



Date: Middelfart, DENMARK, May 23, 2016
To: Hobie Cat sailors, IHCA Council members and IHCA Regional Associations
From: IHCA Rules Committee
Subject: **Hobie Cat Tiger and Wild Cat Rule C.10.6 & F.6** (*optional use of line for trapeze and bowsprit bridles*)

Dear all,

Over time, more Tiger and Wild Cat sailors have requested allowance for the option of replacing trapeze and bowsprit bridles wire with line/rope. The requests have mainly come from the big group of Tiger and Wild Cat sailors also active on the F18 scene.

In this light, the IHCA Rules Committee has discussed and reviewed the situation with the purpose of easing the transition forth and back between Hobie and F18 class racing with regard to the question on wire vs. line/rope for the trapezes and bowsprit bridles. In the same breath, we have found it relevant to add a clarifying paragraph to Rule C.10.6.

The resulting proposals are hereby distributed for comments according to the policy of the IHCA. Changes to the current rules are in *red italic*.

Hobie Cat Tiger and Wild Cat Rule C.10.6

PROPOSAL

C.10.6 STANDING RIGGING

Replacement of the **standing rigging** is permitted. Parts shall be obtained from the HOBIE CAT CO.

(a) USE

Standing rigging shall be arranged as supplied by HOBIE CAT CO.

(b) DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
Forestay bridle wire lengths, measured from bearing point to bearing point.	1200 mm	-

(c) Trapeze wires may have adjustable height.

REASON

Clarification.



HOBIE CAT TIGER AND WILD CAT RULE C.10.6

PROPOSAL

F.6 STANDING RIGGING

F.6.1 The **standing rigging** and its fittings shall comply with the Building Specification in force at the time of manufacture.

F.6.2 MATERIALS

*(a) The **standing rigging** shall be of stranded stainless steel with the exception of bowsprit bridles and trapeze, which may be line of any material.*

F.6.3 CONSTRUCTION

(a) MANDATORY

(1) Trapeze wires of stranded stainless steel wire or line of any material, of minimum diameter of 2.5 mm.

(b) OPTIONAL

*(1) The **bowsprit** bridles may be line of any material and of minimum diameter of 2.5 mm.*

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze and bowsprit bridles wires with lines.

Comments to be sent to rules@hobieclass.com with copy to 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: June 18, 2016.**

The proposed changes are supposed to go into effect as of July 11, 2016 if accepted.

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