



Date: Middelfart, DENMARK, December 15, 2018
To: Hobie Cat sailors, IHCA Council members and IHCA Regional Associations
From: IHCA Rules Committee
Subject: **Various class rule change proposals**

Dear all,

The Rules Committee has the last couple of months worked on several issues and proposals.

This work has materialized in a rule change package consisting of six proposals. These proposals are hereby distributed for comments according to the provisions of General Class Rule 24 and the policy of IHCA.

Changes to the current rules are in *red italic*.

PROPOSAL 1

Rule 4 of the Hobie Class Rules Appendix B

Amend to read:

“The bowsprit shall be fixed on the longitudinal centre line of the boat as provided by the manufacturer. Bowsprits shall have a blunt end cap fitted. *The length of the bowsprit bridle wires Bowsprit bridle wire length* shall not be shorter than 1595 mm, *and they shall be attached to the bridle tangs. The bowsprit bridle wires may be replaced by line of any material and of minimum diameter of 2.5 mm.* Additional supporting lines for the bowsprit may be mounted and/or rigged in any manner.”

Rule 5 of the Hobie Class Rules Appendix E

Amend to read:

“The bowsprit shall be fixed on the longitudinal centre line of the boat as provided by the manufacturer. The bowsprit shall have a blunt end cap fitted. *The length of the bowsprit bridle wires The bowsprit bridle wire length* shall not be shorter than 1595 mm, *and they. The bridle wires* shall be attached to the bridle tangs. *The bowsprit bridle wires may be replaced by line of any material and of minimum diameter of 2.5 mm.* Additional supporting lines for the bowsprit may be mounted and/or rigged in any manner.”

Hobie Dragoon Rule 11.2

Amend to read:

“Only bowsprits supplied by a HOBIE CAT COMPANY are class legal. The bowsprit shall have a blunt end cap fitted. The bowsprit shall be fixed on the longitudinal centre line of the boat as provided by the manufacturer. The length of the bowsprit bridle wires shall not be shorter than 1000 mm, and they shall be attached to the bridle tangs. *The bowsprit bridle wires may be replaced by line of any material and of minimum diameter of 2.5 mm.* Supporting wires/lines may be shortened, lengthened, mounted and/or rigged in any manner. Additional blocks/cleats for



spinnaker running gear and jib luff control as well as snuffer type systems may be mounted on the bowsprit.”

REASON

Allow line as an alternative to wire.

Note: Approved by World Sailing 5/12/18

PROPOSAL 2

General Class Rule 17.6

Amend to read:

“Weights required to meet minimum crew weight shall not be usable for any other purpose. *Such weights shall be fixed to boat using line and/or tape.*”

REASON

Clarification.

Note: Approved by World Sailing 5/12/18

PROPOSAL 3

NEW Wave rule 6.10

Add to read:

“A line or shock cord line may through a single block be attached to the bridle intersection and run to a cleat of any design on the front crossbar to adjust mast rake. The mechanical purchase shall not exceed 2:1.”

REASON

Allow mast rake adjustments/rig tightening while racing.

PROPOSAL 4

General Rule 8.1

Amend to read:

~~“Each person on board shall carry a lifesaving device or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) approved by their country’s national authority or by the national authority having jurisdiction. The boat shall be equipped with a personal flotation device (PFD)/life jacket at the correct weight category for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (CE 50 Newtons), or USCG Type III, or Level 50 (previously AUS PFD 2) or Level 50S (previously AUS PFD 3).~~ The IHCA strongly recommends that life jackets or PFDs be worn at all times.”



Hobie Wildcat Rule C.4.1 (a)

Amend to read:

“The boat shall be equipped with a personal flotation device (*PFD*)/*life jacket at the correct weight category* for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (CE 50 Newtons), or USCG Type III, or *AUS-PFD-2 Level 50 (previously AUS PFD 2) or Level 50S (previously AUS PFD 3).*”

Hobie Tiger Rule C.4.1 (a)

Amend to read:

“The boat shall be equipped with a personal flotation device (*PFD*)/*life jacket at the correct weight category* for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (CE 50 Newtons), or USCG Type III, or *AUS-PFD-2 Level 50 (previously AUS PFD 2) or Level 50S (previously AUS PFD 3).*”

REASON

Clarification.

Note: Approved by World Sailing 5/12/18

PROPOSAL 5

Gen. Rule 16.7

Amend to read:

“Epoxy adhesive may be applied to the ~~frame castings~~ *beam attachment points* for the purpose of stiffening the boat.”

REASON

Clarification.

Note: Approved by World Sailing 12/12/18

PROPOSAL 6

Hobie Dragoon Rule 4.5

Amend to read:

~~“The black band (top) shall be located 38 cm (14.96 inches) from the bottom of the mast extrusion to the top of the black band. Each mast shall have a warning label around it, as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. The warning label shall be located below the opening in the mast track.”~~

Note: Approved by World Sailing 12/12/18

Hobie Wave Rule 4.3

Amend to read:

~~“The black band shall be located 16.63 inches (42.23 cm) from the bottom of the mast extrusion to the top of the black band. Each mast shall have a warning label around it, as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. The warning label shall be located below the opening in the mast track.”~~



Hobie 17 Rule 3

Amend to read:

MASTS

~~“Each mast shall have a black band around it as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. The black band shall be located between the rotation control and gooseneck 26 ft. 10 in. (8.18 m) from the top of the mast not including the mast cap. warning label around it, as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. The warning label shall be located below the opening in the mast track.~~

Boats manufactured after 1 January 1995 may only sail in European class competition with an all aluminium mast.”

Hobie 18 Rule 3

Amend to read:

MASTS

~~Each mast shall have a black band around it, as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. The black band shall be located 27 ft. (8.23m) from the top of the mast not including the mast cap for the 18 and 18 Magnum. warning label around it, as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. The warning label shall be located below the opening in the mast track.”~~

Hobie 20 Rule 4.6

Amend to read:

~~“The black band shall be located 19.25 inches (48.9 cm) from the bottom of the mast extrusion to the top of the black band. Each mast shall have a warning label around it, as supplied by the HOBIE CAT CO. The warning label shall be located below the opening in the mast track.”~~

REASON

Rule alignment and clarification.

Comments to be sent to rules@hobieclass.com with copy to david.brookes@hobieclass.com. Please state your full name and the Hobie Association/Fleet you are a paid up member of when making your comment. **Deadline: February 14, 2019.**

The proposed changes are supposed to go into effect as of April 1, 2019, under provision of IHCA Council approval.

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