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NOTICE OF RACE

2018 WA Hobie Cat State Championships

Hobie 16 Open/Youth/Women/Masters/Grandmasters

Saturday 3rd March to
Sunday 4th March 2018

Geraldton Yacht Club

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The organising authority being **Geraldton Yacht Club** in conjunction with the **Hobie Class Association of Western Australia**.

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 (YA) and the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA), (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions), and this Notice of Race.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to legal boats of the International Hobie Class Association being Hobie 16 Open, Masters, Grandmasters, Womens and Youth.
- 2.2 A minimum of 5 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by the Cut Off Date specified in the Schedule of Events and Information table, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel racing or make other arrangements for the class concerned.
- 2.3 Competitors shall be current members of a National or State fleet which is a financial member with the IHCA and is affiliated with Yachting Australia or ISAF.
- 2.4 Competitors shall be a member of a yacht club affiliated with its National authority.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter & pay by online at www.hcawa.org.au/events/states/registration, entries and payment will also be accepted on the first day of racing by prior arrangement with the HCAWA treasurer, pls email Claire at clairebisgood@hotmail.com

3. ALTERATIONS TO CLASS RULES

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

- 3.1 Maximum age for both skipper and the 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 For the purpose of the Youth Series, the minimum weight shall be 285 lbs (129.3kg). This modifies IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.3.
- 3.3 For the purpose of the Women's Series, the minimum weight shall be 285 lbs (129.3kg). This modifies IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.2.
- 3.4 Minimum age for the Master's Series is 45 years, for the skipper only, at the commencement of racing. (Proof of age will be required). This modifies IHCA Class Rules: General Rule 17.8a.
- 3.5 Minimum age for the Grand Master's Series is 55 years, for the skipper only, at the commencement of racing. (Proof of age will be required). The age of the crew member shall be open. This modifies IHCA Class Rules: General Rule 17.8b.

4. ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES

Yachting Australia Special Regulations, Part 2, Off The Beach Boats will apply. The Racing Rules of Sailing will be altered as follows;

- 4.1 Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices. Changes RRS Rule 40.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Advertising will be defined by ISAF Regulation 20.
- 5.2 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

Entry fee is specified in the Schedule of Events and Information table and includes entry to the presentation function. A late entry fee will be charged for nominations received after the Cut Off Date in the Schedule of Events and Information table.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedule of Events and Information Table		
Entry Fees		
H16 Open/Masters/Grand Masters/Womens	AU\$180.00	50% discount for Youth
Late entry fee	AU\$30	AU\$210 total
Early Entry Cut Off date	19 th Feb 2018	Must be received by COB
Other Cut Off Dates		
For minimum class numbers	20 th Feb 2018	
For Notice of Race amendments	27 th Feb 2018	HCAWA web site
For HCAWA committee nominations	27 th Feb 2018	
Day 1 Saturday 3rd Mar 2018		
Registration	08:30-09:30	At the host club
Sailors Briefing	09:45	
First warning signal	Not before 10:30	
Sailors function to be advised	After racing	To be advised
Day 2 Sunday 4th Mar 2018		
First warning signal	Not before 09:30	
Last warning signal (day 2 only)	Not after 16:00	
HCAWA AGM	18:00	Racing Dependant ASAP
Presentations (includes dinner)	19:30	At the host club

Entries and payments can be made online at:

<http://www.hcawa.org.au/events/states/registration>

Registration will take place from **8:30 – 9:30** am on the first day of racing as per the Schedule of Events and Information table in the clubhouse.

Racing may be back to back (maximum of 5 races per session) with a maximum of **12** races for the series.

8. MEASUREMENTS

Measurement of boats is not required, but it is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that their boat complies with the IHCA class rules. Random measurement and inspection checks may be carried out at any time during the championships.

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 vicinity of the host club.

11. COURSES

The course(s) shall be standard IHCA class courses. Course Stickers will be available at registration.

12. SCORING

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

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

12.2 When fewer than **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**.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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.

14. BOUYANCY

All competitors shall wear personal floatation 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. Attention is drawn to fundamental Rule 1.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

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 may 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 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 shall have third party insurance cover of not less than **AUD\$5,000,000** 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.

20. RISK MANAGEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 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: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 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 the boat supplied to them 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) By participating in any race, 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.

21. SHORE FACILITIES/LAUNCHING

Competitors arriving early are requested to contact the organising authority to make arrangements. No liability will be taken by either the Hobie Class Association of WA or the host club in relation to damage, theft or accidental loss to items of value during or after the course of the event.

22. CATERING

Full catering will be provided at the competitors cost. Please book your dinner tickets for Saturday night when you register online for you and your crew as well as friends or family members. Also please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian or gluten free.

Geraldton Yacht Club is a fully licenced venue and prohibits the consumption of BYO alcoholic drinks on their premises. Please be so kind to support the club and buy your drinks at the bar.

23. CAMPING

Limited free camping will be available at Nathan Gummery's property about 500m away from the yacht club. To book a spot please email Nathan at njgummery@gmail.com.

24. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the HCAWA Website: www.hcawa.org.au no later than the date specified in the Schedule of Events and Information table.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

NOTICE OF AGM MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hobie Class Association of WA will be held at the end of day 2 of the racing as per the Schedule of Events and Information table.

Nominations for office bearers shall be received no later than the date specified in the Schedule of Events and Information table.

For further information please contact:

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