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2026 NSW Hobie Cat State Championships

The organising authority is the Jervis Bay Sailing Club (JBSC), in conjunction with the NSW Hobie Class Association (NSWHCA).

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th December 2026

Jervis Bay Sailing Club, Callala Bay

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 by Monday 7th December 2026 on the notice board at JBSC and on the event website at https://nsw.hobiecat.asn.au/event/2026-nsw-state-championships-callala-bay/
2.2. One Printed copy will be available at JBSC on Friday 11th December 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The Official Notice Board is located at the JBSC clubhouse.
3.2. Event Notifications will be sent via NSWHCA Members WhatsApp & NSWHCA 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 (100pts for the NSW Traveller Series) are for the Wave & Dragoon, Hobie 16 Open, Hobie 17 Open & Hobie 18 Open. All other Hobie Cats, regardless of class or division, are welcome to attend (50pts for the NSW Traveller Series)
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 Thursday 10th December 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/359803

5. FEES

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

Class	*Enter **BEFORE** 01/12/26*	*Enter **AFTER** 01/12/26*
Single-Handed OPEN	$125	$225
Single-Handed YOUTH	$105	$205

Double-handed OPEN	$145	$245
Double-handed YOUTH	$125	$225

5.3. Entries close at 1200 Friday 11th December 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.

Friday 11th December 2026	**Time**	**Location**
Round the Bay Rally Registration	1600 hrs	JBSC
Briefing	1700 hrs	JBSC
Race	1730 hrs	Jervis Bay
Saturday 12th December 2026	**Time**	**Location**
Registration	0900 - 1000 hrs	JBSC
Briefing	1000 hrs	JBSC
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1100 hrs	Calalla Bay
Post-Racing	Post-racing dinner	TBC
Sunday 13th December 2026	**Time**	**Location**
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1000 hrs No warning signal after 1500 hrs	Calalla Bay
Presentation	ASAP post-racing	JBSC

7.2. NOTE: The Round the Bay Rally is a long distance race between cardinals within the *moona moona* (waters of Jervis Bay). This race is NOT part of the State Titles; however, will be counted as a WILDCARD event in the NSW Traveller Series worth 50pts. All classes will be scored on yardstick.

7.3. 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	four

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. Jervis Bay Sailing Club, Callala Bay

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. One race is 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 JBSC 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 HARNESSES 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. Dragoon & Wave State Titles

18.1.2. Hobie 14

18.1.3. Hobie 16 Open State Titles
18.1.4. Hobie 17 Open State Titles
18.1.5. Hobie 18 Open State Titles

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-callala-bay/

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!