



# 2023 Victorian Hobie Cat Championships

at

Port Melbourne Yacht Club

Port Melbourne

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Organising Authority:**

Port Melbourne Yacht Club Inc.

## NOTICE OF RACE

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

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available from Friday 10th March 2023 on the Port Melbourne Yacht Club website (<https://www.pmyc.asn.au/home/>), the Victorian Hobie Cat Association Facebook page, and at registration.

## **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located on the Port Melbourne Yacht Club website: <https://www.pmyc.asn.au/home/>
- 3.2. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Hobie Catamaran classes.
- 4.2. All Skippers shall be financial members of an ANHCA affiliated Hobie Cat State Association (or their relevant national IHCA Association for international sailors).
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form no later than COB on Friday 10th March 2023 with the required fee to secure your entry.
- 4.4. All sailors are to be a financial member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fees are as follows:
  - \$220 for a two person boat,
  - \$160 for a one person boat,
  - \$160 for a youth entry for 2 person boat with both Skipper and Crew under 21,
  - \$120 for a one person youth Hobie 14 under 21.
- 5.2. **The entry does not include the annual HCAV membership fee. Please fill out and submit the online membership form prior to or at the state championships.**
- 5.3. Entries include “race entry” and “BBQ dinner” on Saturday evening for all competitors. Tickets for Saturday evening are available for non-sailors at registration.
- 5.4. Entries to be lodged no later than close of business 10th of March 2023. Note: entries received after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the HCAV, but competitors cannot be guaranteed a T-Shirt as part of the entry.

## **6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1. Boats advertising shall conform to the World Sailing Advertising Code. [\[NP\]](#).

## 7. SCHEDULE

### 7.1. Registration:

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	10:00 hrs	11:30am

### 7.2. Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>First Warning Signal</i>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Racing Session	1:00pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Racing Session	10:00am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Racing Session	9:30am

7.3. No Warning Signal shall be made after 2:00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

7.4. There will be up to 12 races over 3 days with a maximum of 5 races on any race day.

### 7.5. Other:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Competitors Briefing	11:30am
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	HCAV BBQ	7:00pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	HCAV AGM	5:30pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Vice President Games	6:30pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Dinner	7:30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Presentation	ASAP after racing

## **8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 8.1. A measurement certificate is not required with the entry form, but it is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure their boat complies with the International Hobie Class Association rules.
- 8.2. Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee and also comply with RRS 78.1.
- 8.3. A competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 10 kilograms, as permitted by RRS 50.1(b).

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. There are up to **12** races of which **1** race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. A minimum of **2** boats are required to constitute a class.
- 11.3.
  - (a) When fewer than **4** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from **4** to **10** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When **11** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12. BERTHING**

- 12.1. All boats are to be kept on the beach for the duration of the event at the direction of the yacht club. An exclusion zone at the rear of the beach will be in place for traffic circulation.
- 12.2. Trailers are to be stored inside the yacht club compound at the direction of the yacht club
- 12.3. Early arrival at the club from midday on Friday 10th of March 2023. Competitors are advised to contact either the HCAV or PMYC to ensure facilities are open prior to arrival.

## **13. RISK STATEMENT**

### **13.1. General**

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.**

13.2. 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.

13.3. If sailors wish to wear head protection, it is strongly recommended they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

13.4. 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!

### **13.5. Covid Statement**

By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Port Melbourne Yacht Club COVID-19 procedures.

## **14. INSURANCE**

14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5 million (recommended \$10 million) per incident or the equivalent. Skippers are required to produce valid insurance certificates at registration.

## **15. PRIZES**

15.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of HCAV.

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

16.1. In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, 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 filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

## **17. CANCELLATION POLICY**

- 17.1. The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel divisions and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 17.2. Should the Organising Authority cancel a division or reject an entry the entry fee shall be refunded in full.
- 17.3. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event at least 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.
- 17.4. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours of the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 17.5. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor before the 20th of February 2023, the entry fee will be refunded. Refunds after the 20th February 2023 is at the discretion of the HCAV Executive Committee.

## **18. AMENDMENTS**

- 18.1. Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted online on the Port Melbourne Yacht Club website <https://www.pmyc.asn.au/home/>

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 19.1. For further information please contact:

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