

HOBIE 16 LADIES and HOBIE 14 OPEN
NATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

Notice of Race

Notice is hereby given that the above sailing event is scheduled to take place as detailed in this Notice of Race. Entries are invited in terms of this Notice.

DATES

23rd September to the 26th September 2004, both dates inclusive.

NOTE: 23rd September IS REGISTRATION DAY. NO OFFICIAL RACING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 23rd September. RACING WILL COMMENCE FROM 24th to 26th of SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE.

VENUE

Theewaterskloof Sports Club, Western Cape directions to which may be obtained from the Regatta Secretary.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Western Cape Hobie Class Association in association with the South African Hobie Class Association and under the authority and sanction of South African Sailing.

CLASSES

National Championship Classes : HOBIE 16 Ladies
 HOBIE 14 Open

RULES

The Championships will be governed by ;

The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2001-2004 of the International Sailing Association Federation (ISAF), subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice, the Class Rules of the competing classes as listed below, subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice, the South African Hobie Class Rules, the SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships, this Notice of Race

and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereof.

ADVERTISING

Category C will apply in terms of the ISAF advertising code RRS Section II Appendix 1 Regulation 20.

ELIGIBILITY

Competitors shall comply with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) eligibility requirement in accordance with RRS Appendix 2 Regulation 21 which requires that all competitors (helms and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form. Current valid Club Membership cards shall be presented at Registration.

ENTRIES

Entries must be completed on the attached official entry form and submitted together with the required entry fee to the Regatta Secretary at the address below.

Entry forms must be countersigned by a parent or guardian where the competitor will be under the age of 21 years on the first day of the regatta.

Telephonic or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

Eligible entries will be accepted until the close of Registration at the venue. Refer to the clause "Registration" below. Entries submitted at the venue may be accepted if accompanied by proof of compliance with the eligibility requirements.

Entry fees per yacht

Received no later than 17h00 on 10 September 2004: R 75

Received thereafter until the closing of entries: R 125

Party Pack : R 50 / person

Entries to be sent to:

Regatta Secretary: South African Sailing

Address : PO Box 519

0929

Tel : 021 511

Paarden Island

0965

Fax : 021 511

7420

Email sascw@sailing.org.za

PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

Payment may be made by cash or cheque or bank deposit to the credit of the account detailed below.

In the case of deposits made to the said bank account the bank stamped deposit note or the printed electronic transaction note and the completed entry form shall be either mailed or transmitted by fax simultaneously to the Regatta secretary. The deposit document shall state the event and entrants name.

Bank Account details

Account name	<i>SA Sailing</i>
Bank and Branch	Standard Bank, Thibault Square
Branch code	020909
Account No	070 883 025
Account Type	Cheque

All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Entries and Registration. Refer to the clause "Registration" below. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s are made. This changes rule A11 (DNC).

A portion (80%) of a yacht's entry fees may be refunded in the case of yachts unable to complete in the regatta, provided an application in writing for such refund is received by the Regatta Secretary within seven days after the first race of the championship.

ENTRY FORMS

Additional entry forms are available on request from the Regatta Secretary.

REGISTRATION

Entries shall be confirmed by registration with the Regatta Secretary at the venue commencing at : 18:00 until 20:00 on 23rd September 2004 and continuing from 08:00 to 09:00 on 24th September 2004.

The following documents shall be presented at Registration:

- Current yacht club membership card,
- Current SA Sailing Membership Card
- Proof of payment of Class Membership for current period

All fees (entry and class membership) shall be paid before the closing of entries. Refer to the paragraph "Payment of Entry Fees" above.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary at the regatta venue upon registration.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied;

- * A minimum of ten valid entries shall have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race;
- * at least ten finishers shall have finished in any two races of the series;
- * at least four races shall have been completed.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place at: 10H00 on Friday 24th September 2004

The First Race of the championship is scheduled to start at 11H00 on 24th September 2004

The times for subsequent races will be advised at the venue in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

The last race of the championship will not start after 16h00 on the 26th of September 2004

RACING AREA and COURSES

Racing will take place on Theewaterskloof dam.

SAFETY

Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg. steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.

A safety monitoring or tally system shall apply in accordance with the sailing instructions.

SCORING SYSTEM

The low points scoring system, RRS A4.1 will apply.

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

When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score.

PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720degree turn is replaced by a 360degree turn.

ISAF ANTI-DOPING CODE

Testing of competitors may be conducted in terms of the ISAF anti-doping code contained in RRS Appendix 3 regulation 19.

Declarations in terms of sub regulation 19.10 and requests for dispensation in terms of sub regulation 19.11 shall be submitted to the SA Sailing Medical Officer.

PRIZES & AWARDS

Prizes and awards will be presented at the prize giving which will follow as soon as possible after the last

race.

SA Sailing medals will be presented to competitors in accordance with the SA Sailing requirements for National Championships in accordance with the following table and subject to the event qualifying for National Championship status:

Yachts finishing

<u>at least 2 races</u>	<u>Medal</u>
10 to 14	Gold
15 to 19	Gold and Silver
20 or more	Gold, Silver and Bronze

Class floating trophies may be awarded as follows in accordance with the stated criteria ;

The National Championship Trophy Overall winner of the National Championships in both Classes.

Other prizes may be presented at the discretion of the Race Committee.

LIABILITY

Participation in this event is entirely at the risk of competitors and no responsibility for damage or injury resulting therefrom will rest with the organising authority, class associations, or any persons concerned with the conduct of the regatta.