



NOTICE OF RACE

Venue & Dates

The 2010 Hobie Cat 16 South Pacific Championships will be held from Friday 30th July to Sunday 1st August 2010 with sailing taking place in Pacific Harbour.

The Suzuki Fiji Hobie Challenge will be held from Monday 2nd August to Saturday 7th August 2010 and will be sailed from the waters off the South Eastern Coast of Viti Levu, originating in Pacific Harbour and sailing to and around the Mamanuca Islands, finishing at the Vuda Point Yacht Club near Nadi.

Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Fiji Hobie Class Racing Association (FHCRA) and the Fiji Yachting Association.

1. Rules

The 2010 Hobie Cat 16 South Pacific Championships and the Suzuki Fiji Hobie Challenge (the "Event") will be governed by:

- 1.1 The 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules;
- 1.2 The 2009-2012 International Hobie Class Association Rules;
- 1.3 The Entry Form;
- 1.4 This Notice of Race (except those that are altered by the Sailing Instructions); and
- 1.5 The Sailing Instructions.

The English text of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will prevail. No national prescriptions will apply.

2. Charter Boats

Charter Boats are available under the terms of the Charter Boat Form available with the Entry Form and on our websites. Charter boats will be allocated to sailors who file an application form and send it together with the deposit of the charter fees before April 15th, 2010.

3. Advertising

- 3.1 The Event is designated as a Category C event in accordance with RRS Rule 79, Advertising and Event Categories and RRS Appendix I.
- 3.2 The Organizing Committee will require all boats and / or crew to display the Event Sponsors advertising on their boats and / or sails.
- 3.3 Individual sponsorship conflicting with the Event Sponsor's business category shall not be allowed.

4. Entries and Fees

- 4.1 Entries shall be made on the Official Entry Form only and returned by Email to fijihobie252@gmail.com or by fax to (679) 3300866.
- 4.2 Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis, with priority given to those who enter both events.
- 4.3 Entry Forms must be received by 15 April 2010 along with the fee deposit set out on the Entry Form.
- 4.4 Cost and payment arrangements are detailed on the Entry Form.
- 4.5 Cancellations prior to 30 May 2010 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be made after 30 May 2009. Payments may however be transferred to another party.
- 4.6 Late entries may be considered, subject to availability of boats and accommodation. A 10% penalty will apply to late entries up to 30 May 2010, thereafter a 20% penalty shall apply.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1 The Event is open to Hobie 16s conforming to IHCA Class Rules.
- 5.2 The ISAF Competitors' Eligibility Code applies (ISAF Regulation 19). Skipper and crew member must be paid-up members of a National Hobie Class Association or Hobie Fleet in good standing with the IHCA.

6. Programme of Events

Friday 30 July:	0900 – 1700	Registration at The Pearl, Pacific Harbour
	1900	Welcome Party
Saturday 31 July:	0900 – 1700	South Pacific Championships, Pacific Harbour
Sunday 1 st August:	0900 – 1700	South Pacific Championships, Pacific Harbour
Monday 2 nd August:		REST DAY
Tuesday 3 rd August:	0900 – 1700	Challenge Leg 1 Pacific Harbour to Sigatoka
Wednesday 4 th August:	0900 – 1700	Challenge Leg 2 Sigatoka to Mamanucas
Thursday 5 th August:	0900 – 1700	Challenge Leg 3 Mamanucas Course
Friday 6 th August:	0900 – 1700	Challenge Leg 4 Mamanucas Course
Saturday 7 th August:	0900 – 1700	Challenge Leg 5 Mamanucas to Vuda Point
Saturday 7 th August:	1900	Suzuki Fiji Hobie Challenge Awards Evening

7. Equipment Requirements – Fiji Hobie Challenge

- 7.1 All entrants, both helm and crew, will be required to carry the following personal equipment on the boat or on themselves at all times while racing:
- (a) Lifejacket or Buoyancy Aid conforming to any National Regulations;
 - (b) Protective clothing and / or sunscreen;
 - (c) Personal strobe and/or waterproof torch with spare batteries; and
 - (d) Whistle or sound signal
- 7.2 The following equipment will be carried on board every boat at all times while racing:
- (a) Survival Water (2 litres per boat). Only to be consumed in emergency situations or when not racing;
 - (b) Waterproof Charts for each leg of the Challenge (Charts will be provided);
 - (c) A GSM cell phone provided by the Organizing Committee; and
 - (d) Any other safety equipment supplied by the Organizing Committee.
- 7.3 Equipment must be attached to the boat in such a way as to be available in case of capsizing.

8. Equipment Requirements – South Pacific Championships

IHCA Class rules will apply.

9. Safety and Class Rules

- 9.1 All boats and crew will be liable for inspection in accordance with the Safety Instructions and Class Rules at any reasonable time during the event. Any boat or crew found to be not complying with these rules, unready or deemed incapable of continuing the event may receive an alternate penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 9.2 The responsibility for maintaining a team's safety equipment in working condition throughout the event is the responsibility of the competitors alone.

10. Weight Requirements

All team members will be weighed at Registration and spot checks will be made throughout the Event.

11. Courses to be Sailed

- 11.1 Courses to be sailed will be contained in the Course Booklet, which will be available in July and at registration.

- 11.2 The course for the Fiji Challenge will be adjusted depending on the wind conditions, with the aim of sailing for between 5 and 8 hours per day.

12. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

13. Scoring System

- 13.1 The low point scoring system will be used for the South Pacific Championships with 3 races required to be completed to constitute the Championship (ISAF RR Appendix A and IHCA Class Rule 22).
- 13.2 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.
- 13.3 For the Fiji Challenge results will be based on the lowest accumulated elapsed time of each boat for all legs.
- 13.4 A boat retiring from a leg of the Challenge will receive the time of the last finisher of that leg plus 20%.

14. Protest Committee

A national jury panel shall be appointed by the FHCRA for the event.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 places of the The South Pacific Championship.
- 15.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 places in the Fiji Hobie Challenge.
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

16. Competitor's Insurance

All competitors entering the events shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of F\$ 100,000.00. Proof of insurance and coverage must be provided at Registration.

17. Release Waiver

It is a condition of entry that all participants shall execute a Release Waiver at Registration before participating in these events as follows:

"In the full knowledge of Racing Rules of Sailing RRS 4 - Decision to race – and conscious of the dangers inherent to Sailing and Sailboat Racing, I hereby release all of the Organizations and Persons involved in the running of this Event, Sponsors, Promoters, Class Association or any other involved persons or parties accepts liability for damages due in negligence or any other reason whatsoever while conducting or connected with this event for injury, to property or person, I may suffer while participating in the event and while upon the event premises. I know the risks of danger to myself and my property while preparing for and participating in the event, and while upon the event premises, relying upon my own judgment and ability, assume all such risks of loss and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons or organisations connected with this event for damages incurred as a result of my negligence. Furthermore, I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and any other rules that govern this event."

Links

Official Event site: www.fjihobie.com

Group site: <http://groups.google.com/group/fiji-hobie-252?hl=en-GB>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fiji-Hobie/368321388753?ref=tsLive>

Blogspot: www.fjihobie.blogspot.com

Accommodation / Transportation

The Pearl South Pacific Resort, Pacific Harbour: <http://www.thepearlsouthpacific.com/>

Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa, Sigatoka:

<http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/yanucaisland/fijianresort>

Musket Cove Resort, Mamanuca Islands: <http://www.musketcovefiji.com/>

First Landing & Anchorage Resort, Vuda:
<http://www.firstlandingfiji.com/>
<http://www.anchoragefiji.com/>

Contacts and Links:

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