

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2015 Hobie Cat

# NSW State Championships

**5th and 6th December 2015**

**Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club**

**Soldiers Point, Port Stephens**

**New South Wales**



## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:
  - a) Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Changes RRS Rule 40.

## 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be as defined by ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be provided with, and required to display and maintain Sponsors stickers on port and starboard hulls, in a location as described in Regulation 20

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Hobie Class Association classes.
- 3.2 Competitors shall be current members of an Association or fleet which is a financial member with the IHCA and is affiliated with a member national yachting authority
- 3.3 Competitors shall be members a sailing club affiliated with Yachting Australia or a National Authority
- 3.4 A minimum of 5 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel racing for that class.
- 3.5 Entry shall be made online at [www.nsw.hobiecat.asn.au](http://www.nsw.hobiecat.asn.au)

## 4 FEES

- 4.1 Required registration fees are in \$AUD as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Online entry (by 30/11/15)</i>	<i>Enter after 30/11/15</i>
2 Person boat	\$140	\$200
1 Person boat	\$90	\$150
Hobie Youth	\$110	\$170

Registration fee includes Saturday Night meal for skipper and crew at PSSAC on 4/12/15

## 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Late Registration and Weigh in:
  - Saturday 5th December 2015 0830 to 1000
- 5.2 Briefing:
  - Saturday 5th December 2015 1030

5.3 Schedule of racing: -

<u>Date</u>	<u>All Classes</u>
Saturday	5th December 2015 racing (no start before 1100)
Sunday	6th December 2015 racing (no start before 0930 or after 1500)

5.4 Number of races: -

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Races per session</u>
All Classes	up to 12	up to 4

5.5 Presentation of Trophies

The presentation will be held after completion of racing on Sunday 6th December 2015

## 6 MEASUREMENTS

Measurement is not required, but it is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure their boat complies with the IHCA Class Rules. Random measurement and inspection checks may be carried out at any time during the championships.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available to competitors on completion of registration.

## 8 VENUE

Attachment "A" shows the venue and location of the racing area.

## 9 THE COURSES

The course(s) to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all Hobie classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 11 SCORING

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

## **12 SAFETY**

12.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a National Authority or a standards organisation, or certification authority. **Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2**

## **13 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team Managers, Coaches and other support personnel shall keep 100m clear of the course area after the warning signal, except in boats provided by the organising authority or when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

## **14 BOAT STORAGE**

Boats and trailers shall be kept in the areas assigned by PSSAC.

## **15 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

## **16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the following classes depending on the number of entrants: -

- Hobie 14
- Hobie 16 Open
- Hobie 16 Youth
- Hobie 16 Women
- Hobie 16 Masters
- Hobie 16 Grandmasters
- Hobie 17
- Hobie 18
- Hobie Tiger
- Hobie Wildcat

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## **17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and the boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) These terms do not operate to exclude any provision of the Australian Consumer Law that applies and cannot be excluded by agreement.

## **19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1 All boats competing shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident.
- 19.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. Adequate race insurance is also recommended for this event.

## **20. AMENDMENTS**

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event web site at:  
[www.nsw.hobiecat.asn.au](http://www.nsw.hobiecat.asn.au)

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the organisers via the website [www.nsw.hobiecat.asn.au](http://www.nsw.hobiecat.asn.au)

## IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO THE SAILORS:

### GENERAL

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.

### ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!

Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

## Attachment A

