

NSW HOBIE 14, WOMENS & YOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

AND

DRAGOON AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organising authority is the Vincentia Sailing Club (VSC) in conjunction with the NSW Hobie Class Association (NSWHCA).

SUNDAY 2nd – TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022

VINCENTIA SAILING CLUB, VINCENTIA NSW

Notice of Race (NoR)



IMPORTANT NOTE:

This event is taking place in accordance with NSW COVID-19 restrictions.

If any NSW entrants are unable to travel due to COVID-19 related lockdowns this event will be POSTPONED.

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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2.** IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy shall apply.
- 1.3.** The prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.4.** The current Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 1.5.** RRS40 is changed as follows:
Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.6.** It is a requirement of entry that compliance with current NSW COVID19 restrictions is observed. Failure to do so or not comply with requests from the Organising Authority may result in disqualification.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1.** The sailing instructions (SI) will be available after 09:00 Thursday 30 December 2021 on the notice board at VSC and on the event website at <https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au>
- 2.2.** Printed copies will not be available.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1.** The Official Notice Board is located at the VSC House.
- 3.2.** The Online Notice board is located at <https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au>
- 3.3.** Event Notifications on NSW HCA Facebook page.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1.** The state titles are for class legal Hobie 14, Hobie 16 & Dragoon catamarans of the International Hobie Class Association.
- 4.2.** The event is open to all boats of the International Hobie Class Association. Suitable courses will be set up for non-championship boats on all race days.
- 4.3.** Each Skipper shall be a current member of an Association or fleet which is a financial member with the IHCA and is affiliated with a member National Yachting Authority.
- 4.4.** All competitors shall be members of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a National Authority.
- 4.5.** A minimum of 3 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient registrations for a class are not received by 09:00 Saturday 01 January 2022, the Organising Authority reserves

the right to cancel championship racing for that class.

4.6. Entry and payment shall be made online at <https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au>

5. FEES

5.1. Required registration fees are in \$AUD as follows:

<i><u>Class</u></i>	<i><u>Enter before</u></i> <i><u>01/12/2021</u></i>	<i><u>Enter from</u></i> <i><u>01/12/2021</u></i>
H14 State Championship	\$140	\$190
H14 Youth/Womens State Championship	\$120	\$170
H16 Youth/Womens State Championship	\$190	\$240
Dragoon	\$160	\$210
All Other Classes of Hobie Cat	\$190	\$240

5.2. If the event is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions all fees will be refunded. 5.3. Entries close at 09:00 Friday 31st December 2022.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Advertising will be as defined by World Sailing Regulation 20.

6.2. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration and Weigh-in:

Thursday (additional)	30 December 2021	1200 -1300
Friday (additional)	31 December 2021	0800 - 1000
Sunday	02 January 2022	0800 - 1000

7.2. Briefing:

Sunday	02 January 2022	1000 @ VSC Clubhouse
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7.3. Schedule of events:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>All Classes</i>
Friday	31 December 2021	VSC's Round the Bay Rally (non-States event)
Saturday	01 January 2022	Hobie Social Afternoon - 12pm onwards

Sunday	02 January 2022	Racing (no warning signal before 12:00) Post-race drinks @ VSC Beer Garden.
Monday	03 January 2022	Racing (no warning signal before 09:00) Post-race drinks @ VSC Beer Garden.
Tuesday	04 January 2022	Racing (no warning signal before 09:00 or after 16:00) Post-race drinks @ VSC Beer Garden.
Wednesday	05 January 2022	<i>Racing (no warning signal before 09:00 or after 14:00) Presentation @ Vincentia Country Club from 18:00 Meal tickets to be available for purchase @VSC Clubhouse</i>

7.4. Number of races:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Session per day</i>	<i>Races per session</i>
All Classes	Max - 16	Up to 2	Up to 4

7.5. Presentation:

- To be held at the Vincentia Country Club @1800hrs on 05/01/2022

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 12:00 Friday 31st December 2021.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time
- 8.3. Each boat shall comply with the International Hobie Class Rules
- 8.4. [DP] A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the regatta.

9. VENUE

Vincentia Sailing Club, Plantation Point Reserve, Jervis Bay – location and map to be provided

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be Standard IHCA course(s).
- 10.2. The marks will be as per sailing instructions (SI)

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. For all Hobie classes RRS44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. Current IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy Applies

12. SCORING

- 12.1.** Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2.** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3.** When from four to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4.** 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.

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 VSC while off the water.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1.** 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 affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority. Attention is drawn to RRS 1.2
- 15.2.** Sailors are strongly recommended to use TRAPEZE HARNESSSES with a quick release hookless system or a quick release hook, which meets the ISO 10862 standard. **15.3.** HELMETS - If sailors wish to wear head protection it is strongly recommended that they use helmets of European standard EN1385

16. RISK STATEMENT

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. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that: **16.1.** 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;

- 16.2.** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.3.** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 16.4.** 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;

16.5. 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; **16.6.**

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

16.7. These terms do not operate to exclude any provision of the Australian Consumer Law that applies and cannot be excluded by agreement.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third party liability coverage of at least AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) (or equivalent) per incident.

17.2. Competitors will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry.

18. PRIZES

18.1. Trophies will be awarded to the following classes depending on the number of entrants:

- Hobie 14 Opens: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th
- Hobie 14 Youth: 1st
- Hobie 14 Women : 1st
- Hobie 14 Masters: 1st
- Hobie 14 Grand Masters: 1st
- Hobie 14 Non-Trapeze 1st
- Hobie 14 Great-Grand Master: 1st
- Hobie 16 Women: 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Hobie 16 Youth: 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Hobie Dragoon: 1st, 2nd & 3rd

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

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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.

20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Class 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.

21. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event website at:

<https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au>

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the organisers via the website

<https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au>

23. 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!