



Hobie Cat 16 European Championships 2013 – Cagliari (Italy) – October 11th to October 19th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 Furthermore, the Hobie Cat Class Rules including Appendix E will apply .

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located close to the flag pole.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted three hours before the start of the race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals made Ashore

When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal.
This changes RRS "race signal".

5 Competition Format

- 5.1 The format of racing for the Hobie 16 Open event will be a Qualifying Series and a Final Series and is described in SI 5.2 to 5.4
All other events will compete in a single Fleet.
- 5.2 The Qualifying Series will be decided with minimum one and maximum eight qualification races.
- 5.3 For the Final Series competitors will be assigned to the Gold or Silver Fleet based on their ranking in the Qualifying, Youth and Masters Series.
- 5.4 The Final Series will have a Gold Fleet limited to 64 boats, including pre-qualified boats, and a Silver Fleet. Boats with the best Qualifying Series ranks will race all Final Series in the Gold Fleet; boats with the next-best Qualifying Series ranks will race the Silver Fleet.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as stated in the NOR. It shall be the sole responsibility of a boat to verify scheduling and starting times. Failure to do so will be no grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b)

Saturday, October 12th	HC16 Youth SPI, HC16 Masters, HC16 SPI Open Cup
Sunday, October 13th	HC16 Youth SPI, HC16 Masters, HC16 SPI Open Cup
Monday, October 14th	HC16 Youth SPI; HC16 Open Qualifying Series
Tuesday, October 15th	HC16 Youth SPI; HC16 Open Qualifying Series



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Wednesday, October 16 th	HC16 Open Finals (Gold, Silver)
Thursday, October 17 th	HC16 Open Finals (Gold, Silver)
Friday, October 18 th	HC16 Open Finals (Gold, Silver)
Saturday, October 19 th	HC16 Open Finals (Gold, Silver)

6.2 The Hobie 16 Final Series will begin on Wednesday, October 16th or - if less than one qualification race is completed by that date – as soon as possible after one qualification race has been completed.

6.3 The starting time will be 11.00 hours for the first day of the event. The starting time for all the other days will be posted before 20.00 hours the day before.

6.4 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more Categories) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6.5 On Saturday, October 19th no warning signal will be made after 15,30 hours.

7 Class Flags

The Class flags will be as follows:

16 SPI Youth	White flag with Hobie insignia
Masters	Yellow flag with Hobie insignia
Hobie 16 SPI Open Cup	Blue flag with Hobie insignia
Hobie 16 Qualifiers	Green flag with Hobie insignia
Gold Fleet	Yellow flag with Hobie insignia
Silver Fleet	Green flag with Hobie insignia

8 Racing and Starting Area

8.1 Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.

8.2 The starting area has been defined as an area 100 meters to leeward and 50 meters to windward and 50 meters on both extensions of the starting line.

9 Courses

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

9.2 A Notice will be posted on the official notice board showing the chosen course for each racing day.

10 Marks

Marks to be used are described in Attachment A



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11 Start

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Boats not racing shall avoid area where boats are racing.

11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

If there is a change of the position of the windward mark on courses with offset marks, there will be no (new) offset mark.

13 Finish

For all classes the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the finishing mark.

14 Penalty System

14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Race Office within the appropriate protest time limit.

14.3 Boats penalised under the class rules for boat, crew weight and equipment violations may be scored – DNE – Disqualified Not Excludable if the jury so decides.

15 Time Limits

15.1 Time limits are shown below and apply to a Class. If no boat has passed the first mark within the time limit to the first mark, or no boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

Time limit	90 minutes
Target time	45 minutes
Time limit to first mark	25 minutes

Failure to meet the target time will be no ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats of a Class failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of that Class sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.



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16 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protest and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate protest time limit.

16.2 For each Course the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of the Course has finished the last race of the day or the last qualifying race. A boat intending to protest shall so inform the race committee upon finishing..

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury Office, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 A list of boats that have taken a penalty or retired under SI 14.2 will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

16.6 Breaches of SI 11.4, 14.2, 19, 20.2, 21, 22, 24 and 25 to 29 will be no ground for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

A breach of SI 11.4 will only be ground for redress by a boat if she alleges that her finish place in a race is significantly worse by a breach of SI 11.4. In all other cases the first paragraph of SI 16.6 applies.

16.7 In alteration of RRS 65 a request for a written decision must be lodged in writing within one hour after being informed of the decision.

16.8 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting opening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

16.9 On the last scheduled day of the Qualifying and Youth Series, a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.10 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

18 Scoring

18.1 The final score of every boat will be the sum of scores, except those excluded.

For the Master event one race is required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

For the Youth event one race is required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

One qualification race and one final race are required to be completed to constitute a Hobie Cat 16 Championship.

18.2 For the Qualification Series, when 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If the races are not completed as scheduled, the Qualifying Series will be extended to complete them (SI 6.1).

18.3 For the Final Series when **fewer than four races** have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When **from four to eight races** have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding



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

18.4 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted race or series result a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available at the Race Office. On the last scheduled day of the Qualifying and Youth Series such a request must be filed no later than 30 minutes after the finishing lists/results are posted.

18.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SI 16.6 will be DPI

19 Safety Regulations

19.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, or when this is impossible, the Race Office, immediately upon returning to shore.

19.2 Personal flotation devices shall be carried at all times while racing under the provisions of RRS 40. Flag "Y" will not be displayed. This changes the Part 4 Preamble and RRS 40.

19.5 When flag "R" is displayed by the starting vessel, coach and other support boats shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue operations.

20 Replacement of Crew and Equipment

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the jury. Attention is drawn to IHCA General Class Rule 17.3.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Attention is drawn to IHCA General Class Rule 12.3.

20.3 Request forms are available at the Race Office.

21 Equipment and Measurement Checks

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the International Hobie Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

21.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 Gold Fleet Sails

22.1 Sails and battens will be provided to all Gold Fleet competitors, who shall not modify them in any way except:

- (a) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the sails
- (b) Fittings or equipment, designed to be adjusted except jib luff tension, may be adjusted, provided the Class Rules are complied with.



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22.2 The sails and battens provided shall be used while afloat.

22.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

22.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of the sails and/or battens, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

22.5 Sails and battens will be handed out on Wednesday, October 16th from 07.30 am to 9.00 am. The payment and damage deposit can be made the day before at the Registration Desk, 30 minutes after the Final Series assignments have been posted (SI 5.2).

23 Official Boats

23.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Jury	"Jury"
Measurer	"M"
Press / VIP	"Press"
Official Support boats	Windsurfing Club Cagliari insignia

24 Support Boats

24.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Only authorised boats are allowed in the racing area. Requests for authorisation shall be made at the Race Office.

25 Berthing

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places and competitors shall follow the instructions from the beach masters.

26 Trash Disposals

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

27 Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority or any other party involved in the event organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHMENT A

Marks

Starting mark	Orange Conical
Mark A,B,C,G,O	Orange Conical, White Band, "SARDEGNA" logo
New mark	Orange Conical
Port-end finishing mark F	Yellow Cylinder

	Course	Finish	Options for the Race Committee
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1 G 1 O 1 GO
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2 G 2 O 2 GO
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind	3 O
4	(S) A C A B C A	(F) Downwind	4 O
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5 G 5 O 5 GO
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6 G 6 O 6 GO
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind	7 O

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish, O = offset mark is used.

'B' MARK LOCATION: The Race Committee will endeavour to locate 'B' Mark, the reaching mark, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of the windward or leeward mark.



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Shown here are examples of course illustrations.

Course Configuration A
(to be used with course 1 and 2 only)

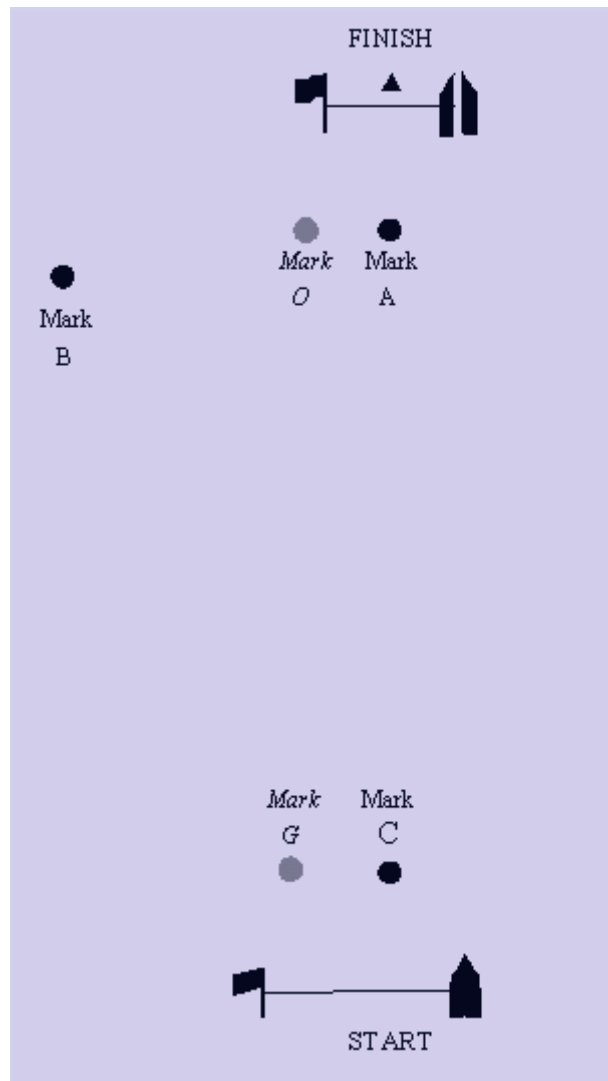
Mark O & Mark G are options that may be used by the Race Committee



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Course Configuration B

(may be used with all courses except 1 and 2)



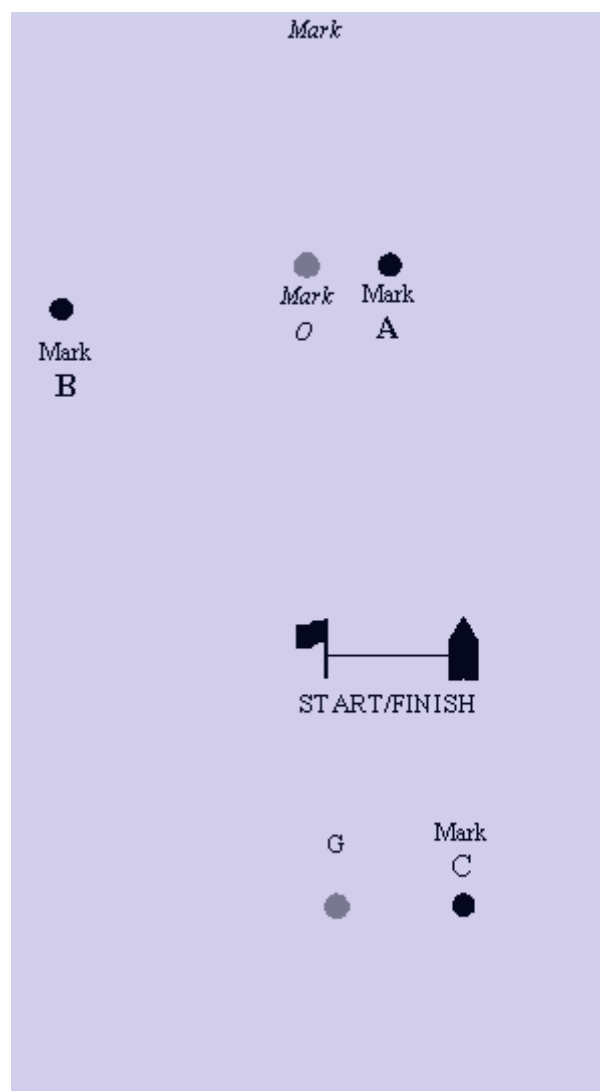
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Course Configuration C

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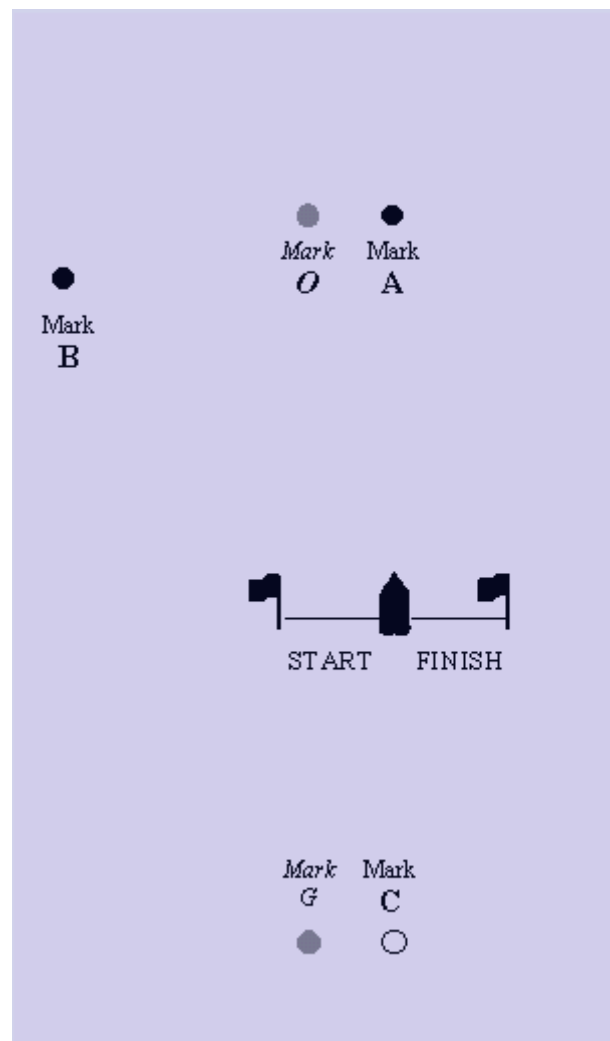
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Course Configuration D

(may be used with all courses)



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