



Date: Middelfart, DENMARK, September 19, 2019
To: Hobie Cat sailors, IHCA Council members and IHCA Regional Associations
From: IHCA Rules Committee
Subject: **NOTICE - Hobie Cat 14/16 6:1 downhaul system**

On given requests the Rules Committee hereby repeats/clarifies the rules related to the use of the 6:1 downhaul system on Hobie Cat 14 & 16.

Hobie Cat 14 Rule 5.1 and Hobie Cat 16 Rule 6.1 read:

“All downhaul systems allowed prior to the up-grade effective April 1st, 2005 will remain class legal.

- a) *The upgraded downhaul system shall be as supplied by HOBIE CAT CO and shall not exceed 6:1 purchase. The system shall not be reversed and must be used with the cleat at the lower end of the system.*
- b) *Blocks and cleats on the upgraded system may be replaced with similar types provided the custom attachments to the mast base and gooseneck supplied by HOBIE CAT CO are used.*
- c) *Swivel cam cleats are not allowed. The up-graded downhaul design has some limited movement from side to side. Any replacement cams may not exceed the side to side movement of the HOBIE CAT CO supplied system.”*

In other words:

1. The downhaul system **must not be reversed** and shall be mounted as shown in fig. 1.
2. For the low-end **only** the custom **HOBIE CAT CO attachment fitting** (a SSI plate) is **class legal**. (see fig. 2)
3. The low-end triple winch block **shall connect directly to the SSI plate** and not via shackles, line etc. (see fig. 2)
4. The upper triple block **shall via a single shackle** connect to the lowest gooseneck thimble. The use of a quick release shackle as an alternative to a traditional shackle is considered class legal whereas attachment involving line/wire is illegal. (see fig. 3)

If any questions, please mail these to rules@hobieclass.com

NB: Please note the illustrations below are from a Hobie Cat 16, but the principles are the same for a Hobie Cat 14.

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

