



THE PHILIPPINE HOBIE® CHALLENGE 2016

Notice of Race

16th Philippine Hobie® Challenge Series

Central Visayas Challenge

Saturday, 20th February to Sunday, 28th February 2016

Organizing Authority

The Regatta is organized by the Philippine Inter-island Sailing Foundation Inc. ("PHINSAF"), under the auspices of the Philippine Sailing Association.

1 Rules

The Event will be governed by:

The Racing Rules of Sailing

The Rules of the International Hobie® Class Association

The Philippine Hobie® Challenge Safety Instructions for Competitors

This Notice of Race (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions)

The Sailing Instructions

(Note: No national prescriptions will apply.)

2 Entrant's Responsibility

While the Organizing Committee has made and will continue to make every reasonable effort to establish safety parameters through the strict enforcement of rules and equipment requirements the safety of each entrant is their sole responsibility. It will be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide to start or continue racing on any leg of the event.

3 Advertising

3.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).

3.2 Boats wishing to carry sponsors' names or logos on sails, and/or hulls should seek in writing the approval of the Organizing Committee in order to prevent conflicts with the Event Sponsors.

3.3 The Organizing Committee will require all boats and/or crew to display the Event Sponsors' advertising on their boats and/or sails. The specific areas of which will be indicated in a separate notice on this matter. These areas are reserved by the Organizing Authority for Event Sponsors and may not be used for individual team sponsors.

4 Safety

4.1 All boats and crew will be liable for inspection in accordance with the Safety Instructions and Class Rules at any reasonable time during the event. Any boat or crew found to be not complying with these rules, unready or deemed incapable of continuing the event may be disqualified at the discretion of the Protest Committee, or may have special restrictions applied to them.

4.2 The responsibility for maintaining a team's safety equipment in working condition throughout the event is the responsibility of the competitors alone.

4.3 It is strongly recommended that all competitors make their own arrangements for accident and medical insurance.

5 Entry and Eligibility

5.1 The Event is open to Hobie® 16s conforming to IHCA Class Rules.

5.2 The helmsman and crew must satisfy the Organizing Committee of their competence and experience to take part in the event. The final decision on acceptance of entries rests solely with the Organizing Committee, whose decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

5.3 A team can consist of 2 or 3 team members. Crew may change at any time between races (subject to paragraph 6). This amends IHCA Rule 17.2.

5.4 An Official Entry Form will be available from the event website www.hobiechallenge.ph or from the Race Secretariat. The Official Entry Form must be completed in full and returned by Email to the Race Secretariat at admin@philhobie.ph including a copy of the bank deposit receipt of the full entry fee no later than 15 December 2015.

5.5 All received Entries will be acknowledged and confirmed within 5 working days of receipt by the Race Secretariat. Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis due to a limitation of 30 teams.

5.6 Late entries after 15 December 2015 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee but will be subject to a late entry fee of 10%.

5.7 Entry Fees should be paid in compliance with the instructions on the Official Entry Form. The official date of a team's entry will be taken as the date at which the full funds arrive and clear into PHINSAF's bank account detailed on the Entry Form.

5.8 The following cancellation/refund policy will be applied to participants wishing to withdraw entry:

- 75% refund if cancellation is advised on or before 15 November 2015.
- 50% refund if cancellation is advised on or before 15 December 2015.
- No refunds shall be given if cancellation is advised after 15 December 2015.

5.9 Charter boats will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis taken as the official date of entry (See 5.7 above). Priority room reservations in resorts will also be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis taken as the official date of entry.

5.10 Attendance by all participants at the Competitors' Briefing at 1700 hours on Saturday, 20 February 2016 is compulsory. Competitors failing to attend will be excluded from the event unless with reasons due to unforeseen circumstances (flight delays, acts of god etc.), then their participation in the event will be at the discretion of the organizers.

6 Weight Requirements

6.1 All team members will be weighed at Registration.

6.2 The weight at Registration will be taken to be the individual's weight throughout the event. This amends IHCA Rules 17.5.b and 17.5.c.

6.3 A team with more than two participants is required to maintain the crew weight while racing to within 20 lbs. (9 kgs.) of the two heaviest crew members, by the use of weights attached to the boat if necessary.

7 Equipment Requirements – 16th Philippine Hobie® Challenge Series

- 7.1 All entrants, both helm and crew, will be required to carry the following personal equipment on themselves at all times while racing:
- Lifejacket or Buoyancy Aid conforming to any National Regulations
 - Protective clothing and/or sun screen
 - Personal strobe and/or waterproof torch with spare batteries
 - Whistle or sound signal
- 7.2 The following equipment will be carried on board every boat at all times while racing:
- GPS with waterproof case and spare batteries
 - Marine VHF with waterproof case and sufficient spare batteries for the event
 - Towing line (15 meters * 6mm minimum). *The righting line required by IHCA rules cannot comprise all or part of this towing line.*
 - Survival water (2 litres/boat) only to be consumed in emergency situations
 - Paddle
 - Compass
 - A mirror signalling device
 - Waterproof charts for each leg of the Challenge Series (Charts will be provided)
 - Any other safety equipment supplied by the Organizing Committee
- 7.3 One liquid filled bladder pack (i.e. Camelbak) with a capacity of not exceeding 2 litres may be worn for the purpose of liquid consumption. These devices do not serve as Crew Weight.
- 7.4 Equipment must be attached to the boat in such a way as to be available in case of capsize.
- 7.5 IHCA Rule 16.3 is amended so that VHF radios can be used during the legs of the Challenge Series.
- 7.6 A GSM cell phone or Satellite phone is highly recommended. We recommend ability to phone or text a *Smart* mobile.

8 Equipment Requirements – In Shore Series

IHCA Class rules will apply.

9 Entry Fees

- 9.1 The entry fee is US\$ 2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred US Dollars) or PHP 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Pesos) per team of two persons net of all charges. (Please note that if there is a huge market difference in the nominal exchange rate upon initial payment, the Philippine Peso (PHP) currency shall be followed.).
- 9.2 The entry fee includes for all teams of two competitors:
- Boat transport from TLYC to Mactan Island, Cebu
 - Welcome party on Saturday, 20 February 2016
 - All resort accommodations (2 to 6 sharing) and/or camping arrangements from Saturday, 20 February 2016 to Sunday, 28 February 2016
 - Local drinks provided throughout the event (subject to availability)
 - All standard (i.e. breakfast, light lunch, dinner) meals with accommodations
 - Challenge awards dinner and party on Saturday, 20 February 2016
 - Transportation of a total of 4 bags plus tent per team will be transported between stopover locations (excluding items carried on board Hobie® 16)
 - Transfer from San Juan, Siquijor to Dumaguete Airport
 - Boat transport from San Juan, Siquijor to TLYC
- 9.3 For Third (3rd) Crew members the entry fee will be US\$ 1,250 (One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty US Dollars) or PHP 50,000 (Fifty Thousand Pesos) – 3, 4, 6 or 8 room sharing in resorts. Transportation

of a total of 2 bags per person will be transported between stopover locations (excluding items carried on board Hobie® 16).

- 9.4 For an accompanying Guest (non-competitor) the entry fee will be US\$ 1,250 (One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty US Dollars) or PHP 50,000 (Fifty Thousand Pesos) – 3, 4, 6 or 8 room sharing in resorts. Transportation of a total of 2 bags per person will be transported between stopover locations.
- 9.5 Early Bird sign-ups will get priority boat charter assignments as well as room accommodation preferences (air-conditioned rooms, minimum occupancy, and etc. dependent on venue) during the event. A deposit of 25% (US\$ 625 (Six Hundred Twenty Five US Dollars) or PHP 25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Pesos)) of the entry fee is required to avail the following benefits. These perks are limited on first pay, first served basis. The remaining 75% must be paid by 15 December 2015 or the early bird benefits will be forfeited.
- 9.6 Any accompanying Guest that will be joining us for 3 or less nights will be entitled to a 50% discount of an accompanying guest fee.
- 9.7 Any Guests that only wish to join Awards Party dinner must be registered on the Official Entry Form or notified to the secretariat by 31 January 2016.

10 Program of Events

- 10.1 Two Series of races will take place: The premier event will be the 16th Philippine Hobie® Challenge Series, which consists of five point to point Leg races and the second event will be the In Shore Series, which will consist of a number of in shore races.
- 10.2 The route will start from Mactan Island, Cebu, travel to Cabilao Island, then to the shallow reefs of Sumilon Island, into Balicasag Island, passing through Panglao Island, and concluding in Siquijor. Inshore Races will be held in Mactan and Balicasag/Panglao. The Challenge route distance is approximately 200 nautical miles.
- 10.3 The length of the course for the five races will be adjusted depending on the wind conditions, with the aim of sailing for between 4 and 8 hours per day.
- 10.4 Program of Events

Friday 19th February 2016

1830 Arrival party in Mactan (Venue TBC)

Saturday 20th February 2016

0900 Start of Challenge

1100 Registration at Mactan Resort

1400 Boat Tuning, Scrutineering and Safety Inspections
Compulsory Competitors' Briefing at Race Control

1830 Welcome Party

Sunday 21st February 2016

0900 In-Shore Races (TBC)

1600 Sailing Clinic

Monday 22nd February 2016

0800 Leg 1 – Mactan Island to Cabilao Island

1600 Cabilao Island Outreach

Tuesday 23rd February 2016

0800 Leg 2 – Cabilao Island to Sumilon Island

Wednesday 24th February 2016

0730 Swimming with whale sharks

0930 Leg 3 – Sumilon Island to Balicasag Island

1700 Balicasag Island Outreach

Thursday 25th February 2016

0800 In-Shore Races (TBC)

1100 Lunch at Panglao

1300 Tarsier/Chocolate Hills Tour

1430 Sail back to Balicasag

Friday 26th February 2015

0800 Leg 4 – Balicasag Island to San Juan, Siquijor

Saturday 27th February 2016

0800 Leg 5 – Siquijor Island

End of Challenge

1800 Awards Dinner

Sunday 28th February 2016

1000 Transfer – San Juan, Siquijor to Dumaguete Airport

Note: the exact overnight locations, activities, and schedules are subject to change.

11 Courses to be Sailed

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 Courses to be sailed will be contained in the Course Booklet, which will be available on the website from 15 December 2015 and at Registration.

11.3 A diagram/chart will be issued in the Sailing Instructions showing the area in which the event will take place and the approximate route.

12 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website from 15 December 2015 and will be available at Registration.

13 Scoring System

13.1 Prizes in the 16th Philippine Hobie[®] Challenge Series will be based on the lowest accumulated elapsed time of each boat for all 5 legs.

13.2 A boat retiring from a leg of the Challenge Series will receive the time of the last finisher of that leg plus 5%.

13.3 For the In Shore Series, the low-point scoring system as per RRS Appendix A will be used. All races shall count towards a boat's total score.

14 Protest Committee

A Protest Committee will be appointed.

15 Prizes

- 15.1 The Philippine Hobie® Challenge trophy will be awarded to the winner of the 16th Philippine Hobie® Challenge Series.
- 15.2 Prizes will also be awarded for individual legs of the Challenge Series.
- 15.3 The In Shore Series Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the In Shore Series.
- 15.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

16 Release Waiver

- 16.1 It is a condition of entry that all participants shall execute a Release Waiver before participating in the 16th Philippine Hobie® Challenge Series. The waiver states in part that participants have read and fully understand the Notice of Race and entry acceptance letter and that their participation in the event is at their own risk and nothing in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions shall reduce or absolve them of their sole and inescapable responsibility for their own safety and well-being during the event.
- 16.2 Sailing can be a dangerous sport and this is an extreme event. The Organizing Committee, the Event Sponsors and their representatives, officer, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the Event.

17 Event Secretariat

The Event Secretariat will be available by email and mobile until 1200 hours on Friday, 19 February 2016. From Saturday, 20 February 2015, the Event Secretariat will be situated at Race Control or travelling with the Race.

Angelo Hicban – Race Secretariat

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Cell phone during the event: TBD

Accommodation and Transportation in Cebu; Flight from Manila to Cebu or Dumaguete to Manila or Ferry from Siquijor to Mactan, Cebu

For competitors that request accommodation and/or transportation in Cebu on the Entry Booking form, a block booking will be made at the same Mactan Island hotel used for the beginning leg for the night of 19 February 2016. Friday night accommodation and airport transfer is for the competitor's own account. For competitors that need flight arrangements from Manila to Cebu and vice-versa, please send an email to the secretariat for airline and flight schedule recommendations.

Administration Details

Further Administration details will be published on the event website www.hobiechallenge.ph and will be sent by email to those expressing an interest in joining. Please indicate your interest in participating to the Secretariat to ensure that you receive all relevant information by email.