

INTERNATIONAL HOBIE 14, 16, 17 & 18 CLASS

The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved to be effective 1st March 2001.

General Rules

Intent and Objective

Rule 2

Amendment: Change second sentence to read as follows: "Boat and component changes, which have no direct bearing upon boat speed, are the only changes allowed."

Rule 2 (b)

Amendment: Change to read as follows: "To increase boat speed only through the use of racing tactics and sailing skills."

Right of Protest

Rule 3

Amendment: Change the title of this section and add clarifying words as follows:

3. MEASUREMENT AUTHORITY

The IHCA and its designated measurers are the measurement authority for the Hobie Class under the meaning of RRS 64.3 b). The IHCA has the right....."

Rule 5.1

Amendment: Change to read as follows: "Boats and component parts as originally manufactured by the HOBIE CAT COMPANY are the only ones legal for class racing unless specifically permitted in these Class Rules. The manufacturing origin and trademarks of all boats shall be readily identifiable through serial numbers, hull numbers, sails and cast parts. Copies of original invoices or warranty cards may be requested. Proof of origin shall be submitted to the IHCA or its authorized representatives for verification upon request of the jury or protest committee. Skippers or owners of boats who have had the manufacturing origin of their boat or component parts protested shall have a maximum of two weeks to produce acceptable proof of origin."

Manufacturers of Equipment

Rule 6

Amendment: Change as follows:

6. NON HOBIE CAT COMPANY MANUFACTURERS OF EQUIPMENT
Manufacturers and distributors of non Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts and equipment for Hobie catamarans shall obtain written approval from the IHCA prior to their parts and equipment being designated as "Hobie Class Legal."

Design Features and Changes

Rule 7

Amendment: Change as follows:

“7. DESIGN FEATURES AND APPROVED CHANGES

Nothing may be changed or removed from any Hobie Cat that will in any way alter the structural integrity, design function, or built in safety features of the boat. All changes shall have prior written approval. Provided they do not change the basic design and configuration, approved changes are: stronger gudgeons; stronger pigtails; larger diameter wires and running rigging; reinforced flanges not affecting water flow. Except as allowed in these rules, any changes or additions that in any way can be construed as speed devices are not class legal.”

Rule 8.1

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “8.1 Each person on board shall carry a lifesaving device or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) approved by their country’s national authority or by the national authority having jurisdiction. The IHCA strongly recommends that life jackets or PFDs be worn at all times.”

Rule 8.3

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “8.3 A paddle or equivalent is allowed and recommended but not required.”

Rule 8.5

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “8.5 Any additional equipment which may be required by a government or national authority having jurisdiction.”

Hulls and Decks

Rule 9

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “9 HULLS, DECKS, AND RUDDERS”

Rule 9.4

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “9.4 No portion of the deck, or deck flange where present, shall be altered, removed, cut down, or in any way modified except as allowed herein. The rear transom flanges, where present, may be notched a maximum of 2 ins (5 cm) to accept larger gudgeons or to repair breakout at the rudder pin. Water tight deck access portholes may be installed.”

Rule 9.6

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “9.6 Non-skid surfaces on decks may be changed provided the non-skid surface is at least equal in size and location to the originally designed area.”

Rule 10.2

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “10.2 Shims maybe installed between the rudder blade and rudder housing to improve fit and function.”

Rule 10.3

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “10.3 Shims or bushings may be installed between rudders pins, gudgeons, and castings to improve fit and function.”

Rule 10.5

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “10.5 Rudder rake adjusters may be installed and upgraded to current HOBIE CAT CO design.”

Rule 10.7

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “10.7 The minimum weight of each rudder blade shall be 3.0 lb. (1.36kg)”

Rule 10.8

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “10.8 Rudder pins may be changed provided the length and diameter of replacement rudder pins are at least the same dimensions or greater than as supplied by HOBIE CAT COMPANY. Pins may be made of plastic, aluminium, nylon, composite, or stainless steel materials.”

Rule 12.1

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “12.1 Class legal sails shall be made from HOBIE CAT CO official patterns and manufactured and distributed by the HOBIE CAT CO or their currently licensed sailmakers unless specified differently in individual boat class rules.”

Rule 12.2

Amendment: Change to read as follows: “12.2 Only standard battens supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO shall be used unless specified differently in the individual boat class rules. Battens may be custom cut and tapered as desired.”

Rule 12.4

Amendment: Change last sentence as follows: Changes RRS Appendix H”

Rule 12.4 a)

Amendment: Change the word “modifies” to “changes”

Rule 12.6

Amendment: Add after “raising” the words “and lowering”

Rule 12.9

Amendment: Change the word “modifies” in the last sentence to “changes”

Compasses, Radios and Electronics**Rule 16.3**

Amendment: Change the current rule as follows:

“16.3 Compasses, navigation and speed metering equipment of any type are permitted. Radios may be used for weather information and for emergencies under the following conditions: On board radios shall be turned OFF and

stored from 1/2 hour prior to the boat's Class warning signal of the first race of the day until after the finish of the last race of the day unless there is an emergency, or unless specified otherwise in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

If an on board radio is turned ON to any channel during the time restriction in 16.3 a) other than for an emergency, the competitor shall retire immediately and notify the race committee of its action. Improper use of an on board radio is a protestable action under Fair Sailing RRS 2 and may result in disqualification from the race or entire series."

Rule 16.6

Amendment: Change to read as follows:

"16.6 Tools and personal convenience accessories may be carried on board and may include: telltales; toolkits; non-skid; wind indicators; stow bags; beverage coolers; food and beverages; etc. If in doubt on any item not listed, refer to General Class Rule 4."

Rule 16.8

Amendment: Add immediately before the words: "Class Rules" the words "individual boat"

Rule 17.4 a)

Amendment: Change the last sentence to read: "This changes RRS 51."

Rule 18.1

Amendment: Change last sentence as follows: "This changes RRS 43.1(b)."

Rule 18.1b)

Amendment: Delete entirely, and change the numbering of current rule 18.1 c) to 18.1 b)

Rule 20.1

Amendment: Change current rule to read as follows:

"20.1 Advertising is allowed in accordance with RRS 79 and ISAF Advertising Code, Category C, unless the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions designate otherwise."

Rule 21.1

Amendment: Delete current rule and replace with the following:

"21.1 The 720 degree Turns Penalty in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 is replaced by a 360 degree Turns Penalty. Changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2."

Rule 21.3

Amendment: Delete current rule and replace with the following:

"21.3 The protest time limit to file a protest will be (determined by local conditions) after the last boat in the last race of the day sailing directly to shore reaches the shore. Changes RRS 61.3."

Rule 22

Amendment: Delete as written and change the entire section as follows:

“22 SCORING, PENALTIES AND PENALTY SCORING

22.1 Scoring, penalties, and penalty scoring are as described in the RRS unless changed in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

22.2 All boat, crew weight, and equipment violations are scored DND - Disqualified No Discard. Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the jury, or regatta officials.”

Signalling a Protest

Rule 24

Amendment: Delete current rule and replace with the following:

“24. SIGNALLING A PROTEST

A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1(a) with the following modification: The ISAF requirement for under 6 meter boats applies to all Hobie Catamaran Classes.”

Rule 25

Amendment: Add at the end of the first sentence the words: “IHCA Rules Committee Chair or the IHCA Rules Committee Chair designee.”

Rule 26

Amendment: Change as follows:

“26. Change to: 25 RULE AMENDMENTS.

26.1 Suggestions, recommendations or requests for rule additions, deletions or amendments shall be submitted in writing to the IHCA Rules Committee. The proposals will be reviewed by the Rules Committee, and if found to have merit, be distributed for comment to: Hobie Cat sailors; IHCA International Council members; IHCA Regional Associations; and other interested parties. Following the comment period the IHCA Rules Committee will make a rule recommendation and submit it to the IHCA International Council for consideration. The Council shall accept or reject the Rules Committee recommendation and submit IHCA approved changes to the ISAF for approval. Interim or emergency rulings made by the Rules Committee Chair or Rules Committee as a whole will use the same approval procedure as outlined herein before they receive approved rule status.

26.2 Any proposed new class rules, rule changes or amendments requesting comments, and all new rules and interpretations shall be announced in one or more of the following ways:

- a) An international mailing or individual Email to all IHCA members for General Rule changes, or international mailings or individual Email to individual boat class owners for rules only impacting the individual class.
- b) Prominent display on the IHCA web page requesting comment from Hobie Cat sailors and other interested parties.

Renumber b), c), d), e), down one letter to allow for new 25.2 b) above.”