



Sailing Instructions

2015/16 NSW Hobie Class Association State Championships (Open / Youth / Women / Masters / Grandmasters)

4th and 5th December 2015

Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club

Soldiers Point, Port Stephens

New South Wales

1. RACING RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 1.3 No national prescriptions 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. This changes RRS Rule 40.
- 1.5 Under rule 87, IHCA General Rule 17.8 a and b), IHCA Hobie 16 Rules 7.2 and 7.3 are changed as follows:
 - a) The helmsperson for Master series shall be 45 years or older at the commencement of the event. (This changes IHCA Rule 17.8 a.)
 - b) The helmsperson for Grand Master series shall be 55 years or older at the commencement of the event. The age of crew members in Grand Master series is open. (This changes IHCA Rule 17.8 b).
 - b) The minimum combined women's crew weight for women's class racing events shall be 129.3 kg. (This changes IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.2).
 - c) For the purpose of Youth Events, the minimum weight shall be 129.3 kg. (This changes IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.3).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the clubhouse
- 2.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day they will take effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before they are to take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole in front of the clubhouse
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sat December 4 th 2015		
Sailors Meeting	1030	PSSAC
Racing	First Warning signal 1100	PSSAC
Sun December 5 th 2015		
Racing	First Warning signal 0930	PSSAC

- 4.1 Racing may be back to back (max of 4 races per session) with a maximum of **12** races for the series.
- 4.2 When back-to-back races are to be held, the Race Committee Signals Vessel will display the Answering Pennant at the finish line. The warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race.
- 4.3 On Sunday, December 5th, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

5. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be advised at the Sailor's Meeting.

6. RACE AREA

The race area will be on the waters in the vicinity of the PSSAC. See Attachment B.

7. PROHIBITED SAILING

- 7.1 There are no prohibited sailing areas.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The International Hobie Cat Class Courses will be used as shown in Attachment A.
- 8.2 All marks, except gates are to be left to port.
- 8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.4 The offset mark, if used, is defined as a mark located approximately 50 to 100 metres from the windward mark at right angles to the wind direction. It applies both at the beginning of downwind legs and at reaches.
- 8.5 Each race is to take approximately 45 minutes.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 All Marks will be notified at the sailors meeting
- 9.2 A Race Committee boat signalling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the port end start mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.2.
- 10.5 Start line obstruction: The start line shall rank as an obstruction for classes previously started while other classes are starting and in sequence until after the last class has **successfully** started.
- 10.6 Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 5 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. (This changes rule 28.1).

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the finish mark.
- 12.2 Finish Line Obstruction: The finish line shall rank as an obstruction when a blue flag or shape is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the finish line.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS

There will be no time limit. Boats may be 'Finished On Course' (FOC) at the discretion of the race committee. All boats notified 'FOC' shall return immediately to the start area while avoiding any boats still racing.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the sailing office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the PSSAC clubhouse beginning at the first reasonable opportunity after the completion of racing.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.
- 16.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 16.3 When fewer than **4** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 16.4 When **4** to **11** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **worst** score.
- 16.5 When **12** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **two worst**.
- 16.6 All boat weight, crew weight, and equipment violations will be scored Disqualification Not Excludable. Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the protest committee, or regatta officials.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 All boats must sign on before the commencement of racing and sign off after the completion of racing or when retired within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing. Boats failing to do so will be scored a DSQ. Where races are held which are back to back, sign-on is required before the first of the back to back races, and sign off is required after the last of the back to back races.
- 17.3 The sign on sheets will be located at the Clubhouse. Breaches of instruction 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Crew substitution will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee under the provisions of General Class Rule 17
- 18.2 For substitution of sails, General Class Rule 12.3 applies.
- 18.3 Substitution of other damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat shall comply with an instruction by a Race Committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

All race committee boats will notified at the sailors meeting.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in the Hobie 16 Open class, and top 2 in all other divisions. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter an event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. **Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race.** The Organising Authority, and the respective host class association(s), their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an event or how so ever arising in connection with an event.
- 24.2 The sponsors, organising authority and their officers, members, servants and agents and all parties involved in the organisation and conduct of the regatta shall not be liable in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage howsoever caused which may occur whether ashore or afloat during or in conjunction with the regatta.
- 24.3 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions do not limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of each competitor for the management and care of a boat that he or she has entered in the regatta.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 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.

26. SPECIAL NOTES

- 26.1 Race Committee boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 26.2 The Race Committee will not answer any questions on the water.
- 26.3 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from a Race Committee boat will be scored Did Not Finish. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

27. IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO COMPETITORS

- 27.1 If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.
- 27.2 Before raising the mast and always whilst 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.**

28. ADVERTISING

- 28.1 Advertising will be as defined by ISAF Regulation 20.
- 28.2 Boats **may** be provided with, and required to display and maintain sponsors advertising on port and starboard hulls, in a location acceptable to the organizing authority.

Attachment A – Illustrating the Course

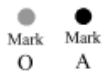
IHCA STANDARD COURSES

No	Course	Finish	Race Committee Options		
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G	1O	1GO
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G	2O	2GO
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind		3O	
4	(S) A C A B C A	(F) Downwind		4O	
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G	5O	5GO
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G	6O	6GO
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind		7O	

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish, O = offset mark

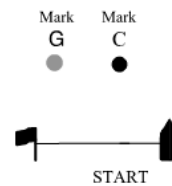
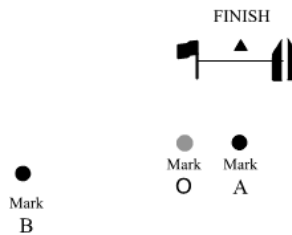
"B" MARK LOCATION: The Race Committee will endeavour to locate "B" Mark, the reaching mark, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of the windward or leeward mark

Course Configuration A (to be used with course 1 and 2 only)



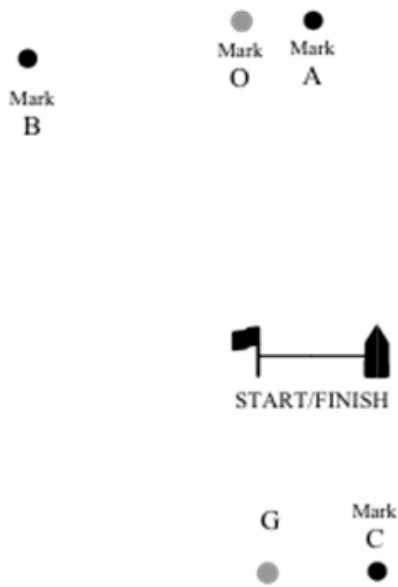
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(OR) Course Configuration B (may be used with all courses except 1 and 2)



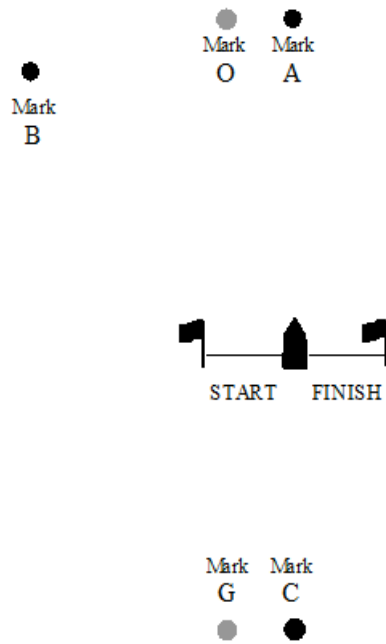
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(OR) Course Configuration C
(may be used with all courses)



Mark O & Mark G are options that may be used by the Race Committee

(OR) Course Configuration D
(may be used with all courses)



Mark O & Mark G are options that may be used by the Race Committee

Attachment B – Course Area

