



NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 14 December 2009

The Hogs Breath & Hobie Cat Australasia 2009/2010 National Championships

Series 1

**H16 Youths, Women, Masters &
Grandmasters. Tigers, H14, H17, H18, H20**

29th-31st December 2009

Series 2

H16 Open

2nd-5th January 2010

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The organising authority is **Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club Inc.** in conjunction with the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australian Inc. and the Australian National Hobie Cat Association Inc.

1. RACING RULES

The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia Inc. (YAI), the International Hobie Class Association Class Rules, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.

If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all classes of legal boats of the International Hobie Class Association.

- 2.1 A minimum of 5 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by **21st November 2009**, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel racing or make other arrangements for the class concerned
- 2.2 The **skipper and crew** shall be a financial member of the International Hobie Class Association or a National fleet, which is financial with the International Hobie Class Association and is affiliated with a State or National Yachting Authority
- 2.3 The skipper shall be a member of a yacht club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 2.4 The Hobie 16 National Youth Championships will be conducted without spinnakers.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form and forwarding this together with the required Entry Fee by **21st November 2009** to:

Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia
PO Box 186
Nedlands WA 6909.

3. ALTERATIONS TO CLASS RULES

The rules of the International Hobie Class Association will be altered as follows;

- 3.1 Maximum age for both the skipper and crew for the Youth Series, at the commencement of racing, will be 21. (Proof of age will be required). This modifies IHCA Class Rules: General Rule 17.7
- 3.2 Minimum age for the Masters Series is 45 years, for the skipper only, at the commencement of racing. (Proof of age will be required). This is an addition to IHCA Class Rules: General Rule 17.8.

4. ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES

The RRS will be altered as follows;

- 4.1 While racing and afloat all competitors shall wear adequate Yachting Australia Recognised, Australian Standards approved personal buoyancy as referred to in RRS AYF Addendum 'A' Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats Regulations R1 Personal Buoyancy, and shall observe YAI recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Addendum 'A'. Wetsuits and dry suits do not meet these standards. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed before or with the warning signal. This modifies RRS 40.
- 4.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be one 360-degree turn penalty. This modifies RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2.)

5. ADVERTISING CATEGORY

The regatta is classified as a Category C event in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code.

- 5.1 Boats may be required to display sponsorship advertising, which is to be attached to the boats in accordance with instructions provided by the Organising Authority.

6. FEES

Payment & Entry received →	By 21 Nov 09	After 21 Nov 09
2 Person boat	AU\$220	AU\$270
1 Person boat	AU\$120	AU\$170
H16 Youths	AU\$185	AU\$235
Series 2 entries who sailed in Series 1	AU\$180	AU\$230

Payment should be made by cash or cheque payable to **Hobie Cat Association of WA**

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Notice of Race Amendments		
28 December 2009	Cut off for NOR Amendments	http://www.hobiecatnationals.com.au
Series 1 H16 Youths, Women, Masters and Grandmasters. Tigers, H14, H17, H18, 20		
28 th December 2009	Registration	08:00-11.00 at the host club
29 th December 2009	Sailors Briefing	10:00 hrs
29 th December 2009	First warning signal	Not before 10:30
30 th December 2009	First warning signal	Not before 09:30
31 st December 2009	First warning signal	Not before 09:30
31 st December 2009	Last warning signal	Not after 16:00
31 st December 2009	Presentations	In the evening
Series 2 H16 Open		
1 st January 2010	Registration	14:00-16:00 at the host club
2 nd January 2010	Sailors Briefing	10:00 hrs
2 nd January 2010	First warning signal	Not before 10:30
3 rd January 2010	First warning signal	Not before 09:30
4 th January 2010	First warning signal	Not before 09:30
5 th January 2010	First warning signal	Not before 09:30
5 th January 2010	Last warning signal	Not after 16:00
5 th January 2010	Presentations	In the evening

- 7.1 Series 1 – A maximum of **12** races for Tigers, H16 and **10** for all other classes.
Series 2 – A maximum of **16** races
There is no maximum number of races per day scheduled. The race committee may hold races back to back.

8. MEASUREMENT

Measurement is not required, but it is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure her/his boat complies with the IHCA class rules. Random measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors on completion of registration.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Indian Ocean in the vicinity of the Host Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

The course shall be standard IHCA class courses.

12. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A.4.1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.

12.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.

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

12.3 When four (4) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **worst** score.

12.4 When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **two worst** scores.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. BUOYANCY

All competitors, while afloat, shall wear personal flotation devices 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, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. Attention is drawn to fundamental Rule 1.2.

15. SUPPORT BOATS/COACHES

Team Managers, Coaches and other support personnel shall keep 100m clear of the course area during racing, except in boats provided by the organising authority or when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority 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. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

It is the competitor's decision to enter an event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

The Organising Authority, and the respective host class association(s), their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an event or how so ever arising in connection with an event

19. INSURANCE

All boats competing in the Australian Hobie National Championships shall have third party insurance cover of not less than **AUD\$5,000,000** (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. Adequate race insurance is also recommended for this event.

ACCOMMODATION

See Event Website at: <http://www.hobiecatnationals.com.au>

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