety of all competitors participating in these events. The event will occur as scheduled, though COVID-19 may require format changes. Depending on local conditions at the time, skippers' meetings or awards parties may be held virtually or in new locations, specific launching and docking instructions may be issued, and similar adaptations may be made in full communication with the competitors. The Organizing Authority will follow all applicable government regulations and prudent best practices to mitigate any possible health risks; and we ask you to do the same for yourself and your fellow competitors.

2. ACCOMMODATION

2.1 RV, Trailers, Tent Parking:

Unfortunately, no overnight camping will be available at the race venue. The closest park is Bronte Creek Provincial Park (<https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/brontecreek>) with accommodations for RVs, trailers and tents only 16 km (10 miles) from the event venue. Reservations are recommended.

2.2 Burlington Hotels:

The Waterfront Hotel – Located in downtown Burlington and a short walk to BBCC
2020 Lakeshore Road
Burlington, ON.

<https://www.waterfronthotelburlington.com>

The Pearl Hotel & Spa

3 Elizabeth Street,
Burlington, ON

<https://thepearlehotel.ca>

Holiday Inn

3063 South Service Road
Burlington, ON

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/burlington/yurca/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-HI_-CA_-YURCA

2.3 Other Accommodations:

The event venue is also located within walking distance to numerous condominiums and homes through AirBnB.

