



Protocol for Scrutineering Equipment

References:

- “ IHCA Class Rules
- NZHCA Protocol for Measurement of Minimum Boat Weight.
- NZHCA Minutes of 1997 AGM, Item 4.1.

Intent:

- “ IHCA Rule 2 (Intent & Objective):
 - a) To keep each boat as equal, simple and as cost free as possible by rigidly maintaining, without deviation, the one-design features of the Hobie Cat for class racing.
 - b) Top encourage the use of racing tactics and sailing skills only, to increase boat speed.
- “ NZHCA approach to achieving conformance.
 - c) Promote an culture of voluntary compliance.
 - d) Foster an atmosphere of inclusion (especially social sailors whose infractions are minor and have no material effect on outcome.

Process:

- “ All NZHCA member Fleets are required to endeavour to ensure compliance with the Class Rules of their fleets boats prior to arriving at a National Contest.
- “ All boats attending a National Championship will be scrutineered by a NZHCA Scrutineering Team comprising a representative nominated from each Fleet.
- “ The NZHCA has accountability for the scrutineering process and provides this as a service to the regatta organising committee
- “ Rule Infractions discovered during scrutineering will be published enabling action to be taken in accordance with IHCA General Rule 3. (Right to Protest)

Procedure:

- “ The NZHCA Secretary will convene a Scrutineering Team from member fleets prior to a National championship. The members are to be endorsed by the fleets they represent.
- “ The NZHCA provide specific specifications and tolerances where these are not expressed explicitly in the Class Rules. Specifications will be sort from IHCA and the licensed Hobie Cat manufacturer by the NZHCA as required.
- “ A check list of items to be inspected will be held by the NZHCA, which can be added to from time to time as required. The inspection will include but is not limited to the items on the check list.
- “ All boats will be inspected at the regatta site by not less than two members of the team. Scrutineers will not inspect their own equipment.
- “ Any infractions identified by the scrutineers will be notified to the helmsman of the boat in the first instance, for remedial action to be taken by the competitor.
- “ Non remedied infractions identified, will be published on the regatta Notice Board by the Scrutineering Team convener prior to the first Championship Race.

- “ As per IHCA General Rule 3, any competitor or the race committee can protest the class rule infraction at any time during the regatta. The results of the scrutineering inspection can be used as evidence at any subsequent hearing.