



**ROYAL BELGIAN SAILING CLUB vzw**

# **1<sup>st</sup> HOBIE CAT DRAGOON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**and**

## **HOBIE CAT 16 GENAKER EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ROYAL BELGIAN SAILING CLUB - BEACHCLUB DUINBERGEN**

**27 – 30 JULY 2004**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

The 1st Hobie Cat Dragoon World Championship and the Hobie Cat 16 genaker European Youth Championship will be organised by the Royal Belgium Sailing Club vzw in association with the Vlaamse Yachting Federatie (VYF), the European Hobie Class Association (EHCA), the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) and the Belgium Hobie Class Association.

LOCATION: Royal Belgian Sailing Club  
Zeedijk 430 a  
8301 Duinbergen  
**Knokke-Heist  
Belgium**

#### VENUE AND DATES:

The 1st Hobie Cat Dragoon World Championship and Hobie Cat 16 genaker European Youth Championship will be held at the North Sea, in front of the Beach Club Duinbergen, Duinbergen/Knokke Belgium and include:

1st Hobie Dragoon World Championship	27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> July
Hobie 16 genaker European Youth Championship	27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> July

#### RULES:

The 1st Hobie Cat Dragoon World Championship and Hobie Cat 16 genaker European Youth Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2001-2004) except as any of these are altered by this **Notice of Race** or the **Sailing Instructions**. The prescriptions of the national authority will not apply. The Rules of the International Hobie Class Association will apply. The Hobie 16 genaker European Youth Championship is open for Hobie 16's with and without genaker, the age of the crew must be < 21 years by July 25th 2004. The 1st Hobie Dragoon World Championship is open to all crews, no age restrictions.

#### ADVERTISING:

This event is designated to Category "C" according ISAF-RRS Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor on the forward 25% of each side of the hull. Such advertising, if any, shall be fixed to the hull in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. Category C: Hobie Cat 16 genaker (main sails and jibs will be supplied by the sponsor "MERCATOR").





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## ELIGIBILITY:

The Eligibility Code applies (RRS Appendix 2, regulation 21) for skipper and crew. Also they must be a current paid-up member of the national Hobie Class Association from the country or region they are representing that is affiliated with the IHCA.

## ENTRIES:

Entries shall only be made on the official entry form and returned to:

Royal Belgian Sailing Club  
Eilanderskaai 7  
9000 Gent  
Belgium  
E-mail: info@rbsc.be  
Phone: +32 9 227 8109  
Fax: +32 9 227 67 12

Entries and non refundable registration fees shall be received before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Late entries (after the 1<sup>st</sup> June deadline) may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority. Pre-registration is only valid after a completely filled out registration form and all fees have been received by the organising authority. The max. number of entries allowed will be 150 boats including the two events. Entries will be accepted on a "first come first serve" basis.

## EVENT FEES:

Event	Until 01.06.04	After 01.06.04
Entry Hobie Cat Dragoon Worlds	€ 100,00	€ 125,00
Entry Hobie Cat 16 Genaker Youth Europeans	€ 100,00	€ 125,00
Training for all participants July 25+26, Building boats July 24	included	€ 15,00
Rental Genaker kits for Hobie 16	€ 160,00	€ 160,00

The entry fee includes the training and 2 BBQ'S.

Payment shall be received by bank transfer (in euro only) or, in case of on site registration, by cash (in euro) only. Bank details are:

Bank name: FORTIS BANK  
Account number: 290-0539350-51  
Account name: Royal Belgian Sailing Club  
Swift code: BIC GEBABEBB  
IBAN: BE 75 2900 5393 5051  
Please state: Name skipper & sail number

## BOATS:

The 1st Hobie Cat Dragoon World Championship and Hobie Cat 16 genaker European Youth Championship will be a "bring your own boat" event. For overseas competitors a limited number of charter boats will be available. Applications for a charter boat have to be made to Hobie Cat Europe.

See rental information.





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## HOBIE CAT 16 MAIN SAILS, JIBS AND BATTENS:

The sponsor will provide main sails, jibs and battens to all the Hobie Cat 16 crews. No other sails and battens shall be used by Hobie Cat 16 crews.

A refundable deposit of € 200.00 will be required from each Hobie Cat 16 crew for the use of the sponsor sails. No modification to the sails or the battens shall be made without the prior written approval of the Race Committee. Sponsor sails and battens may be collected from the sail collection point on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 14:00 -18:00 hours.

## SCHEDULE OF RACES AND ON SITE REGISTRATION:

Saturday	24th July	Arrival and Building Boats	
Sunday	25th July	Training	11.00-17.00
Monday	26th July	Training	11.00-17.00
		Registration	14.00-18.00
		Pick up sails	14.00-18.00
		Opening Ceremony	
Tuesday	27th July	Skippers Meeting	09.00
		First Warning	11.00
		BBQ Participants	20.00
Wednesday	28th July	First Warning	11.00
Thursday	29th July	First Warning	11.00
		BBQ Participants	20.00
Friday	30th July	First Warning	11.00
		Last Warning	14:30
		Prizegiving	18.00
		Hobie Youth Challenge 2004 awards	
Saturday	31st July	Belgium Nationals	
Sunday	01st August	Belgium Nationals	

## SCORING SYSTEM:

The low point scoring system (RRS appendix A) will apply. For Hobie Cat 16 genaker and the Hobie Dragoon the minimum number of races to constitute the European Championship cq. World Championship is 4, if 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

At the registration, each team will receive the Sailing Instructions and all additional events - information.

## FLEET SYSTEMS:

### **1st Hobie Dragoon World Championship**

If more than 60 boats enter in the Qualifying Series boats will race in equal groups with a maximum of 60 boats in one start.

### **Hobie Cat 16 genaker Youth European Championship**

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## WEIGHT CORRECTIONS:

If weight correctors are applicable (boat and /or crew) only metal (e.g. lead) will be permitted. These correctors must be available for inspection after registration, 1 hour before the start of the first race of each day. Spot checks will be done during the event. This alters IHCA Class General Rule 17.4

## PRIZES:

The first team with a European helm in the Hobie Cat 16 genaker European Youth Championship will win the title: Hobie 16 genaker Youth European Champion 2004. The first team in the 1st Hobie Cat Dragoon World Championship will win the title: Hobie Dragoon World Champion 2004. Individual prizes will be awarded for each participant.

## INTERNATIONAL JURY:

An international jury will be appointed for all events. Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

## COMPETITOR'S INSURANCE:

All competitors entering one or more events as described in this N.O.R. shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 500,000.00. Competitor's proof of insurance and valid coverage (in English) shall be provided at registration. If not, competitors are able to make on site insurance arrangements at supplementary cost, or will be excluded from participation by the organising authority.

## 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 European Championships.

## ACCOMODATION:

General information is available on the web page from the local tourist office. Early reservations are recommended as it is high season on the Belgium coast. It is advised to bring bikes to go from Hotel/Camping to beach area.

A very restricted number of beds (basic) are available in the Yachtharbour Zeebrugge (free)  
Patrick Demesmaeker: Tel +32 (0) 50 54 49 03 [zeebrugge@rbsc.be](mailto:zeebrugge@rbsc.be)

Tourist Office Knokke: Zeedijk Knokke 660 B 8300 Knokke-Heist  
Tel: +32 50 63 03 80 or +32 50 51 20 59 [toerisme@knokke-heist.be](mailto:toerisme@knokke-heist.be) [www.knokke-heist.be](http://www.knokke-heist.be)

## GENERAL:

The North Sea is challenging. Sound knowledge of the sea and tides will help the crew. Lifejacket and wetsuit/drysuit are obligatory at all times. One rocket/flare per crew is at North Sea sailing obligatory. Coaches can launch their boats from the beach. Press will have to contact the organisers in advance to be sure a boat is available. This event will be part of the Hobie Youth Challenge 2004.

## INTERNET:

Event website [www.rbsc.be](http://www.rbsc.be)  
EHCA website [www.haveahobieday.com](http://www.haveahobieday.com)  
IHCA website [www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com)  
ISAF website [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)





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Royal Belgian Sailing Club  
Eilanderskaai 7  
9000 Gent  
Belgium  
E-mail: [info@rbsc.be](mailto:info@rbsc.be)  
Tel +32 9 227 81 09  
Fax +32 9 227 67 12

Patrick Demesmaeker  
Tel +32 495 21 99 22  
[zeebrugge@rbsc.be](mailto:zeebrugge@rbsc.be)  
or  
Robby De Noyette  
Tel +32 50 51 55 93  
[duinbergen@rbsc.be](mailto:duinbergen@rbsc.be)

RENTAL INFORMATION:

**Genaker Kit** (boom, ropes, blocks, cleats, snuffer, - complete package):

Charter fee: 160 euro (for July 24 - August 1)

Damage deposit: 350 euro. Any damage to genaker will be charged with a minimum of 200 euro. If you buy this genaker kit on August 1, 2004 you will get a special price and you will receive the charter fee back. Promo Price for the kit is 1173,00€.

**Following boat charters are available:**

Hobie 16 with genaker for Non-Europeans only:

Charter fee: 640,00 € ex-factory France exclusive insurance / You have to pick it up at the factory in Toulon France, if you need a trailer you have to apply early. / If you want your boat at the beach of Duinbergen delivered transport costs will be for your account

Damage Deposit: 600,00 €

10 Hobie Dragoons for Non-Europeans up to May 1st, after that for all crews if still available:

Charter fee: 500,00 € exclusive insurance. You can pick up the Hobie Dragoon at the beach of Duinbergen/Belgium. Damage Deposit: 600,00 €

Charter direct with Hobie Cat Europe, attention Joëllita Hervé.

First come, first served, *all charter fees, deposits reservations to be received no later than 1st of July 2003.*

**Charter contact:**

Joëllita Hervé  
Hobie Cat Europe  
ZI Toulon Est  
BP 250  
83078 Toulon cedex 9  
Tel : +33 494 08 78 78  
Fax : +33 494 08 13 99  
E-mail: [hobiecat@hobie-cat.net](mailto:hobiecat@hobie-cat.net)  
Website: <http://www.hobie-cat.net>





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## ENTRY FORM

Last name skipper		First name:		
Address				
Zip Code				
City				
Country				
E-mail				
Phone				
Fax				
Mobile phone				
Date of Birth				
Member of Club				
Member of Hobie Class Association				
Emergency phone:				
Last name crew		First name:		
Address				
Zip Code				
Country				
City				
E-mail				
Phone				
Fax				
Mobile phone				
Date of Birth				
Member of Club				
Member of Hobie Class Association				
Emergency phone:				
Participating in	Training 25+26 July	Hobie 16 genaker Youth Europeans July 27-30	Hobie Dragon Worlds July 27-30	Belgium Nationals July 31-August 1
Fees	€ 15	€ 100   € 125	€ 100   € 125	€ 60
	Hobie 16 genaker kit	Hobie 16 with genaker kit	Hobie Dragon	
Charter fees	€ 160	€ 640	€ 500	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO PAY:</b>		€		





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Signature skipper (parent/custody if skipper is <21 years)

Name of person who signed: .....

Date/Place: .....

We have paid to the bank a total of ..... on ...../...../2004

Bank details are:

Fortis Bank

Account number: 290-0539350-51

Account name: Royal Belgian Sailing Club

Swift code: BIC GEBABEBB

IBAN: BE 75 2900 5393 5051

Please state: Name skipper & sail number

## Return Entry form to:

Royal Belgian Sailing Club  
Fax: +32 9 227 67 12  
E-mail: [info@rbsc.be](mailto:info@rbsc.be)

## Copy for request for Charters to:

Hobie Cat Europe  
Fax : +33 494 08 13 99  
E-mail: [hobiecat@hobie-cat.net](mailto:hobiecat@hobie-cat.net)

