

NSW HOBIE 14, HOBIE 16 WOMENS & YOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

AND

THE FIRST HOBIE DRAGON AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

SUNDAY 2nd – WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022

VINCENTIA SAILING CLUB, VINCENTIA NSW

Sailing Instructions



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 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:

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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SKIPPERS' MEETING

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the VSC clubhouse.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08:00 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.
- 2.3. There will be a competitor's meeting at 10:00 hours on Sunday 2nd January 2022. Other competitor's meetings may be scheduled as required.
- 2.4. Competitors must be aware of other classes racing, and keep clear of boats starting and racing, when sailing to and from the course.

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 20 minutes' in race signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE - All Classes

Day 1	Sun 2nd Jan 2022	
Late Registration / Weigh in	0700 - 0800	VSC
Sailors Meeting	0830	VSC
First warning signal	Not before 1000	VSC
Official Post-Race Debrief @ VSC & Jervis Bay Brewing Co. Beer Garden	Post-racing	VSC
Day 2	Mon 3rd Jan 2022	
First warning signal	Not before 0900	VSC
Official Post-Race Debrief @ VSC & Jervis Bay Brewing Co. Beer Garden	Post-racing	VSC
Day 3	Tue 4th Jan 2022	
First warning signal	Not before 0900	VSC
Official Post-Race Debrief @ VSC & Jervis Bay Brewing Co. Beer Garden	Post-racing	VSC
Day 4	Wed 5th Jan 2022	
First warning signal	Not before 0900	VSC
Last warning signal	No later than 1400	VSC
Presentation & Closing Party	1800	Vincentia Country Club

- 4.1. Racing may be back-to-back with a maximum of 4 races per session and 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 the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

5. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as follows:

FLAG	CLASS
Purple Hobie Class Flag	Hobie 14
Pink Hobie Class Flag	Hobie 16 Women, Hobie 16 Youth, H16 Open
Grey Hobie Class Flag	Hobie Dragoon

6. RACE AREA

The race area will be on the waters in the vicinity of the VSC. See Attachment A

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 B.
- 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 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. Target time for each race is between 30-45 minutes.

9. MARKS (Attachment C)

- 9.1. H16 Mark A will be a large inflatable orange buoy. H16 Mark O will be a pole with green Flag.
- 9.2. H14 both Mark A & Mark O will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
 - **H14 Course 'M' ONLY:** After the first lap, Mark A & O will become two "Top Marks", where boats shall have the option to round either mark from **outside to inwards**.
 - Boats on a Starboard tack will round the Starboard Buoy (Mark A) to Port.
 - Boats on a Port tack will round the Port Buoy (Mark O) to Starboard.
- 9.3. Dragoon Mark A will be a large inflatable orange mark. *There will be no Dragoon Mark O.*
- 9.4. For all classes: Marks C and G (Gates) will be yellow self-inflating buoys.
- 9.5. The starting and finishing line port end mark will be a pole with an orange flag.
- 9.6. 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 preparatory 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 only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

14. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

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 60 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 Vincentia Sailing Club 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** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **worst** score.

- 16.5. When **11** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **two worst** scores.
- 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.

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. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

All race committee boats will be identified 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

23.1. 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

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

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 will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry. Any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. **Competitors that fail to produce evidence of insurance are not eligible to compete.** 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.

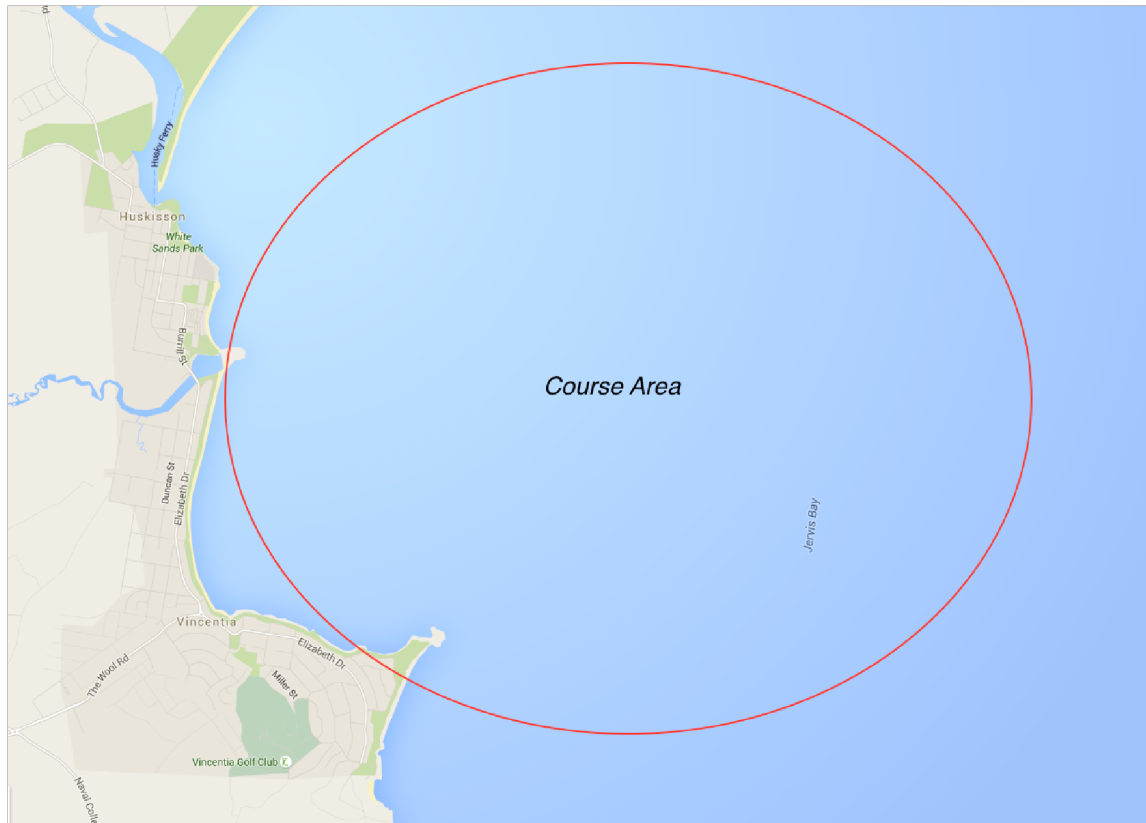
27. IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO COMPETITORS

- 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 If provided, boats shall be required to display and maintain Sponsorship stickers on port and starboard hulls, in a location acceptable to the organising authority.

Attachment A – Course Area



Attachment B – 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)

Mark O Mark A

Mark G Mark C



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

(OR) Course Configuration B

(may be used with all courses except 1 and 2)



Mark B

Mark O Mark A

Mark G Mark C



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

(OR) Course Configuration C

(may be used with all courses)

Mark B

Mark O Mark A



G Mark C

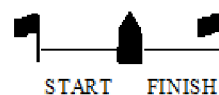
Mark O & Mark G are options that may be used by the Race Committee

(OR) Course Configuration D

(may be used with all courses)

Mark B

Mark O Mark A



Mark G Mark C

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

Attachment C

