

Queensland Hobie Cat Association

NOTICE OF RACE

2018 Queensland Hobie Cat State Titles

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly, Brisbane

Friday 30 March to Sunday 1 April 2018

Open to all Hobie Classes

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3 The 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.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be as defined by ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be provided with, and required to display and maintain, sponsor stickers on port and starboard hulls, in a location as described in Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to the following boats of the International Hobie Class Association: Hobie 14, Hobie 16 (Open, Youth, Women, Masters, Grand Masters), Hobie 17, Hobie 18, Hobie Tiger and Wildcat.
- 3.2 A minimum of 5 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by 8 March 2018 the Organising Authority reserves the right to make other arrangements for boats entered in that class, which may entail a mixed fleet.
- 3.3 At least one crew member on each boat shall be a financial member of an association or fleet which is a financial member with the IHCA and is affiliated with a member national yachting authority.
- 3.4 Competitors shall be members a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a National Authority.
- 3.5 Entry shall be made online before close of business on 8 March 2018. Entries may be accepted after that date but merchandise will not be available.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required registration fees, for entries received prior to 8 March 2018, are noted below. Registration fees include tickets to the presentation dinner on Sunday 1 April for all competitors.

Hobie Class	Fee for entry by 8 March 2018	
	Regular Entry	Youth Entry
One Person Boat	\$155	\$125
Two Person Boat	\$185	\$150

- 4.2 Regatta T-shirts are not included in the registration fee and are an optional extra which may be purchased for a cost of \$25 each at the time of online entry. PLEASE NOTE: No T-Shirt orders will be accepted after 8 March 2018.

- 4.3 Regatta entries received after 8 March 2018 will incur an additional \$50 Late entry fee.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Registration and Weigh-in: Friday 30 March 9:00-10:00am

- 5.2 Official Competitors Briefing: Friday 30 March 10:30am

- 5.2 Schedule of racing:

- Friday 30 March 2018 Racing (no start before 1200 midday)
- Saturday 31 March 2018 Racing (no start before 1000)
- Sunday 1 April 2018 Racing (no start before 0930 or after 1500)

- 5.3 The maximum number of races for the regatta shall be 9 and the maximum number in any session shall be 4.

- 5.4 A presentation dinner will be held at RQYS at 18:00 on Sunday 1 April 2018. The cost of tickets for this dinner is included in the entry fee for competitors. Additional tickets may be purchased when completing the online entry or up until close of registration on Friday 30 March.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Measurement is not required, but it is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure their boat complies with the IHCA Class Rules.

- 6.2 Random measurement and inspection checks may be carried out at any time during the championships.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available to competitors on the RQYS website event web site (Off the Beach Classes tab) and the QHCA facebook page. Printed copies WILL NOT be available

8. VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will be conducted in Waterloo Bay with the exact area to be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

9. THE COURSE

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

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For all Hobie classes, RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2 Boats penalised under the class rules for boat, crew weight and equipment violations will be scored – DNE – Disqualified that is not Excludable.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1 Before raising the mast and always whilst sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, avoid it. A mast coming in contact with, or even near, an electrical power line can cause serious injury or death to people on or touching the boat.
- 12.2 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 affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 If sailors wish to wear head protection it is strongly recommended they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 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.

14. BOAT STORAGE

- 14.1 Boats and trailers shall be kept in the areas assigned by RQYS.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. PRIZES

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

- Hobie 14 (State Championship)
- Hobie 16 Open
- Hobie 16 Youth (State Championship)
- Hobie 16 Women (State Championship)
- Hobie 16 Masters
- Hobie 16 Grandmasters
- Hobie Wildcat

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1 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.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS Rule 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 their 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. 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) (or equivalent) per incident.
- 19.2 Competitors will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry or, if entering at the venue, must present evidence at time of registration.

20. AMENDMENTS

- 20.1 Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the RQYS event web site.

21. ACCOMMODATION

- 21.1 RQYS is also hosting other regattas during the Easter holiday so it is recommended that those planning to attend this event make accommodation arrangements as soon as possible.
- 21.2 Some accommodation suggestions are as follows:
- Motel accommodation is available immediately adjacent to RQYS at the Manly Marina Cove Motel – ph. (07) 3348 1000.
 - Camping is available on the RQYS grounds at a cost of \$15 per person (over 12 years). There are some limited sites offering power for an additional total cost of \$5 for the weekend. Please contact RQYS directly for more information and bookings – ph. (07) 3396 8666.
 - Yachting Queensland has a limited number of dormitory rooms available in its facility adjacent to RQYS. Please note that these do get booked quickly so it is recommended that you act now if interested. Please contact Yachting Queensland directly.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 For further information please contact the following:

Helen Warneke - helen.warneke@cofcqld.com.au

Juliet Bates – julietandpeter@yahoo.com.au

23. 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!!!

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