



**Hobie 16 Class National Sailing Championship 2011  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12.**
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply:  
**The South African Sailing Requirements for National Championships**
- 1.3** **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12 and all Class Rules** will apply.
- 1.4** **Both Skipper and crew shall be paid up members in good standing of the Hobie class association as well as SAS. All fees (membership and entry) shall be paid before the schedule starting time of the first race. Failure to do so will result in that entry to be scored DNS.**
- 1.6** All boat, crew weight, and equipment violations may additionally be protested under RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) and would be scored DNE-Disqualified Not Excludable. Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the jury, or regatta officials.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at Mossel Bay 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 flagpole in front of the clubhouse.
- 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.





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### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates of racing:

The warning signal for the first race will not be before 11h00 on Saturday 23 April 2011. The time of subsequent races will be posted on the notice board

- (a) Extra races may be sailed, if the racing is behind schedule,
- (b) The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is to be displayed on the notice board

When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or sequence of races, 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, Flag "L" will be displayed before a Warning Signal is displayed. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Flag "L".

On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 3.00 Pm on Tuesday 26 April 2011

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be advised at the skippers briefing

#### RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the bay North of Mossel Bay Yacht Club

### 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 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.

### 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow.
- 8.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be red
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be orange.

### 9 THE START

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





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- 9.2** The starting line will be between the committee boat and an orange starting pin.
- 9.3** Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.4** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.5** If a boat breaks RRS 30.3, (Black flag rule) the Race Committee or their designate, at or approaching Mark 1 will point flag X at her, make a sound signal and hail her sail number. The hailed boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes RRS A5.

**10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1** 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee, or designate, 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.

**11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1** The finishing line will be committee boat and an orange finish pin.
- 11.2** At the sole discretion of the Race committee, finishing positions may be awarded to competitors still on the course, in order to reduce waiting times between races. Competitor will be asked to return to the start, failing to do so might result in them being late for the next start.

**12 SHORTENING COURSE**

Should the Race Committee shorten course, the finishing line will be:  
At a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Code Flag "S" or  
At a gate between gate marks.

**13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.





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**13.2** 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.

### **14 TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **15 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.
- At least ten finishes in any two races of the series;
- At least four races completed.

### **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 60 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 jury room, located at Mosselbay 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.





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**17 SCORING**

**17.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A 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** Check-out and check-in: Tally system is in place.

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

**18.3** Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

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

**18.5** Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

**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**





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- 21.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 150 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 69.
- 21.2** Support boats shall be marked with the South African flag

**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.
- 23.2** VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 16, or other designated channel, shall be monitored at all times during the event.

**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.

