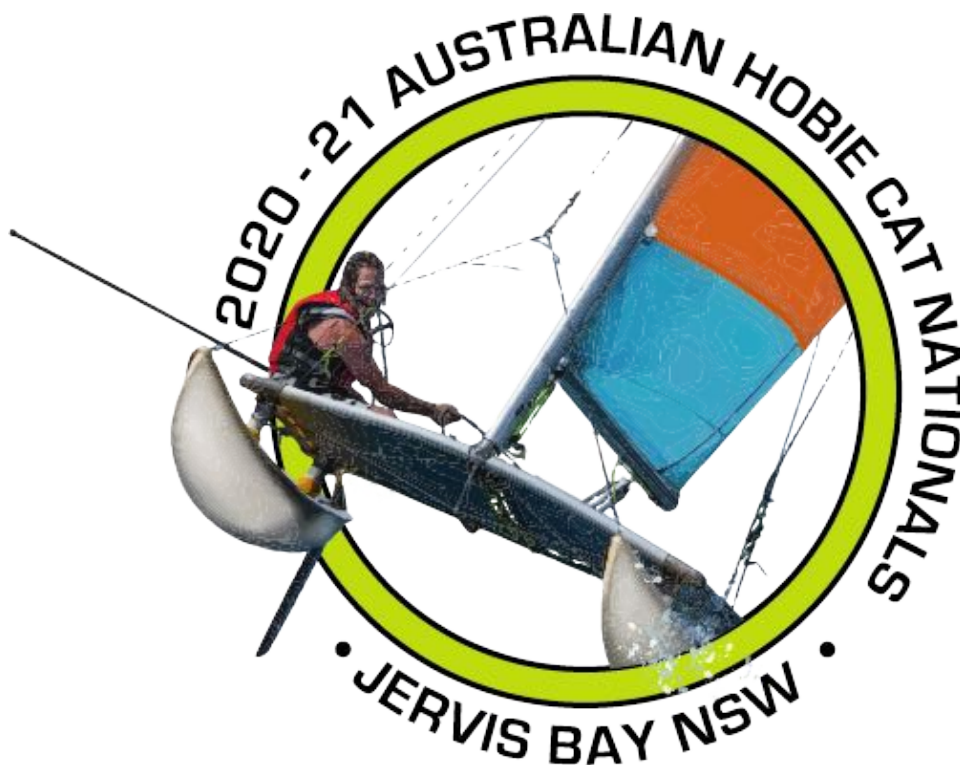


Notice of Race

2020-21 AUSTRALIAN HOBIE CAT NATIONALS JERVIS BAY NSW

28th December 2020 – 5th January 2021
Vincentia - New South Wales



The Organising Authority is the NSW Hobie Cat Association in conjunction with Vincentia Sailing Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3. The current Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 1.4. Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:
Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. **Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.** Changes RRS Rule 40.
- 1.5. IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy shall apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will be as defined by World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to class legal boats of the International Hobie Class Association.
- 3.2. At least one person on each boat shall be a current member of an Association or fleet which is a financial member with the IHCA.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a National Authority.
- 3.4. A minimum of 5 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by 5th December 2020, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel racing for that class. Entrants in that class will be contacted by the organisers if this occurs.
- 3.5. Entry shall be made online at www.hobiecatnationals.com.au

4. FEES

Required registration fees are in \$AUD as follows:

Enter before 15/10/2020:

	Series 1	Series 2	Series 1 & 2
Youth	\$280	\$200	\$350*
1 Person	\$280	\$200	\$350*
2 Person	\$280	\$280	\$430*
* Discount for entering both series - \$130			

Enter from 15/10/2020:

	Series 1	Series 2	Series 1 & 2
Youth	\$370	\$290	\$530**
1 Person	\$370	\$290	\$530**
2 Person	\$370	\$370	\$610**
**Discount for entering both series - \$130			

5. SCHEDULE - Series 1

(Hobie 16 Open, Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters)

5.1. Registration and weigh in:

Monday 28th December 2020 0800 - 1000

5.2. Briefing:

Monday 28th December 2020 1030

5.3. Series 1. Dates of racing:

Monday 28th December 2020 racing (no start before 1200)
 Tuesday 29th December 2020 racing (no start before 1000)
 Wednesday 30th December 2020 racing (no start before 1000)
 Thursday 31st December 2020 racing (no start before 0900 after 1500)

5.4. Number of races:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of races</u>	<u>Races per session</u>
All Classes	up to 16	up to 4

5.5. Presentation of Trophies:

The presentation night will be held after 1800 Thursday 31st December 2020.

6. SCHEDULE - Series 2

(Hobie 14, Hobie 16 Women & Youth, Hobie 18, Tiger, Wildcat)

6.1. Registration and weigh in:

Saturday 2nd January 2021 0800 - 1000

6.2. Briefing:

Saturday 2nd January 2021 1030

6.3. Series 2. Dates of racing:

Saturday 2nd January 2021 racing (no start before 1200)
 Sunday 3rd January 2021 racing (no start before 1000)
 Monday 4th January 2021 racing (no start before 1000)
 Tuesday 5th January 2021 racing (no start before 0900 after 1500)

6.4. Number of races:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of races</u>	<u>Races per session</u>
All Classes	up to 16	up to 4

6.5. Presentation of Trophies:

The presentation night will be held after 1800 Tuesday 5th January 2021.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall comply with the International Hobie Class Rules and may be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 7.2. A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the regatta.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after midday on Sunday 27th December 2020 on the notice board at Vincentia Sailing Club, and on the event web site at hobiecatnationals.com.au
Printed copies will not be available.

9. VENUE

Attachment A shows the venue and location of the racing area.

10. THE COURSES

The course(s) to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all Hobie classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 4 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a National Authority or a Standards Organisation, or Certification Authority. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1.2.
- 13.2. Sailors are **strongly** recommended to use trapeze harnesses with a quick release hookless system or a quick release hook, which meets the ISO 10862 standard.
- 13.3. HELMETS - If sailors wish to wear head protection, it is strongly recommended they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall keep 100m clear of the course area after the warning signal, except in boats provided by the Organising Authority or when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

16. BOAT STORAGE

Boats and trailers shall be kept in the areas assigned by the Organising Authority while off the water.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the following classes depending on the number of entrants:

- Hobie 14
- Hobie 16 Open
- Hobie 16 Masters
- Hobie 16 Grand Masters
- Hobie 16 Women
- Hobie 16 Youth
- Hobie 17
- Hobie 18
- Tiger
- Wildcat

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the class 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 and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

19. RISK STATEMENT

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 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.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least AUD \$10,000,000 per incident (or equivalent).
- 20.2. Competitors will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the organisers through the contact page at hobiecatnationals.com.au/contact

IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO THE SAILORS: GENERAL

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.

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!

ACCOMMODATION

Camping and holiday rental accommodation is available within walking distance to the venue, and hotels a short drive away. The Vincentia / Jervis Bay Area is one of the most popular holiday destinations in NSW, and competitors are advised to book accommodation as a matter of urgency.

NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Hobie Cat Association will be held at 4 pm on the 1st of January 2021. Venue for the meeting TBA.

Attachment A

