



ROYAL BELGIAN SAILING CLUB vzw

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BELGIAN HOBIE CAT NATIONALS

Hobie Cat 16

Hobie Cat TIGER

Hobie Cat Wild Cat

Hobie Cat Fx One

14th and 15th July 2012

ROYAL BELGIAN SAILING CLUB BEACHCLUB DUINBERGEN

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

The Organising authorities are the Royal Belgian Sailing Club (RBSC) in conjunction with the Belgian Hobie Cat Association (BHCA).

2. Governing Rules

The Belgian Hobie Cat Nationals will be governed by:

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and any amendments.

The prescriptions of the national authority (KBYV-FRBY) will not apply.

The rules as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (ERS) and any amendments.

The IHCA Class Rules 2009-2012 except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

The Notice of Race.

The Sailing Instructions.

In case of conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

3. Advertising

This Event is designed as a Category "C" event in accordance with RRS Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20. The forward 25% part of the hull on each side of all participating boats shall only display advertising chosen (and required to be displayed) by that event organizer.

4. Eligibility and Entry

The Belgian Hobie Cat Nationals are open to the following Hobie Cat classes:

- Hobie Cat 16 without spi
- Hobie Cat Tiger and Wild Cat
- Hobie Cat Fx One mainsail and spi

A minimum of 5 boats is required to constitute a class.

The number of entrants can be checked on the website www.rbsc.be

All entrants, to be eligible for the Belgian Hobie Cat Nationals, shall:

Comply with RRS Appendix 2 – ISAF Eligibility Code.

Each crew member on the boat has to be a current financial member of their National Hobie Cat Association.

Have a current Public Liability and Third Party Property Insurance policy, including coverage when racing at the venue of the Challenge, of not less than 500.000 € or equivalent for each boat. Any competitor under the age of 18 yrs will be required to obtain parental/guardian consent prior to commencement of Nationals.

5. Fees

Payment of entry has to be made at registration.

Entry fee: Including a bbq on Saturday evening for two double handed / 70€ a boat – single handed 45€ a boat
Not including the bbq on Saturday evening for double handed / 40€ a boat – single handed 25€ a boat





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Payments (in Euro only) shall be received on site registration, by cash.

Entries may be submitted via our website, www.rbsc.be or to RBSC Duinbergen – Zeedijk 430A – 8301 Knokke-Heist
FAX: 050/51 93 78 E-mail: duinbergen@rbsc.be

6. Schedule

Belgian Hobie Cat Nationals		
Date	Time	Event
14 th July Saturday	10:00-11:30	Registration in Duinbergen and Het Zoute
	12:00	Briefing participants
	12:55	Warning Signal race 1. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
15 th July Sunday	10:55	Warning Signal 1 st race of the day. No warning signal will be made after 17:00 unless a general recall has been made.
	Asp	Price giving.

10 races are scheduled with a maximum of 5 sailed races a day.
3 sailed races must be completed to validate the Championship.

7. Sailing Instructions

the Sailing Instructions will be given at the registration.

8. Venue

The Belgian Hobie Cat Nationals will be held the 14th and 15th July 2012.

The Belgian Hobie Cat Nationals will be sailed in front of the coast of Knokke-Heist.

The Racing Area is the North Sea between Zeebrugge and Knokke-Heist. The Regatta Site is the **RBSC Duinbergen - Zeedijk 430A - B.8301 Knokke-Heist.**

9. Courses and Competition format

The event shall use windward/ leeward sausage courses.

The Championship will be sailed in 3 fleets: the "Hobie Cat 16 " fleet 1, the "Hobie Cat Tiger and Wild Cat" fleet 2 and the "Hobie Fx One" fleet 3 .

10. Penalty system and Protest requirement

The alternative penalty rules RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the 720° turn shall be replaced by a 360° turn and shall include one tack and one gybe.

11. Request for reopening

On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: Within the Protest Time Limit, if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day. No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This change RRS 66

12. Scoring

The regatta will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A4.1 using the Low Point System.

When 4 or more races have been completed, the worst score (except DNE) will be excluded.

3 sailed races must be completed to validate the National of each class.

13. Safety regulations

RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat, although flag "Y" will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

All boats must be equipped with one flare for each crew member and 30 m cord.





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14. Prizes

A prize is foreseen for each participant, when present at the prize giving.

The first Belgian crew in the Hobie Cat 16 class without spi will be Belgian Champion.

The first Belgian crew in the Hobie Cat Tiger class will be Belgian Champion.

The first Belgian crew in the Hobie Cat Fx One class will be Belgian Champion.

The first Belgian crew in the Hobie Cat Wild Cat class will be Belgian Champion.

PRIZES WILL BE REWARDED ONLY TO TEAMS WHO ATTEND THE PRIZE GIVING (REPRESENTED BY THEMSELVES)

15. Right to use Names and Likeness

In sailing this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of the National in which the competitor competes and in all material related to the Nationals without any compensation.

16. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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 Belgian Hobie Cat Nationals.

17. Accommodation

A restricted number of beds are available in Zeebrugge (free)

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