



NQRHCA
Northern Region Hobie Class Association

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NOTICE OF RACE

To be held at Boskop Yacht Club on 29, 30 January 2011.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be sailed under the 2009-2012 ISAF Yacht Racing Rules (RRS) and the rules of the Hobie Class Association.
- 1.2. Change of crew: The helmsman may not change after the start of the first race. Permission to change crew (other than helmsman) is required in writing stating the full reason for the change. One crew change may be allowed at the discretion of the Race Committee on the condition that the skipper has a valid reason and the weight remains similar.
- 1.3. RRS 44.2 is changed so that the 720 degree (two tacks and two gybes) penalty turn is replaced with 360 degree (one tack and one gybe) penalty turn. A boat that retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. This regatta is a double or single handed event on any of the Hobie Cat classes.
- 2.2. Any other class may enter, but will be scored in an open class and will not be eligible for the series prizes.
- 2.3. The Helmsman of the yacht entered in this regatta shall be a member in good standing of the Hobie Class Association, or in the case of the open class, the relevant class association.
- 2.4. The Helmsman and Crew shall wear personal buoyancy on the water at all times. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification.
- 2.5. All fees (membership and entry) shall be paid before the scheduled starting time of the first race. Where races are sailed without payment of said fees, the results of that entry and the team that that helmsman represents shall be disregarded from this event and the series if applicable.

3. PROGRAMME

- 3.1. Registration will take place at the race office from **9:30am to 10:30am on Saturday, 29 January 2011.**
- 3.2. A skippers briefing will be held at **10am on Saturday, 29 January 2011.**
- 3.3. The warning signal for the first race will not be before **11am on Saturday, 29 January 2011.**
- 3.4. The warning signal times for succeeding races will be displayed on the regatta notice board if not indicated directly on the bridge notice board.
- 3.5. No race shall start after **15h00 on Sunday, 30 January 2011.**



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4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. The regatta will be classified, in terms of the RRS section II, Appendix 1 Regulation 20, as a category "C" event.
- 4.2. Notwithstanding any other rule, the Race Committee reserves the right to require the removal from display of any advertising, which in its opinion, is not in good taste.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Entries can be done on line at
<http://www.hobiesa.co.za/?param=evententry.aspx&pageparam=2>
- 5.2. Entry forms will be available at registration and entries shall be accepted up to a half hour before the warning signal of the first race in which the yacht wishes to take part.
- 5.3. The entry fee per regatta will be:
 - Hobie Tiger, Hobie 18, Hobie 16 and double handed open class = R250
 - Hobie 14 and Youth (under 18yrs) and single handed open class = R180

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & COURSES

- 6.1. Sailing instructions shall be displaced on the regatta notice board one hour prior to the start of the first race.
- 6.2. The courses to be sailed will be set out in the Sailing instructions and may vary from event to event over the series. The Race Officer may change the course prior, or during, the regatta at his discretion. These changes will be announced at the skipper's briefing and/or posted on the notice board.

7. SCORING & RACES

- 7.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2. Four races in total are required to constitute a regatta that will count towards the annual NRHCA Grand Prix series. If fewer than four races have been sailed, the regatta will still count as an event but not qualify for the Grand Prix series.
- 7.3. When four races or less have been completed, a yacht's score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 7.4. When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score (one discard). When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores (two discards).
- 7.5. Competitors are asked to check the results within one hour after they have been posted on the notice board. Any discrepancies need to be brought to the attention of the scorer and regatta secretary. No discussion will be entertained after the one hour open period.
- 7.6. The NRHCA Grand Prix series will consist of six annual regattas, this event being one of these six, and the overall scoring of the series will be calculated using the regatta finishing place of



the yacht as her points for that event. A yacht's points over all six regattas will be added to determine her final overall series score and the winner will be the yacht with the least number of points for all six regattas in total. One discard regatta will be allowed.

8. PROTESTS

8.1. The procedure for protests is laid out in the ISAF RRS and regatta sailing instructions and will be posted on the regatta notice board. No protests will be accepted outside the given period for lodging protests and no discussion will be entertained after the event.

9. PRIZES & TROPHIES

9.1. Prize-giving for the NRHCA Grand Prix series will take place an hour after the results have been posted on the regatta notice board on the last day of the last regatta of the annual series.

9.2. Prizes, medals and trophies may be awarded at the sole discretion of the club and NRHCA.

9.3. Series prizes will be awarded to skippers

10. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

10.1. The attention of all competitors is drawn to the fact that participation in this regatta or any part thereof is entirely at your own risk and no responsibility for damage, injury, death or loss arising from participation in this regatta will rest with the host yacht club, organisers, National Sailing Authorities, sponsors, Class Associations, Hobie manufacturer/ dealer or any person or agent of these bodies whatsoever.

10.2. It is recommended that each yacht carries valid insurance including third party cover.

11. FACILITIES & CONTACTS

11.1. The Club will provide free parking and camping facilities during the regatta to all competitors entered.

11.2. The club will be providing catering

11.3. **Accommodation**
Camping no Charge

11.4. For further enquiries and bookings, please contact:

- Accommodation / Catering - Natasha Levenderis
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