

2026 NSW Hobie Cat State Championships

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

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th February 2026

Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions



1. RACING RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Should an inconsistency between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions occur, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3. The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
 - 1.3.1. Hobie Cat 14 Class Rules 3.4 & 3.4 modifications/exemptions are applied.
Please read [HERE](#) for more information.
- 1.4. Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1. 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. This changes RRS Rule 40.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the WASC and posted on the NSWHCA Members Chat.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled start time on the day they will take effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 20:00hrs on the day before they are to take effect.
- 2.3. 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 Flagpole in front of the WASC.
- 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.

Saturday 14th February 2026	Time	Location
Registration	0900 - 1000hrs	WASC
Briefing	1000 hrs	WASC
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1130 hrs	Lake Macquarie
Dinner & SailGP Watchparty	Post-Racing	Wangi RSL
Annual General Meeting	1800 hrs	WASC / RSL
Sunday 15th February 2026	Time	Location
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1000 hrs No warning signal after 1500 hrs	Lake Macquarie
Presentation	ASAP post-racing	WASC

- 4.2. Racing may be back to back with a maximum of 10 races scheduled.
- 4.3. No more than five races can be held in one session.
- 4.4. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1.

Flag	Class
Green Hobie Class Flag	Hobie 14
Pink Hobie Class Flag	Dragoon, Wave
Grey Hobie Class Flag	Hobie 18, Hobie 16

6. RACE AREA

- 6.1. The race area will be on the waters in the vicinity of the WASC. See Attachment

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Course details are provided on Attachment B & Attachment C.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Description of marks will be provided at briefing at WASC.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the start mark.
- 9.3. A separator mark may be placed on the line for the Hobie 16/18 start, where the 18s will start on the starboard side and 16s on the port side.
- 9.4. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.2.
- 9.6. No race will be started in under 5 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. There will be no change of course made during a race.

11. THE FINISH

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

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The target time for each race is between 25-30 minutes. Failure to meet target times will not be cause for protest.

- 13.2. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 45 minutes.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes, Code flag F will be displayed and the said boat will be finished on course in their current position.
- 13.4. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.5. For scheduled long-distance races, there is no set time limit. The target time will be 90min - 120min.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the sailing office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. 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.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.
- 15.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 15.4. 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.
- 15.5. When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 15.6. 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.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. All helms persons are required to sign off each day before the expiry of protest time. Failure to do so will result in a 5-point penalty in the last race of the day but not worse than a DNC.
- 16.3. All helms persons retiring from racing are required to advise the race committee ASAP.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Crew substitution will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race

Committee under the provisions of General Class Rule 17.

17.2. For substitution of sails, General Class Rule 12.3 applies.

17.3. 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.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1. 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.

19. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

20. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

20.1. All race committee boats will be flying WASC burgees and/or identification.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1. 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.

22. PRIZES

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

22.1.1. Hobie 14 Open,

22.1.2. Hobie 14 Womens

22.1.3. Hobie 14 Age Divisions:

22.1.3.1. Youth, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters

22.1.4. Hobie 14 Weight Divisions:

22.1.4.1. Fleabag, Medium-Rare & Cruise Controller

22.1.5. Hobie 16/18 Open, Women & Youth

22.1.6. Dragoon & Wave

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

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1. 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.

- 23.2.** 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.
- 23.3.** 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.

24. INSURANCE

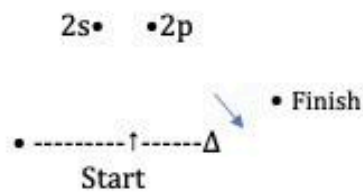
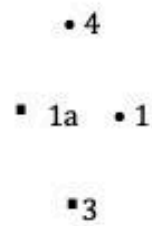
- 24.1.** All boats competing shall have third party insurance cover of not less than **AUD\$5,000,000** or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident.
- 24.2.** All owners/competitors will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry. Any competitor not holding 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.

25. ADVERTISING

- 25.1.** Advertising will be as defined by ISAF Regulation 20.
- 25.2.** 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: WASC Sailing Area

Attachment B: NSW Hobie Cat States Wangi Courses & Marks



Courses

Hobie 14s	Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1 or 1a, 2p, Finish (all rounding marks are to be taken to port except 2s/2p which is a gate which boat must sail between from the direction of the previous mark, however on the second upwind leg, sailors can choose to take mark 1 to port or mark 1a to starboard)
Dragoons	Start, 3, 2s/2p, 3, 2p, Finish (all rounding marks are to be taken to port except 2s/2p which is a gate which boat must sail between from the direction of the previous mark)
Other Hobie Cats	Start, 4, 2s/2p, 4, 2p, Finish (all rounding marks are to be taken to port except 2s/2p which is a gate which boat must sail between from the direction of the previous mark)