



2026 SUNSAIL

Hobie 16 Provincial Championships

Dates: 25th April to 27th April 2026

Venue: WCHCA – Langebaan

Organising Authority: WC Hobie Class Association (WCHCA) with SA Sailing.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is the [WhatsApp Group 'Hobie 16 2026 Provincials'](#).
- 1.2 The race office is located at the Hobie Shop 52 Main Street Langebaan.
- 1.3 [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.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 45 minutes before the first scheduled start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Hobie Shop.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be the [Pink Hobie Class Flag](#)

6 RACING AREA – AREA 1 (approximate)



7 COURSES

7.1 The first race sailed may be a 'Long Haul' type race. If so the start of the first race will be a beach start from 'Hobie Beach' finishing at the committee boat. Subsequent Races will start from the committee boat.

7.2 The other courses to be sailed will be as per those on the IHCA Course Card as below. The number of the course to be sailed will be on a whiteboard on the stern of the committee boat.

HOBIE		IHCA Course Card	
No.	Course	Finish	Options for the Race Committee
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G 1O 1GO
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G 2O 2GO
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind	3O
4	(S) A C A B C A	(F) Downwind	4O
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G 5O 5GO
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G 6O 6GO
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind	7O

G = GATE O = OFFSET MARK

SEVENSTARS HIGH PERFORMANCE ENERGY DRINK

8 MARKS

Marks will be the yellow 'Club Mykonos' Buoys.

There may be an offset mark at the Windward Mark.

This and Start & Finish Marks will be identified in a post on the WhatsApp group.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between the mast or pole on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an outer start mark.

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

9.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

SSI 10.1 is deleted and replaced with: To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finish line) to a new position.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast or pole on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and a finishing mark. During racing you may sail through the 'Start & Finish lines'.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the race committee may also signal a shortened course before the first boat reaches a gate or rounding by displaying flag F with repeated sounds. On this signal boats shall round the next mark as required to sail the course and thereafter proceed directly to the finishing line. This signal shall be made before the first boat reaches the next mark and shall continue to be made until all boats still racing have rounded this mark. This changes RRS 32.2

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix T – Arbitration will apply

13.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by:

13.3 As soon as possible, after the incident, a boat takes a penalty, by completing one of the following:

13.4 Two consecutive gybes

13.5 Two consecutive tacks

13.6 The One-Turn Penalty

14 TIME LIMITS – (SSI 12)

- Mark 1 Time Limit – 25 Minutes
- Race Time Limit – 90 Minutes

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within this time limit. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official WhatsApp notice board.

15.3 However, if racing is postponed under Race Signal AP over H, then the protest time limit for races completed so far that day is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race completed, or the race committee signalled AP over H, whichever was the later.

15.4 Arbitration hearing request forms are available from the race committee. The Arbitration outcome shall be final.

15.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at No. 22 main Street Langebaan or remotely as instructed by the race committee, beginning at the time posted.

16 SCORING

16.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2(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 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 race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1[DP] All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

17.2[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1[DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2[DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.

19.2[DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL

[DP] Support person vessels shall stay outside of the course (as shown on the course diagram) and at least 50m from boats racing.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.
