

Hobie Class Division 11

Dear Commodore Harris and Vice Commodore Urbani,

My apologies for taking so long to send you this letter thanking RHYC for hosting the HCA Division 11 Hobie Points Regatta and Divisional H16 Championship last September. The response from the participating sailors has been overwhelmingly positive. Everyone thought that RHYC has an absolutely wonderful facility, the racing was conducted to the highest standards, the dinner was the best one we had at any of our events last year and everyone at RHYC was so friendly towards our sailors.

We also wish to thank Mr. John Macielag / Pro who did an excellent job and worked especially hard to communicate with the racers. Mrs. Connie Ranney who did an excellent job of setting up the Pre-Registration and Scoring of the event including making sure that the Div11 Scorer was given the results in a timely manor so we could award our seasons "High Points" Trophies the following weekend at our last event of the season. RHYC hosted, and conducted a superior event in my opinion, my hats off to you and your Team.

During the Div11 annual general meeting it was received with great pleasure when Harry Murphey stated that RHYC was willing to host a Hobie Points Regatta for Div11 yet again this year. The response was so positive that the sailors voted to also make the RHYC event the Div11 H17 Championship. There was no debate at all, and the vote was unanimous. I can state that all the Hobie sailors are excited about returning to RHYC on September 26-27, 2009.

I would like to ask a favor of RHYC on the behalf of the H14 sailors of Div11. Many of the sailors also have H14's which is a singlehanded 14' catamaran along with their H16's and H18's but find it difficult scheduling a race for the H14's as we are competing for "High Points" trophies in the H16 and H18 classes. We have purposely not scheduled any Div11 events to "overlap" on top of your Annual One-Design Regatta on June 20 and 21, 2009. We would like to request if RHYC could schedule a H14 class start during the prestigious Annual One Design event.

Several of the H14 sailors have stated that they are willing to "loan" their H16's to several Div11 Hobie Youth Sailing Teams for the weekend to allow them to compete in the "Open Class", so they can get some additional experience before the Hobie Youth North Americans in July. The official rules set by the HCA-NA state we must have (5) boats minimum "on the line" for it to be considered an official Hobie Class/Start, we feel we can attend with (7-9) H14's according to a survey of Div11 sailors. There must be no conflicts w/ any Hobie Points Regatta in the local division. We must apply and receive prior approval from the HCA-NA and the Hobie Class start must be listed in the NOR. So, if you agree to our request I will draft a "Letter of Intent" and submit it to the HCA-NA leadership for approval.

Thank your for considering our request and I look forward to entertaining any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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