

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE

(Effective 1 May 2004)

4th HOBIE TIGER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Santa Barbara Yacht Club/
Leadbetter Beach,
Santa Barbara, California, USA

28th March – 31st March 2005



Venue & Dates

The 2005 Hobie Tiger World Championships will be held Monday, March 28 through Thursday, March 31, 2005 and sailed at Leadbetter Beach in Santa Barbara, California, USA adjacent to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) in conjunction with the Hobie Class Association of North American (HCA) under the authority of USSAILING.

Rules

The 2005 Hobie Tiger World Championships will be governed by the 2005-2008 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules, the International Hobie Class Association Rules and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions. Alternative penalties according to ISAF RR 44.1 and 44.2 will apply, except that the IHCA 360-degree Class Rule replaces the 720-degree Turns Penalty. The English text of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

Eligibility

The ISAF Competitors' Eligibility Code applies (ISAF Regulation 19). One crew member must be a paid-up member of a National Hobie Class Association or Hobie Fleet in good standing with the IHCA.

Advertising Category

The 2005 Hobie Tiger World Championships shall rank as a Category C event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. The boats shall display advertising of the event sponsor(s) as required by the Organising Committee. Individual sponsorship conflicting with the event sponsor's business category shall not be allowed. For more information, please contact the IHCA.

Entries

Preferred method:

Book online at : www.hobieworlds.com

Entries shall be made on the Official Entry Form only.

If not possible by credit card -

Return with the non-refundable registration fees to:

International Hobie Class Association
C/O Leslie Keller
435 7th Ave South, Suite A
Kirkland, WA 98033 USA

Pre-Registration

Entries and non-refundable registration fees shall be received by 15th January 2005. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Fees

Registration fees are non-refundable and will be US\$260.00 (US\$250.00US if entered and payed on-line) per team. The registration fees are payable to the IHCA only by: Travellers Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. The following credit card details must be supplied with payment:

- Name of Cardholder
- Card Number
- Expiration Date
- Billing Address of Credit Card

These fees shall be included with the entry form and sent to the IHCA. The method of payment shall be shown on the entry form. Payments shall be received by 15th January 2005 (close of entries) and shall include the details of entry. Late entries, if accepted, shall pay the non-refundable fee of entry plus 25% (US\$325.00US or US\$310.00 if entered and payed on-line).

Boats

All boats must be class legal Hobie Tigers.

Charter Boats

A limited number of charter boats will be available through The Hobie Cat Company. Contact Karen Hodil at khodil@hobieco.com or +1-760-758-9100. Charter Boats will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Distance travelling to the event.
- Availability of containers from home country.
- Participation in Hobie Tiger Events in 2004.

All Requests for charter boats must be received by the Hobie Cat Company prior to December 15, 2004. The decision on charter boat assignments will be made by January 5, 2005.

Sails

All sails must be class legal Hobie Tiger Sails manufactured by The Hobie Cat Company or a Hobie Cat Licensee. All Jibs and Spinnakers must be measured by the event's Official Measurer prior to competing in the World Championship. It is the responsibility of each skipper to have their sails measured.

Competitor's Insurance

Each competitor must show proof of Liability Insurance with a minimum coverage in the amount of US\$300,000 that is valid while sailing in the United States. Competitors with foreign issued insurance policies must show proof that their insurance is valid while competing in the United States. **Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be provided at registration.** Competitors may purchase third party liability insurance on site prior to competing in the Tiger World Championship. Anyone chartering a boat from the Hobie Cat Company or a private individual must purchase Borrowed Boat and Liability Insurance at registration

Deposits

A refundable boat damage deposit equal to the amount of provided insurance deductible will be required on site. Boat damage deposits must be paid in cash or travellers cheques in USD (American dollars). **No other currency will be accepted.** No credit card payments will be accepted for boat deposits. This deposit covers the deductible per occurrence and must be maintained on a daily basis. The deductible for those chartering boats will be US\$250.00.

On Site Registration

The Registration Office will be open as follows:

Saturday	26 th March 2005	1:00PM to 5:00PM
Sunday	27 th March 2005	9:00AM to 11:00 AM

Sunday 27th March 2005 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Teams must register on site during the times indicated. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility to sail in the event.

Tentative Schedule of 2005 Championship Races

Monday 28 th March	9:00AM	Competitors Meeting
	10:00AM	First Shape (wind permitting)
Tuesday 29 th March	9:00AM	First Shape (wind permitting)
Wednesday 30 March	9:00AM	First Shape (wind permitting)
Thursday 31 March	9:00AM	First Shape (wind permitting)

One Long Distance Race may be sailed (weather permitting)

Scoring System: The low point scoring system will apply: ISAF RR Appendix A and IHCA Class Rule 22.

International Jury: An International Jury shall be appointed by the IHCA for this event.

Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions will be made available at registration.

Prizes: Awards will be presented for the 2005 Hobie Tiger World Championships as follows:

Up to 50 Registered Teams – 1st through 10th

Over 50 Registered Teams – 1st through 15th

The overall winner will be declared the 2005 Hobie Tiger World Champion.

Accommodation / Transportation

The Official Hotel is the Mason Beach Inn in Santa Barbara, CA. Reservations may be booked online on the Hobie Worlds Website: www.hobieworlds.com

Recreational Vehicles are available for rental. You will be able to park and stay in your RV **at the venue within 50 yards of your boat.** El Monte RV will pick you up at Los Angeles International Airport and deliver you to your pre-selected RV. It is then approximately a 2 hour drive to the venue. Return your RV to El Monte RV and they will deliver you to Los Angeles Int'l Airport for your flight home. Make your RV reservation online at www.hobieworlds.com

Air Fares: Santa Barbara is located approximately 120 kilometres north of Los Angeles International Airport. Los Angeles Int'l Airport is serviced by most major airlines in the world. There is also a local airport in Santa Barbara, CA serviced by a limited number of US Air Carriers. Fares are normally higher into Santa Barbara than into Los Angeles. Competitors are advised to make their own travel arrangements at their own competitive rates.

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Event Website: www.hobieworlds.com

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