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# 2024/2025 Hobie Cat National Championships

McCrae Yacht Club  
McCrae, Victoria

Series 1: 28th December – 31st of December 2024

Series 2: 2nd January - 5th January 2025

**Organising Authority:**

McCrae Yacht Club

## 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)*. The current RRS at the time of the event shall apply.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4. Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:
  - 1.4.1. 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. Changes RRS Rule 40.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available from 1st December 2024 on the event page Sailor app, the Australian National Hobie Cat Association (ANHCA) website, and at registration.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located on the Sailor App.
- 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 regatta is open to class legal boats of the International Hobie Class Association.
- 4.2. All Skippers shall be financial members of an affiliated Hobie Cat State Association (or their relevant national IHCA Association for international sailors).
- 4.3. A minimum of 3 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by 27th December 2024, 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.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form no later than COB on 27th December 2024 for series 1 and 1st January 2025 for series 2 with the required fee to secure your entry. Note: entries received after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and state association.
- 4.5. All sailors are to be a current financial member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club. A current Australian Sailing membership number is to be provided with entry.
- 4.6. Entry shall be made via revSPORT reached via the ANHCA website. Entry opening will be advised by the state and national association in due course.

## 5. FEES

### 5.1. Early entry discount fee before **1st of October**:

5.1.1. \$360 for a 2 person boat

5.1.2. \$290 for a 1 person boat

5.1.3. \$320 for a youth 2 person boat with both Skipper and Crew under 21

5.1.4. \$250 for a youth 1 person boat under 21

### 5.2. Standard entry fee before **1st of November**:

5.2.1. \$385 for a 2 person boat

5.2.2. \$315 for a 1 person boat

5.2.3. \$345 for a youth 2 person boat with both Skipper and Crew under 21

5.2.4. \$275 for a youth 1 person boat under 21

### 5.3. Late entry fee:

5.3.1. \$410 for a 2 person boat

5.3.2. \$340 for a 1 person boat

5.3.3. \$370 for a youth 2 person boat with both Skipper and Crew under 21

5.3.4. \$300 for a youth 1 person boat under 21

5.4. Entry fee includes race and presentation night entry for all competitors. Additional tickets for the presentation night are available for non-sailors.

## 6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Boats advertising shall conform to the World Sailing Advertising Code. [NP].

6.2. 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.

## 7. SCHEDULE

### 7.1. Series 1 Classes:

7.1.1. Hobie 16 Open, Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters  
7.1.2. Hobie 18

### 7.2. Series 1 Schedule:

	Date	Time
Registration	27th of December 2024	2pm - 4pm
Competitors Briefing	27th of December 2024	5pm
Racing Day 1	28th of December 2024	Refer to Sailing Instructions
Racing Day 2	29th of December 2024	Refer to Sailing Instructions

Racing Day 3	30th of December 2024	Refer to Sailing Instructions
Racing Day 4	31st of December 2024	Refer to Sailing Instructions
Presentation	31st of December 2024	6pm

### 7.3. Series 2 Classes:

7.3.1.Hobie 14 Open, Non-Trapeze, Women, Youth

7.3.2.Hobie 14 Turbo

7.3.3.Hobie 16 Women

7.3.4.Hobie 16 Youth

7.3.5. Hobie 17

7.3.6.Hobie Dragoon

7.3.7.Hobie Tiger + Wildcat

### 7.4. Series 2 Schedule:

	Date	Time
Registration	1st of January 2025	2pm - 4pm
Competitors Briefing	1st of January 2025	5pm
Racing Day 1	2nd of January 2025	Refer to Sailing Instructions
Racing Day 2	3rd of January 2025	Refer to Sailing Instructions
Racing Day 3	4th of January 2025	Refer to Sailing Instructions
Racing Day 4	5th of January 2025	Refer to Sailing Instructions
Presentation	5th of January 2025	6pm

### 7.5. Additional:

7.5.1.All classes will have up to 16 races over 4 days with a maximum of 4 races on any race session.

7.5.2.Hobie Dragons will have up to 12 races over 4 days with a maximum of 3 races on any race session

**8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT** 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 by a representative of Hobie Cat Company or Class Association. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on 1st December 2024 via the Sailor app.

## **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 **16** races scheduled of which **1** race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2. There are **12** races scheduled of which **1** race is required to be completed to constitute a series for the Dragoon class.

11.3. A minimum of **3** boats are required to constitute a class.

11.4. (a) When fewer than **4** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores.

(b) When **4** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.

(c) When **11** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their 2 worst scores.

## **12. BERTHING AND SUPPORT BOATS**

12.1. All boats are to be kept on the beach or on the rigging lawn for the duration of the event at the direction of the yacht club. A dedicated rigging and storage zone on the beach will be in place for the duration of the event. Boats are not to be stored beyond this zone.

12.2. Trailers are to be stored in the carpark to the East of the yacht club. In addition, there is a storage area at 3 Bartels Street, McCrae. Trailers are stored at the owner's risk and no liability arising from injury, theft or damage will be taken by the Organising Authority or class association.

12.3. Team members, coaches and other support personnel shall register their attendance with the Race Committee prior to the event(s) commencing. They shall keep 100m clear of the course area after the warning signal, except in boats provided by the Organising Authority or when directed to assist by the Race Committee pursuant to RRS37. The Race Committee may implement additional requirements and failure to abide by, may result in penalties to the associated sailing team.

## **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 theirs 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. 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.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. If sailors wish to wear head protection, it is strongly recommended they use helmets of European standard EN1385.
- 13.5. 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!

**13.6. 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 McCrae 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 \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.
- 14.2. 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 Authority 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. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor before the 1st of December 2024, the entry fee may be refunded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **18. AMENDMENTS**

18.1. Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted online on the Hobie Nationals webpage, McCrae Yacht Club website and/or event page on the Sailor App.

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

19.1. For further information please contact:

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