



# ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB



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## HOBIE FLEET SPRING SERIES 2024

Organising Authority (OA): Royal Channel Islands YC (RCIYC):

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by:

1.1.1 The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*;

1.1.2 The International Hobie Cat Association (IHCA) Class Rules.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)** - any change to the SIs will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect and will be promulgated at the relevant pre-race briefing. Any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on [www.rciyc.je/racing](http://www.rciyc.je/racing) ;

3.2 The race office is located at the RCIYC Clubhouse, tel. 745783, e-mail: [office@rciyc.je](mailto:office@rciyc.je).

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT** - competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### 5 SIGNALS

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Gun Site Hobie base;

5.2 Class flags displayed by the race committee boat will be:

Class 1 – Light blue

Class 2 – Green

Class 3 – Orange

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES (All Sundays)

Races	Date	HW	Ht	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
1 & 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	1021	8.54	0955
3 & 4	17 <sup>th</sup> March	1100	8.29	1025
5 & 6	31 <sup>st</sup> March	1022	9.25	0955
7 & 8	28 <sup>th</sup> April	0938	9.77	0925

Note: Races may be rescheduled in the event of adverse conditions on the scheduled day.

- 7 RACING AREA** - the racing area will be entirely within St Aubin's Bay.
- 8 COURSES** - details of the courses to be sailed will be provided at the relevant pre-race briefing
- 9 MARKS**
- 9.1 The start line outer limit mark will be an orange dumpy buoy laid to either the port or starboard side of the race committee boat;
- 9.2 The finishing mark will be a yellow pyramid buoy or a designated location on the beach;
- 9.3 Other marks will be laid yellow or orange pyramid buoys and/or fixed marks.
- 10 THE START**
- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal;
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and an outer limit mark;
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes;
- 10.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at its starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail its sail number. Failure to hail its sail number, failure of it to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a);
- 10.5 A boat that does not start within five minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start, without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11 THE FINISH**
- 11.1 At the entire discretion of the race committee, the finish line will be;
- Between two orange dumpy buoys
  - or
  - Between a yellow pyramid buoy and a Hobie flag on the beach
  - or
  - In front of a Hobie flag or beach officer at the water's edge
- 11.2 In the case of beach finishes:
- **Public safety is paramount. Boats shall not finish in such a way as to impede bathers and other users nor compromise their safety or that of the general public;**
  - Boats shall finish as close as possible to the flag and or beach officer, where such exist, and as close as reasonably possible to boats that have already finished.
- 12 PENALTIES** - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13 TIME LIMITS**
- 13.1 If no boat has finished within one hour, timed from the starting signal, the race will be abandoned;
- 13.2 Any boat failing to finish within twenty minutes (the Finishing Window) after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing;
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within this Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **14 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 14.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals 'no more racing today', whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB;
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RCIYC and on [www.rciyc.je/racing](http://www.rciyc.je/racing) ;
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RCIYC, as soon as possible;
- 14.4 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the physical notice board in the Clubhouse.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series;
- 15.2 A boat shall start in at least three races to be counted in the series;
- 15.3 Races to count:
  - 15.3.1 When eight races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its three worst scores;
  - 15.3.2 When seven races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its two worst scores;
  - 15.3.3 When six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score;
  - 15.3.4 When fewer than six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Boats shall tally in with the beach officer prior to launching and tally out on completion of racing;
- 16.2 For identification purposes boats shall sail in the vicinity of the race committee boat before racing,
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or beach officer at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS** - a boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, the Notice of Race and the SIs.

## **18 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 18.1 The race committee boat will be an RCIYC RIB or such other boat as the race committee may determine from time-to-time;
- 18.2 A guard boat(s) will be in attendance to assist with safety and mark-laying.

## **19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 19.1 The penalty for depositing trash in the sea may be less than disqualification;
- 19.2 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

## **20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 Place prizes will be awarded in each class, as follows:
  - When two boats are entered – first prize only;
  - When three boats are entered – first and second prizes only;
  - When four or more boats are entered – first, second and third prizes only;
- 20.2 The Place Prize-giving will be held at the RCIYC as soon as possible after 1700 hours Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April;

20.3 The event will form part of the Hobie Fleet Inshore Series 2024 for which perpetual trophies will be awarded in each class. Trophies will be presented at the Club's end of season Annual Dinner and Prize-giving (date and venue to be advised).

## **21 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is its alone. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

21.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

21.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

21.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

21.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

21.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

21.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

21.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **22 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with current third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (three million pounds sterling) per incident, including racing.