

2026 NSW Hobie Cat State Championships

The organising authority is the NSW Hobie Class Association (NSWHCA), in conjunction with Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club (WASC).

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th February 2026

Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club

Notice of Race



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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions (SI) will be available from Friday 13th February 2026 on the notice board at WASC and on the event website at <https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au/event/2026-nsw-state-championships-wangi-wangi/>
- 2.2. One Printed copy will be available at WASC on Friday 13th February 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located at the WASC clubhouse.
- 3.2. Event Notifications will be sent via NSW HCA Members WhatsApp & NSW HCA Facebook page.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Hobie Class Association.
- 4.2. The State Championships are for Hobie Wave & Dragoon, Hobie 14, and Women & Youth Divisions for the Hobie 16 & Hobie 18. All other Hobie Cats, regardless of class or division, are welcome to attend.
- 4.3. At least ONE person on each boat shall be a current member of an Association or fleet which is a financial member with the IHCA and is affiliated with a member Australian Sailing.
- 4.4. All competitors shall be members of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a National Authority.
- 4.5. A minimum of TWO entries is required to form a class. If sufficient registrations for a class are not received by 2330 Friday 13 February 2026, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel championship racing for that class.
- 4.6. Entry and payment shall be made online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/nswhobiecat/events/276046>

5. FEES

- 5.1. Required registration fees are in \$AUD as follows:
- 5.2.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Enter BEFORE 09/02/26</u>	<u>Enter AFTER 09/02/26</u>
Single-Handed OPEN	\$150	\$250
Single-Handed YOUTH	\$125	\$225
Double-handed OPEN	\$200	\$300

Double-handed YOUTH	\$175	\$280
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5.3. Entries close at 1200 Friday 13 February 2026.

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.

Saturday 14th February 2026	Time	Location
Registration	0800 - 1000hrs	WASC
Briefing	1000 hrs	WASC
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1130 hrs	Lake Macquarie
Post-Racing	Post-racing drinks & dinner	Wangi RSL
Sunday 15th February 2026	Time	Location
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1000 hrs No warning signal after 1600 hrs	Lake Macquarie
Presentation	ASAP post-racing	WASC

7.2. Number of races:

Class	Total	Session per day	Races per session
Hobie 14, 16/18	up to ten	up to two	up to five
Dragoon & Waves	eight	one	three

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection at any time.

8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

8.3. Each boat shall comply with the International Hobie Class Rules. If a boat is unable to comply with IHCA Class Rules, they must prove they have made conscious effort to adhere to the class rules.

8.4. [DP] A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the regatta.

9. VENUE

9.1. Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club, Lake Macquarie

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 four to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. When 10 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

- 13.1. 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

- 14.1. Boats and trailers shall be kept in the areas assigned by WASC 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

- 16.1. 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:

- 16.1.1. 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.
- 16.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 16.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 16.1.4. 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.
- 16.1.5. 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.
- 16.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 16.1.7. 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 Certificate of Currency as part of the online entry.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Trophies will be awarded to the following classes depending on the number of entrants:
 - 18.1.1. Hobie 14 Open,
 - 18.1.2. Hobie 14 Womens
 - 18.1.3. Hobie 14 Age Divisions:
 - 18.1.3.1. Youth, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters
 - 18.1.4. Hobie 14 Weight Divisions:
 - 18.1.4.1. Fleabag, Medium-Rare & Cruise Controller
 - 18.1.5. Hobie 16/18 Women & Youth
 - 18.1.6. Dragoon & Wave
- 18.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1. 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

- 20.1. 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

- 21.1. Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event website at:
<https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au/event/2026-nsw-state-championships-wangi-wangi/>

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1. For further information please contact the organisers via the email info@nsw.hobiecat.asn.au

23. IHCA SAFETY NOTE TO 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!