



2023-2024 - 51st AUSTRALIAN HOBIE CAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Series 1: 28th – 31st December 2023
Series 2: 02nd – 05th January 2024

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD
578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations part 2 apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4 The current Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 1.5 RRS rule 40 will be changes as follows:
Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices.
- 1.6 IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy shall apply.
- 1.7 Competitors must follow RQYS Club Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/>)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1400 hrs on 17/12/2023 at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/> .

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/> .
- 3.2 General Regatta Communication will be via SMS.
- 3.2 (a) On entry boats must elect at least one crew member to be the boats primary contact for Race Control SMS – SMS from Race Control may consist of Schedule Updates, Protest Time Limits and more.
- 3.2 (b) The [Online Official Notice Board](#) takes precedence.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to class legal boats of the International Hobie Class Association.
- 4.2 At least one person on each boat shall be a current member of an Association of fleet which is a financial member with IHCA.
- 4.3 All competitors shall be members of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a National Authority.
- 4.4 A minimum of 3 entries is required to form a class. If sufficient entries for a class are not received by 1st December 2023, the Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel racing for that class. Entrants in that class will be contacted by the organisers if this occurs.
- 4.5 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.rqys.com.au/23-24-hobienational/> .
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees (in \$AUD) are as follows:

Series 1	Entry Fee until 30 November 2023	Late Fee from 1 December 2023
Senior 2-person boat	\$345	\$395
Youth 2-person boat	\$300	\$350
Senior 1-person boat	\$275	\$325
Youth 1-person boat	\$240	\$290

Series 2	Competitors who didn't sail Series 1		Competitors sailing their 2 nd Series	
	Entry Fee until 30 November 2023	Late Fee from 1 December 2023	Entry Fee until 30 November 2023	Late Fee from 1 December 2023
Senior 2-person	\$345	\$395	\$295	\$345
Youth 2-person	\$300	\$350	\$250	\$300
Senior 1-person	\$275	\$325	\$225	\$275
Youth 1-person	\$240	\$290	\$190	\$240

5.2 Any Refunds will be as per the RQYS Sailing Refunds Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/>).

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Advertising will be as defined by World Sailing Regulation 20.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Wednesday 27 th December 2023	Series 1 & 2 – Registration	4:00 to 5:00pm
Thursday 28 th December 2023	Series 1 – Registration	8:00am to 9:30am
	Series 1 - Briefing	10:00am
	Racing	First Warning not before 11:30am
	Themed dinner and welcome party	6:00pm
Friday 29 th December 2023	Racing	First Warning not before 10:00am
Saturday 30 th December 2023	Racing	First Warning Not Before 10:00am
Sunday 31 st December 2023	Racing	First Warning Not Before 10:00am
	Series 1 - Presentation	Time and location TBC via SMS
Monday 1 st January 2024	Series 2 - Registration	4:00pm to 5:00pm
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Series 2 – Registration	8:00am to 9:30am
	Series 2 – Briefing	10:00am
	Racing	First Warning Not Before 11:30am
	Themed dinner and welcome party	6:00pm
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Racing	First Warning Not Before 10:00am
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Racing	First Warning Not Before 10:00am
Friday 5 th January 2024	Racing	First Warning Not Before 10:00am
	Series 2 - Presentation	Time and location TBC via SMS

7.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

7.3 A maximum of 14 races are scheduled per series.

7.4 Spectator Boat: The yacht “SV Jaygo” a 17m yacht will be leaving the VIP jetty next to the fuel bowser before racing each day. BYO food and drinks as you will be on the water for all races that day, weather permitting.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat shall comply with the International Hobie Class Rules and may be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.

8.2 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the regatta.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 NoR Attachment A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 9.2 NoR Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The course(s) to be sailed and marks to be used will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 12.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 12.2 (b) When from 4 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 12.2 (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.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1 Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall keep 100m clear of the course area after the warning signal, except in boats provided by the Organising Authority or when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

14. BOAT STORAGE

- 14.1 Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by the RQYS Sailing or Marina office.
- 14.2 Boats may only be stored on the RQYS rigging lawn for the duration of the regatta & 24hrs before/after the regatta, unless otherwise approved by the OA.
- 14.3 No tie down restraints may penetrate the ground deeper than 300mm due to lawn irrigation systems.
- 14.4 Storage between Sail Brisbane and Nationals will be available at the direction of RQYS.

15. DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1 By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 16.2 All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armor, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 16 of the Notice of Race.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the following classes depending on the number of entrants:

18.1 (a) Series 1:

- Hobie 14 Turbo
- Hobie 16 Open
- Hobie 16 Masters, G Masters, GG Masters
- Hobie 17
- Hobie 18

18.1 (b) Series 2:

- Hobie 14 Open
- Hobie 14 Women, Youth, Masters, G Masters, GG Masters & Non-Trapeze
- Hobie 16 Women
- Hobie 16 Youth
- Tiger
- Wildcat
- Dragoon

- 18.1 (c) Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information please contact:

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IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO THE SAILORS:

GENERAL

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.

ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!

Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

LOCATION INFORMATION

[RQYS Notice Board](#)

View the RQYS Notice Board to access Sailing Instructions, Entry, Amendments and more

Accommodation:

Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. Early bookings are recommended.

The Manly Marina Cove Motel is located on the grounds of RQYS – www.manlymarinacove.com

Limited [camping](#) facilities will be available in the grounds of RQYS.

Other Local Accommodation Includes:

[The Manly Hotel](#), [Waterloo Bay Hotel](#), [Pelican's Nestle Inn](#), [Wynnum Anchor Motel](#)

Access to RQYS:

RQYS Reception (located on the left as you enter the club) is available to assist with access between the hours of 7am and 7pm.

Manly Amenities:

[North Sails](#) (Sailmaker) – Club Sponsor North Sails is located just down the road from the club at 1/264 Tingal Road, an 8 minute drive away.

[Muir Marine QLD](#) (Chandlery) - Muir Marine have been serving the Marine Industry for over 100 years and supply everything in boating equipment. Located at 453 Esplanade a 3 minute drive from the club.

[IGA Manly Village](#) – IGA is the closest grocery store to RQYS located just 3 minute drive away, at the corner of Stratton Tce & Cambridge Parade.

[Manly Village Medical](#) – Is the closest medical centre to RQYS, located at 25 Cambridge Parade a 2 minute drive away.

Local Weather:

The RQYS Weather Station can be found at:

<https://www.rqys.com.au/weather-station/>

The Weather Station records from above the club Bay Lookout.

BOM: Radar: <http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDR663.loop.shtml>

Marine Forecast:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/moreton-bay.shtml>

Other Popular forecasts:

Predict Wind: <https://forecast.predictwind.com/table/>

Seabreeze: <https://www.seabreeze.com.au/weather/wind-forecast/brisbane>

WillyWeather: <https://wind.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/brisbane.html>

RQYS DIRECTORY



- 1** RQYS CLUBHOUSE
Reception, Bar, Cafe, Restaurant, Auditorium, Commodore's Lounge, Girdis Room, Flags Room
- 1** SAILING OFFICE
- 3** YACHTING QUEENSLAND
- 4** MANLY MARINA COVE MOTEL
- 5** WINDSURFING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
- 6** MARINE RADIO MORETON BAY
- 7** THE BAY LOOKOUT
- 8** EASTERN BEACH
- 9** DAVENPORT DRIVE LOOKOUT
- 10** BILL KIRBY JETTY
- 11** FUEL WHARF & LAND FUEL
- 12** GYM
- 13** TRAVELIFT & SLEWING CRANE
- 14** SLIPWAY 1
- 15** SLIPWAY 2
- 16** STORAGE SHEDS
- 17** QUEENSLAND MARINE TRAINING SERVICES
- 18** QUEENSLAND MARINE TRAINING SERVICES
- 19** UNOCCUPIED TRADES SPACE
- 20** DAVID GLENN BOAT BUILDERS
- 21** ANDREW WOODFORTH MARINE
- 22** SEADOG MARINE
- 23** JSA MARINE
- 24** PROFESSIONAL BOAT CARE
- 25** ELECTECH INDUSTRIES
- 26** UNOCCUPIED TRADES SPACE
- 27** DAVID'S CUSTOM TRIMMERS
- 28** MULTIHULL CENTRAL
- 29** GREEN MARINE
- 30** SUPERIOR YACHT SOLUTIONS
- 31** ACADEMY RIGGING LAWN
- 32** MAIN RIGGING LAWN
- 33** RIGGING LAWN 2
- 34** RIGGING LAWN 3
- 35** RIGGING LAWN 4
- 36** RIGGING LAWN 5
- 37** CAMPING AREA
- 38** PUBLIC ACCESS RAMP
- 39** SAILING ACADEMY RAMP
- 40** MAIN LAUNCHING RAMP
- 41** SLIPWAY RAMP
- 42** RAMP 4
- 43** PUBLIC CAR PARK
- 44** MOTEL CAR PARK
- 45** MEMBERS CAR PARK



NoR Attachment B

