

CLUB VELA LA BALLENA ALEGRE**COSTA BRAVA HOBIE 16 WARM-UP REGATTA 2027**
*Official Warm-Up for the 24th Hobie 16 World Championship***29 JUNE – 2 JULY 2027****SANT PERE PESCADOR – COSTA BRAVA – GIRONA – SPAIN****NOTICE OF RACE**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY The **Costa Brava Cup 2027 – Hobie 16** class is organized by **Club Vela La Ballena Alegre (CVBA)**.

The regatta is open exclusively to the **Hobie 16 Class**.

The **Costa Brava Hobie 16 Warm-Up Regatta 2027** is the **Official Warm-Up Regatta for the 24th Hobie 16 World Championship**, giving competitors the opportunity to race at the same venue and in the same racing area immediately prior to the World Championship.

The Costa Brava Hobie 16 Warm-Up Regatta is, however, a **separate event from and independent of the 24th Hobie 16 World Championship**, with its own entry procedure, entry fee, registration, racing programme and results.

Entry and registration for the Costa Brava Hobie 16 Warm-Up Regatta do not constitute or include entry or registration for the Hobie 16 World Championship. Competitors wishing to participate in both events must complete the respective entry and registration procedures separately.

Competitors wishing to participate in both events shall complete the respective entry and registration procedures and comply separately with the requirements applicable to each event.

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**.

1.2 The **International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) Class Rules** will apply.

1.2.1 IHCA Class Rules Appendix E will apply.

1.2.2 IHCA Class Rule 26 – Propulsion will apply. This changes RRS 42.2 and 42.3.

1.2.3 The IHCA Discretionary and Standard Penalty Policy will apply.

1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

1.4 In RRS 44.2, insert after the first sentence:

“However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a.”

1.5 [NP] [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat, without Flag Y being displayed.

1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the **English text shall prevail**.

1.7 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

1.8 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the **Sailing Instructions shall take precedence**.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the official event website before the start of the event and will be published on the **Official Notice Board (ONB)**.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board will be located on the official event website.

3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

3.3 The Organizing Authority may establish a dedicated WhatsApp group or other communication channel to facilitate operational communication with competitors.

Such communications shall be considered **unofficial** and shall not replace the Official Notice Board.

4. [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open exclusively to boats of the **Hobie 16 Class**.

4.2 This is an **Own Boat event**. All competitors are responsible for providing their own boats and equipment.

4.3 The World Sailing Eligibility Code applies.

4.4 In accordance with the applicable IHCA Class Rules, all crew members aboard competing boats shall comply with the membership requirements of the International Hobie Class Association.

4.5 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form available on the official event website and paying the required entry fee.

4.6 Each competitor shall comply with the membership and sailing licence requirements established by their respective World Sailing Member National Authority.

4.7 All Spanish sailors, sailors officially resident in Spain or sailors representing a Spanish sailing club shall hold the applicable **2027 RFEV Sailing Licence**.

4.8 To be considered an entry in the Costa Brava Cup, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay the applicable entry fee.

4.9 SEPARATE ENTRY FROM THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry in the **Costa Brava Cup 2027** is completely separate from entry in the **24th Hobie 16 World Championship**.

Payment of the Costa Brava Cup entry fee and completion of its registration process **does not grant, guarantee or reserve a place in the Hobie 16 World Championship**.

Competitors wishing to participate in the World Championship shall complete the World Championship entry and registration procedures separately.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fees for the Costa Brava Hobie 16 Warm-Up Regatta 2027 are as follows:

Entry period	Entry fee
Early Entry – until 30 April 2027	€90 per boat
Late Entry – from 1 May 2027 onwards	€110 per boat

5.2 Entries shall be completed using the online entry form available on the [official event website](#).

5.3 All entry fee payments shall be made through the payment platform established by the Organizing Authority.

5.4 CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS Entry fees are non-refundable. Refunds may only be considered in verified cases of force majeure or exceptional, fully documented and justified circumstances, subject to the discretion and approval of the Organizing Authority.

Any approved refund may be subject to administrative and transaction costs.

6. ON-SITE REGISTRATION

6.1 Competitors shall complete on-site registration at the Regatta Office on: **29 June 2027**
The detailed registration timetable will be published on the Official Notice Board.

6.2 Competitors may be required to produce at registration:

- A valid membership card or sailing licence issued or recognized by their Member National Authority, where applicable.
- An Advertising Licence issued by their Member National Authority, where applicable.
- Entry confirmation and proof of payment.
- Any documentation required under the applicable Hobie Class Rules.

6.3 Competitors shall present any consent and declaration forms required by the Organizing Authority.

6.4 For competitors under 18 years of age, the corresponding documentation shall be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

6.5 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of: **€2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.**

7. [DP] ADVERTISING

7.1 The World Sailing Advertising Code will apply.

7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising, bow numbers or other identification material chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration will take place on 29 June 2027.

8.2 Racing is scheduled from 30 June to 2 July 2027.

8.3 A total of 8 races are scheduled for the Costa Brava Hobie 16 Warm-Up Regatta 2027.

8.4 The racing programme is intended to include one Long Distance Race, which will count as one of the 8 scheduled races.

8.5 The daily number of races and the specific day selected for the Long Distance Race will be determined by the Race Committee, taking into account the prevailing and forecast weather, sea and safety conditions.

8.6 No more than 3 races may be sailed on any racing day.

8.7 If the Long Distance Race cannot be sailed, it may be replaced by a conventional fleet race.

8.8 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on 30 June 2027 will be published in the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal time for subsequent racing days will be published on the Official Notice Board.

8.9 On 2 July 2027, the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hrs.

8.10 The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place on 2 July 2027, following completion of racing.

9. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND WEIGHING

9.1 All boats and equipment shall comply with the applicable Hobie 16 Class Rules.

9.2 As an Own Boat event, competitors shall provide all boats and equipment required for participation.

9.3 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time during the event at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

9.4 Crew weight and corrector weights, where applicable under the Hobie 16 Class Rules, may be checked.

9.5 Corrector weights, where applicable, shall be available for inspection when requested.

9.6 All Hobie 16 boats competing in the event shall remain in the designated numbered spaces or boat park areas provided by the Organizing Authority.

10. VENUE

10.1 The racing area will be located in: **Roses Bay – Costa Brava - Sant Pere Pescador**, Girona, Spain.

10.2 The venue is:

Club Vela La Ballena Alegre

Carretera Sant Martí d'Empúries, 13
17470 Sant Pere Pescador
Girona – Spain

The Costa Brava Cup will use the same general venue and racing environment as the subsequent Hobie 16 World Championship.

11. COURSES

11.1 FLEET RACING Fleet races will use standard courses applicable to the Hobie 16 Class. Course configurations and procedures will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 LONG DISTANCE RACE The Organizing Authority intends to schedule **one Long Distance Race** during the Costa Brava Cup.

- The Long Distance course may include laid marks, geographical points and/or other suitable marks within the **Bay of Roses racing area**.
- The final course configuration, starting procedure, safety requirements and any specific time limits applicable to the Long Distance Race will be described in the Sailing Instructions and/or published on the Official Notice Board.
- The Race Committee may modify, shorten, postpone or cancel the Long Distance Race when weather, sea state, safety or operational conditions make it advisable.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a **One-Turn Penalty**.

12.2 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 RRS Appendix A will apply.

13.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute the series.

13.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.4 When 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.5 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.

13.6 LONG DISTANCE SCORING If sailed, the **Long Distance Race will count as one race in the overall Costa Brava Cup series.** Its score will have the same value as a conventional fleet race.

14. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 A support vessel includes any vessel under the control or direction of a support person, as defined in the RRS.

14.2 All support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and shall comply with local legislation and the event support boat regulations.

14.3 Support persons shall wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

14.4 Drivers of support person vessels shall use the engine kill cord whenever the engine is running.

14.5 Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of: **€2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.**

14.6 Registered support boats may be required to assist with rescue operations in case of need.

If requested by the Race Committee, support boats shall cooperate with the event safety organization.

14.7 Restrictions applicable to support vessels will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

15. [NP] [DP] BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places within the designated boat park or beach areas while not racing.

16. RISK STATEMENT AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk.

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.2 The Organizing Authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event, except where such liability cannot legally be excluded.

16.3 In cases of force majeure, administrative orders, weather conditions or safety reasons, the Organizing Authority may modify, postpone or cancel all or part of the event in accordance with applicable rules and legislation.

17. [NP] [DP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance suitable for the racing area with a minimum cover of: **€2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.**

18. PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the **top five boats in the overall classification.**

18.2 The Organizing Authority may establish additional trophies or categories. Any additional prizes will be published on the Official Notice Board.

18.3 A specific trophy may be awarded to the winner of the **Costa Brava Cup Long Distance Race.**

18.4 The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place on **2 July 2027**, following completion of racing.

19. [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

By registering for the event, competitors agree that photographs, video recordings and other images may be taken during the event and used as part of the Organizing Authority's communication, promotion and public relations activities.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

TECHNICAL AND EVENT INFORMATION

Club Vela La Ballena Alegre

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ACCOMMODATION AND TOURISM

La Ballena Alegre Resort

Sant Pere Pescador – Costa Brava

Specific accommodation information for Costa Brava Cup competitors and accompanying persons will be available through the [Ballena Alegre website](https://www.ballena-alegre.com).

Sant Pere Pescador, August 2026