

# INTERNATIONAL HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION



The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005.

## **Rule 3**

**Amendment:** Re-number current rule to 3(a), delete “Authority” from the title.

Add section (b) to read: “In the case of a dispute alleging non-compliance with the letter of these rules, the official drawings and specifications, the matter, together with any relevant information, shall be referred to the IHCA Rules Committee who shall give a ruling under the provisions of General Class Rule 25.”

Add section (c) to read “In the case of a measurement dispute on matters not explicitly covered by these rules, the official drawings and specifications the following procedure shall be adopted:

A sample of five other boats shall be taken by the designated measurer and measured using identical techniques. The dimensions of the disputed boat shall be equal to, or between the maximum and minimum dimensions obtained from these five boats. If the boat in question is outside these dimensions, the matter, together with any relevant information shall be referred to the IHCA Chief Measurer who shall give a final ruling. If any of the dimensions of the sample are considered unusual, all relevant information shall be referred to the IHCA Chief Measurer as well.”

## **Rule 13.2**

**Amendment:** Delete entire rule.

## **Rule 13.3**

**Amendment:** Re-number to 13.2

## **Rule 13.4**

**Amendment:** Re-number to 13.3.

Add “the South American Region (except Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil) and” before “North American Region”. after “Hobie Tiger” add “Hobie Dragoon, Hobie FX-One, and Hobie Fox”.

The sixth sentence should now read: “All aluminium masts are mandatory in the South Pacific, Southern Africa, European Regions and Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.....”.

Add an extra sentence to the end of the rule as follows: “Hobie Dragons built in 2003 and prior (as engrave on the Hobie Cat Co. plaque affixed on the rear beam) may continue to use the COMPTIP when racing in North American Region.”

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## **Rule 16.3**

**Amendment:** In the first sentence delete “navigation, and speed metering equipment of any type” and replace with “with brackets or electronic devices that provide timing and heading memory but which do not transmit, transfer or receive data”.

## **Rule 17.5 (a)**

**Amendment:** Delete rule and replace with “Lightweight clothing is defined as swimwear or t-shirt (or similar) and shorts.”

## **Rule 17.7**

**Amendment:** Add “and/or Junior” after “Youth”, delete “crew attaining his or her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before the end of the year in which the event is sailed is eligible” and replace with “the following apply”.

Add Section (a) to read as follows: “Competitors for Youth series shall be under 21 years of age at the start of the first race of the event.”

Add Section (b) to read as follows: “Competitor for junior series shall be under 16 years of age at the start of the first race of the event.”

Add Section (c) to read as follows: “For ISAF Events, and qualification series up to ISAF Events (or events using the ISAF age definition), all competitors shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December of the year of the event.”

## **Rule 17.8 (New Rule)**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “For the purpose of Master and/or Grand Master Events following apply:

(a) The helmsperson for Master series shall be 45 years or older at the start of the series. The age of crewmembers in Master series is open.

(b) The helmsperson for Grand Master series shall be 55 years or older at the start of the series. The age of crewmembers in Grand Master series shall not be less than 40 years at the start of the series.”

## **Rule 3.5 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat Dragoon**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “Adjustable rope luff and leech lines may be installed within existing luff and leech tapes on spinnakers.”

## **Rule 3.3 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat 14**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “Minimum furling or cutting to the mast step casting is permitted for improving rotation. Stops may be added to replace the standard mast stops. The stops on the mast step may be altered to allow the mast to rotate so that when an imaginary straight line is extended from the centre of the mast through the mast track, when fully rotated this line does not cross in front of the junction of the front corner casting and side bar.”

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## **Rule 3.4 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat 14**

**Amendment:** Add new rule to read as follows: “The mast base casting rotation stops may be altered, but the casting rotation stops shall not be removed, and the mast shall remain free to rotate from side to side. The mast shall not have controls to permit adjustments while racing, except as outlined in Rule #3.5 of these rules and Rule #16.1 of the General Rules.”

## **Rule 5.2 – Hobie Cat 14**

**Amendment:** Delete entire rule and renumber subsequent rules as appropriate.

## **Rule 3.5 (New Rule) - Hobie Cat 14**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “A mast rotation control kit as supplied by HOBIE CAT CO may be mounted. The mast rotation control purchase shall not be greater than 2:1 and the mast rotation kit shall not have controls to permit adjustments while on trapeze.”

## **Rule 5.1 – Hobie Cat 14**

**Amendment:** Delete current rule and replace with “All downhaul systems allowed prior to the upgrade effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 will remain class legal.

- (a) The upgraded downhaul system shall be as supplied by HOBIE CAT CO and shall not exceed 6:1 purchase.
- (b) Blocks and cleats on the upgraded system may be replaced with similar types provided the custom attachments to the mast base and gooseneck supplied by HOBIE CAT CO are used.
- (c) Swivel cleats are not allowed. The upgraded downhaul design has some limited movement from side to side. Any replacement cams may not exceed the side-to-side movement of the HOBIE CAT CO supplied system.”

## **Rule 5.3 – Hobie Cat 14**

**Amendment:** Delete current rule and replace with “The outhaul purchase shall not exceed 2:1. No internal outhaul devices are allowed. The outhaul system may be changed to the owner’s and skipper’s specification provided the outhaul line runs over the end cap of the boom. Optional friction reducing end caps supplied by HOBIE CAT CO. is permitted. Such end caps may have sheaves built in. Inhaul systems are not allowed.”

## **Rule 3.2 – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Add “or Velcro type systems” after “Jib batten pockets”.

## **Rule 3.5 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “The jib luff tension shall not be adjustable at the sail tack while sailing.”

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## **Rule 4.1 – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Delete current rule sections (c) and (d) and replace with:

- (c) Jib halyard tension may be adjusted while sailing.
- (d) The jib halyard can be cleated to both cleats on the mast to pull the halyard to the centre of the mast.
- (e) A cheek block may be added or moved to the centre of the mast to guide the halyard to the front centre of the mast. The block shall in this case be located maximum 51 mm (2 in.) above the base of the mast extrusion using this and the lowest bearing surface of the block as measurement points.
- (f) An additional cheek block may be added to guide the halyard from the centre cheek block to a horned keeper cleat. This block shall be located maximum 508 mm (20 in.) above the base of the mast extrusion using this and the highest bearing surface of the block as measurement points.
- (g) A surface mounted cam cleat may be added in front of the horned keeper cleat to make it easier to adjust the halyard. The cam cleat may be mounted at any angle but must be surface mounted and may not swivel from side to side.
- (h) To gain friction the jib halyard may run through the mounted cheek blocks several times before going through the cam cleat.
- (i) When the halyard is not being adjusted the halyard may run through the cam cleat but shall be tied off to the horned keeper cleat.
- (j) Purchase for the jib halyard shall be either at the mast base or between the jib head and mast tang. If purchase is at the base it shall not exceed 5:1 and the halyard shall be wire.”

## **Rule 4.5 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “Minimum filing or cutting to the mast step casting is permitted for improving rotation, but metal shall not be removed for achieving mast rake. Stops may be added to replace the standard mast stops but shall not be adjustable.”

## **Rule 4.6 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “The mast base casting rotation stops may be altered, but the casting rotation stops shall not be removed, and the mast shall remain free to rotate from side to side. The mast shall not have controls to permit adjustments while racing, except as outlined in Rule #16.1 of the General Rules or as describes in these boat class rules”

## **Rule 6.2 – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Delete entire rule and re-number sub-subsequent rules

## **Rule 6.1 – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Delete current rule and replace with “All downhaul systems allowed prior to the upgrade effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 will remain class legal.

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- a. The upgraded downhaul system shall be as supplied by HOBIE CAT CO and shall not exceed 6:1 purchase.
- b. Blocks and cleats on the upgraded system may be replaced with similar types provided the custom attachments to the mast base and gooseneck supplied by HOBIE CAT CO are used.
- c. Swivel cam cleats are not allowed. The upgraded downhaul design has some limited movement from side to side. Any replacement cams may not exceed the side to side movement of the HOBIE CAT CO supplied system.”

## **Rule 6.3 – Hobie Cat 16**

**Amendment:** Delete current rule and replace with “The outhaul purchase shall not exceed 2:1. No internal outhaul devices are allowed. The outhaul system may be changed to the owner’s and skipper’s specification provided the outhaul line runs over the end cap of the boom. Optional friction reducing end caps supplied by HOBIE CAT CO. is permitted. Such end caps may have sheaves built in. Inhaul systems are not allowed.”

## **Rule 1.3 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat 17**

**Amendment:** “Anti-chafing and shimming pads may be added within max. 100 mm (3.93 in) from the front and rear edges of the centreboard trunk to improve the fit and reduce wear. Shims must not be used for the purpose canting the centerboards and shall be of equal thickness.”

## **Rule 1.3 – Hobie Cat 18**

**Amendment:** Delete “the leading and trailing edges of”. Add at the end of the current rule “to improve fit and reduce wear. Shims must not be used to alter the angle of dagger boards.”

## **Rule 1.3 – Hobie Cat Tiger**

**Amendment:** Delete “the leading and trailing edges of”. Add at the end of the current rule “to improve fit and reduce wear. Shims must not be used to alter the angle of dagger boards.”

## **Rule 3.3 – Hobie Cat Tiger**

**Amendment:** Change “12:1” to “16:1”.

## **Rule 3.9 (New Rule) – Hobie Cat Tiger**

**Amendment:** Add rule to read as follows: “Adjustable rope luff and leech line may be installed within existing luff and leech tapes on spinnakers.”

## **Rule 6.3 – Hobie Cat Tiger**

**Amendment:** Change “8:1” to “10:1”

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