

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2018 Aquire Talent Consulting  
NSW Hobie® Cat State Championships

**1st and 1st December 2018**

**Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club**

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The organising authority is the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club, in conjunction with the NSW Hobie Cat Association.

## 1. RACING RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing will 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. This changes RRS Rule 40.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SKIPPERS' MEETING

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in MAPSC
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day they will take effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before they are to take effect.
- 2.3. There will be a competitors meeting in the clubhouse on Saturday 1st December 2018 at 1000 at the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club. Other skippers' meetings may be scheduled as required.
- 2.4. Competitors must be aware of other classes racing, and keep clear of boats racing when sailing to and from the course.

## 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag pole on the MAPSC clubhouse
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

## 4. SCHEDULE

Day 1	Sat 1st Dec 2018
Late Registration / Weigh in	0800 - 0930
Competitors Meeting	1000
Racing - First warning signal	Not before 1100
Day 2	Sun 2nd Dec 2018
Racing - First warning signal	Not before 0900
Last warning Signal	Not after 1500

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H16 Open, Masters & Grandmasters, Tiger, Wildcat, H18

- 4.1.1. Racing may be back to back (max of 4 races per session) with a maximum of **12** races for the series.
- 4.2. When back-to-back races are to be held, the Race Committee Signals Vessel will display the Answering Pennant at the finish line. The warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race.

4.3. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

## 5. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as follows:

FLAG	CLASS
Pink Class Flag	Hobie 16
Grey Class Flag	Hobie 18
Green Class Flag	Tiger, Wildcat

## 6. RACE AREA

The race area will be on the waters in the vicinity of the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club. See Attachment A

## 7. PROHIBITED SAILING

7.1. There are no prohibited sailing areas. However, there are shallow areas that competitors will be advised of at the skippers meeting. If in doubt - ask a local.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. The International Hobie Cat Class Courses will be used as shown in Attachment B.
- 8.2. All marks, except gates are to be left to port.
- 8.3. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.4. The offset mark, if used, is defined as a mark located approximately 50 to 100 metres from the windward mark at right angles to the wind direction. It applies both at the beginning of downwind legs and at reaches.
- 8.5. Each race target time is 30 to 45 minutes.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks A, A1, C & G will be inflatable pink buoys. Mark O will be a yellow buoy.
- 9.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be an orange spherical mark
- 9.3. The starting and finishing line port end mark will be a mark carrying an orange flag.
- 9.4. Mark A1 is for spinnaker classes only and will be laid 0.1 to 0.3 nautical miles to windward of Mark A.
- 9.5. A Race Committee boat signalling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the port end start mark.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.2.
- 10.5. Start line obstruction: The start line shall rank as an obstruction for classes previously started while other classes are starting and in sequence until after the last class has **successfully** started.
- 10.6. Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 5 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the finish mark.
- 12.2. Finish Line Obstruction: The finish line shall rank as an obstruction when a blue flag or shape is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the finish line.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the sailing office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club clubhouse beginning at the first reasonable opportunity after the completion of racing.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.
- 16.2. **1** race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3. When fewer than **5** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 16.4. When **5** to **10** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **worst** score.
- 16.5. When **11** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **two worst**.
- 16.6. All boat weight, crew weight, and equipment violations will be scored Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE). Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the protest committee, or regatta officials.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2. For safety reasons, **ALL** boats must sign on before the commencement of racing and sign off after the completion of racing or when retired within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing. Boats failing to do so may be scored a DSQ. Where races are held back to back, sign-on is required before the first race of the session, and sign off is required after the last race of the session or when retiring from racing.
- 17.3. The sign on sheets will be located in the MAPSC clubhouse.
- 17.4. Breaches of instruction 17.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

## 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Crew substitution will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee under the provisions of General Class Rule 17
- 18.2. For substitution of sails, General Class Rule 12.3 applies.
- 18.3. Substitution of other damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat shall comply with an instruction by a Race Committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 20. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

## 21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

All race committee boats will be identified at the sailors meeting.

## 22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

## 23. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Top 5 competitors in the Hobie 16 Open class, and First place in all other classes with more than 8 entries. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## 24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. 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. **Attention is drawn to Fundamental 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.
- 24.2. The sponsors, organising authority and their officers, members, servants and agents and all parties involved in the organisation and conduct of the regatta shall not be liable in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage howsoever caused which may occur whether ashore or afloat during or in conjunction with the regatta.
- 24.3. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions do not limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of each competitor for the management and care of a boat that he or she has entered in the regatta.

## 25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. All boats competing shall have third party insurance cover of not less than **AUD\$5,000,000** or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident.
- 25.2. All owners/competitors will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry. Any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. **Competitors that fail to produce evidence of insurance are not eligible to compete.** Adequate race insurance is also recommended for this event.

## 26. SPECIAL NOTES

- 26.1. Race Committee boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 26.2. The Race Committee will not answer any questions on the water.
- 26.3. Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from a Race Committee boat will be scored Did Not Finish. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

## 27. IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO COMPETITORS

- 27.1. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.
- 27.2. 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 or even near an electrical power line can cause serious injury or death to people on or touching the boat.**

## 28 ADVERTISING

- 28.1 Advertising will be as defined by ISAF Regulation 20.
- 28.2 If provided, boats shall be required to display and maintain Sponsor stickers on port and starboard hulls, in a location acceptable to the organising authority.

# Attachment A – Course Area



# Attachment B – Illustrating the Course

## IHCA STANDARD COURSES

N o	Course								Finish	Race Committee Options			
	(S)	A	C	A				(F)					
1	(S)	A	C	A					(F)	Downwind	1G	1O	1GO
2	(S)	A	C	A	C	A			(F)	Downwind	2G	2O	2GO
3	(S)	A	C	A	B	C			(F)	Upwind		3O	
4	(S)	A	C	A	B	C	A		(F)	Downwind		4O	
5	(S)	A	C						(F)	Upwind	5G	5O	5GO
6	(S)	A	C	A	C				(F)	Upwind	6G	6O	6GO
7	(S)	A	C	A	B	C	A	C	(F)	Upwind		7O	

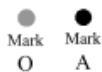
S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish, O = offset mark

"B" MARK LOCATION: The Race Committee will endeavour to locate "B" Mark, the reaching mark, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of the windward or leeward mark.



### Course Configuration A

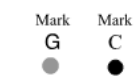
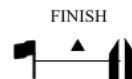
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*Mark O & Mark G are options that may be used by the Race Committee*

### (OR) Course Configuration B

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### (OR) Course Configuration C

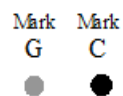
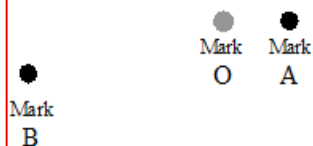
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### (OR) Course Configuration D

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