



# 2022 Beware the Bullets Regatta incorporating the NSW Hobie Cat State Titles

The organising authority is the Palm Beach Sailing Club (PBSC), in conjunction with the New South Wales Hobie Cat Association (NSWHCA).

**Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th November 2022**

**Palm Beach Sailing Club NSW**

# Sailing Instructions



## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The 2022 Beware the Bullets regatta incorporates the NSW Hobie 16, 14T, Tiger and Wildcat State Titles.

## **2. RACING RULES**

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2. For the NSW Hobie Cat State Titles portion of the event the Class Rules of the International Hobie Cat Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 2.3. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 2.4. 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.*

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SKIPPERS' MEETING**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the PBSC registration tent.
- 3.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800hrs on the day they will take effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before they are to take effect.
- 3.3. There will be a competitor's meeting at 1000hrs on Saturday 19th November 2022. Other competitor's meetings may be scheduled as required.
- 3.4. Competitors must be aware of other classes racing, and keep clear of boats starting and racing, when sailing to and from the course.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flagpole at the Southern end of Sand Point Lane.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE - All Classes

Day 1	Sat 19th Nov 2022	
Registration / Weigh in	0830hrs – 1000hrs	PBSC
Sailors Meeting	1000hrs	PBSC
First warning signal	Not before 1055hrs	PBSC
Official Post-Race Debrief / Dinner	Post-racing	Palm Beach Club
Day 2	Sun 20th Nov 2022	
First warning signal	Not before 0855	PBSC
Last race start	Not after 1500	PBSC
Presentation	ASAP Post-racing	PBSC

- 5.1. Racing may be back-to-back with a maximum of 4 races per session and maximum of 12 races for the series.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be as follows:

FLAG	CLASS
Fluorescent Yellow Flag	Hobie 14 Turbo
Pink Flag	Hobie 16
Purple Hobie 18 Class Flag	Hobie 18 (Not state titles)
F18 while and Pink Class Flag	F18, F16, incl Tiger and Wildcat (Hobie state title entrants)
White	miscellaneous

## **7. RACE AREA**

7.1. The race area will be on the waters in the vicinity of the PBSC. Attachment A.

## **8. PROHIBITED SAILING**

8.1. Boats are prohibited from sailing between a boat fixed to a mooring and the shore.

## **9. COURSES (Attachment B)**

9.1. The Courses will be used as shown in Attachment B.

9.2. The number of laps will be displayed on a board on the start boat.

9.3. All marks, except gates are to be left to port.

9.4. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9.5. 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.

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

## **10. MARKS (Attachment B)**

10.1. Mark A1 will be a large inflatable conical Blue Buoy.

10.2. Mark A2 will be a large inflatable conical White Buoy.

10.3. Offset Marks will be small orange conical buoys.

10.4. For all classes: Marks Cand G (Gates) will be orange self-inflating buoys.

10.5. The starting and finishing line port end mark will be small orange spherical buoy.

10.6. A Race Committee boat signaling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

## **11. THE START**

11.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. 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.

11.3. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

- 11.4. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.2.
- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. 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.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling 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.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the finish mark.
- 13.2. 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.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. 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.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the PBSC sign on / off desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. 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.

16.3. 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 a location assigned by the race committee beginning at the first reasonable opportunity after the completion of racing.

## 17. SCORING

17.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.

17.2. **1** race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. When fewer than **4** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

17.4. 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.

17.5. When **10** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **two worst** scores.

17.6. For Hobie State Titles participants only 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.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. Crew substitution will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee, for Hobie Cat State Titles participants this will be under the provisions of General Class Rule 17

19.2. For Hobie State titles participants, for substitution of sails, General Class Rule 12.3 applies.

19.3. 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.

## 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. 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.

## 21. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

## 22. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

22.1. All race committee boats will be identified at the sailors meeting.

## 23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1. 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.

## 24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

## 25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1. 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.

25.2. 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.

25.3. 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.

## 26. INSURANCE

- 26.1. All boats competing shall have third party insurance cover of not less than **AUD\$10,000,000** or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident.
- 26.2. 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 a requirement for this event.

## 27. SPECIAL NOTES

- 27.1. Race Committee boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 27.2. The Race Committee will not answer any questions on the water.
- 27.3. 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.

## 28. SAFETY NOTES TO COMPETITORS

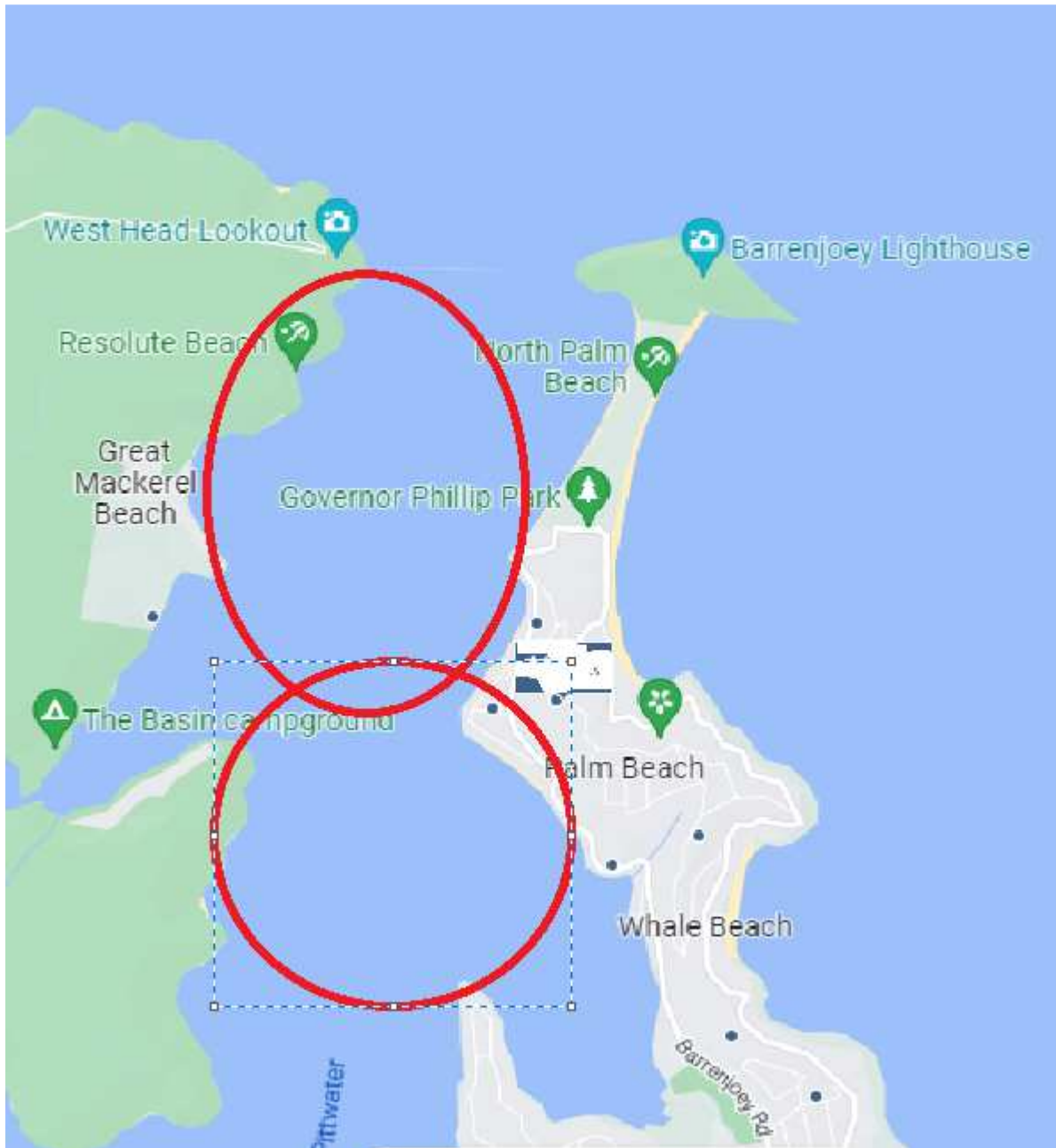
- 28.1. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.
- 28.2. Before raising the mast and always whilst sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, **avoid it. A mast coming in contact or even near an electrical power line can cause serious injury or death to people on or touching the boat.**

## 29. ADVERTISING

- 29.1. Advertising will be as defined by World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 29.2. 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.

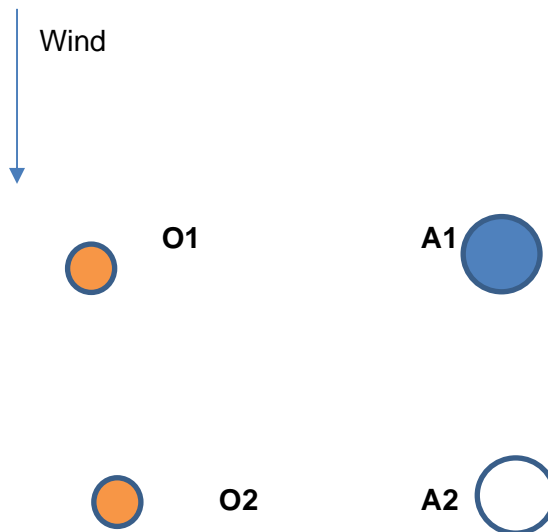


**Attachment A – Course Area**



**Attachment B – Course**

**Not to Scale**



**1 Lap**

S, A, O, F

**2 Laps**

S, A, O, G, A, O, F

**3 Laps**

S, A, O, G, A, O, G, A, O, F



A1 and O1 mark will be used by F16/18. The remainder of classes will use A2 and O2.

S = start, A = weather mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish, O = offset mark is used.