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HOBIE TIGER NATIONALS 2021

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Tigers Unleashed! - 2021 Hobie Tiger National Championship. Langebaan, South Africa.

Langebaan Lagoon is arguably South Africa's premier Sailing destination and after the 2020 event was cancelled at short notice due to the Covid Pandemic, energy and enthusiasm amongst the competitors and organisation for the 2021 event was palpable. Everyone was rearing to go and return to some form of "normality".



Competitors travelled from all corners of the country and the best catamaran sailors in the country were out to grab the title. South Africa has a rich and stellar track record when it comes to Hobie Sailing and the fleet boasted an accumulated 6 World Championship Titles. This was going to be a hotly contested event!

Day 1 - dished up a 10 knot North Westerly and 4 races were held. The racecourse was a tactical one in the shifty breeze and staying in phase was key. The defending champions Blaine Dodds and Andrew Ward racked up an impressive 3 firsts and a 4th making it clear they were there to retain the tile. The father and son Team of William and Douglas Edwards (ex-Tiger World Champions – Team ClemenGold) however were not far behind and going to give them an easy ride.



Day 2 - presented a building Southerly breeze, and an early start was scheduled at 9 am. The Race officer Doug Alison did a great job to get 3 races in and all the boats back before the beach before it became un-sailable. The Edwards duo put in a strong performance with 2 bullets and a second for the day. Team Dodds/Ward blew a spinnaker in race 2 and had to return to the beach to change it out, making it back for the last race of the day and justly taking the win in the last race. At the end of Day 2 - there were just a single point separation between these two teams. A close battle was developing between the next 4 boats with Paul Lagesse/Dylan Albert, Shaun Ferry/Murray Wilcock, Garth Loudon/John van der Vyver and Duncan Ross/Hein De Jamaer all within a 10 points band.



Day 3 - was forecast to be more than 25 knots, but another early start managed to squeeze in a single race. Dodds/Ward took the bullet, Team Edwards second and Ross/De Jamaer third.



Day 4 - again presented a perfect 14 to 18 knot building Southerly breeze. 4 races were scheduled. Team Dodds/Ward continued their dominant performance with a 1 and 2 in the first two races but after being called OCS in race 3 - they had to remain on their toes and finish the event conservatively to win. Team Edwards remained in contention to the end with a bullet in race 2 of the day.

Ross/De Jamaer found their mojo to finish their event with a 2nd and first in the last 2 races to end tied with Ferry/Willcocks. Paul Lagesse and Dylan Albert were always in the mix but suffered unfortunate gear failure to finish 6th. A consistent performance by Loudon/Van der Vyver discarding 2 x 6th positions finished in 5th.

The early starts meant that on shore there was plenty of opportunity for sailors to connect and enjoy the Hobie way of life.



The event was well supported by the main sponsor CROCS as well as the local business's like Pearly's, Friday Island, Wunderbar, Hobie Cape, Langebaan Spar, Black Eagle Brewery and Langebaan Yacht Club. Thanks as well to Seaport Supply, High Constantia, GIMCO, Peninsula Beverages (Coca Cola), Southern Ropes and Ullman sails who even in these tough times contributed to a make a successful event.

Final Positions

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| 1. Blaine Dodds/Andrew Ward | 20 pts |
| 2. William and Doug Edwards | 23 pts |
| 3. Duncan Ross/Hein De Jamaer | 35 pts |
| 4. Shaun Ferry/Murray Willcocks | 35 pts |
| 5. Garth Loudon/Johnny Van der Vyver | 42 pts |
| 6. Paul Lagesse/Dylan Albert | 44 pts |



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FINAL RESULTS

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Sail No.	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Gross	Dis 1	Dis 2	NETT
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>				
1	Blaine Dodds	Andrew Ward	2741	1	1	4	1	2	RTD	1	1	1	2	OCS	6	62	-21	-21	20
2	William Edwards	Douglas Edwards	2606	3	7	1	3	1	1	2	2	OCS	5	1	4	51	-21	-7	23
3	Duncan Ross	Hein De Jamaer	2305	8	4	5	9	3	4	3	3	3	7	2	1	52	-9	-8	35
4	Shaun Ferry	Murray Wilcocks	20	9	2	3	5	5	3	5	4	2	8	3	3	52	-9	-8	35
5	Garth Loudon	Johnny van der Vyver	2756	2	5	6	6	4	5	6	5	5	3	5	2	54	-6	-6	42
6	Paul Lagesse	Dylan Albert	2764	7	3	2	2	6	2	4	9	DNF	DNS	4	5	86	-21	-21	44
7	Josh Selig	De Wet Nel	2288	4	11	7	4	7	6	9	13	8	9	10	9	97	-13	-11	73
8	Richard Ayres	Andrew Rissik	2785	13	9	9	12	8	7	7	RTD	9	6	7	7	115	-21	-13	81
9	Mark Wijtenburg	Liam Gunning	2750	5	DSQ	DNS	DNS	10	19	8	6	4	1	8	12	136	-21	-21	94
10	Graham Offord	Matt Breedt	2361	10	6	12	14	13	8	13	10	7	10	11	8	122	-14	-13	95
11	Pete Marsh	Sonja Stock	2465	18	8	11	11	18	14	12	8	6	4	6	RTD	137	-18	-21	98
12	Kyle Bowman	Stephane Goodyer	2651	12	15	10	7	17	10	10	16	13	11	12	14	147	-17	-16	114
13	Mark Kopel	Tyran Kerford	2784	17	14	21	15	9	9	11	7	14	16	13	11	157	-21	-17	119
14	Kyle Lambie	Justin Lambie	2783	6	17	8	8	11	16	19	12	11	15	RTD	RTD	165	-21	-21	123
15	Kobus Holthausen	Sune Budler	2782	11	16	17	10	16	13	14	11	12	12	18	RTD	171	-18	-21	132
16	Declan Nurse	Mark Rutherford	2636	16	12	13	13	12	18	16	RTD	17	DNS	9	10	178	-21	-21	136
17	Wolfie Neumann	Kyle Neuman	2601	15	10	16	RTD	15	12	RTD	14	16	13	17	15	185	-21	-21	143
18	Charles Rickens	Rob Selig	2773	19	13	14	17	20	11	15	RTD	15	18	14	13	190	-21	-20	149
19	Andrew Walker	Sue Walker	2424	14	RTD	18	16	19	17	18	17	10	14	16	RTD	201	-21	-21	159
20	Murray May	Dave St Clair	11	20	18	19	18	14	15	17	15	DNF	18	15	16	206	-21	-20	165

No of Starters Plus 1 =

21 Points