



NOTICE OF RACE
National Hobie Cat Cup
CN Berrois
Grade 4 (HC 16) and grade 5A (HC14 and INC)
May 23-24-25, 2026
Plage des Merveilles (aka Champigny Beach near the Berre Lagoon)
BERRE L'ETANG

(This English version of the "Avis de Course" is provided for convenience only – In case of conflict with the French version or difficulty of interpretation, the French version shall prevail)

Preamble

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No protest) against another boat when infringing this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be less than disqualification.

Prevention of violence and incivility

The FFVoile points out that sporting events are above all about meeting and sharing and shall be within reach of everyone.

Competitors and accompanying persons are asked to behave in a courteous and respectful manner in all circumstances, ashore and on the water, regardless of each other's origin, gender or sexual orientation.

Warning and awareness aquatic plants inland waterways. Use as needed.

More and more exotic aquatic plants are being transported. Once established in our aquatic environments, their proliferation has an impact on our practices, biodiversity, and health. Don't contribute to this problem!

1. Check: First inspect your boat, paying particular attention to all areas where aquatic plants and living organisms could be present (keel well, centerboard/daggerboard, foil, fin, rudder, trailer, bilge pump, anchor, etc.).

Also inspect your personal belongings. Plant fragments can survive for up to three weeks in the crease of a raincoat pant leg.

Check your trailer as well, as it can carry a lot of aquatic vegetation.

2. Clean: If possible, clean your equipment with hot water and your boat and trailer with a pressure washer.

3. Dry: Drying the boat and equipment completes the decontamination process

1 RULES

The competition is governed by:

1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 National prescriptions translated into English for non-French speaking competitors [in Annex Prescriptions].

1.3 Federal regulations, specifically the technical regulations for competitive sports practices and FFVoile charters.

1.4 The class rules for each HOBIE CAT series and the relevant measurement rules.

1.5 In case of translation of this NoR, the French text shall prevail.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

2.1 The SIs will be available from Monday, May 18, 2026, on the WhatsApp group (see Annex 1): https://chat.whatsapp.com/Fz4s6VRo4WD0gJVwmOslFc?mode=gi_t

2.2 The SIs will be published according to the federal prescription.

2.3 The SIs will also be available in electronic format at: <https://cnberrois.fr/2026/01/22/national-hobie-cat-2026/>

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board shall be available for consultation at the CN Berrois.

3.2 [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The competition is open to all boats of the Hobie Cat brand.

4.2 Documents required for registration:

4.2.1

a. Each competitor must hold:

- A valid FFVoile Club License with "competition" endorsement,

Or

- A temporary or FFVoile Club License with "membership" ("*adhésion*") or "practitioner" ("*pratiquant*") endorsement, accompanied by

• For minors: a completed health questionnaire attestation for minor athletes.

• For adults: a medical certificate of no contraindication to competitive sailing, dated within the last 12 months.

b. For each competitor not holding a FFVoile Club License (whether foreign or a French national residing abroad):

- Proof of membership in a World Sailing National Authority.

- Proof of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of two million Euros.

- For minors: a completed health questionnaire attestation for minor athletes (documents must be in French or English).

- For adults: a medical certificate of no contraindication to competitive sailing, dated within the last 12 months (documents must be in French or English).

c. Parental authorization for any minor competitor.

d. Competitors must, by the registration confirmation deadline, provide proof of current membership in the AHFC (Association Française de Hobie Cat).

e. For foreign competitors, on the day of registration confirmation, they must present their national class stamp.

4.2.2 For the boat:

- valid measurement or rating certificate if required

- if necessary, a valid authorization to display advertising on boat.

4.4 Boats may register online at: <https://www.payasso.fr/cnberrois/boutique>

4.5 To be considered entered in the competition, a boat must meet all entry requirements and pay all fees.

4.6 Late entries will be accepted with an increase in registration fee (see 5.1).

5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry fees until May 13, 2026 included	Entry fees after May 13, 2026
Men's double crew (skipper ≥ 21)	€120	€150
Youth double (skipper <21) or women's or mixed crew	€100	€130
Single-handed	€70	€100
Minime (skipper born 2012–2014)	€90	€120

The entry fee includes Saturday evening competitor dinner.

Entries will close **Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 10:00.**

5.2 Optional meals:

To be ordered at the time of online registration, and **no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2026:**

- Saturday evening meal for accompanying persons: €20 per person
- Lunch pack (for competitors and accompanying persons) on Sunday and/or Monday: €6 per day per person

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the organizing authority

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration confirmation:

Date	From	To
May 22, 2026	16:00	18:00
May 23, 2026	09:00	12:00

8.2 Equipment inspection and measurement, crew weighing:

Date	From	To
May 22, 2026	16:00	18:00
May 23, 2026	09:00	12:00

8.3 Racing days:

Date	All classes
Saturday 23 May, 2026	Races
Sunday 24 May, 2026	Races
Monday 25 May, 2026	Races

8.4 Number of races:

Class	Races / day	Max. for the entire regatta
Intersérie HC (INC)	6	18
Hobie Cat 16 (without spi)	6	18
Hobie Cat 14	6	18

8.5 Warning signal:

Date	First warning signal
Saturday 23 May, 2026	14:00
Sunday 24 May, 2026	10:00
Monday 25 May, 2026	10:00

8.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND CREW WEIGHING

9.2 [DP] Hobie Cat 16 class boats only must be available for inspection and measurement as per section 8.2. A boat of the Hobie Cat 16 class that does not comply with the class measurement rules may, at the discretion of the measurer, be reassigned to the Interseries HC (INC) class, where it will compete using the Hobie Cat 16 rating.

9.3 Hobie Cat 16 class boats only may be inspected at any time. No claims may be made regarding equipment in other classes.

9.4 Equipment subject to inspection:

- Mainsail
- Jib
- Hulls

9.5 [DP] Boats must comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

9.6 For Hobie Cat 16 class boats only, the crew weight will be checked in accordance with the applicable class rules in order to verify that the total crew weight is equal to or greater than the minimum required by those rules. Crews whose total weight is below this minimum shall carry dry (solid) weight to reach the required minimum, under the conditions set out in the class rules. It is the

responsibility of the competitors to provide this dry (solid) weight; none will be supplied by the organizing authority.

11 VENUE

11.1 Annex 2 provides the map of the competition venue.

11.2 Annex 3 indicates the location of the racing areas and shallow water areas.

12 THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be a windward-leeward course with offset mark, or a trapezoid course, or a long-distance (raid) course.

At the discretion of the organizing authority, a "freestyle" challenge may be organized for one or more classes. One or more of the following manoeuvres may be required on a defined course:

- Sailing on a single hull;
- (Except for the Hobie Cat 14 class) sailing with the crew member on the trapeze, with no part of the body other than the hands being in contact with any part of the boat;
- Sailing with the rudders raised;
- Slalom sailing astern;
- Sailing with the mainsheet tackle disconnected.

Success or failure in the compulsory maneuvers will result in a bonus or penalty being applied to the results of the next race, according to the terms defined in the SI.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 SCORING

14.2 3 validated races are required to validate the competition.

14.3 a) When 3 to 6 races have been validated, a boat's score in a series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

b) When 7 or more races have been validated, a boat's score in a series will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15 SUPPORT BOATS

15.2 DP] [NP] Support boats must have on board:

- Life jackets (min 50N) worn permanently by all persons on board.
- A VHF radio.
- A knife.
- An anchor and a suitable anchor line.
- A floating tow line of 10mm diameter and 15m length.
- A kill cord device in case of falling overboard which must be connected to the driver whenever the engine is running.

Support boat drivers must comply with any request from the umpires or representatives of the organizing authority, particularly regarding assistance.

Support boats must respect local navigation rules, particularly speed limits in different zones.

16 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

[DP] [NP] A chartered or loaned boat may display national letters or a sail number that does not comply with her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 DATA PROTECTION

18.1 Image and Appearance Rights: By participating in this competition, the competitor and their legal representatives authorize the OA (Organizing Authority), the FFVoile, and their sponsors to use their image and name free of charge, to show at any time (during and after the competition) moving or static photos, films, or TV recordings, and other reproductions of themselves taken during the competition, on any medium and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

18.2 Use of Personal Data: By participating in this competition, the competitor and their legal representatives consent to and authorize the FFVoile, as well as the organizing authority, to use and store their personal data free of charge for a period of up to one year after the end of this competition. It is specified that sports data, particularly results in the aforementioned competition, are stored for 30

years from the competition. They are intended solely for federal services, decentralized bodies (Leagues and departmental Committees and the club where the license was taken out), and service providers for the purposes of providing our services (technical providers of sports data management). In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), any competitor who has provided personal data to the FFVoile may exercise their right to access data concerning them, have it corrected and, depending on the situation, erase, restrict, and object to it, by contacting dpo@ffvoile.fr or by mail to the headquarters of the French Sailing Federation, specifying that the request relates to personal data.

19 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor accepts and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather conditions, equipment failure, boat handling errors, poor navigation by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable surface, and fatigue, resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of material damage and/or physical injury is therefore inherent to the sport of sailing.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Hobie Cat 16 (without spinnaker): top 3
- Hobie Cat 14 : top 3
- Each series with a sufficient number of competitors to constitute a series (10 boats): top 3
- Special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, contact the CN BERROIS

- Email : bureau@cnberrois.fr
- Website: <https://www.cnberrois.fr>

Accommodation suggestions:

- **Le Clos de la Verdière**: <https://closlaverdiere.fr/>
- **Camping Nostradamus (promo code HOBIE2026)** : <https://www.camping-nostradamus.com/>

Social events:

- Saturday, May 23: Drinks offered by the AFHC
- Saturday, May 23 evening: Free meal for competitors, open to accompanying persons upon reservation (Price: €20/person)
- Sunday, May 24 evening: Drinks offered by the Club followed by a concert.
- Monday, May 25: Awards ceremony at the club starting at 17:00.

ANNEX
Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile)
Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
Version of 15th of October 2024

Prescription 1

FFVoile Prescription to RRS 25.1 (Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals)

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published. For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application. These standard documents can be downloaded on the "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile. <https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr>

Prescription 2

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 60.5(d) (Decisions on protests concerning class rules)

The protest committee may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

Prescription 3

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 65.1 (Legal liability)

Any question or request related to legal liability arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit legal liability.

Prescription 4

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70.3(b) (Appeals and requests to a national authority)

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the FFVoile, received at least 2 months before the event. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

Prescription 5

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 76.1 (Exclusion of boats or competitors)

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

Prescription 6

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 78.1 (Compliance with class rules; certificates)

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

Prescription 7

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 86.3 (Changes to the racing rules)

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such approval shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

Prescription 8

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88.2 (Changes or deletions to National prescriptions)

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed or deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed. In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk.

(* shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

Prescription 9

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(a) (Minimum number of protest committee members)

The protest committee shall be composed of a minimum number of committee members in accordance with the provisions of the federal regulations of the FFVoile, unless a derogation is granted by the FFVoile

Prescription 10

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Appointment of an international jury)

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the FFVoile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

FFVoile Prescription to APPENDIX R (Procedures for appeals and requests)

Appeals shall be sent to: Fédération Française de Voile, jury d'appel - 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile.

ANNEX 1 : WhatsApp Group



National Hobie Cat 2026

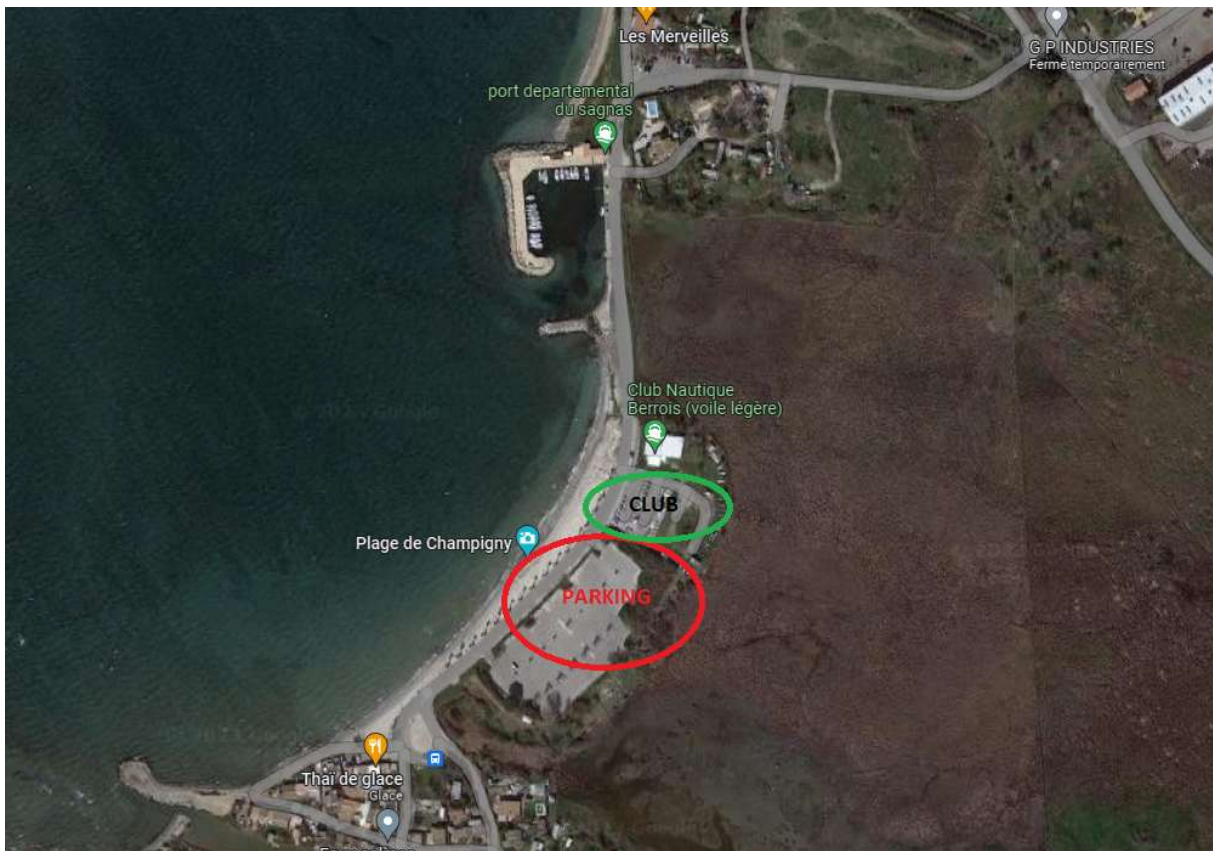
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Scannez ce code QR avec la caméra de
WhatsApp pour rejoindre ce groupe.

ANNEX 2: VENUE

Large parking lot next to the club (marked in red)



ANNEX 3: RACE AREAS AND SHALLOW WATER AREAS

