

PGE BALTICA CHARLOTTA DAYS USTKA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hobie Cat Multi Europeans 2025

**HC14 | HC16 Youth
HC16 Spi Cup | HC16 Masters
HC16 Open**

Ustka, 13-23.08.2025

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed. See NoR 13.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between NoR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.6 The 2025-2028 IHCA Class Rules including App. E will apply.
- 1.7 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.8 In all rules governing this event:
[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT [NP]

Competitors and all support persons shall comply with the organizer authority, race committee, protest committee and technical committee.

3. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP][SP]

- 3.1 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 3.2 When Foxtrot Flag is hosted at the official flagpole:
 - before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, a crew shall personally sign out on the required race committee form located at the Race Office.
 - [DP] within the protest time limit after returning ashore, a crew shall personally sign in on the required form located at the Race Office.
 - a boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 3.3 If Foxtrot flag is displayed on any Race Committee vessel all boats must return to the Boat Park as soon as possible.
- 3.4 2.4. Competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, (this changes RRS 40 and preamble of Part 3).
- 3.5 A boat that decides to stay ashore shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 3.6 Additional safety information, including telephone numbers for emergency and medical services, will be posted on the ONB.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) online at:
<https://ucsdays.com/en/notices>
- 4.2 An additional channel of communication with competitors is the WhatsApp group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LXIOMxTgt4HYo6OTudQg1>

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE [DP]

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located next to the Regatta Office and the Boat Park. Any signal accompanied by class flag applies only to this class. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP. This change RRS Race Signals.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the warning signal of the race on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

7. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 7.1 Qualifying races: for all teams on the OPEN entry list minus the pre-qualified nations teams.
- 7.2 Gold fleet: The number of participants in the final races of the HC16 European Championship is limited to a maximum of 48 teams. Composition of the fleet will be based on EHCA class policy for the pre-qualified spots calculation.
- 7.3 Silver fleet: Teams from the qualifying races who did not qualify for Gold Fleet

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 No more than 4 races shall be sailed per day for the Hobie Cat 16 classes and for the Hobie Cat 14 per day. The overall schedule of races for the classes:
 - a) For the Hobie 16 Youth there will be no more than 16 races in total.
 - b) For the Hobie Cat 14 will be no more than 16 races in total.
 - c) For the Hobie Cat 16 master's classes, Open Spi and Open Qualification will be no more than 8 races in total.
 - d) For the Hobie Cat 16 Final Series (Gold and Silver fleet) there will be no more than 16 races in total.
- 8.2 Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on the following day at the discretion of the race committee, but maximum 5 back-to-back races can be sailed per day.
- 8.3 When the weather forecast may suggest so, a race can be anticipated but, in any case, no more than one race with respect to the point 8.1 could be sailed to recover the original plan.
- 8.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first day of each racing series is 12:00 hrs.
- 8.5 On the last scheduled day of each racing series, no warning signal will be made after 17:30 hrs.

9. CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1 The class flag will be a flag with the Hobie emblem.

Class	Flag
H14	Yellow
H16 Youth Spi & No Spi	White
Hobie 16 Spi Cup	Orange
Hobie 16 Masters	Green
Hobie 16 Qualifications	White
Hobie 16 Gold Fleet	Yellow
Hobie 16 Silver Fleet	White

10. RACING AREA

Addendum 1 shows the location of racing area.

11. COURSES

Addendum 2 shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

12. MARKS

12.1 Course marks:

Mark	Colour	Shape
1, 2S/2P	orange	cylinder
1A (offset)	orange	thin cylinder
X1	yellow	sphere
XA (offset)	yellow	thin cylinder
New mark	green	conical

12.2 The starting marks will be race committee vessel and pin-end boat displaying orange flags.

12.3 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel and a yellow pneumatic buoy in the shape of a thin cylinder.

13. START

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

13.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS) without hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

13.4 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequences for other fleets. The starting area is defined as an area extending 50 meters beyond the entire starting line and its marks.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will:

- lay a new mark (described in SI 12), and/or move the X1 mark, or
- move the finishing line, or
- move the leeward gate.

14.2 When a new mark 1 is laid, mark 1A will not be laid and ceases to be a course mark. If X1 mark is moved, mark XA will not be laid.

15. FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the finishing mark at the other end of the finish line.

17. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

17.1 Time limits and target times are in minutes as follows:

Time limit	Target time	Finish window
60	40	15

17.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

- 17.3 Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 17.4 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

18. HEARING REQUESTS, ENQUIRIES AND PENALTIES

- 18.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office and shall be delivered there within time limit.
- 18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.3 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 begin at the time posted.
- 18.4 Notices of protests by race committee, technical committee or jury will be posted on ONB to inform competitors as in RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5 Hearings will be held in the protest room, located near the race office.
- 18.6 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
 This changes rule 66.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Point System shall apply.
- 19.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute an event, qualifying or final series.
- 19.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.4 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.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 Classes sailing a qualifying series and a final series, all race scored from the qualifying series will not be carried forward to the final series.
- 19.7 In the event of an alleged error in the published results of a race or series, the boat must submit a request for correction of the result. Scoring enquiry forms are available at the race office.

20. CHANGES OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the **Technical Committee** and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race and any restrictions of the class rules.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee and shall comply with any restrictions of the class rules.
- 20.3 Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 Equipment shall be available for inspection by the Technical Committee during registration hours. Corrector weights, if applicable, must be available for inspection during registration, before, and after each race.

- 21.2 In accordance with RRS 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during the event.
- 21.3 The equipment limitations as specified in the IHCA Class Rules shall apply.
- 21.4 A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by the Technical Committee.

22. BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 22.1 Boats will not be required to display national letters. This modifies rule 77

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Vessel	Flag
Jury	White flag with black letters JURY
Media	White flag with black letters PRESS
RC boats	White flag with black letters RC
Rescue boats	White flag with black letters RESCUE
Support boats	White flag with black letter C

24. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS

- 24.1 Support boats shall comply with NoR 16.
- 24.2 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area, which is defined as an area extending 50 meters beyond the entire course in which a boat would normally sail while racing or any mark.
- 24.3 All support vessels moving at a speed of more than 5 knots shall stay at least 150 meters away from any boats racing.
- 24.4 When support vessels are taking part in SAR operations SI 24.1 and 24.2 do not apply.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

- 25.1 No trash should be left on the water, but it may be placed aboard support and race official boats.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 26.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 26.2 Support Boats must carry a working VHF radio, capable of communicating on VHF channel **69**.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 500 000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

IHCA SAFETY NOTES TO THE SAILORS:

GENERAL

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.

TRAPEZE HARNESSSES

Sailors are strongly recommended to use trapeze harnesses with a quick release hookless system or a quick release hook, which meets the ISO 10862 standard.

HELMETS

If sailors wish to wear head protection it is strongly recommend, they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!

Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

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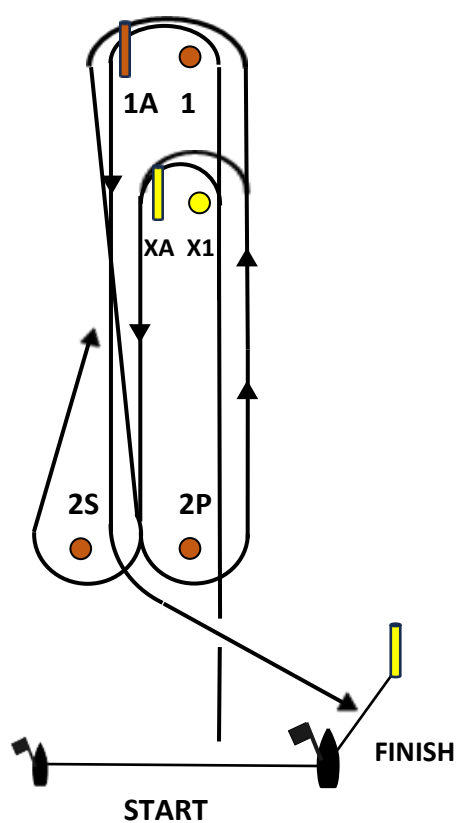
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APPENDIX 1 – Course area



APPENDIX 2 – Course Configuration

Class: H14, H16



Class	Course configuration
H14	START – X1 – XA – 2S/2P – X1 – XA – 2P – FINISH
H16 (all)	START – 1 – 1A – 2S/2P – 1 – 1A – 2P – FINISH