

CLUB VELA LA BALLENA ALEGRE

INTERNATIONAL HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF RACE

18th HOBIE 14 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

24th HOBIE 16 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HOBIE DRAGOON INTERNATIONAL CUP

27 JUNE – 8 JULY 2027 SANT PERE PESCADOR, GIRONA, SPAIN

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA): Club Vela la Ballena Alegre (CVBA), in conjunction with the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) with the approval of Real Federación Española de Vela (RFEV). The regatta will include the following classes: Hobie Cat 16, Hobie Cat 14, and Hobie Dragoon. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury 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)
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- **1.2** 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** IHCA Discretionary and Standard Penalty Policy applies.
- **1.3** RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- **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 always applies while afloat, without Flag Y being displayed (RRS 40.2 (c)).
- **1.6** If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.
- **1.7** RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- **1.8** If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website 1 week before the start of the event at the Official Notice Board at the Official Website

3. COMMUNICATION

- **3.1** The official notice board (ONB) is located on the [official event website](#).
- **3.2 [DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- **3.3 [DP]** To improve communication during the regatta, a dedicated WhatsApp group will be used to notify sailors, but it will not substitute the official notice board.

4. [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- **4.1** Entry is open for boats of the classes Hobie 14, Hobie 16, and Hobie Dragoon. **This is an "Own Boat" event; all competitors are responsible for providing their own boats and equipment.**
- **4.2** World Sailing (WS) Eligibility Code applies.
- **4.3** In accordance with IHCA Class Rules 25, all crew members on board a competing boat shall be members in good standing of the International Hobie Class Association. The IHCA will verify membership status.
- **4.4** Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at the [event website](#) and paying the required fees.
- **4.5** Each competitor shall be a member of a club affiliated to his national authority of World Sailing. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements as listed in NoR 6.2, and pay all entry fees.
- **4.6** All Spanish sailors, sailors officially living in Spain or representing a Spanish Club shall be holder of the 2027 RFEV Sailing License.
- **4.7** On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. After this, the Consejo Superior de Deportes of Spanish Government and Real Federación Española de Vela published recommendations in the same line. To help preserve the integrity and safety of this event the organizing committee does not accept competitors, holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality unless they are sailing as neutrals in accordance with World Sailing Neutrality Policy or they are sailing under a Residence Certificate issued by World Sailing in accordance with the World Sailing Eligibility Code. The Organising Committee may amend this rule following any further decisions made on the participation of Russian and Belarussian competitors. The Organizing Authority will be monitoring the situation and will adapt recommendations and measures according to future developments for this event."

5. FEES

- **5.1** Entry fees for all classes are as follows:

Class	Early Entry (until April 27th)	Entry Fee (April 28th to May 27th)	Late Entry (from May 28th)
Hobie 14 WC	280€	320€	400€
Hobie Dragoon IntCup	150€	175€	250€
Hobie 16 WC	320€	360€	450€

- **5.2** Entries for the regatta must be made using the online form available on the official website.
- **5.3 Payments:** All entry fee payments shall be made securely through the online payment platform available directly on the official event website.
- **5.4 Cancellation and Refund Fees:** Entry fees are strictly non-refundable. Refunds will only be considered and issued in verified cases of *force majeure* or under exceptional, fully documented and justified circumstances, subject to the sole discretion and approval of the Organizing Authority. Any approved refunds may be subject to a deduction for administrative and transaction fees.

6. ON-SITE REGISTRATION

- **6.1** Competitors shall complete the on-site registration at the Regatta Office at the venue as scheduled.
- **6.2** Each competitor shall produce at registration the following official documents:
 - A valid membership card to his/her MNA or sailing license if any.
 - An Advertising License Card of his/her MNA if applicable.
 - The Entry Confirmation, including proof of payment of the entry fee.
- **6.4** Competitors shall present a signed and completed consent and declaration form at registration.
- **6.5** For competitors under 18 years of age, these forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian. The forms can be downloaded from the event website.
- **6.6** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid (and for the racing area suitable) third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

7. [DP] ADVERTISING

- **7.1** In accordance with WS Advertising Code 4.1, boats may be required to display advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

- **7.2** If bibs are provided by the organizing authority, while racing, competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second, and third in the series at the beginning of that day shall wear yellow, blue, and red bibs respectively.

8. SCHEDULE

- **8.1 Registration & Equipment Inspection hours:** The Equipment Inspection Office will be open each scheduled registration day from 10:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 19:00. Detailed measurement and equipment inspection instructions will be conveniently published on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- **8.2** The detailed Event Schedule will be posted on the [Official web page](#).
- **8.3 Schedule of Registration and Dates of Racing:**

Event	Registration & Measurement	Racing Dates
Hobie 14 World Championship	June 27–28, 2027	June 29 – July 2, 2027
Hobie Dragoon International Cup	June 27–28, 2027	June 29 – July 2, 2027
Hobie 16 World Championship	June 29 – July 2, 2027	July 3 – July 8, 2027

- **8.4** No more than 4 races may be sailed per day for any Hobie Cat class. In case of favourable weather conditions and a forecast indicating significant deterioration in the following days, the Organizing Authority reserves the right to adjust the daily schedule to ensure the event proceeds as planned.
- **8.5** A skippers' meeting may take place at 10:00 each day. Details will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- **8.6** The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first day of each racing series will be 12:00 hrs. The warning signal of the following days will be published within 08:00 PM of the day before it takes effect.
- **8.7** On the last scheduled day of racing for any class series, no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hrs.

9. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND WEIGHING

- **9.1 As an "Own Boat" event, all boats and equipment must be supplied by the competitors.** They shall be made available for equipment inspection during the times stated for on-site registration (see NoR 8.3).
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- **9.2** At equipment inspection and weighing, competitors are required to bring any crew corrector weights if required to meet class minimum crew weight as verified by the official championship's scales.
- **9.3** Boats and equipment checks may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the technical committee.
- **9.4** IHCA Class Rules 12.4 national letters are not required when the unique Hobie Cat number (no more than 6 digits) is raced with. This changes RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G1.1(b) and (c).

- **9.5** The minimum combined crew weight of all teams (except HC14) will be checked at equipment inspection, based on class rules. Teams might be subject to re-weighing before and after each race.
- **9.6** Corrector weights, if applicable, must be available for inspection during registration, before and after each race.
- **9.7** The following classes must present the Spinnaker for inspection to the Technical Committee:
 - Hobie Cat 16 Youth Series (if applicable)
 - Hobie Dragoon
- **9.8** All Hobie Cats competing in the event must stay within the designated numbered spaces provided by the Organizing Authority in the designated area on the beach.
- **9.9** Hobie Cat 14 competitors will be weighed for verification of PFD/life jacket weight category and class statistical purposes.

10. FORMAT HOBIE CAT 16 OPEN

- **10.1 Fleet Allocations:** The allocation of Gold and Silver fleets for the final stages will follow official IHCA class distribution rules.

11. VENUE

- **11.1** The racing area will be located on the Roses Bay - Costa Brava, Sant Pere Pescador, Spain.
- **11.2** The venue is Club Vela la Ballena Alegre, Carretera Sant Martí d'Empúries, 13, 17470 Sant Pere Pescador, Girona, Spain.

12. COURSES

- **12.1** The courses to be sailed will be Standard IHCA Courses or Trapezoid Courses.
- **12.2** The target time for the fastest boat will be approximately 40 minutes.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- **13.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- **13.2** "APPENDIX T - arbitration" will be in effect.

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury in accordance with RRS 91(b) will be appointed. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15. SCORING

- **15.1** RRS Appendix A will apply.
- **15.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute an event, qualifying or final series.
 - **(a)** When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - **(b)** 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.
 - **(c)** 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.
- **15.3** Classes sailing a qualifying series and a final series: all race scores from the qualifying series will not be carried forward to the final series.

16. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- **16.1** A support vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a support person (as defined in the RRS), including any person gathering data that may be used at a later time.
- **16.2** All support boats must be registered with the organizing authority and are required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations.
- **16.3 Registration fees:** 90€
- **16.4** Support persons shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- **16.5** The drivers of support person vessels shall always use the kill cord while the engine is running.
- **16.6** Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.
- **16.7** Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race Committee displays Code Flag V, all support boats must assist with rescue operations as requested.
- **16.8** Registered support boat area restrictions will be defined in the sailing instructions.

17. [NP][DP] BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park / beach designated areas.

18. RISK & LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- **18.1** Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- **18.2** In cases of force majeure, administrative orders, or safety reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes or cancel the event without liability.

- **18.3** Competitors shall present a signed and completed consent and declaration form at registration. For competitors under 18 years of age, these forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian.

19. [NP][DP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid (and for the racing area suitable) third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

20. PRIZES

- **20.1** World Champion titles will be awarded to the top finishers in accordance with IHCA regulations.
- Trophies may be awarded to Youth, Women, Masters, Grand Masters, and Great Grandmasters as defined by the IHCA Class General Rule 17.
- **The Hobie Dragoon will be awarded the 2027 Hobie Dragoon International Cup**
- **20.2** The detailed list of prizes will be conveniently published on the Official Notice Board (ONB). Prizes will always include medals for the top three finishers in each class and category.

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

Upon registration to the event, competitors agree that photos and videos may be taken of their person and used as part of the organizing authority's and IHCA's public relations activities.

22. CONTACTS

- **Technical & Event info:**
 - Club Vela la Ballena Alegre: windba@ballena-alegre.com
 - International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) – Hobie Worlds 2027: hobieworlds27@gmail.com
- **Accommodation & Tourism:**
 - La Ballena Alegre resort: info@ballena-alegre.com - [Event landing page](#).
 - Costa Brava Tourism Board: <https://costabrava.org/en/>
 - Visit Sant Pere: <https://www.visitsantpere.com/en/>
 - Visit l'Escala: <https://www.visitlescala.com/en/>

Sant Pere Pescador, August 2026.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)

TRAVEL INFORMATION

1. BY CAR

- **Google Maps location:** Club Vela la Ballena Alegre – <https://maps.app.goo.gl/f9Jj27YS6MhwkcJp7>
- **From France (southbound):** Highway E-15 / AP-7, take Exit 3 – Figueres Nord (Figueres N).
- **From Barcelona (northbound):** Highway E-15 / AP-7, take Exit 5 – L'Escala.

2. BY PLANE

There are three main airports available:

- **Josep Tarradellas Barcelona – El Prat Airport (BCN):** Approx. 150 km from the venue. Info: <https://www.aena.es>
- **Girona – Costa Brava Airport (GRO):** Approx. 55 km from the venue. Info: <https://www.aena.es>
- **Rivesaltes – Perpignan Airport (PGF):** Approx. 90 km from the venue. Info: <http://www.aeroport-perpignan.com>

From any of these airports, you can reach the venue by rental car, train (plus taxi/bus), or private transfer.

3. BY TRAIN

- **Figueres–Vilafant High-Speed Train Station (AVE):** Approx. 30 km from the venue. Info: <https://www.adif.es>. From the station, you can continue by taxi, rental car, or private transfer.

4. TRANSFER SERVICES

Transfer Bus offers a wide variety of services from airports and train stations to La Ballena Alegre.

- **Contact:** Maria José
- **Phone:** +34 615 357 576
- **Email:** info@transferbus.com
- **Website:** <https://www.transferbus.com/>
- We recommend booking in advance and confirming prices, schedules, and pick-up points.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants and companions should contact their travel agency or their local Spanish Consulate/Embassy to confirm all visa and entry requirements according to their nationality.

- **General info on entry conditions for Spain:** [Official Ministry Website](#)
- **Letters of invitation** are available upon request from the Organizer. Please request your letter at least **21 days in advance**.