



2022 Victorian Hobie Cat Championship

at

Portarlington Sailing Club, Portarlington

12th – 14th March 2022

Organising Authority

Portarlington Sailing Club Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1.
- 1.3** RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4** Reasonable actions by event officials to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.5** Alteration to Class Rules
The rules of the International Class Association will be altered as follows:
 - 1.1.1. Maximum age for both skipper and the crew for the Youth Series, at the commencement of racing will be 21. (Proof of age will be required). This modifies IHCA Class Rules: General Rule 17.7.
 - 1.1.2. For the purpose of the Youth Series, the minimum weight shall be 285 lbs (129.3kg). This modifies IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.3.
 - 1.1.3. For the purpose of the Women's Series, the minimum weight shall be 285 lbs (129.3kg). This modifies IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.2.
 - 1.1.4. Minimum age for the Master's Series is 45 years, for the skipper only, at the commencement of racing. (Proof of age will be required). This modifies IHCA Class Rules: General Rule 17.8a.
 - 1.1.5. Minimum age for the Grand Master's Series is 55 years, for the skipper only, at the commencement of racing. (Proof of age will be required). The age of the crew member shall be open. This modifies IHCA Class Rules: General Rule 17.8b.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the scheduled racing session on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at in the Garage. Results, notices and Protest Time Limits will also be posted on the noticeboard located in the Garage.
- 3.2** The race office will be located in the Tower, upstairs in the Clubhouse. In an emergency the phone number for the Tower is 0492 859 686.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be considered as misconduct.
[DP]

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in the rigging yard of the Portarlington Sailing Club.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3** Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.' [DP]

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1** Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>First Warning Signal</i>
Saturday 12 th March 2021	Racing Session	12:55 hrs
Sunday 13 th March 2021	Racing Session	09:55 hrs
Monday 14 th March 2021	Racing Session	09:25 hrs

- 6.2** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3** No Warning Signal shall be made after 14:00 hrs on Monday 14th March 2022.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1** The class flags are:

Hobie Tiger/Wildcat	Pink flag with Hobie emblem
Hobie 18	Blue flag with Hobie emblem
Hobie 16	Red flag with Hobie emblem
Hobie 14	White flag with Hobie emblem
Hobie Dragoon	Yellow flag with Hobie emblem

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1** The racing area is on Port Phillip Bay within the vicinity of Portarlington Sailing Club.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** The diagram in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3** Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks will be as described on the course diagrams in Attachment **A**.

10.2 Where only 1 mark is present where there should be a gate that remaining mark shall be rounded on the same hand as all other marks.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The finishing line when the blue flag is displayed on the signal vessel on the finishing line.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [NP] [DP]

12.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing

line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the start/finish pin mark.

14.2 When the Blue flag is flying from the signal vessel, a boat shall not cross the start/finish line unless finishing. [NP] [DP]

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 Minutes	35 Minutes	60 Minutes	15 Minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is **90** minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Training Room located on the ground floor, beginning at the time posted.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Signing On

Prior to each racing session skippers shall sign-on using the sign-on/off sheet in the Garage. Failure to sign-on will result in the boat concerned being scored DNF for the first race of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2. [\[NP\]](#)

18.2 Signing Off

After each racing session skippers shall sign-off using the sign-on/off sheet in the Garage within 90 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the session. Failure to sign-off will result in the boat concerned being scored DNF for the last race of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2. [\[NP\]](#)

18.3 Retirement

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, located at the sign-on/off desk. [\[NP\]](#) [\[DP\]](#)

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. [DP]
- 19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. [DP]

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2** When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection. [DP]
- 20.3** Boats may use digital watches and single function electronic compasses. [DP]

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1** Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

Attachment A

IHCA Standard Courses

No.	Course	Finish	Options for the Race Committee		
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1 G	1 O	1 GO
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2 G	2 O	2 GO
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind		3 O	
4	((S) A, C, A, B, C, A	(F) Downwind		4 O	
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5 G	5 O	5 GO
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6 G	6 O	6 GO
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind		7 O	

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish, O = offset mark is used.

"B" MARK LOCATION: The Race Committee will endeavor to locate "B" Mark, the reaching mark, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of the windward or leeward mark.

