



Sailing Instructions

2019 WA Hobie Cat State Championships (Open/Youth/Women/Masters/Grandmasters)

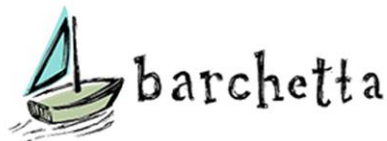
Saturday 2nd March to
Sunday 3rd March 2019

Nedlands Yacht Club

Esplanade

Nedlands WA 6009

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2019 WA State Championships



The organising authority is **Nedlands Yacht Club (NYC)** in conjunction with the **Hobie Class Association of Western Australia (HCAWA)**.

1. RACING RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2, Off The Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply
- 1.4 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.
- 1.5 Under rule 87, IHCA General Rule 17.8 a and b), IHCA Hobie 16 Rules 7.2 and 7.3 are changed as follows:
 - a) The helmsperson for Master series shall be 45 years or older at the commencement of the event. (Changes IHCA Rule 17.8 a.)
 - b) The helmsperson for Grand Master series shall be 55 years or older at the commencement of the event. The age of crew members in Grand Master series is open. (Changes IHCA Rule 17.8 b).
 - b) The minimum combined women's crew weight for women's class racing events shall be 285 lbs (129.3 kg). Changes IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.2.
 - c) The minimum combined youth crew weight for youth class racing events shall be 285 lbs (129.3 kg). Changes IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.3.
- 1.6 The Notation [DP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SKIPPERS' MEETING

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Sail Training Centre.
- 2.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08:00 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 skipper's meeting at 08:00 am on Saturday 2nd Mar 2019. Other skippers' meetings may be scheduled as required. This meeting will be held on the veranda of the main club house.
- 2.4 Competitors must be aware of other classes racing, and keep clear of boats racing when sailing to and from the course. [DP]

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yard arm next to the NYC control tower.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in race signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedule of Racing		
	Friday 1 st Mar 2019	
Registration	17:30 – 19:30	NYC Sail Training Centre
Saturday 2 nd Mar 2019		
Registration	07:00 - 07:30	NYC Sail Training Centre
Sailors Briefing	08:00	Club House Veranda
First warning signal	Not before 9:00	
Last warning signal	Not after 14:00	
BBQ	16.45	Perth Flying Squadron
Sunday 3 rd Mar 2019		
First warning signal	Not before 09:00	
Last warning signal (day 2 only)	Not after 16:00	
HCAWA AGM	18:00	NYC Main Club House
Presentations (includes dinner)	19:30	NYC Main Club House

- 4.1 Racing will be back to back (maximum 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.

5. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as follows:

FLAG	CLASS
Yellow Hobie Class Flag	Hobie 16 All Divisions
White Hobie Class Flag	Non Hobie 16 Divisions

6. RACE AREA

The race area will be in the vicinity of Nedlands Yacht Club (Melville Water West).

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The International Hobie Cat Class Courses will be used as shown in Attachment A.
- 7.2 All marks, except gates are to be left to port.
- 7.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

Each race is to take approximately 45 minutes. The course marks will not be changed during a race but may be changed between races. The course to be sailed will be indicated at the Race Committee Boat.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Marks A & B are large inflatable orange buoys and C & G are large inflatable yellow buoys. Mark O is a red buoy.

- 8.2 The starting and finishing line port end mark will be a red round buoy.
- 8.3 The offset mark, if used, is defined as a red mark located approximately 50 to 100 metres from the windward mark at approximately right angles to the wind direction. It applies both at the beginning of downwind legs and at reaches.
- 8.4 The Race Committee maintains the right to use different/additional marks if it deems necessary, in which case competitors will be notified at the briefing and/or on the official noticeboard before leaving the beach.

9. THE START

- 9.1 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 which will be a red buoy.
- 9.2 The start committee boat may deploy a barging buoy at the rear of the boat. This buoy is considered an extension of the race committee boat
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 9.5 Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 5 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Principle Race Officer.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the port-end finishing mark.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 The Principal Race Officer may, at his discretion, finish boats on the water prior to them crossing the finish line. This shall be limited to no more than the last five finishers of each race. The Race Officer shall be the sole judge of the finishing positions of any boat that is finished on the water.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty that includes one tack and one gybe.

12. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be

held in the Sail Training Centre beginning at the first reasonable opportunity after the completion of racing.

- 13.4 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 2.4 and 9.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these Sailing Instructions may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

14. ARBITRATION

- 14.1 Arbitration will be in accordance with *RRS* Appendix T – Arbitration

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.
- 15.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 When twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its **two worst**.
- 15.6 All boat weight, crew weight, and equipment violations will be scored Disqualification Not Excludable. 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.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2 Check-Out and Check-In will apply. Each skipper shall sign on at the Race Office and will sign off as soon as practicable when returning to the club (not more than 10min). Support boats will not be stood down until all vessels have signed out or been accounted for. Failure to do so will result in a DSQ score for that heat or to the heat closest to each indiscretion for back to back racing without a hearing.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and must comply with the provisions of IHCA General Rule 17.
- 17.2 For substitution of sails, IHCA General Rule 12.3 applies.
- 17.3 Substitution of other damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. 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 can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display stickers supplied by sponsors as determined by the race committee. The placement of stickers shall be described at the briefing and at registration.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

All race committee support boats will display a Green White (rescue flag).

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in the Open class, first in the Masters and Grand Masters. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitor's participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, and the respective host class association(s), their officers, members, servants and agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25. INSURANCE

25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

25.2 All owners/competitors who enter 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.

26. HCAWA MEMBERSHIP FEE

26.1 Each participating team must have paid their annual HCAWA membership fee of \$90 to be eligible to participate in the event. The membership fee can be paid online at www.hcawa.org.au or during registration on Friday 1st March 2019.

27. SPECIAL NOTES

27.1 Race committee boats shall rank as obstructions.

27.2 The race committee will not answer any questions on the water.

27.3 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.

27.4 There will be no redress for a boat disadvantaged by a support boat affecting a rescue

28. IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO COMPETITORS

- 28.1 If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.
- 28.2 Before racing, competitors should identify areas on their boat where harness hooks may be caught (ropes / shrouds etc) and identify potential strategies for its release.
- 28.3 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.**

Attachment A – Illustrating the Course

IHCA STANDARD COURSES

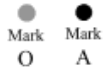
No	Course	Finish	Race Committee Options		
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G	1O	1GO
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G	2O	2GO
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind		3O	
4	(S) A C A B C A	(F) Downwind		4O	
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G	5O	5GO
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G	6O	6GO
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind		7O	

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

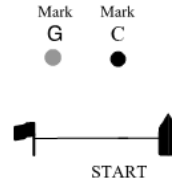
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Mark O & Mark G are options that may be used by the Race Committee

(OR) Course Configuration B

(may be used with all courses except 1 and 2)



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

(OR) Course Configuration C

(may be used with all courses)



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