# 2025 NSW Hobie Wave
# State Championships

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

## Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th September 2025

## Vincentia Sailing Club, Jervis Bay

## Sailing Instructions

## 1. RACING 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:
1.5.1. 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.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices will be posted on the official notice board located at the VSC.
2.2. Event notifications will be sent via NSWHCA Members WhatsApp.
2.3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled start time on the day they will take effect. Changes will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before they are to take effect.

## 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

## 4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Event Schedule

| **Friday 5th Sept 2025** | **Time** | **Location** |
|---|---|---|
| Wave Training Session (Optional) | 1600 - 1800 | VSC |
| **Saturday 6th Sept 2025** | **Time** | **Location** |
| Registration & Weigh In | 1000 hrs - 1030 hrs | VSC |
| Briefing | 1030 hrs | VSC |
| Racing - Session One | 1100 hrs - 1230 hrs | Jervis Bay |
| Racing - Session Two | 1300 hrs - 1430 hrs | Jervis Bay |
| Racing - Session Three | 1500 hrs - 1630 hrs | Jervis Bay |
| Dinner | 1800 hrs | Sandbar, Huskisson |
| **Sunday 7th Sept 2025** | **Time** | **Location** |
| Racing - Session Three | 1000 hrs - 1200 hrs | Jervis Bay |
| Finals Series | 1300 hrs | Jervis Bay |
| Presentation | ASAP post-racing | VSC |

4.2. Number of races:

| Series | Total | Session per day | Races per session |
|---|---|---|---|
| Qualifying Series | max twelve (per entrant) | three | N/A |
| Finals | six | one | six |

4.3. Qualifying Series

4.3.1. The QS will determine entrants who will be permitted to advance to the Open Championship Series.

4.3.2. The number of entrants in the Qualifying Series will determine the competition format to be used and will be announced on 6th September 2025 by 1030 hrs. Boat and race assignments for the Qualifying Series will be announced prior to the first race of the Qualifying Series.

4.3.3. Qualifying Series will be conducted over one and a half days, weather permitting. Days or races lost during the Qualifying Series due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the Race Committee will not be made up provided each entrant sails at least four qualifying races.

4.4. Open Finals

4.4.1. Boat and race assignments of the entrants from Qualifying Series who advance to the Open Finals will be announced preceding the start of the Finals series.

4.4.2. The number of Qualifying Series entrants who advance to the Open Finals is dependent upon the number of Waves provided for the event.

4.4.3. Entrants will change boats after each race.

4.4.4. If, at the end of both the Semi Finals and the Finals Races (the Championship Series), each entrant has five or more total races, one discard race will be allowed. The final total score for each entrant will be the total score of all races in the Finals only, excluding the discard if five or more races are completed. The results will be announced at the Awards Party.

## 5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1.

| Flag | Class |
|---|---|
| Green Hobie Class Flag | Hobie Wave |

## 6. RACE AREA

6.1. The race area will be on the waters in the vicinity of the VSC, close to shore. See Attachment A.

6.2. The start line does NOT rank as an obstruction.

## 7. PROHIBITED SAILING

7.1. Competitors whilst racing shall not sail within 30 metres of moored boats.

**8. COURSES**

8.1. Course details are provided on Attachment B.

**9. MARKS**

9.1. Description of marks will be provided at the briefing at VSC.

**10. THE START**

10.1. Races will be started by using a 3 minute sequence.
10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the 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. 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. There will be no change of course made during a race.

**12. THE FINISH**

12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the finish mark.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1. Rule 44.1 is changed as follows:
13.1.1. A boat who infringes upon another must get one boat length behind the infringed boat immediately.
13.1.2. A boat who breaks the start must reposition behind all boats that started within the first 10 seconds of the race before reaching the turning mark.
13.1.2.1. Position may be advised by the on water jury. On-water jury vessels will be advised at briefing.

**14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1. Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.
14.2. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
14.3. The target time for each race is between 7-10 minutes. Failure to meet target times will not be cause for protest.

**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 the timing and venue of hearings in which they are parties.

**16. SCORING**

16.1. The Wave Grand Prix series will be a cumulative point score series as follows:

- 1st = 10pts.
- 2nd = 9pts.
- 3rd = 8pts.
- 4th = 7pts.
- 5th = 6pts.
- 6th = 5pt.
- 7th = 4pts.
- 8th = 3pts.

16.2. For the Finals Series, scoring will restart at zero.

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1. All helms persons are required to sign on each day before the first race of the day. Failure to do so will result in a 5-point penalty in the first race of the day but not worse than a DNC.

17.2. All helms persons retiring from racing are required to advise the race committee ASAP.

**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**

19.1. 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.

**20. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

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

**21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS**

21.1. All race committee boats will be identified at briefing.

**22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

22.1. 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.

**23. PRIZES**

23.1. Trophies will be awarded to the following divisions depending on the number of entrants:

23.1.1. Trophies will be awarded to the qualifying series results:

23.1.1.1. Hobie Wave Open

23.1.1.2. Family Teams (minimum three entrants for multiple boats)

23.1.1.3. Women, Youth, Junior & Masters

23.1.2. 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**

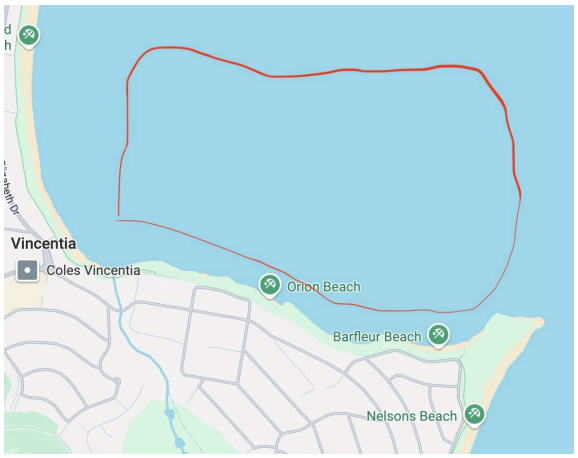
25.1. All boats utilised shall have third party insurance cover of not less than **AUD$5,000,000** or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident.

25.2. All BYO boat owners will be required to supply insurance details prior to the event. Any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

**26. ADVERTISING**

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

**Attachment A: Vincentia Sailing Club Racing Area**




**Attachment B: NSW Hobie Wave States Courses & Marks**

- Course 1: Start - O(P/S) - G1/G2 - A1/A2 - O(P/S) - Finish
- Course 2: Start - O(P/S) - G1/G2 - A1/A2 - G1/G2 - A1/A2- O(P/S) - Finish
- Course 3: Start - O(P/S) - G1/G2 - A1/A2 - G1/G2 - A1/A2- G1/G2 - A1/A2 - O(P/S) - Finish

