



## **HOBIE 16 SAS NATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018** **27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**The Regatta is organized by the Hobie 16 Class in conjunction with the ABYC 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) 2017 - 2020**.
- 1.2** **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships** will apply.
- 1.3** **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017 – 2020, the Class Rules of the Hobie Class, the Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.
- 1.4** RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the two- penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty. Other changes will appear in full in the sailing instruction.

### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at PE Beach Yacht Club.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 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 at the beach regatta site office.
- 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 to leave the shore until this signal is lowered.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

#### **5.1.** Dates of racing:

Friday	27/04/2018	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 11:00
Saturday	28/04/2018	Warning signal for the first race of the day at TBA
Sunday	29/04/2018	Warning signal for the first race of the day at TBA
Monday	30/04/2018	Warning signal for the first race of the day at TBA

#### **5.2.** Number of races:

A maximum of 16 are scheduled for the regatta

- 5.3** When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more (classes) (fleets)) 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 flag will be displayed before a Warning Signal is displayed. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the Orange flag is hoisted

- 5.4** On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be the Hobie Class Flag

**7 RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place from Hobie Beach – in Algoa Bay

**8 THE COURSES**

Hobie courses will be used. 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 Race Committee may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1** Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

- 9.2** The starting and finishing marks will be pink.

- 9.3** The change of leg marks shall be .....

**10 THE START**

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

- 10.2** The starting line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby start mark.

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

**11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable to a new position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

- 11.2** 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.

- 11.3** The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to by RRS 33(a) (2) green to starboard, and red to port & "+" or "-" for longer or shorter.

**12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby finish mark (separate to start buoy).

**13 SHORTENING COURSE**

As per RRS 32.2

**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**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest 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 30 minutes 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 Protest room, located at PE Beach Yacht Club.

**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) (jury) 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 boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boats 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** Check-out and check-in system will apply as follows:  
A Tally system is in place, details of this will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**19.1** If a crew change is required due to injury or other special circumstances, the crew weight shall not be less than the original weight and not more than 4.5kg unless approved by the race committee. Weights may be carried to maintain the original crew weight provided in the class rules, see 17.4

**19.2** 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 Measurer 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 action from the Protest Committee.

## **22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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. The Organizing Authority, nor any of its personnel, 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.

## **26 INSURANCE**

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