



2022 WARREN TAYLOR HOMES WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HOBIE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 5th and 6th March 2022

at

Geraldton Yacht Club,
214 Marine Terrace,
Geraldton, Western Australia

GERALDTON YACHT CLUB
W.A. HOBIE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022



Organising Authority: Geraldton Yacht Club

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The Organising Authority for the 2022 Warren Taylor Homes WA Hobie Cat State Championships is the Geraldton Yacht Club. The Coordinating Authority is the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3. The class rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply except as by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.5. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6. IHCA Hobie 16 class rule 7.2 and 7.3 is changed to the minimum weight shall be 129.3 kg (285 lbs).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on 28 February 2022 on the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia website www.hcawa.org.au.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Hobie 16 class(es) including Open, Masters, Grandmasters, Women and Youth (without spinnaker).
- 4.2. All Hobie 16 classes eligible to compete in Hobie 16 Open class with same start.
- 4.3. A minimum of 5 entries is required to form a class.
- 4.4. All Skippers shall be financial members of an affiliated Australian National Hobie Class Association.
- 4.5. All competitors shall be a financial member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club.
- 4.6. Boats may enter by registering online at <http://www.hcawa.org.au> by Wednesday, 27th Feb 2022.
- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8. Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Registration and payment of all fees as 5.1 by close of registration on first day of sailing.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees including race entry, event t-shirt and tickets for competitors to the presentation function are as follows:

Class	Standard Entry Fee until 27 th Feb 2022	Late Entry Fee from 28 th Feb 2022
Hobie 16 Open, Masters, Grandmasters, Women	\$180	\$230
Hobie 16 Youth	\$130	\$180

- 5.2. The entry fee **DOES NOT INCLUDE** the annual HCAWA membership fee of \$90. Please verify you are a financial member or pay fee when submitting online registration.
- 5.3. Other optional fees for additional t-shirts, lunches, meals and presentation function for spectators may be paid submitting online registration or at registration.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 6.2. [NP] Boats advertising shall conform to the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration:

Date	From	To	Location
Saturday 5 March, 2022	07:30	08:30	Clubhouse, GYC

- 7.2.

- 7.2. Dates of racing:

Date	All Classes
Saturday 5 March, 2022	Racing
Sunday 6 March, 2022	Racing

- 7.3.

- 7.3. Race organisation:

Event	Date	From	To	Details
Volunteers Briefing	Saturday 5 March	07:45	08:00	Clubhouse, GYC
Competitor Briefing	Saturday 5 March	08:30	08:45	Clubhouse, GYC
Day 1 Racing First warning signal	Saturday 5 March	10:00		First warning signal not before

Day 1 Racing Last warning signal	Saturday 5 April		16:00	Last warning signal not after
Day 2 Racing First warning signal	Sunday 6 March	09:00		Signal not before
Day 2 Racing Last warning signal	Sunday 6 March		15:00	Signal not after

7.4. Scheduled for up to 2 sessions per day. Back-to-back races with maximum of 4 races per session.

7.5. Maximum of 12 races for the series.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. A measurement certificate is not required with the entry form, but It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure their boat complies with the International Hobie Class Association class rules.

8.2. Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee and also comply with RRS 78.1.

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

9.1. A competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 10 kilograms, as permitted by RRS 50.1(b).

10. VENUE

10.1. The event will be held at the Geraldton Yacht Club (GYC), 214 Marine Terrace, Geraldton WA. Refer to Appendix A.

10.2. The racing area will be held in the waters to the north of Geraldton Yacht Club as per Appendix B.

11. COURSES

11.1. The courses will be as per International Hobie Class Association standard course and will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1. 12 races are scheduled of which 1 race is required to constitute a series.

13.2. Each boat's series score shall, subject to RRS 90.3 (b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as follows;

- a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) 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.
- c) When twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

14. BERTHING

14.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in designated boat park area.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

15.2. Competitors are recommended to use a trapeze harness to support the competitor on a trapeze be of the quick release variety complying with ISO10862 standard which allows the competitor to detach from the hook or other method of attachment at any time. RRS 50.1 (c) does not take effect until 1 January 2023.

15.3. Competitors wanting to wear head protection may wear a helmet that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077 or equivalent.

15.4. **ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!** - Before raising the mast, and always while 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!**

16. COVID STATEMENT

16.1. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Geraldton Yacht Club COVID-19 procedures.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. PRIZES

18.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Coordinating Authority if fleet numbers are more than four and may include:

a) Hobie 16 Open State Champion Perpetual Trophy

b) Hobie 16 Open Prize 1st to 3rd place

c) Hobie 16 Masters Prize 1st place

d) Hobie 16 Grandmasters Prize 1st place

e) Hobie 16 Women Prize 1st place

f) Hobie 16 Youth Prize 1st place.

g) Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Coordinating Authority.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

19.1. In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, 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 filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and, in all material, related to the said Event without compensation.

20. CANCELLATION POLICY

- 20.1. The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel divisions, and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 20.2. Should the Organising Authority cancel a division or reject an entry, the entry fee shall be refunded in full.
- 20.3. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event at least 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.
- 20.4. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours of the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 20.5. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded.

21. AMENDMENTS

21.1. Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted online on the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia website www.hcawa.org.au

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1. For further information please contact:

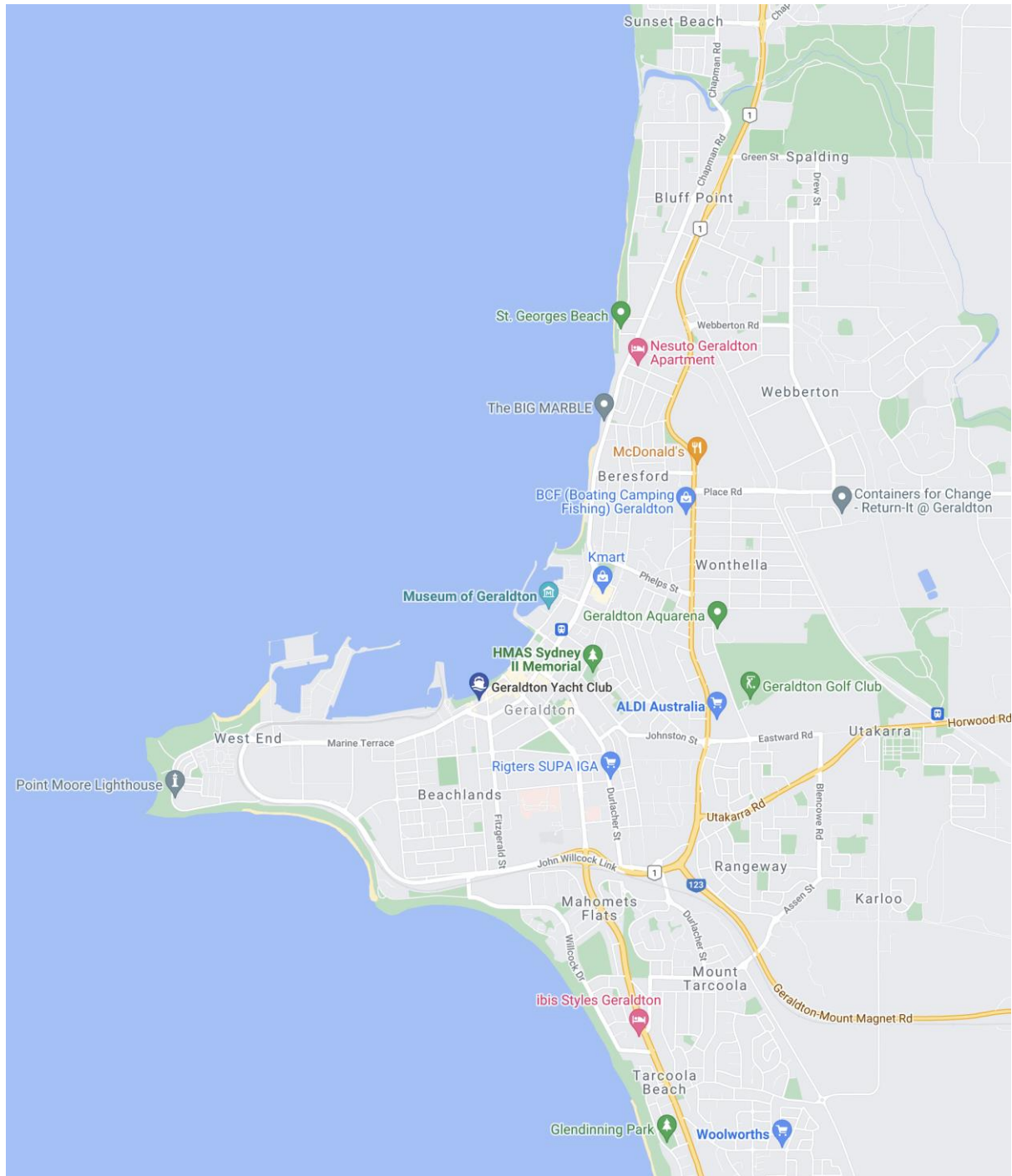
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ATTACHMENT B – RACE AREA

Geraldton approximate sailing area(s)

