



NOTICE OF RACE
HOBIE CAT MULTI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
13-23 AUGUST 2025, USTKA, POLAND

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA): ProSport Ustka in conjunction with the European Hobie Class Association (EHCA) and the Polish Hobie Class Association (PHCA).

The regatta will include the following classes: Hobie Cat 16 Open, Hobie Cat 16 Master Series, Hobie Cat 16 Youth Spi, Hobie Cat 16 Youth Classic, Hobie Cat 16 Spi Cup, Hobie Cat 14 and Hobie Dragon.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.



1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions apply.
- 1.3 IHCA Class Rules will apply.
 - 1.3.1 IHCA Class Rules Appendix E will apply.
 - 1.3.2 IHCA Class Rule 27 – Propulsion will apply. This changes RRS 42.2 and 42.3.
 - 1.3.3 IHCA Discretionary and Standard Penalty Policy.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.5 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”.
- 1.6 [DP] RRS 40.1 always applies while afloat.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.
- 1.8 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 1.9 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: <https://ucsdays.com/en/notices>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on Racing Rules website at the following url: <https://ucsdays.com/en/notices>
- 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 except in an emergency or when using equipment provided. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 3.3 [DP] To improve communication during the regatta WhatsApp dedicated channel will be used to notify sailors, but it will not substitute the official notice board. Here is the direct link to the official WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LXIWOMxTgt4HYo6OTudQg1>

4. [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry is open for boats of the classes as stated in NoR 5.1.
- 4.2 World Sailing (WS) Regulation 19 applies.
- 4.3 IHCA Class Rules 26, all crew members on board a competing boat shall be members in good standing of the International Hobie Class Association. The European Hobie Class Association (EHCA) will check the membership and will provide a list of not being paid-up members to the Organizing Authority.
- 4.4 IHCA Class Rules 17.7, (a) competitors for the Youth series shall be under the age of 21 years of age on 31 December 2025.
- 4.5 IHCA Class Rules 17.8,
 - (a) The helmsman for Master series shall be 45 years or older on 31 December 2025. The age of crewmembers in the Master series is open.
 - (b) The helmsperson for the Grand Master series shall be 55 years or older on 31 December 2025. The age of crewmembers in the Grand Master series is open.
 - (c) The helmsperson for the Great Grand Master series shall be 65 years or older on 31 December 2025. The age of crewmembers in the Great Grand Master series is open.
 - (d) The helmsperson for Double Grand Master series shall be 55 years or older and the combined crew age shall not be less than 100 years on 31 December 2025.
 - (e) The helmsperson for Double Great Grand Master series shall be 65 years or older and the combined crew age shall not be less than 120 years on 31 December 2025.
- 4.6 Competitors under the age of 18 shall present a signed and completed parent or guardian consent and declaration form at registration. Forms can be downloaded from the event website at the following direct link: <https://ucsdays.com/en/notices>
- 4.7 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at the event website <https://ucsdays.com/en/notices> and paying the required fees. The organizing authority may decide to accept registration after the 13 of August
- 4.8 Each competitor shall be a member of a club affiliated to his national authority of World Sailing.
- 4.9 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Before 12/05/25	Before 12/07/25	After 12/07/25
Hobie 14	€ 160	€ 220	€ 290
Hobie Dragoon	€ 240	€ 300	€ 360
Hobie 16 Youth (Spi & Classic)	€ 240	€ 300	€ 360
Hobie 16 Master Classes (M/GM/GGM)	€ 170	€ 230	€ 300
Hobie 16 Spi Cup	€ 170	€ 230	€ 300
Hobie 16 Open	€ 240	€ 300	€ 360
Combined Youth & HC16 Open	€ 380	€ 450	€ 530
Combined Masters or Spi Cup & HC16 Open	€ 350	€ 430	€ 530
Support person vessel	€ 100	€ 120	€ 150

5.2 A boat competing in any 2 events will get a discount as shown in NoR 5.1 as “Combined Price”

5.3 Entries for the regatta must be made using the online form available on the website: <https://rejestracja.ucsdays.com/en/events/register/id/468>. The entry fee can be paid as follows:

- **For payments in PLN:** by bank transfer to the account: 10 1600 1462 1839 5039 7000 0004 BGŻ BNP PARIBAS. Before making the transfer, please check the Euro exchange rate set by NBP for that day. Please indicate the class and sail number in the transfer title, as well as the first name and last name
- **For payments in EUR:** by bank transfer to the account of BNP PARIBAS: PL53 1600 1462 1839 5039 7000 0006 (SWIFT/BIC - PPABPLPK). Please indicate the class and sail number in the transfer title, as well as the first name and last name. (the cost of the transfer is borne by the payer)
- **Online Payment:** A Stripe and Paypal payments option is available directly through the website

5.4 Cancellation fees: The entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Time	Fee (EUR)
Cancellation more than 6 weeks before the event	100% of the entry fee minus transaction costs.
Cancellation between 6 and 4 weeks before the event	50% of the entry fee minus transaction costs.
Cancellation between 4 and 2 weeks before the event	25% of the entry fee minus transaction costs.
Cancellation between 2 weeks before the event and the event	No refund

- 5.6 The entry fee shall be paid upon entering. The entry fee is non-refundable, except for the event or class being cancelled by the organizing authority or if the entry is rejected.
- 5.7 If less than 8 entries are accepted for a class by 31st July, this class may be cancelled, and the entry fees refunded.

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.
 - The EHCA will check the entries on-line and provide the organizing authority before registration starts with a list of sailors not being paid-up members. These sailors will be told to contact the EHCA representative on site.
 - An Advertising License Card of his/her MNA if applicable.
 - The Entry Confirmation, including proof of payment from the entry fee.
 - Insurance papers that cover at least € 1.500.000,00 third party damages and proof of payment from the Insurance (correct and paid – bring invoice- bank slip to prove or letter from the insurance company).
- 6.3 Pre-qualified skippers for the Hobie 16 Open Finals must have completed their registration no later than **12.00 hours on 19th August 2025**. A pre-qualified spot will be added to the number of open spots if failing to comply.

7. [DP] ADVERTISING

- 7.1 In accordance with WS Regulation 20.4.1 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 Office will be open each day from the 13th of August to the 23 of August with the following hours:
- 13th of August: 14.00 to 20.00.
- 14th to 23rd of August: 10.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 16.00.

The priority will be given to the classes closest to the races series.

- 8.2 Equipment inspection: related Office will be open each day from the 13th of August to the 21st of August with the following hours: 10.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 16.00.

The priority will be given to the classes closest to the races series.

Note: Bring your spinnakers, PFDs/life jackets and any corrector weights for your on-site registration. Inspection of these will take place at or near the weighing station situated in the Registration Office.

- 8.3 The Event Schedule will be posted on: <https://ucsdays.com/en/notices> - results 2025

The Schedule of registration and dates of racing is as follows:

Class	13/8	14/8	15/8	16/8	17/8	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8
HC16 Y (Spi & Classic)	Registration	Regatta									
HC14	Registration	Regatta									
Dragoon	Registration	Regatta									
HC16 Masters		Registration	Regatta								
HC 16 Spi Cup		Registration	Regatta								
H16 Open Qualifier				Registration	Regatta						
H16 Open Finals						Registration	Regatta				

- 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. The overall schedule of races for the classes:

8.4.1 For the Hobie 16 Youth there will be no more than 16 races in total.

8.4.2 For the Hobie Dragoon there will be no more than 16 races in total.

8.4.3 For the Hobie Cat 14 there will be no more than 16 races in total.

8.4.4 For the Hobie Cat 16 Masters classes, Open Spi and Open Qualification there will be no more than 8 races in total.

8.4.5 For the Hobie Cat 16 Final Series (Gold and Silver fleet) there will be no more than 16 races in total.

- 8.5 On the first scheduled racing day of each series, a skippers meeting will be held at 10.00 hrs. 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 exposed within 08:00 PM of the day before it has effect.
- 8.7 On the last scheduled day of racing for all classes, no warning signal will be made after 16.00 hrs.

9. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND WEIGHING

- 9.1 Boats and equipment shall be available for equipment inspection during the times stated in NoR 8.2.
- 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 may be subject to inspection at any time during the event.
- 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 Spi Cup
 - Hobie Cat 16 Youth Championship
 - 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 eastern beach.
- 9.9 Hobie Cat 14 competitors will be weighed for class statistical purposes.

10 FORMAT HOBIE CAT 16 OPEN

- 10.1 Qualifying races: for all teams on the OPEN entry list minus the prequalified nations teams.
- 10.2 Gold fleet: The number of participants in the final races of the HC16 European Championship is limited to a minimum of 48 teams and a maximum of 52 teams based on the possibly HCE provided sails. Composition of the fleet will be based on EHCA class policy for the pre-qualified spots calculation.
- 10.3 Silver fleet: If needed, teams from the qualifying races and OPEN list who did not qualify for Gold Fleet.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 Eastern Beach in Ustka, 76-270 Ustka
- 11.2 The racing area will be located in the roadstead of the Port of Ustka.
- 11.3 Sailing Instructions addendum "Race Areas" shows the location of the race areas.
- 11.4 The accommodation and logistics suggestion can be found on the event website: <https://ucsdays.com/en/accommodation>

12 COURSES

- 12.1 The courses to be sailed will be Standard IHCA Course or Trapeze Courses
- 12.2 The target time for the fastest boat will be approximately 40 min.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by:

As soon as possible, after the incident, a boat takes a penalty, by completing one of the following:

- Two consecutive gybes
- Two consecutive tacks
- The One-Turn Penalty

- 13.2 Arbitration will be in effect for protests involving RRS Part 2.

14 INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 14.1 An international jury in accordance with RRS 91(b) will be appointed. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.3

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.
- b) 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 only all race scores from the qualifying series will not be carried forward to the final series.

16 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 All support boats must be registered with the organizing authority and are required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept late registrations at their sole discretion.
- 16.2 Registration fees according to NoR 5.1.
- 16.3 Support persons shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 16.4 The drivers of support person vessels shall always use the kill cord while the engine is running.
- 16.5 Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and for the racing area suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000,00 per incident or the equivalent.
- 16.6 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race committee displays Code Flag V all the support boats will have to assist with rescue operations as requested by the Race Committee.

- 16.7 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.8 Support Boats must carry a working VHF radio, capable of communicating on VHF channels

17 [DP] BERTHING

- 17.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park or harbour.
- 17.2 Access to boats in the boat park during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.

18 [DP] LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the skipper; to that extent, the skipper also accepts full responsibility for the crew. The skipper is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and seaworthiness of the registered boat.
- 18.2 In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from the wilful or grossly negligent behaviour of the organizer. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute main/essential contractual duties (primary obligations), the liability of the organizer for financial and property damages incurred by the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event and resulting from a conduct of the organizer, its representatives, servants, or agents, is restricted to damages that were caused wilfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of primary obligations occurs due to minor negligence, the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typical damages. To the extent that the liability for damages of the organizer is excluded or restricted, the participant also relieves the staff - employees and representatives, agents, servants, sponsors and individuals who provide or drive salvage, safety or rescue vessels or assist with their use - from the individual liability for damages, as well as all other individuals who were instructed to act in connection with the realization of the event.
- 18.3 World Sailing's effective Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the class rules as well as the regulations of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions are to be complied with and are expressly recognized.

18.4 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. The forms can be downloaded from the event website.

19 [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 € 1.500.000,00 per incident or the equivalent.

20 PRIZES

20.1 The best skipper of the Hobie Cat 14 shall be titled as European Champion.

20.2 The best team of the Hobie Dragoon shall be titled as European Champion.

20.3 The best team of the Hobie Cat 16 classes shall be titled as European Champion in each event, except for the Hobie Cat 16 Spi Cup.

20.4 Prizes will be awarded to the best 3 overall scored boats of each class, except for the Hobie Cat 16 Open Gold Fleet for which the best 5 will be awarded.

20.5 The best women team from the Hobie Dragoon and Hobie Cat 16 Gold Fleet, and the best woman skipper from Hobie Cat 14 will be awarded.

20.6 In the Hobie Cat 16 Masters Series, the first Master, Grand Master and Great Grand Master teams will be awarded.

20.7 The best Youth and Master skippers from the Hobie Cat 14 Fleet will be awarded.

20.8 The organising authority may adjust the number of prizes if less than 10 boats are entered in a class.

20.9 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

20.10 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organising authority.

21 [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

21.1 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 public relations activities, e.g. via websites, newsletters, print and tv media and social networks. In addition, competitors or their guardians grant to the organizing authority without compensation the unlimited

right to use images, photographs, television and radio material produced by them during the event.

- 21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 21.3 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 21.4 Competitors may be required to be available for interviews at the event.

22 RISK

- 22.1 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." 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:
 - 22.2 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;
 - 22.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 22.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 22.5 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 22.6 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 22.7 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 22.8 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this 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.

23 CONTACTS

For further information please contact the following:

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