



NOTICE OF RACE

Crossview Enterprises 2020 WA Hobie Cat State Championships

Hobie 16 Open/Youth/Women/Masters/Grandmasters

Regatta activities from Friday 10th April to Monday 13th April
with racing on

Saturday 11th April and Sunday 12th April 2020

Esperance Bay Yacht Club

The Esplanade

Esperance WA 6450

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We thank our sponsors for their generous support

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

1. RACING RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations Part 2, Off The Beach Boats of Australian Sailing shall apply
- 1.3 The current class rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 1.4 The Racing Rules of Sailing will be altered as follows:
 - a) 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.

2. ALTERATIONS TO CLASS RULES

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

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 For the purpose of the Youth Series, the minimum weight shall be 285 lbs (129.3kg). This modifies IHCA Hobie 16 Rule 7.3.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising will be defined by World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 3.2 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to legal boats of the International Hobie Class Association being Hobie 16 Open, Masters, Grandmasters, Women and Youth.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Competitors shall be current members of a National or State fleet which is a financial member with the IHCA and is affiliated with Australian Sailing or World Sailing.
- 4.4 Competitors shall be a member of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a National Authority.

- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter and 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.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Required registration fees are in \$AUD as follows:

	2 Person	Youth
Enter by 12/03/2020	\$230	\$115
Late entry from 13/03/2020	\$300	\$185

- 5.2 Entry fee includes tickets to the presentation function for each registered competitor and an event gift.
- 5.3 Entries submitted after 12/03/2020 are considered late entries and shall incur a higher registration fee as detailed in 5.1
- 5.4 Late entries may not include an event gift.
- 5.5 Entries and payments can be made online at: <http://www.hcawa.org.au/events/states/registration>

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Registration will take place as per the Schedule of Events and Information table in the Esplanade Room at the front of EBYC Clubhouse.
- 6.2 Racing may be back to back (maximum of 5 races per session) with a maximum of 12 races for the series.

Schedule of Events and Information Table		
Cut Off Dates		
Early Entry	12 th Mar 2020	Must be received by COB
For minimum class numbers	12 th Mar 2020	
For Notice of Race amendments	07 th Apr 2020	HCAWA web site
For HCAWA committee nominations	07 th Apr 2020	
	Fri 10th Apr 2020	
Registration	15:30 – 17:30	Esplanade Room at EBYC
Sat 11th Apr 2020		
Registration	07:30 - 08:30	Esplanade Room at EBYC
Sailors Briefing	09:00	Ocean Room at EBYC
First warning signal	Not before 10:00	
Last warning signal	Not after 16:00	
HCAWA AGM	18:00	Ocean Room at EBYC

Sun 12 th Apr 2020		
First warning signal	Not before 09:00	
Last warning signal	Not after 15:00	
Presentations (includes dinner)	18:00	Ocean Room at EBYC

7. SOCIAL PROGRAM

Thursday evening 9 th April 17:30	A la Carte meals and drinks available at the club. Book and pay direct with Saltwater Catering Stuart: 0439 711 653 Tamara: 0400 182 147
Good Friday 10 th April 17:30	Welcome dinner in the Ocean Room at EBYC. A taste of the Southern Ocean fish dinner.
Saturday 11 th April 18:00 19:00	After race drinks and finger food in the Ocean Room with day 1 race presentations. AGM Gourmet Steak sandwiches. Veg option, sides and dessert available.
Sunday 12 th April 18:00	After race drinks in the Ocean Room with day 2 race presentations. Presentation Dinner in EBYC Ocean Room.
Monday 13 th April Departing EBYC 10:00	Support our sponsors, Greg and Karyn Hill at Dunn's Ecopark, with a stunning tour of beaches and National Parks (park pass required). Drive your own 4WD by beach to Cape Le Grand National Park, or self-drive by road. Camp overnight at Dunn's Ecopark (BYO gear and alcohol). Booking essential with on-line registration. More details are provided in a separate flyer.

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 online at www.hcawa.org.au prior to the event.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of EBYC within Esperance Bay.

11. COURSES

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

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A.4.1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.
- 12.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 When twelve (12) 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. BUOYANCY

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** (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.

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 before, during or after the course of the event.

Boats and trailers to be stored ashore in areas assigned by EBYC.

22. 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.

23. CATERING

The entry fee includes tickets for presentation dinner for competitors. Please book and pay for additional tickets for family and friends on registration.

Online registration is required for other meals catered for during the regatta. This includes the evening meals listed as part of the social program, as well as breakfasts and lunch packs on sailing days. Further information on meal options is provided in a separate flyer. Additional costs apply for these meals. Please advise us of your special dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian or gluten free.

Dinner available at EBYC on Thursday 9th April. Bookings essential through Saltwater catering by ringing Stuart 0439711653 or Tamara 0400182147.

Esperance Bay Yacht Club is fully licenced. Liquor licensing laws prohibit the consumption of BYO alcoholic drinks. Please support the club and buy drinks at the bar on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday night.

License restrictions prohibit the sale of alcohol on Good Friday, 10th April. Alcohol will be available only by pre-purchasing drinks tickets as part of the on-line entry.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

NOTICE OF AGM MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hobie Class Association of WA will be held at 1800 on Saturday 11th April after day one 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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