



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB



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HOBIE CAT WINTER SERIES 2020 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club (RCIYC)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the *IHCA Class Rules*;
- 1.2 *RRS* will be further changed as follows:
- Rule 35, A4 & A5 Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing (SI 13.2);
- Rule 61.1 **PROTEST** - A boat protesting another boat shall follow rule 61.1(a) with the following modification: the World Sailing requirement for under 6 metre boats will apply to all classes
- Rule 62.1(a) If no boat has finished within one hour, timed from the starting signal, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not provide grounds for redress (SI 13.1);

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the RCIYC and/or at the Gun Site Tower.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect or will be notified in the relevant pre-race briefing. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Gun Site.

5 SCHEDULE

	Date	HW	Ht(m)	Warning Signal
Races 1 & 2	Sunday 25 th October	1339	7.92	1155
Races 3 & 4	Sunday 8 th November	1030	8.36	0955
Races 5 & 6	Sunday 22 nd November	1124	8.33	1025
Races 7 & 8	Sunday 6 th December	0936	9.38	0925

The warning signal for a succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the preceding race.



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6 CLASS FLAGS

Class 1 – Light blue

Class 2 - Green

Class 3 - Orange

7 **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be entirely within St Aubin's Bay.

8 **THE COURSES** - The course to be sailed will be designated at a briefing held immediately prior to each race.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The starting line outer limit mark will be an orange pyramid buoy laid to either the port or starboard side of the committee boat;
- 9.2 The finishing mark will be a yellow pyramid buoy or a designated location on the beach;
- 9.3 Other marks will be laid yellow or orange pyramid buoys or fixed marks.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal;
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the outer limit mark;
- 10.3 A boat failing to start within the five minute period following its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

11 THE FINISH

At the entire discretion of the race committee, the finish line will be

- Between two laid pyramid buoys
- or
- Between a pyramid buoy and Hobie flag on the beach
- or

In the case of beach finishes:

- Boats shall finish as close as possible to the flag and or beach officer, where such exist, and adjacent to boats that have already finished;
- **Boats shall not finish in such a way as to inconvenience the public or compromise public safety in any way.**

12 **PENALTY SYSTEM** - Rule 44.1 is changed in that only one turn is required.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 If no boat has finished within one hour, timed from the starting signal, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not provide grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 & A5.



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14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the RCIYC and from the Beach Officer. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit;
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in its class has finished the last race of the day;
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the RCIYC;
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series;
- 15.2 A boat must start in at least three races to be counted in the series;
- 15.3 Races to count:
 - When eight races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its **three** worst scores;
 - When seven races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its **two** worst scores;
 - When six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score;
 - When less than six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 **Persons showing any symptoms of Covid-19 infection shall not attend the pre-race area nor race;**
- 16.2 Boats shall sign-in with the beach officer prior to launching. After racing, all boats shall sign-out with the beach officer;
- 16.3 For identification purposes, boats shall close with the race committee boat before racing;
- 16.4 Any boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee boat and/or patrol boat and the beach officer as soon as possible.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS - A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS - The race committee boat shall be an RCIYC RIB or such other boat as the race committee may determine from time to time. Guard boats will be in attendance to assist with mark laying.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 The race committee boat and guard boats will keep a listening watch on VHF channel **6**;
- 19.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and all other forms of personal communication device.



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20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded in the RCIYC as soon as possible after 1700 hours on 6th December;
- 20.2 Place prizes will be awarded in each class, as follows:
 - Where there are 2 boats in the series - first prize only;
 - Where there are 3 boats in the series - first and second prizes only;
 - Where there are 4 boats or more in the series – first, second and third prizes.

21 RISK STATEMENT - Rule 4 of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone’. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 21.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 21.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 21.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 21.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 21.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 21.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstance.
- 21.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event. Specifically, **Persons-in-Charge are to ensure that they are conversant with the Government’s Covid-19 Guidelines, applicable at the time, and that they observe the requirements contained therein throughout the event**

22 INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (three million pounds) per incident to include racing, throughout the event.