



GERALDTON
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CLUB



2022 WARREN TAYLOR HOMES WA HOBIE CAT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

at

Geraldton Yacht Club,
214 Marine Terrace, Geraldton WA
5th and 6th March 2022

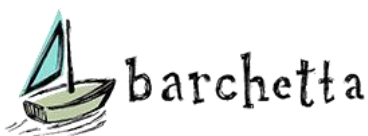
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: Geraldton Yacht Club

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The Organising Authority for the 2022 Warren Taylor Homes Western Australian Hobie Cat State Championships (45th) is the Geraldton Yacht Club (GYC). The Coordinating Authority is the Hobie Class Association of Western Australia (HCAWA).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 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 these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Alteration of IHCA Hobie 16 Class rule 7.2 and 7.3 is changed to the minimum weight shall be 129.3 kg (285 lbs).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice in the Upstairs Club Lounge (Race Tower) of the GYC.
- 2.2 Results, Notices and Protest Time Limits will be posted on the notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one (1) hour before the scheduled racing session of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast north of the GYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag Answering Pennant [AP] is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

Date	All Classes	First Warning Signal (not before)	Last Warning Signal (not after)
Saturday 5 th March, 2022	Racing	10:00 hrs	16:00 hrs
Sunday 6 th March, 2022	Racing	09:00 hrs	15:00 hrs

- 5.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the series.
- 5.3 Scheduled for up to 2 sessions per day with back-to-back races up to a maximum of 4 races per session.
- 5.4 When back-to-back races are to be held, the race committee signal vessel will display AP flag. The warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as practicable after the finishing of the preceding race.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 Class flag for all classes will be a white flag with black Hobie symbol.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The racing area is within the vicinity of the GYC.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The IHCA standard courses will be used for this event. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The race committee signal vessel will display courses to be sailed on the course board.

- 8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.
- 8.4 The courses may be changed between races.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark A, B, C and G will be a red conical inflatable buoy.
- 9.2 Mark O will be a red round buoy. Mark O is an offset mark located approximately 50m to port from Mark A and at right angles to the wind direction.
- 9.3 Offset mark may be in place at the beginning of downwind or reach legs.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and yellow inflatable buoy at the port end. Instruction 11.2 will describe the starting line and instruction 12.1 will describe the finishing line.
- 9.5 The race committee signal vessel may deploy a barging buoy. This buoy is considered an extension of the vessel.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 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 course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 11.2 The finishing line shall rank as an obstruction unless a boat is finishing. [NP] [DP]

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	45 minutes	90 minutes	15 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Failure to meet the Race Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.4 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window 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.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office.
- 14.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.4 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 as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Check-Out and Check-In will apply.

15.2 Check-Out

Prior to each racing session, skippers shall sign-on in the club house of the GYC. Failure to sign-on will result in the boat concerned being scored DNF for the first race of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2. [NP]

15.3 Check-In

After each racing session, skippers shall sign-off when returning to the club (not more than 10min). Support vessels will not be stood down until all vessels have signed out or been accounted. Failure to do so will result in the boat concerned being scored DNF for the last race of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2. [NP] [DP]

15.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to the club, the boat shall sign a retirement form, located at the race office. [NP] [DP]

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

16.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]

16.2 Substitution of 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, and if granted, shall be supported by a written request at the first available opportunity. [DP]

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. This may include competitors to weigh in before or after race sessions without sailing clothing and equipment.

17.2 When instructed by a race official, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [DP]

17.3 Boats may use digital watches and single function electronic compasses.

18 ADVERTISING

18.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

18.2 Boats advertising shall conform to the World Sailing Advertising Code. [NP]

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

20 RACE COMMITTEE SUPPORT VESSELS

20.1 All race committee support vessels will display a green and white flag (rescue flag).

21 COMMUNICATION

21.1 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. [DP]

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

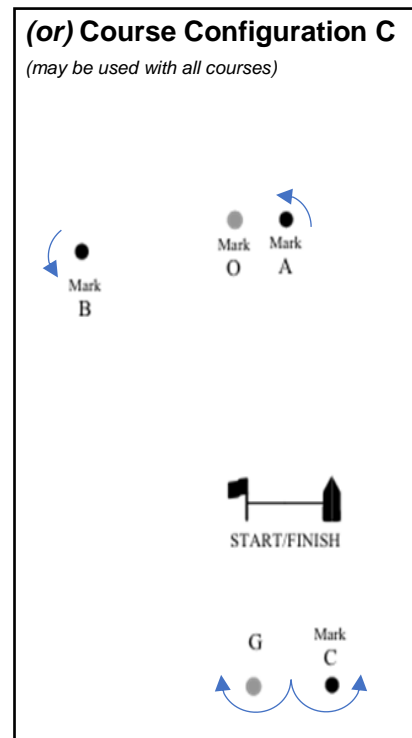
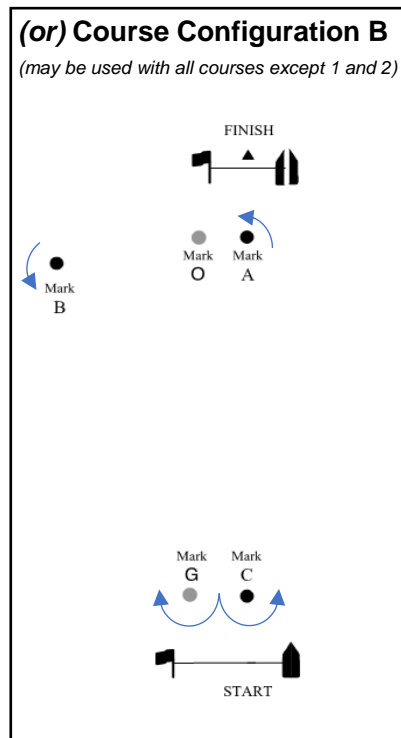
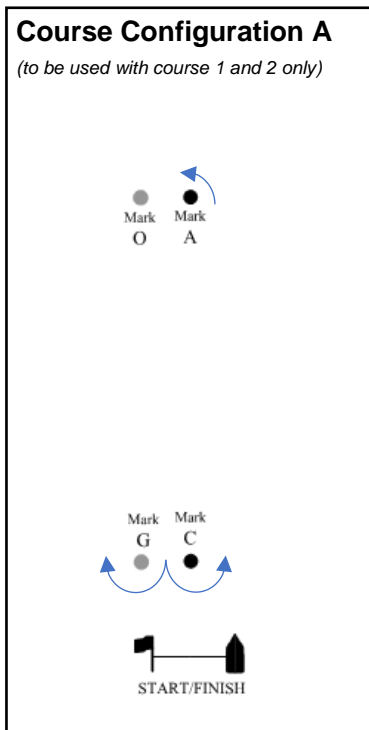
ATTACHMENT A

IHCA Standard Courses

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

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

"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.



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