

2017 Hobie Cat Victoria State Championships 11 – 13 March 2017

Sailing Instructions

Conducted by
McCrae Yacht Club, Victoria, Australia

Organising Authority: McCrae Yacht Club

1 Rules

1.1 Racing Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.
- The Rules of the International Hobie Class Association
- These sailing instructions

1.2 Safety Regulations

Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4, *Decision to Race*.

Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats will apply to all boats.

Failure to comply with YA Addendum A Part 2 R1 Wearing Personal Buoyancy may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

The race committee may inspect a boat or her equipment at any time for compliance with RRS, class rules and these sailing instructions. If instructed by the race committee, a boat on the water shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

1.3 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

2 Race Entries

2.1 Qualification of Entrants

The regatta is open to all Hobie catamarans

All Skippers shall be financial members of an ANHCA affiliated Hobie Cat State Association (or their relevant national IHCA association for international sailors)

All entries shall be on the Entry Form available at registration or on the Facebook site.

All sailors are to be a holder of a valid YA Membership card or their county's equivalent

2.2 Insurance

Each skipper shall ensure his or her boat has current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000). Evidence of insurance is requested.

2.3 Signing On and Signing Off

As part of the race safety procedure, each skipper shall sign on before the race and sign off after the race or last race of a session of back –to-back races. A skipper in a series who does not sign on within the time limit for entries will be scored Did Not Compete (DNC)

Retiring

The skipper of a boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. A skipper unable to return to the clubhouse shall promptly notify a club member by phone.

Signing Off

Sign off sheets for each race (or sequence of back to back races) will be located on the lower deck of the clubhouse. Each skipper shall sign off as soon as practicable after arriving on shore – this must be done within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the sequence of back to back races. When signing off a skipper must declare DNC or DNF if applicable.

A skipper who does not sign off within the time limit will receive a scoring penalty of DNF for that race or for the last race if there is a sequence of back-to-back races.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located on the Club House upper deck adjacent to the Tower.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located on the Club House upper deck adjacent to the Tower at least one hour before the advertised time of race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted on the notice board by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

When a change has been posted code flag L will be displayed ashore and a sound signal or amplified announcement may be made.

5 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Control mast located on the club flag pole.

The displaying of the off-the-beach flag (Hobie Flag indicated with the flying H) shall mean the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the off the beach flag is displayed.

6 Schedule of Races

- Briefing: 1200 hours Saturday 11th March 2017
- The first warning signal will not be before 1300hrs on Saturday 11th March with up to 4 races per day for the three-day event.
- The first warning signal will not be before 1100hrs on Sunday 12th March
- The first warning signal not be before 1000hrs on Monday 13th March
- There will be no warning signal after 1400hrs on Monday 13th March.

6A. Class Flags

6A.1 Class Flags will be Hobie Tiger/Wildcat; Pink flag with Hobie emblem
 Hobie 18: Pink flag with Hobie emblem
 Hobie 17: Pink flag with Hobie emblem
 Hobie 16: Red flag with Hobie emblem
 Hobie 14: Yellow flag with Hobie emblem

6A.2 The starting sequence for classes can be displayed in any order for any race.

6A.3 A minimum of 3 boats constitutes a class. More than one class may be started at the same time at the discretion of the race officer.

7 Racing Area

The racing will be on the waters in the vicinity of McCrae Yacht Club

Boats shall not enter the new ‘No Boating Zone’ as shown in Appendix B. Failure to comply will result in a boat being scored DSQ for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

8 Courses

8.1 Shall be the Standard International Hobie Class Courses. (See Appendix A)

8.2 Courses will be designated by a numeral flag displayed on the Race Committee Vessel located on the starboard end of the start line and displayed before or with the warning signal.

8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

9 Shortened Course

If it is decided to shorten the course, code flag ‘S’ shall be flown at or near a mark of the course. Division flags flown in conduction with the ‘S’ flag shall specify which individual divisions are affected. If no division flag is flown, the shortened course signal shall apply to all divisions racing.

10 Marks

Mark 1 and 2 will be a pink inflatable buoy

Mark 3A will be a thin blue inflatable buoy

Mark 3 will be a yellow inflatable buoy

Marks 2S and 2P will be pink inflatable buoys

Start Pin will be an orange flag buoy

Finish Pin will be a blue flag buoy

11 The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end Start Mark

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 For a race to start the Race Committee must determine that a minimum of 2 boats of a division or class is in the vicinity of the starting area prior to the warning signal.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes Rule A 4.1

Signal	Time Prior to Start	Flag	Sound
<i>Course</i>	10 minutes (approx)	Orange	1 Sound
<i>Warning</i>	5 minutes	Division Flag(s)	1 Sound
<i>Preparatory</i>	4 minutes	P or black flag	1 Sound
<i>One minute</i>	1 minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 Sound
<i>Starting</i>	0 minutes	Division Flag removed	1 Sound

11.3 Back-to-Back Races

When two or more sequences of races will be held back-to-back, the warning signal for the next sequence of races will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the previous sequence, or after the time

limit, whichever occurs first. To alert boats that a further race is planned, will remain displayed on the start boat at the conclusion of the previous race.

11.4 At the Start

12 The Finish

The Finish line will be between a blue flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and a blue flag buoy. The finish line shall rank as an obstruction when a blue flag is displayed on the finish boat on the finish line.

13 Time Limit

13.1 Individual Races

The time limit for each individual race will be 60 minutes.

A boat failing to finish an individual race within 15 minutes of the first boat finishing or within the race time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

13.2 Back to Back Races

The time limit for each back-to-back race will be 60 minutes.

A boat failing to finish a back-to-back race within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS rule 35 and A4.1.

“L” flown on the Finish Boat will indicate that another race will be started following completion of the current race

13.3 Commencement

The time limit for each race begins at the starting signal for the Division.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

A protest or request for redress shall be in writing on a form available from the Control Tower.

The completed form shall be lodged with the Principle Race Officer within 90 minutes of the last boat finishing the race or finishing the last of a group of back-to-back races.

The time and place of hearing will be posted on the Notice Board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the time limit for lodgment of protests, or may be given verbally by the Race Committee.

Where possible protests will be heard at once.

15 Scoring

15.1 Scoring System

The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

15.2 Series Scores

One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of their race score excluding their worst score.

When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

16 Outside Help and Electronic Equipment

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile telephones shall not be used while racing.

Electronic equipment shall be not be used while racing, excepting digital watches and single function electronic compasses.

17 Penalty System

Rules 41.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

18 Disclaimer of Liability:

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If you do not feel comfortable and capable of sailing in the conditions please do not leave the beach.

Appendix A

Wildcats/Tigers

Course 1: Start, 1, 2P/2S, 1, Finish
Course 2: Start, 1, 2P/2S, 1, 2P/2S, 1, Finish

Finish

Downwind
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1 = weather mark, 2S/2P = leeward gate,

Hobie 14, 16, 18

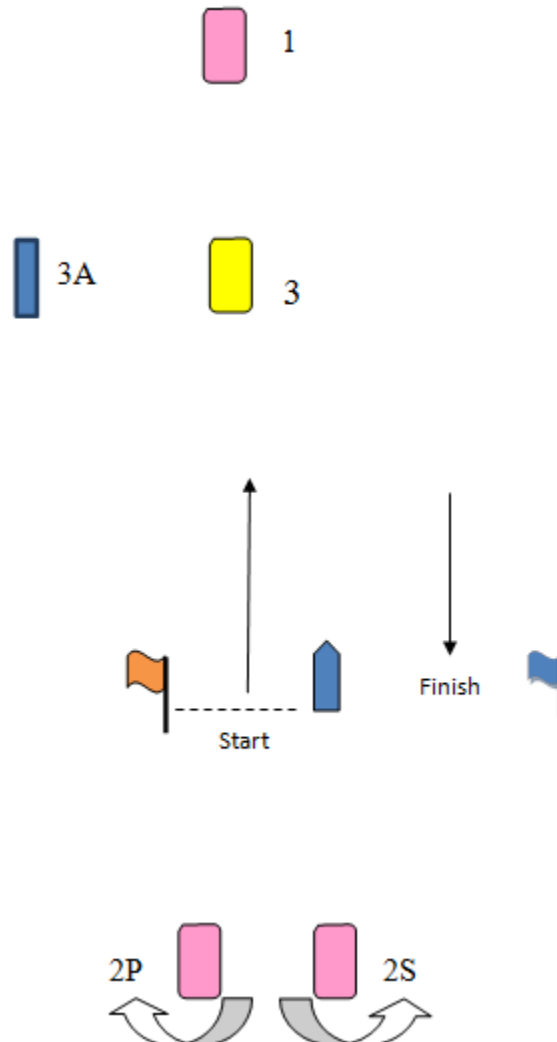
Course 1: Start, 3, 3A, 2P/2S, 3, 3A, Finish
Course 2: Start, 3, 3A, 2P/2S, 3, 3A, 2P/2S, 3, 3A, Finish

Finish

Downwind
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3 = weather mark, 2S/2P = leeward gate, 3A = offset mark

“3A” MARK LOCATION: The Race Committee will endeavour to place these marks between **50** metres and **300** metres from the Mark 3 at approximately 90 degrees abeam of the windward mark.



Appendix B

