



## 2024 Pitts Design and Construction WA Hobie 16 State Championships

at

Geographe Bay Yacht Club,  
1 King Street Busselton, WA  
30th and 31st March 2024

# NOTICE OF RACE



*Organising Authority: Geographe Bay Yacht Club Inc*

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The Organising Authority for the 2024 Western Australian Hobie 16 State Championships (47<sup>th</sup>) is Geographe Bay Yacht Club Inc. 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 after 12:00pm on 23 March 2024 on the Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia website [www.wa.hobiecat.asn.au](http://www.wa.hobiecat.asn.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 classes including Open, Masters, Grandmasters, Great Grandmasters, Women and Youth (without spinnaker).
- 4.2 All boats are eligible to compete in the Hobie 16 Open class with same start.
- 4.3 Hobie 16 open series competitors that meet the prerequisites for eligibility for Masters, Grandmasters and Great Grandmasters series shall only be eligible for one of these series categories and will be places in the maximum age bracket that the skippers date of birth falls within.
- 4.4 A minimum of 5 entries is required to form a class.
- 4.5 All Skippers shall be financial members of an association affiliated with the Australian National Hobie Cat Association.
- 4.6 All competitors shall comply with the Australian Sailing prescription to rule 46 in the Racing Rules of Sailing by being a financial member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club and have a valid AS number or hold a valid Sail Pass.
- 4.7 Boats may enter by registering online at [www.wa.hobiecat.asn.au](http://www.wa.hobiecat.asn.au) by Wednesday, 20 March 2024.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all compulsory fees.
- 4.9 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 memento, tickets for competitors to the presentation function are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Standard Entry Fee until 20 March 2024</b>	<b>Late Entry Fee from 21 March 2024</b>
Hobie 16 Open, Masters, Grandmasters, Great Grandmasters, Women	\$200	\$300
Hobie 16 Youth	\$150	\$200

- 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 event t-shirts may be paid before or after the standard entry deadline may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Coordinating Authority.
- 5.4 Other fees for camping, additional tickets to event functions or for GBYC catering is to be paid to directly to GBYC and may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday 29 March 2024	16:30	17:30	Main Clubhouse, GBYG
Saturday 30 March, 2024	08:00	08:30	Main Clubhouse, GBYG

- 7.2 Dates of racing:

<b>Date</b>	<b>All Classes</b>
Saturday 30 March, 2024	Racing
Sunday 31 March, 2024	Racing

- 7.3 Race organisation:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Details</b>
Volunteers Briefing	Saturday 30 March	07:45	08:00	Clubhouse, GBYC
Competitor Briefing	Saturday 30 March	08:30	08:45	Clubhouse, GBYC
Day 1 Racing First warning signal	Saturday 30 March	10:00		Signal not before
Day 2 Racing First warning signal	Sunday 31 March	09:30		Signal not before

Event	Date	From	To	Details
Day 2 Racing Last warning signal	Sunday 31 March		16:00	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, 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 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 Geographe Bay Yacht Club WA (GBYC) (Inc), 1 King Street Busselton 6280 WA. Refer to Appendix A.
- 10.2 The racing area will be held in the waters off GBYC as per Appendix B. Competitors must adhere to GBYC Exclusion Zones and obstructions.

## 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.
- When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 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.
  - 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))
- 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 [NP] 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 GBYC 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 and may include:
  - a) Hobie 16 Open State Champion Perpetual Trophy.
  - b) Hobie 16 Open Prize 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
  - c) Hobie 16 Youth Prize 1<sup>st</sup> place
  - d) Hobie 16 Masters Prize 1<sup>st</sup> place.
  - e) Hobie 16 Grandmasters Prize 1<sup>st</sup> place.
  - f) Hobie 16 Great Grandmasters Prize 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **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.wa.hobiecat.asn.au](http://www.wa.hobiecat.asn.au)

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 22.1 For further information please contact:

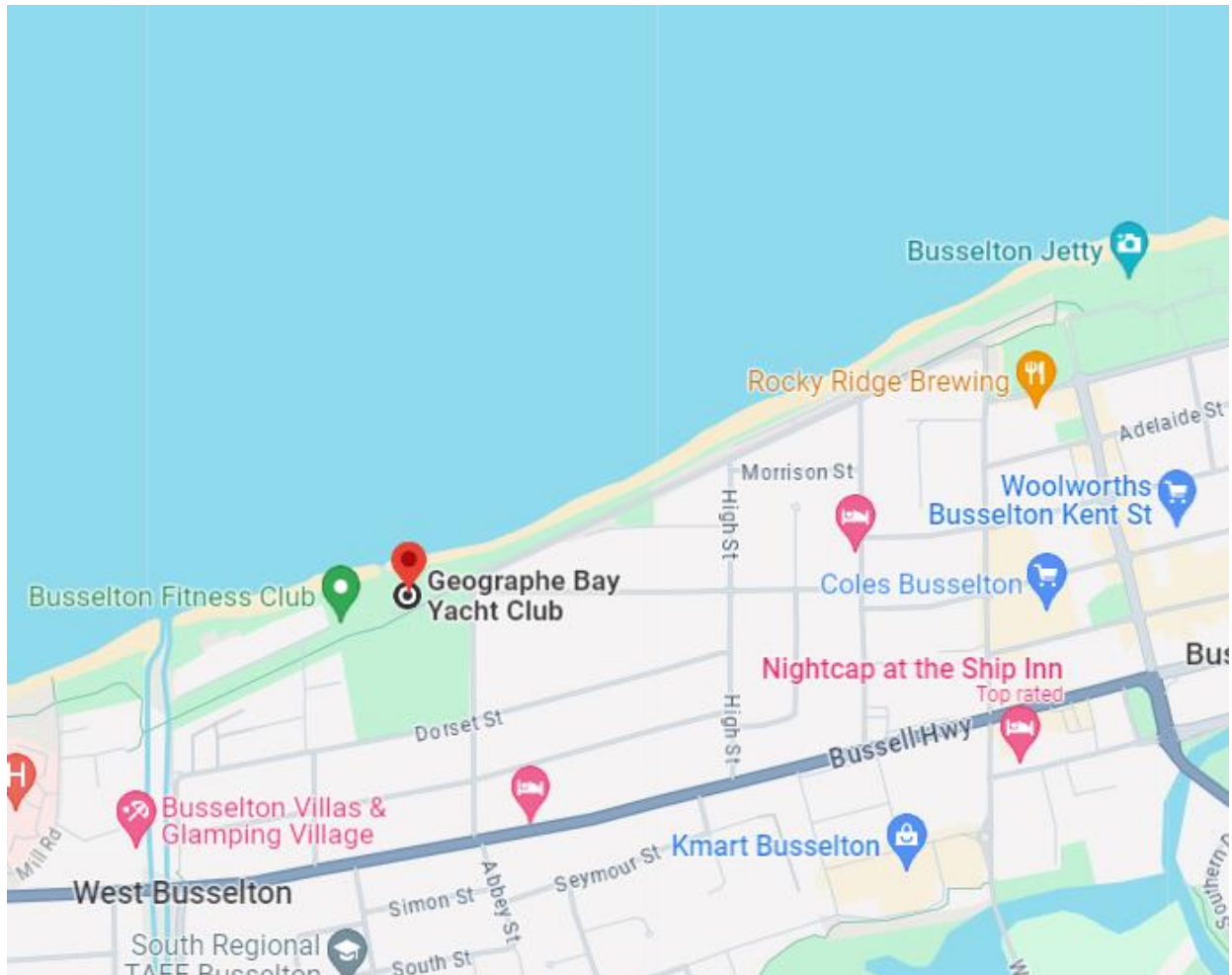
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**ATTACHMENT B – RACE AREA**

