



2022-23 - 50th AUSTRALIAN HOBIE CAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Series 1: Wednesday 28th – Saturday 31st December 2022

Series 2: Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th January 2023

Vincentia Sailing Club, Jervis Bay, NSW.

Notice of Race (NoR)



IMPORTANT NOTE:

This event is taking place under COVID-19 safety procedures in accordance with restrictions implemented by the NSW Government. In the circumstances that the event cannot be run due to NSW Government restrictions, then the entry policy is as per the cancellation policy. 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 Vincentia Sailing Club's COVID-19 procedures.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3. The current Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 1.4. Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:
Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. **Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.** Changes RRS Rule 40.
- 1.5. IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy shall apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will be as defined by World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2. 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to class legal boats of the International Hobie Class Association.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a National Authority.
- 3.4. A minimum of 3 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by 1st December 2022, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel racing for that class. Entrants in that class will be contacted by the organisers if this occurs.
- 3.5. Entry shall be made online at <https://hobiecat.asn.au/hobie-cat-nationals/>

4. FEES

- Required registration fees are in \$AUD as follows:

4.1. Series 1

Series 1	Enter BEFORE 01/07/22	Enter BEFORE 01/10/2022	Enter AFTER 01/10/2022
Hobie 16* Nationals	\$295	\$345	\$395
Hobie 17/18 Nationals	\$225/\$295	\$275 / \$345	\$325 / \$395
Hobie 14 Turbo* Nationals	\$225	\$275	\$325

4.2. Series 2

Series 2	Enter BEFORE 01/07/22	Enter After 01/10/2022	Enter AFTER 01/10/2022	Series 1 & 2 Discount
Hobie 14* Nationals	\$225	\$275	\$325	\$80
Hobie 16 Youth*/Women Nationals	\$295	\$345	\$395	All Classes
Hobie Dragoon Nationals	\$255	\$305	\$355	
Tiger/Wildcat	\$295	\$345	\$395	

- * \$40 Discount to all Youth Teams/Skippers

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1. Series 1

- (Hobie 16 Open, Masters, Grand Masters, and Great Grand Masters, Hobie 17, Hobie 18, Hobie 14 Turbo)

5.1.1 Registration and weigh in:

Day	Date	Event – All Classes
Tuesday	27 th December 2022	1400 – 1600hrs
Wednesday	28 th December 2022	0800 – 0830hrs

5.1.2 Briefing:

Day	Date	Event – All Classes
Tuesday	27 th December 2022	1700hrs

5.1.3 Schedule:

Day	Date	Events - All Classes
Wednesday	28 th December 2022	Racing - not before 1000hrs Post-race drinks & Games @ VSC/JBBC Beer Garden
Thursday	29 th December 2022	Racing - not before 1000hrs
Friday	30 th December 2022	Racing - not before 1000hrs Post-race drinks & Games @ VSC/JBBC Beer Garden

Saturday	31 st December 2022	Racing - not before 1000hrs (no racing after 1500hrs) Presentation @ Vincentia Country Club from 1830hrs
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5.1.4 Races:

Classes	No. of Races (Total)	No. of Races (per session)
All Classes	Up to 16	Up to 4

5.2. Series 2

- (Hobie 14, Hobie 16 Women & Youth, Tiger, Wildcat & Dragoon)

5.2.1. Registration and weigh-in

Day	Date	Event – All Classes
Tuesday	27 th December 2022	1400 – 1600hrs
Sunday	1 st January 2023	1400 – 1600hrs

5.2.2. Briefing:

Day	Date	Event – All Classes
Sunday	1 st January 2023	1700 hrs

5.2.3 Schedule:

Day	Date	Events - All Classes
Monday	2 nd January 2023	Racing - not before 1000hrs Post-race drinks & games @ VSC/JBBC Beer Garden
Tuesday	3 rd January 2023	Racing - not before 1000hrs
Wednesday	4 th January 2023	Racing - not before 1000hrs Post-race drinks & games @ VSC/JBBC Beer Garden
Thursday	5 th January 2023	Racing - not before 1000hrs (no racing after 1500hrs) Presentation @ Vincentia Country Club from 1830hrs

5.2.4. Races:

Classes	No. of Races (Total)	No. of Races (per session)
14s, 16s, Tigers & Wildcats	Up to 16	Up to 4
Dragoons	Up to 12	Up to 3

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat shall comply with the International Hobie Class Rules and may be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 6.2. A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The SIs will be available on Thursday 1st December 2022 via the Hobie Nationals webpage: <https://hobiecat.asn.au/hobie-cat-nationals/>, and on the VSC notice board from 26th December 2022. (Printed copies will not be available.)

8. VENUE

Attachment A shows the venue and location of the racing area.

9. THE COURSES

The course(s) to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all Hobie classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.2. When from than 4 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 11.2. When 10 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. SAFETY

- 12.1. 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 or a Standards Organisation, or Certification Authority. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1.2.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. HELMETS - If sailors wish to wear head protection, it is strongly recommended they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

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.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

17. BOAT STORAGE

Boats and trailers shall be kept in the areas assigned by the Organising Authority while off the water.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the following classes depending on the number of entrants:

- Series 1:
 - o Hobie 16 Open
 - o Hobie 16 Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters
 - o Hobie 18
 - o Hobie 17
 - o Hobie 14 Turbo
- Series 2:
 - o Hobie 14 Open
 - o Hobie 14 Women, Youth, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters & Non-Trapeze
 - o Hobie 16 Women
 - o Hobie 16 Youth
 - o Tiger
 - o Wildcat
 - o Dragoon
- Series 1 & 2
 - o Hobie Family's Sportsmanship Award
 - o Bottoms Up Award
 - o Hobie Legend's Award
 - o Race Officer's Award
- Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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.

20. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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 to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) 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;
- e) 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;
- f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) these terms do not operate to exclude any provision of the Australian Consumer Law that applies and cannot be excluded by agreement.

21. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least AUD \$10,000,000 per incident (or equivalent).
- 20.2. Competitors will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the organisers through the contact page at info@nsw.hobiecat.asn.au

IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO THE 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!

ACCOMMODATION

Camping and holiday rental accommodation is available within walking distance to the venue, and hotels a short drive away. The Vincentia / Jervis Bay Area is one of the most popular holiday destinations in NSW, and competitors are advised to book accommodation as a matter of urgency. Please view all accommodation options via the Hobie Nationals Webpage:

<https://hobiecat.asn.au/hobie-cat-nationals/>

NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Hobie Cat Association will be held at 1500hrs on the 1st of January 2023, at the Vincentia Sailing Club.

Attachment A

