

Hobie® Cat 16

Austrian Championship

North Adriatic Cup

Hobie 16 Open (no SPI)

Organizing Authority is the Polisportiva San Marco in conjunction with the Italian Sailing Federation under the authority of the IHCA.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. No National Authority prescriptions apply.

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

1.4. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence:

“However, if an offset mark is set a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident on the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and the offset mark, until she passes the offset mark.”

1.5. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

1.7. The official notice board is located:

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/6411/event_links?name=austrian-hobie-class-championship

2. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

2.1. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be shown. This changes RRS 40.

- 2.2. Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.3. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.4. Boats retiring from racing in accordance with SI 2.3 or for whatever reason not completing the course shall complete a retirement declaration form at the Race Office before the protest time limit.
- 2.5. When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF 71 channel for that Course Area for search and rescue instructions. The Race Committee will announce 'Flag Victor' using the designated VHF channel. The designated VHF channels will be posted at the Official Notice Board.
- 2.6. Additional Safety Information: Phone number of the Race Office from where all security matters are handled will be posted at the Official Notice Board.

3. [NP][DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 3.2. Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the Organizing Authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.
- 3.3. Boats that are on a Course Area or passing through a Course Area to which they are not assigned shall remain clear of the area where boats are racing and any official boats.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/6411/event_links?name=austrian-hobie-class-championship . Notices may also be posted on the event web site.
- 4.2. Signals ashore will be displayed from flagpoles in front of the Race Office.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.
- 4.4. [DP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal means: "the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed." Boats shall not leave the beach until this signal is made.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect and any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled first warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2. Any reassignment of events or fleets to course areas will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled first warning signal on the day it will take effect, or if flag AP is displayed ashore, 60 minutes before flag AP for that event or fleet is removed.

6. FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1. The format of racing for the Hobie 16 Open event will be a Qualifying Series and a Final Series if more than 80 boats are registered.
- 6.2. The Qualifying Series will be ranked with at least 1 race up to max 8 races.
- 6.3. A Final Series will be scheduled with at least 1 Qualification race completed.
- 6.4. Boats will be assigned to the Gold or Silver fleets on the basis of their ranks in the Qualifying Series or Youth, Women and Masters Series. The Gold Series fleet is limited to 56 boats, including the pre-qualified boats. The Silver Series fleet has a maximum of 90 boats. Boats with the best Qualifying Series ranks will race all Final Series races in the Gold fleet; boats with the next-best Qualifying Series ranks will race the Silver fleet.
- 6.5. Any recalculation of Final Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Gold Series fleet will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The number of races scheduled are in accordance with the NOR (point 10).
- 7.2. Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on a following day at the discretion of the race committee.
- 7.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the first day is 10:00 am.
- 7.4. No more than 5 races will be sailed each day.
- 7.5. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 7.6. Last possible start for the last day race will be at 15:00 hrs.

8. COURSE AREAS

- 8.1. The course areas are shown in SI Addendum A.
- 8.2. Fleets may be allocated to different racing areas on different days, although the Organizing Authority will try to avoid such a change.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum C show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The course designation will be communicated on the Notice board before the "D" flag is displayed.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks will be as follows:

Starting mark is yellow color

Mark 1 is yellow color

Mark 2 is yellow color

Mark 3 is yellow color

10.2. A Race Committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark.

11. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a flag with the Hobie emblem.

12. THE START

12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and either:

12.1.1. (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the port end, or

12.1.2. (b) a flag buoy with an orange flag at the port end, or

12.1.3. (c) the course side of the port-end inflatable starting mark.

12.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

13. COURSE CHANGES

13.1. In addition, any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark. This changes RRS 33.

13.2. In case of changing the windward mark in an offset course, the offset mark is eliminated.

13.3. If at Race Committee vessel "C" flag is displayed at or before class flag, windward mark will be a change mark and subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.

13.4. The starting line is an obstacle except while starting or finishing.

13.5. If "S" flag is displayed at mark 3 at the first lap, boats shall sail through the finishing line to finish. This changes RRS 32.2.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the RC vessel and a yellow mark

14.2. On the last run of each race, it is not allowed to cross the starting/finishing line.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. Time limits and target time (*in minutes*) are as follows:

<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark A Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>	<i>Target time</i>
75	20	20	45

15.2. If no boat rounds Mark A within the Mark A Time Limit the Race Committee may abandon the race.

15.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.4. Any boat that does not finish within Finish Window (time after the first boat finishes) will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

16.1. Equipment shall be available for inspection by the Technical Committee during registration hours. Corrector weights, if applicable, must be available for inspection during registration, before, and after each race.

16.2. In accordance with RRS 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during the event.

16.3. The equipment limitations as specified in the IHCA Class Rules shall apply.

16.4. A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by the Technical Committee.

16.5. Boats penalized under the class rules for boat, crew weight and equipment violations will be scored – DNE – Disqualified Not Excludable.

17. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Technical Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race or Class Rules. Request for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity at the Race Office. The request shall be approved by the Measurer or the PRO.

18. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Technical Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race or Class Rules.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1. Actions by official boats, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

20. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

20.1. Support boats shall be registered at the secretary office.

20.2. Support boats shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats or create a wake that affects boats racing.

20.3. Support boats shall not be positioned:

20.3.1. Closer than 50 meters of any boat racing.

20.3.2. Within 50 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20.3.3. Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.

20.3.4. Within 50 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.

20.3.5. Within 50 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.

20.4. In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.

20.5. Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

20.6. The Organizing Authority may revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of SI 20.

21. [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

21.1. Boats shall display required event sponsor advertising. The Organizing Authority will supply the advertising and instructions for their use.

22. SCORING

22.1. [DP] A boat that decide to stay ashore shall inform the regatta office as soon as possible and will be scored DNC.

22.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

22.3. A boat's race score shall be:

22.3.1. When fewer than 4 races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

22.3.2. When 4, 5, 6, or 7 races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score in the series.

22.3.3. When 8 or more races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

22.4. A boat wishing to request to the Race Committee a correction of an alleged scoring error posted regarding a race or series results, shall complete a scoring enquiry form available on-line not later than 2 hours from the posting time. RC will provide a decision within a reasonable time. If the boat is not satisfied by RC decision of the scoring review, it may seek for redress.

22.5. One race is required to constitute a series.

23. PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 23.1. Protest forms are available online at the link:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=6411
- 23.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 23.3. For each event/fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in her event/fleet has finished the last race of the day, or after the Race Committee displayed AP over A or N over A.
- 23.4. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 23.5. Hearings will be held in the jury room, beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of protest time.
- 23.6. In case of a protest involving 2 boats with no damage or injuries, protestor and protestee may ask for arbitration.
- 23.7. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 23.8. Penalties for breaches of RRS 55, or rules in the NOR and SI marked [DP] or [SP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the Protest Committee. When applying RRS 64.1, and the PC, in its absolute discretion, considers an infringement of a rule minor and/or having little effect on racing it may consider applying a scoring penalty less than disqualification.
- 23.9. For breaches of the NOR/SI marked [SP], the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the Race Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress or this Race Committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.
- 23.10. On the last day of the Qualifying Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing for each event, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

24. [SP; DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. [SP; DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. See RRS 55. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee vessels.

26. PRIZES

As per Notice of Race.

27. RISK STATEMENT

The host sailing club, the National Authority and HCIA, their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Austrian Championship and North Adriatic Regatta and competitors take part in the Regattas entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing. A competitor must be of good health and a competent sailor capable of sailing an HC16 dinghy in strong winds. It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.

28. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority, the Media services providers and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation for the purpose of news reporting, regatta documentary, advertising to promote the regatta, the national or the international class association or sailing, and advertising where the above pictures/video recordings/etc. are shown in the context of sailors/participants competing in Regatta.

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.

TRAPEZE HARNESSSES

Sailors are strongly recommended to use trapeze harnesses with a quick release hookless system or a quick release hook, which meets the ISO 10862 standard.

HELMETS

If sailors wish to wear head protection it is strongly recommend they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

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!

Course Configuration

