



## **Protocol for Measurement of Minimum Crew Weight**

### **References:**

- “ IHCA General Rule 17 and Hobie 16 Class Rule 7.

### **Scales:**

- “ Commercial scales of either balance or digital type capable of weighing both crew members simultaneously should be used and preferably have recent a calibration certificate.
- “ Scales should be located such that they are available for crews to check their weight prior to each race.

### **Added Weight:**

- “ Minimum combined crew weight for a Hobie 16 is 129.3 kg.
- “ In accordance with IHCA Rule 17.4 & 17.6 all added weight will be dry (solid) weight and not be usable for any other purpose (i.e. objects such as compasses, tools and spare shackles etc do not qualify as crew weight).
- “ Added crew weight shall be separate and identifiable from any added boat weights required for maintaining minimum boat weight in IHCA rule 19.
- “ The Race Committee will provide a plastic bag containing two tee shirts and two shorts which will be provided to the crew to satisfy the lightweight clothing requirements of IHCA Rule 17.5.

### **Procedure:**

- “ The combined crew weight will be checked for each of the boats finishing in the first six places after each race.
- “ The race numbers of the first six boats will be relayed from the committee boat to the shore race officials prior to the boats reaching the shore. Each of the six boats are required to sail directly to race headquarters to come ashore.
- “ Shore race officials will meet all six boats as they come ashore and escort the crews to the weigh in area taking any crew weight attached to the boat with them. Where wind or shore conditions require, crews are permitted time to lower the mainsail and/or trailer their boat to the nearest safe location.
- “ Crews are escorted directly to the weigh in and are not permitted to consume foodstuffs or liquids prior to being weighed.
- “ All crews will be weighed in swimming suits. The bag containing the standard lightweight clothing should be made available to the crew if required.