

2026 HOBIE CAT MULTI-EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-EVENT REMINDERS FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

July 4, 2026

Dear Competitors,

The Hobie Cat 14 and Hobie Cat 16 are World Sailing International Classes governed by strict one-design principles and closed class rules

Unlike development or box-rule classes, Hobie class racing is based on the use of equipment supplied and approved by Hobie Cat Company and maintained in accordance with the IHCA Class Rules.

Consequently, technical control at the Hobie Multi-European Championship is focused primarily on equipment inspection and competitor compliance rather than extensive measurement procedures.

Each competitor is responsible for presenting a boat and equipment that comply with the applicable class rules before arriving at the championship venue and throughout the event.

The Technical Committee cannot perform a complete inspection of every boat. Competitors should therefore not assume that equipment not inspected has been accepted as class legal.

Our objective is not to find boats that are non-compliant, but to help competitors arrive with class legal boats and equipment and avoid difficulties during the event.

• TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

During the championship, the Technical Committee may carry out some or all of the following activities:

- Control of their National Hobie Class Membership
- Competitor weighing and approval of corrective weights where applicable : HC16 and Dragoon
- Crew weight spot checks during the championship.
- Inspection of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) and trapeze harness
- Random inspections of boats and equipment in the boat park.
- Investigation of any reported or observed class rule compliance issues.

• CREW WEIGHT.

Where minimum crew weight requirements apply, competitors shall be prepared for weighing before registration. The Hobie Dragoon shall have a minimum combined crew weight of 80 kg - Hobie Dragoon Class Rules 8.1. The minimum combined crew weight of a HC16 shall be 129,3 kg - Hobie 16 Class Rules 7.1.

Competitors carrying corrective weights, or close to the minimum crew weight, may be subject to spot checks during the championship.

Competitors are reminded that minimum crew weight shall be maintained throughout the event.

- **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs).** General Class Rule 8.1

Competitors are reminded that each crew member shall carry a PFD or lifejacket complying at the correct weight category to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent.)

Please also verify before travelling that your PFD is in good condition, with the specifications readable, and suitable for your weight category.

Please, bring your PFD (Lifejacket) at the TC desk for inspection before registration.

PFDs could be inspected at any time during the championship.

- **TRAPEZE HARNESS** General Class Rule 18.1

The trapeze harness shall weigh no more than 3.0 kg.

- **TRAMPOLINES** General Class Rule 16.5

Competitors are reminded that only class legal trampolines (*manufactured by Hobie Cat Company*) may be used during the championship.

Please verify the compliance of your trampoline well before travelling to the event.

If you have any doubt regarding compliance, please contact the Technical Committee as early as possible.

Where a potential compliance issue is identified before the event, competitors are encouraged to seek solutions within their local fleet, club, national class association, dealer network or fellow competitors. In many cases, a class legal trampoline may be available for temporary loan, rental or replacement.

- **SHEETS AND LINES** General Class Rule 16.1

Sheets and lines are not permitted to be tapered unless allowed in the individual boat Class Rules.

Boat shall have a minimum 9.5 mm righting line consisting at least one 4,27 m length of line securely attached and readily accessible.

- **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** General Class Rule 16.3

Compasses or electronic devices that transmit, transfer or receive data are not permitted (*including smartwatches and mobile phones*). The use of navigation and speed metering equipment is illegal.

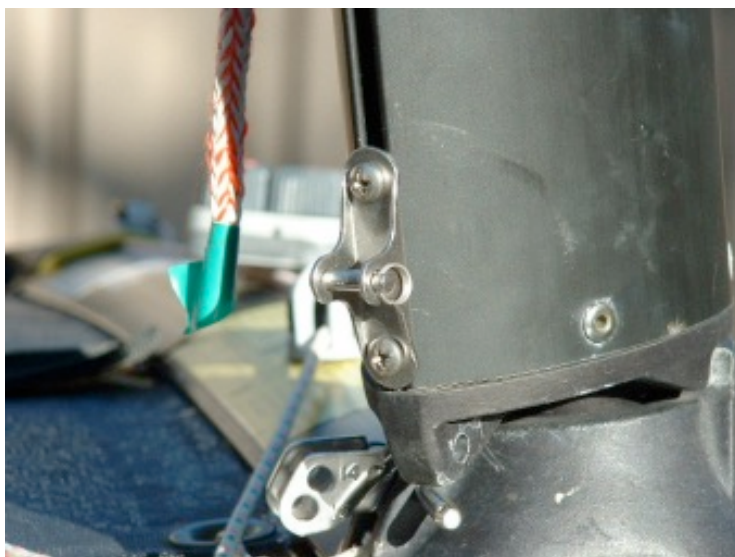
- **TWIST TOGGLES** General Class Rule 15.2

Twist toggles, shall attach the shroud adjusters to the anchor pins and shall not be removed. (*except Hobie 14 with the shrouds attached to the trampoline sidebar*).



- DOWNHAUL SYSTEM

If using the upgraded 6:1 downhaul system, the lower end of system must connect directly to the custom HCC supplied mast track attachment fitting near the mast-base and the upper end to the gooseneck via a shackle/pin. (HC14 Rule 5.1 and HC16 Rule 6.1).



Custom HCC supplied mast track attachment fitting.

- HOBIE 14 MAST BASE/STEP CASTINGS

For mast without **OR** with mast rotation control kit click [here](#) for rule interpretation.

The mast rotation control kit is supposed to be mounted as specified by Hobie Cat Company. Click [here](#) for guidelines.

- HOBIE DRAGOON BOWSPRIT

The bowsprit **SHALL** have a blunt end cap fitted.

If it is missing, you will not be allowed to start until it is attached.

- RANDOM INSPECTIONS are not limited to these items

Please read INTERNATIONAL HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES 2025-2028 rev 01032026 : (https://hobieclass.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/R_Book_01032026.pdf).

If you have any questions, please write : rules@hobieclass.com

or on WhatsApp :



- **QUESTIONS AND TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS**

Competitors who have any doubt regarding the legality, compliance or interpretation of equipment are strongly encouraged to contact the Technical Committee well in advance of the championship.

This also applies if competitors become aware of a potential compliance issue before the event, such as missing World Sailing plaques, uncertainty regarding trampoline compliance, repairs, replacement parts or modifications.

Competitors who have carried out significant repairs or replaced major components are encouraged to contact the Technical Committee before the event if there is any doubt regarding compliance.

The Technical Committee welcomes questions regarding class rules and equipment compliance before the event and will make every effort to assist competitors and clarify potential issues before arrival at the venue.

Early communication helps avoid unnecessary delays, equipment changes and compliance issues during the event.

If you are uncertain whether a modification, repair, replacement part or item of equipment is class legal, please ask before travelling.

- **HOBIE DEALER**

YES SERVICE will be on the spot to help you from 22/08 to 29/08. Do not hesitate to contact him :

Tel : 00 33 609439030 and email : yachting-express-services@wanadoo.fr

Thank you for your cooperation and support in maintaining fair and equal one-design racing.

Technical Committee

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