



2023 WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS   
The Cruising Yacht Club, Rockingham

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4th and 5th March 2023

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



**The Organising Authority for the 2023 Hobie 16 Western Australian State Championships (46<sup>th</sup>) is The Cruising Yacht Club of WA (TCYC). 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).
- 1.5. Appendix T in the Racing Rules of Sailing applies (arbitration).

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard at the TCYC Clubhouse.
- 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 on the rigging lawn at the TCYC 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>All Classes</b>	<b>First Warning Signal (not before)</b>	<b>Last Warning Signal (not after)</b>
Saturday 4 March, 2023	Racing	10:00 hrs	
Sunday 5 March, 2023	Racing	09:30 hrs	16:00 hrs

- 5.2. Maximum of twelve (12) races for the series.
- 5.3. Scheduled for up to 2 sessions per day. 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 will be in the waters north of TCYC.

## 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 orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. Mark O will be a red cylindrical 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 a buoy with an orange flag at the port end. Instruction 10.2 will describe the starting line and instruction 11.1 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 A within the Mark A 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 sign on desk.
- 14.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee within the protest 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 TCYC. 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 after returning to shore (not more than 20min). Support vessels may not be stood down until all vessels have signed out or been accounted. Failure to sign-off 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 race 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.

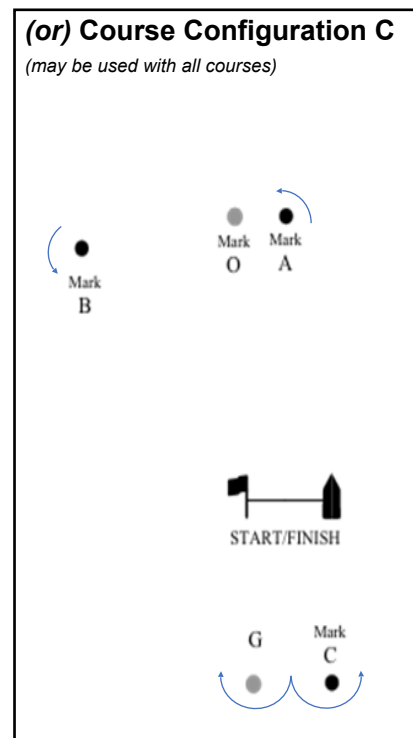
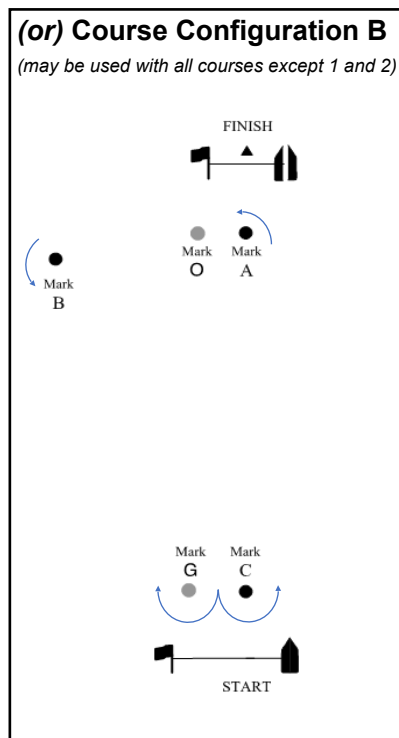
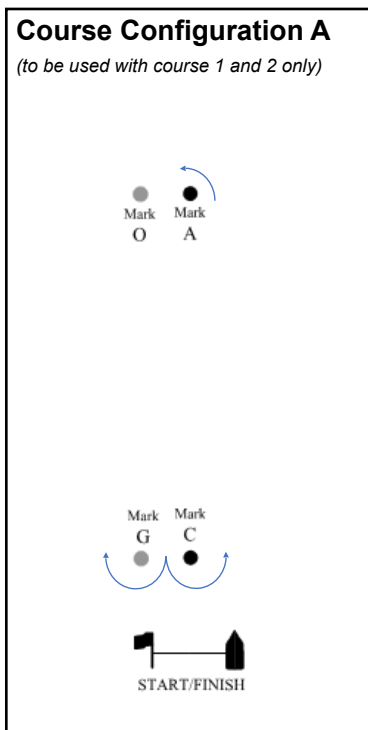
**ATTACHMENT A**

***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.**