



HOBIE® 2017 MULTIWORLDS & EUROPEANS NOORDWIJK // THE NETHERLANDS

Hobie® Cat MultiWorlds & Europeans 2017

17 – 29 July 2017

North Sea, off Noordwijk, The Netherlands

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The regatta will include the World Championships for Hobie 14 and Hobie Wild Cat, Hobie Tiger International Cup, and the European Championships for Hobie Dragoon, Hobie 16 Open, Hobie 16 Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters, Hobie 16 Youth Spi, Hobie 16 Women, Hobie FX One, and the EHCA Hobie 16 Spi Cup.

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule of the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification.

VENUE

The Zeilvereniging Noordwijk has the pleasure in inviting you to participate in the Hobie MultiWorlds & Europeans 2017. The regatta will be sailed on the North Sea, off Noordwijk, the Netherlands.

The Organizing Authority is the Zeilvereniging Noordwijk in conjunction with the Dutch Hobie Cat Class Association (HCKAN), under the authority of the European Hobie Class Association (EHCA) and the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Royal Netherlands Sailing Association (RNSA) prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Attachment A of this Notice of Race.
- 1.3. IHCA Class Rules Appendix E will apply.
- 1.4. The sailing instructions may contain minor changes to the RRS.
- 1.5. Any changes in the Notice of Race (NOR) will be published at the website www.hobieworlds.com (RRS 89.2(b))
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority according to RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 2.2. Competitors of the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day may be required to wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing. The Organizing Authority will provide the bibs.



3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Competitors, coaches and other support persons, shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website <http://www.hobieworlds.com> and paying the required fees online. A list of confirmed entries will be posted at the event website.
- 3.2. The request for entry shall be filled in and the entry fees shall be paid before the Early or Next Level Entry deadlines to get advantage of the reduced entry fees (NOR 4.1). Entries sent after the Late Entry deadline, but within 15 days of the start of the regatta by the limit date of **7 July 2017 at 2400 hours CET** will be accepted with the required entry fees. Late entries received within 15 days of the start of the regatta will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organizing Authority whose decision shall be final.
- 3.3. Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed. Registration includes presenting proof of membership and written proof of third party liability insurance.
- 3.4. Eligibility under World Sailing Regulation 19 shall apply, which requires that all competitors (skipper and all other crew) shall be members of their World Sailing member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The membership details shall be stated when entering. Proof of membership shall be presented at registration.
- 3.5. Be a national of the country he or she represents or be an ordinary resident of the country for more than one year and must be able to establish his residency (official residence/work permit, visa etcetera.) for this period.
- 3.6. All competitors (skipper and all other crew) shall be fully paid-up members of the National Hobie Class Association or Hobie Fleet in good standing with the IHCA (IHCA General Class Rule 26). The membership details shall be stated when entering. Proof of membership (if available) shall be presented at registration.
- 3.7. IHCA General Class Rule 17.7 and 17.8 will apply to qualify for Junior, Youth Spi, Masters (M), Grand Masters (GM) and Great Grand Master (GGM) events.
- 3.8. Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form. The forms are processed with the online entry on the event website <http://www.hobieworlds.com>
- 3.9. The minimum number of entries per event is 8. The Organizing Authority may cancel an event if the minimum number of entries has not been received by midnight CET 30 April 2017. Competitors will be notified of the cancellation or continuation by email and posting on the event website. The entries will be refunded in case of cancellation.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Fees are stated in Euro and include any local taxes. Entries received **by midnight CET 31 January or 30 April 2017** will qualify for the reduced entry fees. The total fee will be reduced by Euro 50 for teams competing in both Hobie 16 Youth Spi and Hobie 16 Open events. For eligible teams a cashback will be paid in cash and Euro only at registration.

These entry fees include an event shirt in the race pack and participation for skipper and crew in the official social program. Event shirt sizes cannot be guaranteed for late entries.

Event	Early Entry	Next Level Entry	Late Entry
	Before 31 January 2017	Before 30 April 2017	After 30 April 2017
Hobie Dragoon	150	200	250
Hobie 14	200	250	300
Hobie 16 M/GM/GGM	150	200	250
EHCA Hobie 16 Spi Cup	150	200	250
Hobie 16 Women	150	200	250
Hobie 16 Youth Spi	150	200	250
Hobie 16 Open	250	300	350
Hobie Tiger International Cup	250	300	350
Hobie Wild Cat	250	300	350
Hobie FX One	200	250	300

- 4.2. Entry fees will not be refunded except in accordance with NOR 3.9
- 4.3. Fees have to be paid in Euro (no other currencies accepted) online. The sender shall pay all cost of money transfer. Any fee to be fulfilled at registration shall be paid in cash and in Euro only.

5. BOATS

All events will be “bring-your-own-boat” events. For overseas competitors, a limited number of charter boats will be available. Applications for such charter boat have to be made with Hobie Cat Europe (hobiecat@hobie-cat.net). Charter details will be supplied by Hobie Cat Europe.

A limited number of spi kits will be available. Applications for such kits have to be made with Hobie Cat Europe (hobiecat@hobie-cat.net). Details will be supplied by Hobie Cat Europe.

6. HOBIE CAT 16 GOLD FLEET MAIN SAILS AND BATTENS

- 6.1 Hobie Cat Europe will provide main sails, jibs and battens to all Hobie 16 teams participating in the Hobie 16 Europeans Gold fleet. No other sails and battens shall be used.

No modifications to the sails or battens shall be made without prior written approval of the Race Committee or Technical Committee. A refundable deposit of Euro 200 will be required from each Hobie 16 team for the use of the provided sails. A charter fee of Euro 60 per set is required. Both deposit and fee shall be paid in cash and in Euro (no other currencies accepted).

7. FORMAT

- 7.1 The Hobie 16 Europeans will consist of a single fleet or a split fleet series divided into a Qualifier Series and Final Series (Gold and Silver fleet).
- 7.2 In case of more than 50 entries the event may be sailed in split fleets.



8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The schedule is shown in Addendum B.
- 8.2 Registration, event measurement and equipment inspection for competitors, coaches and team leaders is possible at the Race Office from 0900 – 1800 hours on each scheduled day. To manage congestion, priority will be given to classes close to their first race.
- 8.3 Pre-qualified skippers for the Hobie 16 Open Finals must have completed their registration no later than 1500 hours on 25 July 2017. A pre-qualified spot will be added to the number of open spots if failing to comply.
- 8.4 The opening ceremonies are scheduled at 1830 hours.
- 8.5 For each event, the first warning signal for the first race is scheduled at 1100 hours.
- 8.6 For each event, on the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.
- 8.7 The prize giving and closing ceremonies are scheduled to begin as soon as possible after the finish of the last race.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Boats are not required to display Nationality Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS (RRS 77, IHCA General Class Rule 12.4, Hobie Tiger and Wild Cat Class Rule C1.1 (f)).
- 9.2 Equipment shall be available for inspection by the Technical Committee during registration hours (NOR 8.2) or as agreed in writing with the Organizing Authority. Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.

Corrector weights, if applicable, must be available for inspection during registration, before and after each race.

- 9.3 Hobie Tiger and Wild Cat teams must for inspection present the jib, mainsail and spinnaker intended used during the event prior to their first race. Hobie 16 Spi, Dragoon and FX One teams must for inspection present the spinnaker intended used during the event prior to their first race.
- 9.4 In accordance with RRS 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during the event. The procedures for inspections will be specified in the sailing instructions or equipment inspection regulations (EIR).
- 9.5 The equipment limitations as specified in the IHCA Class Rules shall apply.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office and on the event website. Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

11 VENUE

Addendum C shows the location of the venue and racing areas.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be Standard IHCA Courses.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed, so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.



11.2. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11.3. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of discretionary penalties that may be applied by the International Jury for breaches of specific rules. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of standard penalties that may be applied by the Race Committee without hearing for specific rules; this will change RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5. These will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

11.4. Arbitration will be in effect for protests involving RRS Part 2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 In each event, Qualifier or Final Series, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 12.3 When 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

13. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL

- 13.1 All support boats shall be registered (see NOR 3.1) with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion
- 13.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.
- 13.3 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race committee displays Code Flag V all the support boats will have to assist with rescue operations as requested by the Race committee.
- 13.4 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

14. [DP] BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

15. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 3 boats in each event. Titles are awarded in accordance with the EHCA & IHCA by-laws. The Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their



discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

- 18.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.
- 18.3. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 18.4. Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

18. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code 21. In-competition testing may be carried out at the Venue.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat must hold third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least Euro 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.



20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. RACE OFFICE

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit www.hobieworlds.com



APPENDIX A – Prescriptions of the RNSA (2012- 2016)

RRS 6

The Dutch Doping Regulation of the RNSA applies for all events under the responsibility of the RNSA.

RRS 46

A responsible person who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have a valid racing license or event license, issued by or in name of the RNSA. The Race Committee shall verify if this requirement is fulfilled. If this requirement is not fulfilled the Race Committee shall reject or cancel the entry of the boat in accordance with RRS 76.1 or the Race committee shall protest the boat.

RRS 47

With exception of the responsible person every other person on board, who has his domicile in the Netherlands, shall have a valid crew license, event crew license, racing license or event license, issued by or in name of the RNSA. If this requirement is not fulfilled the entry of the boat shall be rejected or cancelled in accordance with RRS 76.1 or the Race Committee shall protest the boat.

RRS 67

Damages

- a. Every issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the court and not considered by a protest committee.
- b. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that he has broken a *rule*.
- c. A goal of the *rules* is avoiding contact. By participating in an event under the *rules* a boat accepts that the responsibility for damages occurred by breaking a rule will be based on guilt caused by applying the rules and not on accepting the risks.

RRS 70.5

Approval of the RNSA is required for denying the right of appeal if this is necessary for reasons stated in RRS 70.5(a). The approval shall be posted on the official notice board of the event.

RRS 78.1

Every boat (excluding boards), competing in races in a national or international recognized class, and owned by a person, who has his domicile in the Netherlands, shall have a valid certificate, issued by the RNSA. The Race Committee shall verify that a participating boat has a valid certificate, according to the class rules or this prescription.

If a boat does not fulfill this requirement, with exception of what is mentioned in rule 78.2, his entry shall be rejected or cancelled according to RRS 76.1, or the Race Committee shall protest the boat.

RRS 78.3

The in RRS 78.3 mentioned measurer shall be:

- an International Measurer recognized by WORLD SAILING, or,
- a measurer appointed by WORLD SAILING, or,
- an official measurer in accordance with the Equipment Rules of Sailing, or,
- an equipment inspector in accordance with the 'Reglement voor klassencontroleurs' and must be able to prove that.

The Race Committee shall help this measurer or equipment inspector by prescribing that the boats, which are called for inspection, have to report without delay at a designated place. When no measurer is appointed, the RNSA may appoint a equipment inspector or measurer, under RRS 78.3, for an event under his responsibility. In that case the appointed measurer shall show the appointment by the RNSA in writing to the Race Committee. This written appointment shall be posted at the official notice board of the event.

RRS 80 (deleted)



RRS 88.2

It is not permitted that Sailing Instructions contain changes to the Prescriptions of the RNSA or prescribe that they do not apply, without prior written permission of the RNSA

RRS G1

Unless prescribed otherwise in the class rules, the RRS G1.1(a), G1.1(c), G1.2 and G1.3 (as far as applicable) also apply for the by the RNSA recognized national classes.

IHCA Note: The IHCA Class Rules apply.



APPENDIX B – Schedule

Event	Monday - Wednesday 17 July 2017- 19 July 2017	Thursday 20-Jul-16	Friday 21-Jul-16	Saturday 22-Jul-16	Sunday 23-Jul-16	Monday 24-Jul-16	Tuesday 25-Jul-16	Wednesday 26-Jul-16	Thursday 27-Jul-16	Friday 28-Jul-16	Saturday 29-Jul-16	Races
Hobie Dragoon	Registration etc.	Racing	Racing & Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing & Prize giving							12
Hobie 14	Registration etc.	Racing	Racing & Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing & Prize giving							12
Hobie 16 M/GM/GGM	Registration etc.	Registration	Registration & Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing & Prize giving							8
EHCA Hobie16 Spi	Registration etc.	Registration	Registration & Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing & Prize giving							8
Hobie 16 Women	Registration etc.	Registration	Registration & Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing & Prize giving							8
Hobie 16 Youth Spi	Registration etc.	Racing	Racing & Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing & Prize giving							12
Hobie 16 Open	Registration etc.	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration & Racing Qualifiers	Registration & Racing Qualifiers & Opening Ceremony & Cut Party	Racing Finals	Racing Finals	Racing Finals	Racing Finals & Prize giving	8+14
Hobie Tiger International Cup	Registration etc.	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing Finals & Prize giving	14
Hobie Wild Cat	Registration etc.	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing Finals & Prize giving	14
Hobie FX One	Registration etc.	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Opening Ceremony	Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing Finals & Prize giving	14

APPENDIX C – Venue and Racing Area

