



HOBIE 14 SAS NATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016
Incorporating an Open Hobie Class
will be sailed offshore
Vetch's Pier Beach - Durban
24-28 March 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Regatta is organized by the Hobie Class in conjunction with Point Yacht Club under the auspices of South African Sailing (SAS).

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016**.
- 1.2** **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships** will apply.
- 1.3** **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013 – 2016, the Hobie Class rules, the Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at Point Yacht Club's beach site, Vetch's Pier Beach.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole next to the clubhouse, Point Yacht Club's beach site, Vetch's Pier Beach.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Dates of racing:

25/03/2016 Warning signal for the first race of the day at 11:00
26/03/2016 Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10:00
27/03/2016 Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10:00
28/03/2016 Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10:00

5.2 There will be a maximum of 12 races for the event.

5.3 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least ten minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed. To alert boats that another race will be held, Code Flag "L" will be displayed before the first boat finishes the previous race. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Code Flag "L" with a sound signal

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 14:00 on Monday 28/03/2016

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for Hobie 14s will be a white and black Hobie flag.

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place off Vetch's Beach, Durban

8 THE COURSES

Courses will be used as per Addenda 1-5, comprising three round the cans courses and two mini-longhaul courses. Course cards will be available to competitors at registration. A board on the back of the committee boat will display the course number to be sailed and will be displayed no later than the warning signal. The decision to sail a mini-longhaul course will be subject to suitable weather conditions prevailing at the time and daylight constraints and is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

8.1 Marks A, B and C (gate) will be red cylindrical inflatable buoys.

8.2 The offset mark O will be a yellow cylinder

8.3 The starting/finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable cylinder

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The start line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby start mark.

9.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of round the cans courses (courses 1 - 3), the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to (port) and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

10.3 The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to by RRS 33(a) (2) green to starboard, and red to port.

10.4 Change of the next leg of courses will not take place for mini-longhauls (courses 4 - 5).

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat flying the orange flag and a yellow finish mark.

13 SHORTENING COURSE

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the Race Committee may shorten the course as follows.

- 13.1** Courses 1-2-3. The race committee may shorten the course by displaying Code Flag (S) with Two sound signals before the leading boat of the class reaches gate 2P – 2S. Boats shall then pass through the gate rounding either 2P - 2S, which remain marks of the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the prescribed finish line, crossing the line from the direction of gate 2P-2S (This changes RRS 32.2)

- 13.3** Courses 4 - 5 will not be shortened for mini-longhails

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

15 TIME LIMITS

For courses 1-3 (Addenda 1 – 3), boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. For courses 4-5 (Addenda 4 – 5), boats which finish more than 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be assigned a DNF.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
16.2 For each (class) (fleet), the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
16.3 Notices will be posted within two hours of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the sailing office, located at Point Yacht Club's beach site.
16.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
16.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
16.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.
16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 SCORING

17.1 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.

17.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 17.3**
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

18.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.

18.3 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy

18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18.5 There will be a safety briefing for competitors at 10h00 on Friday 25 March 2015.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee member to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a **White Flag** and shall remain no less than 150m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in the race committee no longer allowing the support boat in question to enter the racing area at all.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 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.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor any of its personnel, will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.