



Date: Middelfart, DENMARK, May 23, 2016
To: Hobie Cat sailors, IHCA Council members and IHCA Regional Associations
From: IHCA Rules Committee
Subject: **Trapeze wire/line rules**

Dear all,

The idea of allowing the option of replacing trapeze wire with line/rope has been aired and discussed a number of times over the latest years. The technology and the quality of lines have improved significantly in the meantime and other comparable classes have opened up for the use of lines for the trapezes as an alternative to wire.

The IHCA Rules Committee has discussed and reviewed the situation. The result is a number of proposals for our various classes allowing the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

These proposals are hereby distributed for comments according to the provisions of General Class Rule 24 and the policy of the IHCA. Changes to the current rules are in *red italic*.

Hobie Cat Dragoon Rule 10.3

PROPOSAL

Add new rule:

10.3 Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

Hobie Cat Rule 5.5

PROPOSAL

5.5 A single trapeze may be used during Class competition. Wire length is optional. Adjustable systems are optional. *Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.*

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.



Hobie Cat 14 Rule 5.5

PROPOSAL

5.5 A single trapeze may be used during Class competition. Wire length is optional. Adjustable systems are optional. *Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.*

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

Hobie Cat 14 Turbo Rule 9.1

PROPOSAL

9.1 A single trapeze may be used during Class competition. Wire length is optional. Adjustable systems are optional. *Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.*

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

Hobie Cat 16 Rule 9

PROPOSAL

9 A maximum of two trapeze wires are allowed on each side of the boat. Trapeze wires shall be of stainless steel wire of not less than 2.38 mm diameter. *The minimum length of the trapeze wire, including shackles, shall be from the bearing point on the mast tang to a point 1250 mm above the base of the mast extrusion. Adjustable systems may be attached to the trapeze wire shackled to the mast tang. Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.*

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

Hobie Cat 17 Rule 5.2

PROPOSAL

5.2 Supplied trapeze wires may be shortened, lengthened and have adjustable systems installed. Only one trapeze wire per side is allowed. *Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.*

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.



Hobie Cat FX-One Rule 10.4

PROPOSAL

Add new rule:

10.4 Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

Hobie Cat 18 Rule 8 c)

PROPOSAL

Add new rule:

8 c) Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

Hobie Cat 20 Rule 11 c)

PROPOSAL

Add new rule:

11 c) Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.

REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze wires with lines.

Hobie Cat Fox Rule 10.3

PROPOSAL

Add new rule:

10.3 Trapeze wires may be replaced with lines of any material of not less than 2.5 mm diameter.



REASON

Allow the option of replacing trapeze 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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