

Weihai is scheduled to host the China Weihai HOBIE Sailing Open and HOBIE16 Asian Championship from June 13th to 14th. The competition regulations are hereby announced as follows:

#### I. Competition Name

2026 China Weihai HOBIE Sailing Open and HOBIE 16 Asian Championship

#### II. Competition Dates

June 13-14, 2026

#### III. Organizers

Organizer: International HOBIE Sailing Class Association

Shandong Provincial Sports Bureau

Weihai Major Sports Events Organizing Committee

Co-organizer: Shandong Maritime Sports Association

Weihai Municipal Sports Bureau

Weihai Torch High-Tech Industrial Development Zone Management Committee

#### IV. Competition Venue

The inshore races will be held at the Weihai International Bathing Beach in Shandong, China. The reference coordinates for the competition area are:

1. N 37°33.738, E 122°00.309;

1. N 37°31.889, E 122°01.318;

1. N 37°34.054, E 122°01.251;

4.N 37°32.217, E 122°02.415.

#### V. Number of Boats

The organizing committee will provide 48 HOBIE16 sailboats (years vary; boats and

sail numbers will be drawn by participants); participants are allowed to bring their own boats (subject to inspection by the organizing committee).

## VI. Competition Categories

The competition includes an Open category inshore race, with a Masters category ranking within the Open category.

## VII. Eligibility

(I) Sailing athletes and enthusiasts who respect China's national sovereignty, abide by current Chinese laws, regulations, and customs, and possess valid nationality and identity documents.

(II) Participants must be in good health, possess the physical condition to participate in the sailing race, and voluntarily assume all adverse consequences and legal responsibilities arising from concealing or misjudging their own physical condition. This event politely declines participation from individuals who are currently unwell or infected with a highly contagious virus.

(III) Sailing competitions involve inherent risks. Participants should fully understand the potential risks of participating in water sports, especially sailing, and voluntarily assume responsibility for those risks. Athletes must constantly monitor their physical condition. If an acute illness occurs before the race, the athlete should immediately withdraw from the competition. During the race, if symptoms such as chest tightness, chest pain, palpitations, nausea, difficulty breathing, or unusual fatigue occur, the athlete should immediately stop the race and seek assistance from the nearest medical point or staff. Participants are responsible for any personal injury or financial loss incurred before, during, and after the race. The organizing committee assumes no responsibility for any injuries or losses caused by the athlete's personal reasons.

(IV) The organizing committee provides 48 racing boats, of which 30 will be prioritized for registration by IHCA paying members for 2026. The remaining slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

(V) Helmsmen born before January 1, 1981, are eligible to participate in the Masters rankings.

## VIII. Competition Method

(I) Rules to be followed. The competition will be governed by the Rules of Sailing (RSS) 2025-2028 and the rules defined by the International Hobie Class Sailing Association. In case of any discrepancy in the translation, the English version shall prevail.

(II) Advertising Regulations. Racing boats must display advertisements from the local organizing committee. Athletes are prohibited from bringing their own advertisements through any means. If a requirement exists, it must be discussed with the organizing committee and written consent obtained.

(III) Boat Inspection. Racing boats may be inspected at any time during the competition. Each boat must comply with the International Hobie Class Sailing Association's rules of racing.

(IV) Sailing Instructions. Sailing instructions will be announced and distributed at the captains' meeting.

(V) Course Description. The course map is attached; the course description will be announced at the captains' meeting.

(VI) Scoring Method. The low-scoring method in Appendix A of the rules will be applied. Race results take effect upon completion of one round. The track race is planned to consist of 10 rounds. If only 4 or fewer rounds are completed, the sum of the rounds will be used to calculate the total score. If 5 or more rounds are completed, the worst score of one round will be discarded when calculating the total score.

(VII) Support Boats. The support boats will be marked with the RESCUE flag.

(VIII) Wireless Communication. Unless in an emergency, participating boats must not

send or receive voice or data other than those uniformly received by all participating boats.

(IX) Race Insurance. Due to the inherent risks of the race, athletes must purchase professional sports event insurance covering the race period and area, with hospitalization medical insurance coverage of no less than RMB 80,000 and death insurance coverage of no less than RMB 900,000. The organizing committee will purchase public liability insurance, which will not be charged separately to athletes.

(X) Safety Recommendations.

1. It is recommended to use hookless suspender harnesses or quick-release suspenders and slings that conform to ISO 10862 standards. Helmets conforming to European standard EN 1385 are recommended.

1. Electrical wires—keep away. Before raising the mast and while sailing, always check and avoid low-lying power lines. If you see power lines, stay away! Contact or proximity of the mast to power lines could result in serious injury or death to anyone on board or in contact with the vessel! Also, avoid power lines on the beach and inside tents!

(XI) Weight Arrangement. Athletes are required to bring their own weights and auxiliary equipment, such as lead weights, according to the HOBIE racing rules. Open category crew members must weigh at least 285 lbs (129.3 kg), and their weights must not exceed 50 lbs (22.7 kg).

(XII) Penalty System. Rule 44 of the Sailing Racing Rules has been changed to a one-lap release instead of the previous two-lap release. According to Rule 70.5 of the Sailing Racing Rules, the arbitration decision will be final.

(XIII) Dispute Resolution. Any disputes regarding referee decisions, race results, or other aspects of the competition must be submitted in writing by the athlete or their team leader to the chief referee or for arbitration within 30 minutes of the end of the race. No appeals or arbitrations will be accepted after 30 minutes of the end of the race. Upon investigation, any instances of inappropriate religious or political behavior, or failure to submit demands through proper channels and resulting in

adverse social impact, will be handled in accordance with the "Several Opinions on Further Regulating Behavior in Sports Venues" (Sports Regulation No. [2018] 9) issued by the General Administration of Sport of China, and will be recorded in the individual's credit record. Those who violate the law will be prosecuted according to law.

(XIV) Due to uncontrollable factors such as earthquakes, storm surges, safety concerns, and illnesses, the organizing committee may issue other regulations related to the competition, up to and including canceling the competition. The organizing committee declares that it will not bear any legal responsibility arising therefrom.

## IX. Awards

(I) The top 8 finishers in the Open Group will receive a total prize of 65,000 yuan. Specifically, the 1st place winner will receive 20,000 yuan, the 2nd place winner 15,000 yuan, the 3rd place winner 10,000 yuan, the 4th place winner 6,000 yuan, the 5th place winner 5,000 yuan, the 6th place winner 4,000 yuan, the 7th place winner 3,000 yuan, and the 8th place winner 2,000 yuan. If 10 or fewer teams register (6-10 teams), 3 fewer teams will be awarded prizes; if 5 or fewer teams register (4-5 teams), only the first-place team will be awarded prizes; if 3 or fewer teams register, no teams will be awarded prizes. All prize money is before tax. Trophies will be awarded to the top eight finishers.

(II) The top three teams in the Masters category will receive trophies, but no prize money.

(III) All participants will receive a commemorative medal and a completion certificate.

## X. Schedule

The competition schedule will be announced separately. There will be no competition announcement signal after 15:00 on June 14th.

## XI. Fee Information

All amounts mentioned in these regulations are in RMB.

#### (I) Registration Fee

A registration fee of RMB 1200 will be charged per team.

#### (II) Boat Rental Fee and Damage Deposit

A rental fee of RMB 1500 per boat will be charged for the boats provided by the organizing committee. All participating teams must pay a RMB 2000 boat damage deposit upon registration. If a rented boat is damaged or causes damage to another boat, the participating team must compensate for the damage at cost.

#### (III) Transportation Costs

Athletes are responsible for their own round-trip transportation costs.

#### (IV) Accommodation and Meals

1. Please assist with providing accommodation and meals reservation information before June 6th. The organizing committee will assist with the arrangements.

1. Lunch during the competition and dinner at the awards ceremony will be provided by the organizing committee.

### XII. Registration and Check-in

#### (I) Registration

Registration and payment will be accepted from May 29th to June 6th. Further details regarding registration and payment methods will be provided by the organizing committee.

#### (II) Check-in

Participating athletes must check in at the Weihai Linhai Hotel before 13:00 on June 12th. Before check-in, participants must send an electronic copy of their valid personal accident insurance (or similar coverage) to the registration email address. Please take necessary self-protection measures during check-in and the competition.

Hotel Address: No. 39 Dalian Road, Torch High-Tech Industrial Development Zone, Weihai City, Shandong Province

Tel: +86-631-5667878 +86-631-5677555

(III) The organizing committee will provide participants with a familiarization opportunity at the venue for boat trials at their own expense. Please call the registration number for details.

XIII. Any matters not covered herein will be formally notified separately by the organizing committee.

Attachments: 1. Track and Field Competition Area Map

1. Registration Form

Organizing Committee

May 8, 2026

Attachment 1

Competition Venue Map

