

# 2025 NSW Hobie Wave State Championships

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

**Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th September 2026**

**Vincentia Sailing Club, Jervis 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 from Monday 1st September 2026 on the notice board at GLSC and on the event website at
- 2.2. One Printed copy will not be available at VSC on Saturday 12th September 2026.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

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

## 4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The Regatta is open to all International Hobie Class Association legal Hobie Waves.
- 4.2. The NSW State Championships are for the Hobie Wave.
- 4.3. The Regatta will be an inclusive event, with priority entry given to previous competitors, novices, women & youth.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. All competitors shall be members of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.6. A minimum of 8 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient registrations for a class are not received by 2330 Friday 11th September 2026, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel championship racing for that class.
- 4.7. Entry and payment shall be made online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/>

## 5. Quotas

- 5.1. There will be two rounds in the States:
  - 5.1.1. Qualifying series
  - 5.1.2. Finals
- 5.2. Boats
  - 5.2.1. The VSC will supply 5 x Hobie Waves for the States. For competitors who bring their own Wave, the boats are to be utilised in the same capacity as the VSC Waves. Entrants providing a Wave for the regatta will receive a 50% discount of their entry fee.
  - 5.2.2. A refundable boat deposit of AUD \$100 will be required on site by every team. Damage deposits must be paid in cash in AUD \$100. No credit card payments will be accepted for damage deposits. Any damage to the boat will be the responsibility of the team using the boat unless otherwise

determined by the decision of a jury in a protest hearing. In the event of damage to the boat, the official beach crew will evaluate the damage and determine the cost to repair or replace damaged goods. The competitor's damage deposit will be debited to cover the damage to the boat. If damage is more than the AUD \$100, it will be the responsibility of the team that caused the damage to pay any additional charges over the AUD \$100.00. In addition, to continue sailing in the event any damage deposit that has been debited will need to be paid up so that AUD \$100 remains with the organising authority for the duration of the event. In the event that damage is the result of a collision and there is a protest decision; the team that is held responsible for the collision is responsible for paying any damage as a result of the collision to the other boat. Any damage deposit unused at the end of the event will be returned to the competitor.

5.2.3. The only allowable equipment additions to the boats shall be additional non-permanent tell tails; wind indicators, compass and class legal tiller extension. Boats and athletes may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. The equipment will be mounted by the Organising Authority. Competitors are allowed to add their own camera or mount to the boats. Competitors shall supply their own life jackets, and crew corrector weights if applicable.

### 5.3. Entries

5.3.1. Entries will be limited to the number of boats provided. Entry numbers must be a common multiple of the number of allocated boats.

5.3.1.1. e.g. 6 boats will allow for up to 12, 18, 24 etc. entries.

5.3.2. The organising authority has the right to manipulate teams to reach the closest common multiple.

## 6. FEES

6.1. Required registration fees are in \$AUD as follows:

6.2.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Enter <b>BEFORE</b> 31/08/26</u>	<u>Enter <b>AFTER</b> 01/09/26</u>
OPEN HELM	\$90	\$140
YOUTH HELM	\$70	\$120
ROCKSTARS* (See 6.6.)	\$20	\$40

6.3. If the event is cancelled, all fees will be refunded.

6.4. A 50% discount is applied to all entrants supplying a Hobie Wave. This will be refunded by the Organising Committee.

6.5. Entries close at 1000 Saturday 12th September 2026.

6.6. Rockstar entrants are defined as sailors with a high-level of regatta experience, having raced in multiple State & National Championships. Rockstars are encouraged to be in attendance and be available on a standby list to:

6.6.1. Meet event quotas. If Rockstars are called upon, they must pay the additional fee to enter the State Championships.

6.6.2. Forward hand on youth, women & novices in strong conditions.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising will be as defined by World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2. [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.

## 8. SCHEDULE

### 8.1.

<b>Saturday 12th Sept 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Registration & Weigh In	1030 hrs - 1130 hrs	VSC
Briefing	1130 hrs	VSC
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1200 hrs	Jervis Bay
<b>Sunday 13th Sept 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal before 1000 hrs	Jervis Bay
Racing (all classes)	No warning signal after 1500 hrs	Jervis Bay
Presentation	ASAP post-racing	VSC

### 8.2. Number of races:

Series	Total	Session per day	Races per session
Qualifying Series	up to eight	three	n/a
Finals	four	one	four

### 8.3. Qualifying Series

- 8.3.1. The QS will determine entrants who will be permitted to advance to the Open Championship Series
- 8.3.2. The number of entrants in the Qualifying Series will determine the competition format. This will be announced on 12th September 2026 by 1130 hrs. Boat and race assignments for the Qualifying Series will be announced prior to the first race of the Qualifying Series.
- 8.3.3. 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.

### 8.4. Open Finals

- 8.4.1. 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.
- 8.4.2. The number of Qualifying Series entrants who advance to the Open Finals is dependent upon the number of Waves provided for the event.
- 8.4.3. Entrants will change boats after each race.

- 8.4.4. 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.

## **9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 9.1. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection at any time.
- 9.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. [DP] A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the regatta.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1. Vincentia Sailing Club, Jervis Bay

## **11. THE COURSE**

- 11.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be Standard IHCA course(s).
- 11.2. The marks will be as per sailing instructions (SIs).

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1. For all Hobie classes RRS44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2. The NSW Hobie Wave State Championships will be governed by World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Hobie Class Rules, the IHCA Discretionary and Standard Penalty Policy, and this Notice of Race except as any of these is altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.3. The text of rule 44 is deleted and replaced with:  
A boat may take one of the following penalties after getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31, in an incident while racing:
- 12.3.1. Two consecutive gybes
- 12.3.2. Two consecutive tacks; or
- 12.3.3. A one turn penalty that involves a turn in the same direction including one tack and one gybe.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1. 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.

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

#### **14. SUPPORT BOATS**

14.1. Team Managers, Coaches and other support personnel shall keep 50m 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.

#### **15. BOAT STORAGE**

15.1. Boats and trailers shall be kept in the areas assigned by VSC while off the water.

#### **16. SAFETY**

- 16.1. 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
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. HELMETS - If sailors wish to wear head protection it is strongly recommended that they use helmets of European standard EN1385

#### **17. RISK STATEMENT**

- 17.1. 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:
- 17.1.1. 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.
  - 17.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
  - 17.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
  - 17.1.4. 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.

- 17.1.5. 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.
- 17.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 17.1.7. These terms do not operate to exclude any provision of the Australian Consumer Law that applies and cannot be excluded by agreement.

## **18. INSURANCE**

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. Competitors will be required to supply Certificate of Currency as part of the online entry.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1. Trophies will be awarded to the following divisions depending on the number of entrants:
  - Hobie Wave Open
  - Women, Youth, Junior & Masters
- 19.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 20.1. 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.

## **21. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 21.1. 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.

## **22. AMENDMENTS**

- 22.1. Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event website at:

## **23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 23.1. For further information please contact the organisers via the email

[info@nsw.hobiecat.asn.au](mailto:info@nsw.hobiecat.asn.au)

## **24. 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!