



Date: Kiel, GERMANY, February 8, 2017  
To: Hobie Cat sailors, IHCA Council members and IHCA Regional Associations  
From: IHCA Rules Committee  
Subject: **Ruling on Hobie Cat 18 rudders and buy back in Australia**

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Dear all,

As the outcome of the comment period revealed possible loop-holes, the IHCA Rules Committee has decided to withdraw the rule proposal dated and posted January 10, 2017. That proposal is now replaced with the revised version below, which is hereby distributed for comments according to the provisions of General Class Rule 24 and the policy of IHCA. Changes to the current rule are in *red italic*.

## Hobie Cat 18 Rule 1.1

### PROPOSAL

1.1 Rudder blades, rudder assemblies and dagger boards shall be stock as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. HOBIE CAT CO. supplied rudder housings and dagger boards shall not be modified except for minimum filing to improve fit and function. Only HOBIE CAT CO. supplied after-market rudders are allowed to replace stock rudders.

*Finline rudder blades shall not be considered class legal after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.*

### REASON

Finline rudder blades do not comply with the HOBIE CAT CO rudders and templates.

To keep the Hobie Class a one-design Hobie Cat Australasia has made a generous offer through their Hobie dealer network\*. If a sailor takes a set (two rudders) of Finline rudders to their Hobie Cat Australasia dealer with 170 AUD (below cost), the Hobie Cat Australasia dealer will replace the Finline rudder set with a set (two) of EPO3 rudders\*. [This offer expires 1st August 2017](#)

On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 the Finline rudder shall not be class legal. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 the Finline rudder shall not be class legal.

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Comments to be sent to [rules@hobieclass.com](mailto:rules@hobieclass.com) with copy to [david.brookes@hobieclass.com](mailto:david.brookes@hobieclass.com). Please state your full name and the Hobie Association/Fleet you are a paid up member of when making your comment. **Deadline: March 1, 2017.**

The proposed changes are supposed to go into effect 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 under provision of IHCA Council approval.

\*Terms and conditions of the buy back shall be at the discretion of Hobie Cat Australasia

*Knud Jansen*  
IHCA Rules Committee Chair