

**Hobie 14 Class National Championship 2012,
Incorporating Hobie 16 woman's National Championships**

Will be sailed at Knysna Yacht Club, on the 17th to 19th February 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

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 South African Sailing will apply:
"The SA Sailing Requirements for Class National Championships".
- 1.3 Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the **Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12**, the **Class Rules of the Hobie Classes** this **Notice of Race**, and the **Sailing Instructions.**
- 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 disregarded.**
- 1.5 RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the two- penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.
Other changes will appear in full in the sailing instruction.

2 ADVERTISING

ISAF Regulation 20 – Advertising Code – applies. Boats may be required to display event advertising on the forward part of the hull. Yachts shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with that of any official event sponsor

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 In accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (Helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form or crew list. Current valid South African Sailing Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration.
- 3.2 The regatta is open to all Hobie 14 and 16 boats.

- 3.3** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, or by entering on the Hobie web site to:
Fax/phone : 044 3825724
E-mail: kyc@kingsley.co.za by 30 January 2012
or enter online @ <http://www.knysnayachtclub.com/>
- 3.4** In cases of electronic or faxed entry, confirmation of payment as outlined in 3.3 above shall clearly bear the skippers surname and sail no, and be faxed or e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary. Late entries will be accepted up to one hour before the start of the first race with an additional payment of R100.00.

4 FEES

- 4.1** Required fees are as follows: Hobie 14 – R250 and Hobie 16 R450 per boat
- 4.2** Party packs for non-competitors will be R150 per person (which includes two sponsored meals and an Oyster and Champagne breakfast).

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Registration will take place at the race office from 9.00 am to 11am Friday 17 February 2012
- 5.3** A skippers briefing will be held at 11h00 on Friday, 17 February 2012
- 5.4** The warning signal for the first race will not be before 12.00 am on Friday 17 February 2012.
- 5.5** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the next day, as well as the final day, will be displayed on the notice board

6 MEASUREMENTS

Spot measurements may be taken at any stage during the regatta in order to ensure all boats comply with the class rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place in Knysna Lagoon.

9 THE COURSES

Special KYC course cards will be available at registration.
A board on the back of the committee boat will display the relevant course to be sailed and will be displayed no later than the warning signal.

10 NUMBER OF RACES

10.1 The number of races scheduled shall appear in the Notice of Regatta and in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 A minimum of 6 races shall be scheduled.

10.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Sailing Instructions, if more than 4 but less than 10 races are completed the worst score for each yacht will be excluded and if 10 or more races are completed the two worst scores for each yacht will be excluded.

10.4 If fewer than 4 races are completed, the contest will not qualify as a National Championship.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12 SCORING

12.1 Low Point System of Appendix A4.1 will apply.

12.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 12.3**
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.

13 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 finishers in any two races of the series.
- * At least four races completed.

14 SAFETY

14.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

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

14.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

15 SUPPORT BOATS

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with the South African flag and remain no less than 150m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in action from the Protest Committee.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies especially to, but not exclusive to mobile telephones.

17 PRIZES

Prizes, medals and trophies may be awarded.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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