

# Hobie Cat Multi Event 2023

Circolo Vela Cesenatico  
11th – 21st July 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.*

*[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing*

The race is organized by the Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV) who delegates the Circolo Vela Cesenatico

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4. Rule 44.1 is changed. See NoR 14.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between NoR and Sailing instructions, the Sailing instructions will take precedence.
- 1.6. The 2021-2024 IHCA Class Rules including App. E will apply
- 1.7. The notations preceding a sailing instruction are defined as follows:
  - [DP] Discretionary Penalty, denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury. This changes RRS 64.2.
  - [SP] Standard Penalty, denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes 5.1 RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
  - [NP] Not Protestable, denotes a rule that shall 5.2 not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 2. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP][SP]

- 2.1. The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 2.2. When **Foxtrot Flag** is hosted at the official flagpole located in front of the race secretary.
  - Before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, a crew shall personally sign out on the required race committee form located at the Race Office.
  - [DP] Within the protest time limit after returning ashore, a crew shall personally sign in on the required form located at the Race Office.
  - 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.

- 2.3. When **Foxtrot Flag** is displayed on any Race Committee boat all sailors **must** go to the beach as soon as possible.
- 2.4. Competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, (this changes RRS 40 and preamble of Part 3).

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on [RacingRulesofSailing.com](http://RacingRulesofSailing.com)
- 3.2. To improve communication during the regatta Whatsapp or Telegram dedicated channel may be created and used to notify sailors

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the day on which it will take effect.
- 4.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE [DP]

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located in front of the Boat Park.
- 5.2. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race AP signal.
- 5.3. The boats shall not go offshore until the Delta Flag is displayed at the official flagpole. Warning signals will not be displayed less than 45 minutes after the display of the Delta flag.

### 6. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1. Qualifying races: for all teams on the OPEN entry list minus the prequalified nations teams.
- 6.2. Gold fleet: The number of participants in the final races of the HC16 European Championship is limited to a maximum of 52 teams. Composition of the fleet will be based on EHCA class policy for the pre-qualified spots calculation.
- 6.3. Silver fleet: Teams from the qualifying races who did not qualify for Gold Fleet

### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. No more than 5 races may be sailed per day for the Hobie Cat 16 classes and no more than 4 races for the Hobie Cat 14 and Hobie Dragoon per day. The overall schedule of races for the classes:
  - a) For the Hobie 16 Youth there will be no more than 16 races in total
  - b) For the Hobie Dragoon will be no more than 16 races in total
  - c) For the Hobie Cat 14 will be no more than 16 races in total
  - d) For the Hobie Cat 16 Masters classes, Open Spi and Open Qualification will be no more than 8 races in total
  - e) For the Hobie Cat 16 Final Series (Gold and Silver fleet) there will be no more than 16 races in total
- 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. When the weather forecast may suggest so, a race can be anticipated but in

any case, no more than one race with respect to the point 7.1 could be sailed to recover the original plan.

- 7.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first day of each racing series is 13,00 hrs.
- 7.5. On the last scheduled day of each racing series, no warning signal will be made after 16.30 hrs.

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. The course length will be set so the race will last approximately 35 minutes in the anticipated wind conditions. A different race time will not be grounds for redress. This SI changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 8.3. If possible the race committee boat will show the approximate compass bearing to mark 1. Failing to do this, will not be ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4. The gate may be replaced by a single mark , in this case the single marks left will have to be left to port.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks or associated gate marks, will be shown in the attachment A related to Race Course

## 10. CLASS FLAG

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag ground Color</b>
Dragoon	Green
Hobie 14	Green
Hobie 16 Youth Spi & No Spi	White
Hobie 16 Spi Cup	Orange
Hobie 16 Masters	Orange
Hobie 16 Qualifications	Yellow
Hobie 16 Gold Fleet	Yellow
Hobie 16 Silver Fleet	White

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC vessel at one end and a RC vessel displaying an orange flag or a yellow mark, at the other end (see Attachment A).
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be hoisted at the Race Committee boat with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.4. [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal

has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and its prolongations , and marks in all directions.

- 11.5. Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 5 kts of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. (a) No change of course after the start will be allowed for the following classes: H.C. 16 Youth, Youth Spi, Master Spi Cup and Dragoon. This modifies Rule 33.
- 12.2. (b) A change of course after the start will be in accordance with Rule 33 for H.C. 16 and Hobie 14.
- 12.3. In addition, any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 12.4. In case of changing the upwind mark, the offset mark is eliminated.
- 12.5. In case of changing the leeward gate the marks will be the original ones.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a RC vessel displaying a blue flag and the course side of the nearby orange cigarette buoy.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. A race will be abandoned if no boat has finished within 75 minutes. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protest forms will be available on [RacingRulesofSailing.com](http://RacingRulesofSailing.com).
- 15.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be uploaded on Racing Rules space within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the last abandonment signal of the day has been given for each fleet.
- 15.4. Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5. Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee under rule 61.1(b) will be posted in the ONB within the Protest Time Limit
- 15.6. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located near the race office.
- 15.7. RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply
- 15.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. The Low Point System shall apply.
- 16.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event, qualifying or final series.
- 16.3. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4. When 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 16.6. Classes sailing a qualifying series and a final series, all race scored from the qualifying series will not be carried forward to the final series.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]**

- 17.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee and shall comply with any restrictions of the class rules.
- 17.2. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW [DP]**

19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race and any restrictions of the class rules.

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1. 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.
- 20.2. 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.
- 20.3. The equipment limitations as specified in the IHCA Class Rules shall apply.
- 20.4. A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by the Technical Committee.

## **21. HOBIE 16 GOLD FLEET SAILS**

21.1. Sails and battens will be provided to all Gold Fleet competitors, who shall not modify them in any way except:

- (a) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the sails
- (b) Fittings or equipment, designed to be adjusted except jib luff tension, may be adjusted, provided the Class Rules are complied with.

The sails and battens provided shall be used while afloat.

The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

Competitors shall report any damage or loss of the sails and/or battens, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

22.2. Sails and battens will be handed out on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 from 09:00 to 10:30 hours.

22.3. Payment of the rental fee of EUR 50 plus damage deposit of EUR 150 in total EUR 200 must be paid in cash before receiving the sails and battens. EUR is the only currency accepted.

## **22. BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

22.1. Boats will not be required to display national letters. This modifies rule 77

22.2 [DP] Boats will be required to display Race Stickers as per Attachment C.

## **23. OFFICIAL BOATS**

23.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Jury boat will display a white flag with the letter "J".
- Safety boats will display white flag with the letter "S"

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

## **24. SUPPORT BOATS**

24.1. Support boats shall comply with NoR 16.

## **25. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]**

25.1. No trash should be left on the water but may be placed aboard support and race official boats.

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

26.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

27.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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

# ATTACHMENT A - RACE COURSES

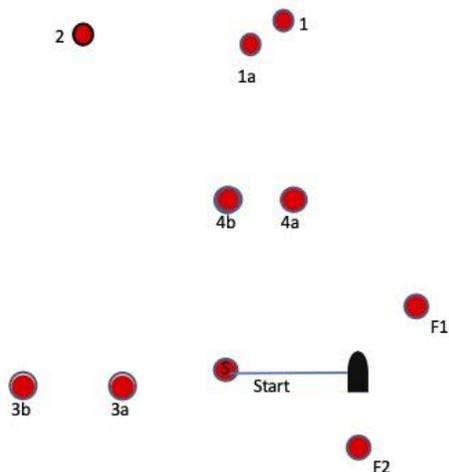
## Race Course 1

### OUTER COURSE

S-1-2-3a/3b-2-3a- F2

### INNER COURSE

S-1-1a-4b/4a-1-1 a -4 a-F1



Pin end is a rubber boat with Orange Flag

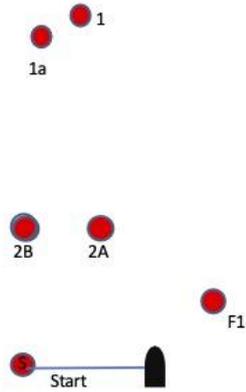
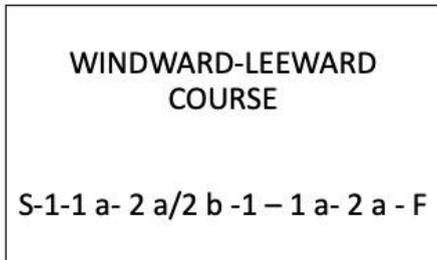
Buoys 1 - 1a - 2 are Red Cylindric

3b - 3 a are Yellow Triangular

4b - 4 a are Yellow Scuola Vela

F1 - F2 are Cigarette Orange Buoys

## Race Course 2



Pin end is a rubber boat with Orange Flag  
Buoys 1 - 1a are Red Cylindric  
2a - 2b are Yellow Triangular  
F1 is a Cigarette Orange Buoy

## **ATTACHMENT B - 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 HARNESES**

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 recommended, 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

ATTACHMENT C:



## Hobieme23 Quick Reference Sheet

Boat places reserved for HC14 are from 1 to 37, for Dragoons are from 38 to 56, for HC16 are from 57 to 137 Please follow this instructions to place the number on boats, trails and trolleys.

**ATTENZIONE**  
L'adesivo sul carrello stradale  
va posizionato vicino alla targa  
del carrello

**ATTENTION**  
Put the sticker on the road trailer  
near the trailer plate

