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2008 Hobie Cat North American Championships

Hobie 14, 16 Women, 16 Youth - Sept 5-7

Hobie 16 Open - September 8-12



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), HCA Division 7 and Hobie Fleet 10.

Venue & Dates

The venue for the Hobie 14, 16Y and 16 W events will be the Clear Lake Yacht Club, 103 Main Ave., Clear Lake, Iowa. The Hobie 16 Open event will be held at the Clear Lake State Park in Clear Lake, Iowa. The Hobie 14, 16Y, 16W North American Championships will be held Friday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008. The Hobie 16 Open North American Championships will be held Monday, Sept. 8 through Friday, Sept. 12, 2007.

Rules

The event will be governed by the ISAF RRS, as prescribed by US SAILING, the 2008 IHCA Class Rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (Alternative Penalties) will be changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

Eligibility

The ISAF Competitors' Eligibility Code applies (ISAF Regulation 19). All crew members must be paid members of the HCA-NA (or other National Hobie Class Association). All members of Youth teams shall be under 19 years of age at the start of the event on Sept. 5, 2008. This modifies IHCA Rule 17.7. All members of Women's teams shall be female.

Schedule, Entries & Registration

Event schedule, Pre-registration and other information is available via www.fleet10.com.

Equipment

All boats will be weighed and inspected prior to competing. It is the responsibility of each skipper to have their boat weighed and inspected at the event site by the Official Weigh Master.

Competitor's Insurance

Each Competitor must show proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) with valid coverage for organized racing in the Northeastern United States. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be available for review at registration.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the top 20% of pre-registrants in each class at a minimum. 15 minimum for Hobie 16 Open North Americans.

Accommodations

Heartland Inn of Clear Lake - 641-357-5123 (2 min.)
Best Western Clear Lake - 800-606-3552 (10 min.)
Mention "Hobie Cat" for special rates. For condo or home rentals, contact Dick Hayes at 641-357-6123

Air transportation

Available by all major carriers through Minneapolis-St. Paul International (MSP), Des Moines International (DSM), both approx. a 2 hr. drive to the race site. Mason City Municipal Airport (MCW) is 10 min. away.

Please visit www.fleet10.com for more information.

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(commodore@fleet10.com) 641-691-0203

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The purpose of the Hobie Class Association of North America is to establish and promote the highest standards of Hobie Cat sailing/racing in its geographic boundaries in collaboration with the National and International sailing authorities.

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see you on the water

Thanks, Paul & Lori



This issue, I would like to use this space to thank our perpetual Hobie Class Association race management duo of Paul Ulibarri and Lori Mohney. They have announced that they will retire at the 2008 HCA AGM, held during the Hobie 16 North Americans in Clear Lake, Iowa this September.

"We have been a team for so long it seems like we are an old married couple," wrote Paul, thanking their respective spouses along with many others. "Our spouses, Vicki and Jerry, have supported us all along the way, and indirectly have contributed much to the class by helping us to remain objective. Though the Hobie Life is all smiles to most, there have been times when our spouses have had occasion to tend our wounds. We thank them most sincerely. Their patience and wisdom when we need it most is something that we cherish.

"Finally, we thank Hobie for inventing the boat, the Company for its support, the Class for putting up with our nonsense, and all of you folks for keeping up the tradition. We have had a good run, and it has been fun."

On behalf of the Hobie Class Association of North America, I would like to thank Paul and Lori for their years of dedicated service to the class. Through their efforts the standard of Hobie Class racing in the North American region is second to none.

Lori will continue in her position as an International Hobie Class VP and will be instrumental in making the 2009 Hobie 16 Worlds in Puerto Rico a reality. Paul will continue to serve the sailing community as an International Race Officer, International Judge and will be spend more time fishing.

Moving forward, we have made a point to select the 2008 HCA Nominating Committee early so that they can get a head start in their search to fill openings in the HCA-NA officers. We have a great Nominating Committee again this year (see elsewhere in this issue) and they would be more than happy to have you send them your recommendations. If you feel like you would be willing to help don't be shy.

Thanks again to Lori, Paul and to everyone who helps make this class the best that it can be.

See you on the water,

Bob Merrick
HCA Chair

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Hobie 16 Worlds, Fiji – Photo by Real Balance / Hobie Cat from the crane as boats stream in at the end of the racing day

2008 regattaschedule

World Championships www.hobieworlds.com

Hobie Tiger/Dragoon **March 3-8** Langebaan, South Africa

North American Championships www.hca-na.org

Hobie 20 **June 8-12** Yankton, SD
 Hobie 17 / Hobie 18 / Tiger **August 25-29** Harrison, BC
 H-14, H-16 Women / Youth **September 5-7** Clear Lake, IA
 Hobie 16 **September 8-12** Clear Lake, IA

Area Championships

Midwinters West March 1-2 San Felipe, MEX www.hca-na.org
ROHR/NorthEasterns Aug 1-3 Rochester, NY www.fleet295.com

Other Events

US Multihull Championship (Alter Cup) April 22-26 Gulfport YC, FL
www.ussailing.org/championships/adult/USMHC/

HCA Sanctioned Division Regattas

(shaded dates are tentative, shaded events are non-points)

Division 1—Hawai'i

Contact: Dan Williams-808-864-6067, Rollerskate-hi@clearwire.net

Round The Bouys, the first Saturday of each month
 Kaneohe Bay, Oahu (non-points)

Kokokahi Sailing Club's 12th Annual Regatta August 16-17

(course racing on Saturday, hull flying and pitchpole competition on Sunday) (non-points)

Division 2—Southern CA / AZ / NV

www.hobiedivision2.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
465	March 1-2	Mid-Winter's West San Felipe, MEX	Rick Buchanan	760-722-0909 Rickb@cox.net
51	March 29-30	Wild Windy West Lake Mojave, NV	Clay Ostrom	Commodoreclay@hobiefleet51.com
CYC	March 29-30	CYC Spring Regatta San Diego, CA	Bill Myter	Billmyrter@hotmail.com
66	May 3-4	Cinco de Mayo Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Roger Hensler	twohenslers@aol.com
4	June 7-8	San Diego Classic San Diego, CA	John Ziolkowski	619-869-5326
434	June 14-15	Big Bear Lake Big Bear, CA	Chris Dunn	909-336-7679 dunndl@charter.net
PBYC	Aug 2-3	Blue Water Regatta Ventura, CA	Jeff Petron	Pierpont Bay YC 805-644-6672
	Aug 16-17	Wine & Roses Regatta Santa Barbara, CA	Steve Leo	Steve@infocuspromo.com
434	Sept 6-7	Lake Arrowhead Regatta Lake Arrowhead, CA	Chris Dunn	909-336-7679 dunndl@charter.net
66	Oct 11-12	Piñata Regatta Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Barb Perlmutter	Skipperbarb36@hotmail.com
51	Oct 25-26	Mojave Mojo Madness Lake Mojave, NV	Clay Ostrom	Commodoreclay@hobiefleet51.com
51	TBD	40th Anniversary Regatta Dana Point, CA	James Orkin	James_orkin@yahoo.com

The following divisions do not have sanctioned regattas or have not submitted their schedules for 2008:

Division 6—South TX, Eastern LA

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Division 8—South Florida

Contact: Bob Johnson-813-960-1937, hobiebob@aol.com

Division 9—Southern Atlantic

Contact: Loyd Graves-919-787-0222, lwgraves@mindspring.com

Division 12—New England

Contact: Dave Heroux-401-647-3203, davebarbara448@msn.com

Division 3—Northern CA

www.hobie3.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
240	April 19-20	Kick-Off Santa Cruz, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbglobal.net
281	May 3-4	Bodega Spring Regatta Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	mike@teevax.com
20	May 17-19	Wet & Wild Regatta Woodward Reservoir, CA	Mike Wooldridge	smwooldridge@sbglobal.net
259	June 14-15	North / South Challenge Lake Cachuma, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbglobal.net
62	June 28-29	Commodores Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Dave Koop	davekoop@comcast.net
240	July 12-13	Otter Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Steve Boese	steve@k9trainingsolutions.com
17	July 19-20	Whitecaps Regatta Union Valley Res., CA	Brent Chartrand	916-337-5603 bcf2web@whiteknucklesailing.com
62	Aug 2-3	 Mile High Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Dave Koop	davekoop@comcast.net
20	Aug 16-17	Round Treasure Island Regatta Alameda, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbglobal.net
240	Aug 23-24	Moss Landing Challenge Santa Cruz / Moss Landing, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbglobal.net
281	Sept 27-28	Shark Feed Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	mike@teevax.com

Division 4—Pacific Northwest

www.div4.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
95	May 24-25	Splash Regatta Kirkland, WA	Jerry Valeske	425-432-7749 gvaleske@verizon.net
214	June 21-22	Jericho Classic Vancouver, BC	Mark Jones	604-983-2319 markjones2@shaw.ca
95	July 12-13	Sudden Valley Regatta Bellingham, WA	Jerry Valeske	425-432-7749 gvaleske@verizon.net
95	July 19-20	Oak Harbor Regatta Whidbey Island, WA	Jerry Valeske	425-432-7749 gvaleske@verizon.net
Div 4	Aug 2-3	Lake Quinalt Regatta Lake Quinalt, WA	Al Jones	360-249-3388 alan@techline.com
72	Aug 9-10	Smoke on the Water Skamokawa, WA	JP Cook	503-491-9193 btchnsailor@peoplepc.com
214	Aug 23-24	Harrison Regatta Harrison Hot Springs, BC	Mark Jones	604-983-2319 markjones2@shaw.ca
214	Aug 25-29	Hobie 17 / 18 / Tiger North American Championships Harrison Hot Springs, BC	Paul Evendon Gillian Thomson	206-772-2662 penelson@comcast.net

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 RESULTS TO:
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Division 5—Mountain States

www.hobiediv5.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
61	May 17-18	Three Peaks to the Wind Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO	Fleet 61	www.HobieFleet61.org
50	June 7-8	Prairie Winds / Divisionals Boyd Lake, Loveland, CO	Sean Tracy	seant@frii.com
61	June 28-29	Tropical Dreams Regatta Lake McConaughy, NE	Fleet 61	www.HobieFleet61.org
156	July 12-13	That One Particular Regatta Glendo Reservoir, Alcova, WY	Fleet 156	wyfleet156@hotmail.com
98	Aug 9-10	Gorgy Orgy Flaming Gorge, Reservoir, WY	Jarrold Marx	Marx5461@msn.com
61	Aug 30-31	Mac Attack Lake McConaughy, NE	Fleet 61	www.HobieFleet61.org

Division 7—Prairie States

www.hobiecatdivision7.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
297	April 26-27	Clinton Lake Lawrence, KS	John Eaton	john.eaton@becl.com
10	May 24-25	H-20 NAC Warm-Ups Clear Lake, IA	Todd Wilson	641-691-0203 todd@hollingsworthmfg.com
291	June 5-8	Hobie 20 North Americans Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402-558-6568 david.rice@bankofthewest.com
444	June 21-22	Lake Pepin Regatta Lake City, MN	Karl Brogger	507-301-9019 sogncab@yahoo.com
475	July 12-13	Storm Lake Regatta Storm Lake, IA	Andy Larson	712-732-1532 larsona@iwnet.net
474	July 26-27	Spirit Lake Regatta Spirit Lake, IA	Division 7	hobiecatdivision7@yahoo.com
84	Aug 9-10	Saylorville Reservoir Des Moines, IA	Roger Taha	515-262-9497 rtaha@mchsi.com
291	Aug 23-24	H-14 / H-16 Warm-Ups Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402-558-6568 david.rice@bankofthewest.com
10	Sept 5-7	Hobie 14 / 16W / 16Y North Americans Clear Lake, IA	Chris Wessels	641-425-8720 xanderwess@yahoo.com
10	Sept 8-12	Hobie 16 North Americans Clear Lake, IA	Chris Wessels	641-425-8720 xanderwess@yahoo.com

Division 10—Great Lakes / Midwest

www.HCADivision10.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
276	June 14-15	Regata de Gatos Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net

Division 11—Mid-Atlantic

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
106	May 10-11	Delaware State Hobie Champs Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net
250	June 7-8	Sandy Hook / 20 Divisionals Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4313 kkulkowski@aol.com
267	June 14-15	Spray Beach Spray Beach, NJ	Ron LaPorta	610-384-8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
416	July 19-20	Barnegat Breezer / 18 Divisionals Barnegat Bay, NJ	Fred Myers	215-646-4193 hobnut@aol.com
443	Aug 23-24	Wildwood Classic Cup Wildwood, NJ	Rob Wagner	609-923-1355 Rob.Wagner@verizon.net
Div 11	Sept 20-21	Fall Winds Regatta / 14 Div's Shore Acres, NJ	Ron LaPorta	610-384-8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
54	Sept 27-28	Rock Hall YC Regatta / 16 Div's Rock Hall, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 DFP135@msn.com
106	Oct 4-5	Sharkey's Cup Regatta / 17 Div's Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net

www.hca-na.org

Division 13—Mexico/Caribbean/Central America

Contact: Alfredo Figueroa—vientoyvela@gmail.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
236	Feb 2-3	Copa Scappino Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	Feb 10-11	Series I PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Pedro Colon	kcario@caribe.net
236	Feb 16-17	Copa La Peña Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Mar 1-2	Copa Cios Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	Mar 14-16	Heineken International Regatta Culebra Island, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
236	Mar 21-23	Copa Sauter Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Apr 5-6	Copa Palacio Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	April 26-27	Series II PRHCA Combate, Boqueron	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
138	TBA April	H16 Campeonato Nacional Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecnun.net.gt
236	May 10-11	Regatas Nacionales Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	May 10	Series III PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
236	May 17-18	Copa San Gaspar Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	May 31- June 1	Regatas de la Marina Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	June 7-8	Series IV PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
133	June 28	Series V PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
904	July 5-6	Copa Cummins Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamak.com.mx
133	July 12-13	Series VI PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com

Division 14—N. TX, OK, AR, S. KS

Contact: Tom Page -918-232-2598, Tom.Page@hilti.com

No schedule as of press time.

Division 15—FL Panhandle, E. LA, AL, MS, W. TN

Contact Scott Beach - dsbeach@comcast.net

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
HCA	TBD March	MidWinter's East Panama City, FL	Brad Stephens	brad@sunjammers.com

Division 16—Upstate NY, Ontario

www.nahca-div16.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
204	May 17-19	32nd Madcatter Syracuse, NY	Barb Caster	315-438-8915 barb@boatworks-ltd.com
183	May 31- June 1	Ontario Hobie EYC Regatta Toronto, Ontario	Dan Borg	Dan_Borg@toyota.ca
276	June 14-15	Regata de Gatos Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net
119	July 18-20	Hobie Kenobie Angola, NY	Bob Burns	burnsmeup@verizon.net
295	Aug 1-3	Rohrbach Ontario Hobie Regatta Northeast Area Championships Hamlin Beach Park, NY	Marie Gibson	585-234-2453 regatta@fleet295.com
238	Aug 9-10	The Great Sacandaga Regatta Albany, NY	Mike Hands	handsondeck@msn.com

hobiehistory

15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

1973



🕒 The first Hobie branded wet suits were introduced at the bargain price of \$49.95 for the full suit. That's almost \$240 today. Lots of shiny neoprene!

🕒 In contrast to MWE, Midwinter's West has almost always been held in San Felipe, MEX – except for a few years in the early seventies when it was held in Guymas, MEX. Guymas is on the east coast of the Sea of Cortez and much further south than San Felipe.

🕒 Midwinter's East has never been held in the same venue for more than a few years. In 1973, the venue was Apollo Beach, FL on the east side of Tampa Bay. The next time it was held there was seventeen years later in 1990.



1983



🕒 By 1983, MWW had become a regular fixture in San Felipe and continues there to this day.

🕒 Hawaiians Mike Furukawa and Bobby Wythes charge upwind in the 1982 Hobie 18 Nationals (reported in the Jan/Feb '83 HOTLINE), held in the Atlantic Ocean off Key Biscayne, FL. It would be Jeff Alter's first major championship win, despite being stung by a Portuguese man-o-war jellyfish in the last race.

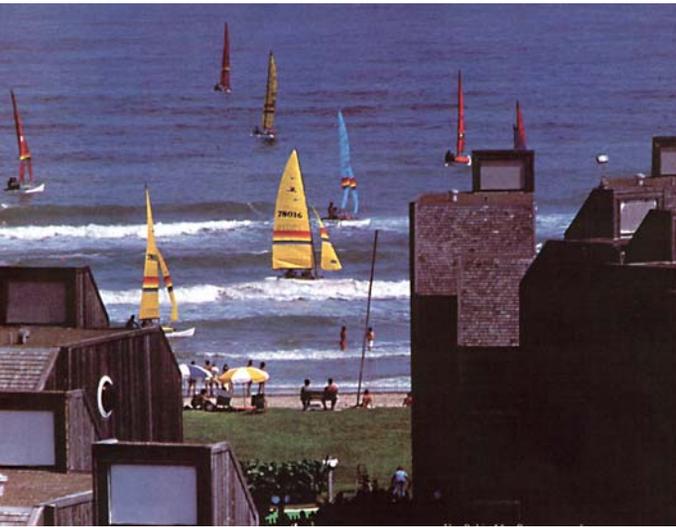
The 1983 Hobie Cat MIDWINTERS EAST
MARCH 26-27 St. Augustine Beach, FL
 Presented by BOBIE FLEET III, JACKSONVILLE, FL
 Friday - Registration 7-9 PM Lobby, Holiday Inn
 Saturday - Registration 8-11 AM Lobby, Holiday Inn
 Sailors' Club to Back Cove for BNC Fleet 10-15 AM
 Sailors' Meeting 11 AM Food: Holiday Inn
 First of 5 Races Starts 12 PM
 Race & 1/2 Dinner, Starting Clinic, Party with Live Band Saturday Evening
 Sunday - Skipper's Meeting 10 AM
 First of 2 Races 11 AM
 Race Headquarters: Holiday Inn By The Sea, St. Augustine Beach (904) 871-2828 (10:00 to 2:00). Rent to AKA, left to Holiday Inn
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1983 MID-WINTERS WEST
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🕒 In 1983, MWE had crossed the state of Florida and moved north to St. Augustine Beach, near Jacksonville.

1983



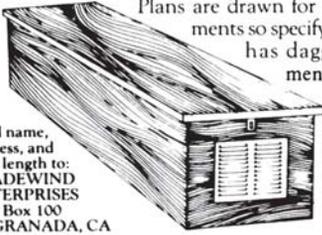
🕒 The 16 Nationals were held at the Bahia Mar Resort on South Padre Island. The Bahia Mar is still in business today. The event was won by Hobie P. Alter – who is also still racing today, now with his son, Scotty.

🕒 In 1983, you could order a “Groove Tube” sailbox or you could order the plans for a “coffin” style plywood box for only \$6.

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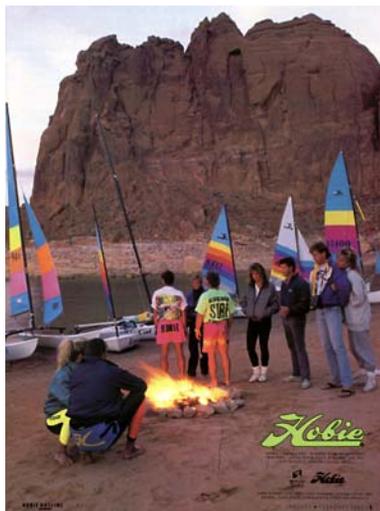


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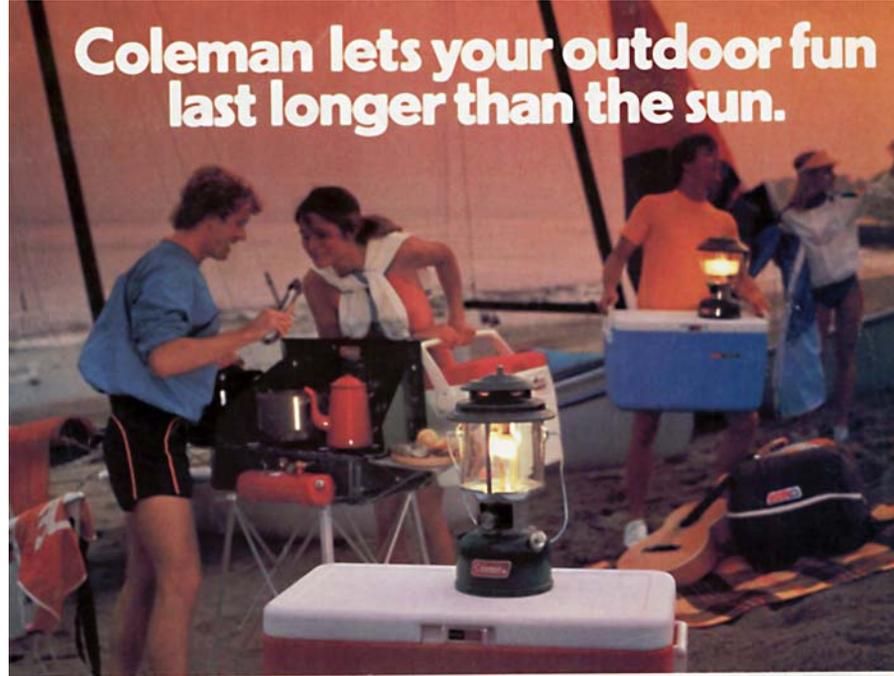
🕒 1993 was Hobie Cat's 25th anniversary. 2008 will be the 40th year our favorite catamaran company has been in business. Happy Birthday, Hobie Cat!

🕒 A Hobie Apparel photo shoot on Lake Powell, Utah brought together boats, clothing, models and Hobie Cat factory techs. The real sailor in this photo is the only one with a beer in his hand – Matt Miller (third from right).

🕒 The 143-boat Division 7 Championships were held on Clear Lake, Iowa. Hobies will return in force to Clear Lake this September when the 14 / 16W / 16Y and 16 Open North Americans come to town.



🕒 How many Coleman products can we get in one photo? The guy carrying the lit Coleman lantern on top of the cooler is in for a really bad day if it slips off.



Coleman lets your outdoor fun last longer than the sun.

1993



IHCA REPORT

IHCA ATTENDS IYRU CONFERENCE

Olympic Quest And Rules Ratification Dominate Efforts In London

BY JEFF ALTER

🕒 The IHCA unsuccessfully tried to get the IYRU (now ISAF) to accept the Hobie 16 as the Olympic Catamaran. Would a catamaran class still be in the Olympics if they had succeeded?

Nominating Committee Chosen

The HCA Board of Directors, in record-setting time, have approved the 2008 Nominating Committee put forth by HCA Vice Chair John Mork. The new committee members are:

Dan Borg, Division 16
Paul Hess, Division 3
Sheila Holmes, Division 14
Slim Johnson, Division 7
Rich McVeigh, Division 11

The Nominating Committee will be charged with finding volunteers for HCA Officers. If you are interested in helping, please contact one of the individuals above.

New Membership Chair

Mike Levesque, former editor of the *HCA News*, has volunteered to take over the Membership Chair position after Tara Ames resigned due to personal reasons. Mike has been a fixture in the class for many years and wanted to get back into things after the birth of his son last year.

Mike will be overseeing the implementation of the HCA's new web-based membership database system that will greatly improve the membership fulfillment function.

Mike's address and phone number can be found on the 2008 HCA Membership Application on page 31.

HYSEF Tradition Started

Hobie Fleet 514 member Diane Zimmerman spent over 80 hours creating a king size quilt made from Hobie event t-shirts. It was raffled off at the annual Piñata Regatta in sunny Puerto Peñasco, Mexico (see article on page 16). The Hobie T-shirts were gathered from all over the world by HCA Division 2 members.

Most of the funds raised were donated to HYSEF (Hobie Youth Sailing Education Foundation) in hopes of promoting youth sailing. The gentleman that won the quilt, Mr. Stewart Martin, has requested that he be allowed to return the gorgeous quilt next year at the 2008 event to be re-raffled off to a new winner with proceeds again going towards youth sailing. Stewart will sign one square of the quilt in hopes that this is the beginning of a long and strong tradition at the Piñata Regatta. He

Diane Zimmerman and Stew Martin show off the HYSEF quilt made from event t-shirts

says the quilt is just too beautiful to stay in one place and be forgotten.

The donation check, over \$250, was presented to HYSEF Board Member Rex Mitchell at the Mojave Mojo Madness Regatta. Everyone at Lake Mojave and the Piñata Regatta was excited to hear that this tradition has been started.

The Hobie Youth Sailing Education Foundation (HYSEF), is the brainchild of Nevada Fleet 51 Hobie Fleet member Gordo Bagley. Its mission is to "assist any individual, group, club or organization with desires to help at risk youth find fulfillment in life with activities outside of the many problems that plague our society today." The members of the board of directors are Rex Mitchell, Peter Nelson, Mimi Appel, Mike Montague, Matt Bounds, Laura Sullivan, Bob Merrick, and Barb Perlmutter. Tax deductible donations may be made in care of:

*HYSEF
c/o The Law Offices of Alan L. Mobill
43020 Blackdeer Loop
Suite 101
Temecula, CA 92590.*



Gaulden Reed

Jake Kohl - With about 25 minutes to go until the start sequence at the start of the Daytona - Fernandina leg of the Tybee 500, I saw an elderly man making his way past the catamarans in the narrow beach with a three wheeled walker. Normally, I wouldn't have given him too much consideration as I was deep into my preparations for the leg. However, this guy attracted my attention because he was walking with purpose and grinning from ear to ear as he was putting forth a pretty serious effort to navigate the sand, boats, and other obstacles. He was obviously not an average beach spectator. He approached me and immediately knocked me off-center when he said "I expect you guys will have a good day today -

I've heard about your light air ability." Perplexed, I said, "thank you very much - I hope we do." He then added, "Oh, and by the way, please don't forget a paddle today" after which he turned and made his way down the beach. We had suffered through a painful beach launch the day before where we had forgotten a paddle. I too was then grinning ear to ear as I watched him work his way down the row of boats...It **totally** made my day.

After making some inquiries, I discovered he was someone of whom I had heard of - though I admit I don't know much about him. His name was Gaulden Reed and he has been a cat sailor about as long as there have been fiberglass cats. Gaulden passed away on November 6, 2007.

Gaulden was a resident of Volusia County, Florida for 89 years. He served on the Beach Advisory Board for 20 years. He helped create the local advocacy group, Sons of the Beaches to try and keep the beach toll-free. In 1933 he was one of the first surfers on the east coast and later was inducted into the East Coast Surfing Legends Hall of Fame. He founded Daytona Beach Hobie Fleet 80. He was a lifelong environmental activist. In the last few years he tirelessly worked to bring the dream of a butterfly conservatory to Manatee Island in the downtown area. Donations may be made to the Daytona Beach Butterfly Conservatory and Educational Foundation, 111 North St. Andrews, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.



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Matt Bounds, *HOTLINE* Editor

Brain Droppings

What's on my mind ...

New Column

As you will notice when you turn the page, there's a new column in the *HOTLINE*. Shauna Kinney has been a regular contributor over the past year and has committed to writing the "Getting Started" column in the coming issues. If there are specific topics you want to see covered in the *HOTLINE*, please let me know - hcanews@comcast.net.

We Sleep in a Bed of Our Own Making

The recent decision of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) to eliminate the multihull discipline from the sailing portion of the Olympics has brought a harsh dose of reality down on the multihull community. For many, many years, multihulls have operated outside of the "yachting establishment" and it worked well for us when we still had 100+ boat regattas and were highly visible. Those days are gone.

It's time to get involved at a higher level. I'm not just talking about the local yacht club, US SAILING or ISAF – all of that is good. I'm also talking about a higher level of intensity and marketing. When was the last time you "sold" your sport, your passion

to someone? Have you updated your fleet's / division's website with your current information? There's nothing that screams "this is a dead sport" than a website that isn't current.

Have you posted your fleet's / division's 2008 regatta schedule on the major sailing calendars? (US SAILING, Scuttlebutt, Sailing Anarchy, just to name a few.) **How are we going to make our sport grow, to keep it from fading away, if we fail to promote it?**

As a group, we are abysmal at marketing our sport. It's a tough sell – it's expensive (both time and money), it's complicated and it's boring to watch for the uninitiated. However, it usually takes just a couple of rides to get somebody hooked. Make a commitment to introduce at least one new person to the Hobie Way of Life this year.

The reason ISAF was able to eliminate the multihulls was because they don't see us. Make sure you get seen and heard this year. Volunteer to update the website. Join a yacht club and get involved. Usually all it takes is raising your hand and saying "I want to help!" Help the local Laser fleet run a regatta. Maybe they'll help you run yours. Don't fade away. Rant off.

The Advantage of Hobie Fleet Membership

*When I collect bits for everybody's favorite column, **Hobie History**, I always come across items that are profound, yet don't fit into the "collage" format. This is one of them, from the Jan/Feb 1973 **Hobie Cat Hot Line**. What is most profound is that it is still very true today.*

Your Hobie Catamaran Class Association Fleet system has expanded rapidly since its inception, boasting over eighty fleets with a number of applications pending. In the past, many fleets have taken advantage of the five member minimum established by the Class Association to get off the ground and have built rapidly to include the majority of boat owners in their area.

The Class Association headquarters is constantly receiving inquiries from areas around the country regarding fleet membership and we are pleased to put them in touch with the nearest fleet or, if no fleet is available in the area, we endeavor to bring all of the non-associated individuals into contact, supplying all of the material so that a new fleet may be formed.

Membership in a Hobie fleet is more than just "belonging," as many people feel they must join for the sake of joining. There is much

more to it. First of all, the “nature of the beast” the fact that nothing on the water under sail can keep pace with a Hobie, requires that a person search out fellow Hobie Catters for a friendly dice up and down the bay, and later swap hull flying stories over a cool glass. This friendly two-boat challenge soon results into a gaggle of Hobies, using improvised marks and honor starts resulting in an impromptu regatta. This is all great fun, but it is as far as it can go. The obvious next move is to call a meeting of at least five of the more enthusiastic skippers and propose chartering a new fleet.

Fleet membership is not all racing. Quite the contrary; the many other advantages far outnumber the competition end of Hobie Catting. For example, your Hobie fleet is a great introduction to friends with a common interest, exciting sailing, surfing and camping. Families create family friendships and enjoy weekend Hobie regattas as a way of expanding their associations. Next is the exchange of technical data and maintenance ideas fostered by association with other knowledgeable skippers. And then the prime reason, organizing more racing events, complete with officials, a committee, pre-set marks, starting guns, trophies, group fun, annual banquets, etc. More organized racing has proven to increase sailing ability and racing skill, and is absolutely essential if a skipper

hopes to work into divisional, national and world Hobie competition. As your fleet grows, you will find that skippers consistently fall into classes as far as sailing is concerned.

When the starting line-up becomes too large for the racing committee, a division should be made and A and B fleets (possibly a C fleet) established with a mandatory move-up in these fleets when winning a first position at a regatta.

One skipper requested fleet information in an area that included many Hobie owners who all belonged to their own yacht clubs and sailed only in yacht club regattas in the multihull division. With the help of the Class Association, he was able to bring the rest of the members together to form a Hobie Cat fleet and enjoy the advantage of sailing in one-design regattas. This did not interfere with

the yacht club membership of the individuals. Quite the contrary, it enlarged the racing schedule and made it possible for yacht club members to qualify for divisional, national and world Hobie competition.

The Hobie Fleet dues are minimal and the enhanced racing schedule takes you to many bays, lakes and oceans offering an organized sailing challenge and a group recreational change of scenery that you would never experience on your own.

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Shauna McGee-Kinney

Working With A Coach

A coach can take your performance to the next level

A coach helps push sailors to the next level by identifying and assisting the sailor to change bad habits. Sailors turn to coaches to improve their competitive skills. Coaches can motivate a team and provide structured learning, where sometimes the team has procrastinated in the past. There are different resources a sailor can seek out to improve their skills:

- Professional Coaches
- Class Champions
- Veteran Sailors
- Schools

Professional Coaches

Professional coaches can be the most expensive coaching option.

When choosing a coach, consider

There's a Guest Expert somewhere in the middle of that crowd

their interest in your class, their strengths and the distance he or she will travel to coach (travel may be an expense to the team). You can share the cost and gain insight by sharing the coach with several other sailors at your same level.

Advanced sailors are the best suited to take instruction from professional coaches. They have strong sailing skills and are ready for rigorous training and fine levels of detail. Because experienced sailors have put in the time and commitment to the sport, they are most likely to get the best return on their investment.

A professional coach can be found through word of mouth or advertisements. Check with your local sail maker or other competitive sailors.

Keep in mind, that there are some risks when you organize a large group for coaching. Insurance is frequently required by the entity that manages the waterways and launches, such as a city. Some major cities, like Los Angeles, charge sales tax on the gross receipts (money collected from participants) and require a higher level of insurance. Occasionally a deposit, permit or prepayment of fees is required.

Participants should also be aware of the terms of coaching prior to committing. When organizing a large coaching session, check your local rules. In some cases, small groups and groups launching from private clubs may not be subject to local oversight.

Class Champions

Another great option for advanced competitors is to invite the class champion to coach. The Hobie Class Association Guest Expert Program is a great solution for divisions and fleets. The successful and established Guest Expert Program has a champion

Hobie P. Alter conducts a Guest Expert Program at the Pin



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sailor deliver structured training the Friday before the regatta. For more information contact:

Kim Edmonds
501•868•8801
hobiegep@littlerockweb.com

Your division or fleet might also arrange for travel and accommodation for the coach in trade for presenting and teaching. Various members of the fleet may be willing to donate frequent flyer miles and accommodation.

Veteran Sailors

Beginner to intermediate sailors can gain the most from working with a veteran sailor. A veteran sailor can act as a mentor, demonstrating everything from rigging and launching to reading the wind and swell. Veteran sailors can be easily and frequently contacted. There is less embarrassment asking questions in a dialog with one

veteran rather than asking a question in front of a group. This one-on-one approach may be best for a new sailor. The coaching can be tailored to the needs of the participant.

Veteran sailors are plentiful in all of our fleets and divisions. Many will volunteer assistance without formal requests and are interested in providing assistance. In a few fleets, veteran sailors have organized practice sessions, free of charge and available multiple times a season.

Schools

Beginner sailors, crews and recreational sailors can get excellent quality and cost efficient training at a sailing school. Sailing schools provide gear, a facility and have the necessary insurance. Sailors who want to try racing but are not ready to invest in the sport can evaluate and experience sailing through a school.

Sailing schools can be found through local universities, some municipalities, some sailing clubs and recreational organizations. Many schools offer private coaching in addition to scheduled classes.

Follow Through

Be sure to put your training to good use. The best sailors get out on the water often – they get repetition and frequency in both practice and in competition. Be persistent and consistent. If you find you are dropping to lower places in competition after training, follow through on your training



TIM STONTON / ON EDITION

Coaches play a big part at the ISAF Youth Worlds

and keep it regular. Refining new skills can be challenging.

If you are a seasoned competitor you can reinforce your skills by coaching and mentoring other sailors. Whether you are new or experienced, change the venue and practice with different teams (even temporarily practicing with new crew) to get variety and gain new insight. Find and use training exercises and tips that are available online, in video and in books.

Shauna McGee Kinney is living in Perth, Australia and raced beach cats for over six years prior to moving from Long Beach, CA. She is a member of Hobie Fleet 51 Las Vegas, continues to promote Hobie Division 2 racing and actively supports new crew in AZ, CA and NV. Shauna can be reached at shaunakinney@yahoo.com

ata Regatta



TONY KRUAAS

Notice of Race 38th ANNUAL 2008 Hobie Midwinters West HCA-NA Area Championship Premier One-Design Hobie Cat Racing

March 1 & 2, 2008 • San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico

Regatta Headquarters: El Cortez Hotel - Room 134

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday February 29th

3:00 - 6:00 P.M. Registration

Saturday March 1st

7:00 - 9:30 A.M. Regatta Registration
10:00 A.M. Competitors' Meeting
10:15 A.M. Novice Meeting
11:00 A.M. First Signal (wind permitting)
6:00 P.M. **FIESTA - Pool side**

Sunday March 2nd

8:00 A.M. HCA Division Meeting
10:00 A.M. Competitors' Meeting
11:00 A.M. First Signal (wind permitting)
After Races Trophy presentation ASAP
Other activities, any changes of schedule and general information will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

REGISTRATION

Registration forms will be available at:
www.members.cox.net/midwinterswest
Or email midwinterswest@cox.net to request one.
Registration fees are: \$45.00 for Hobie Waves, 14's & 17's and \$55.00 for Hobie 16's, 18's, Tigers, 20's.

No regatta registration fee for youth sailors (skippers) under the age of 18.

2008 HCA membership is required to compete in this event. Comp tips are mandatory to compete. For advertising purposes, this regatta is a category C event (ISAF Appendix G). Two free shirts will be provided for \$55.00 entries, one shirt for \$45.00 entries **received by January 27, 2008.** There will be a \$20.00 late fee for registrations postmarked after January 27, 2008. You may pre-order extra shirts for \$15.00 each. Make checks payable to Midwinters West. **Articles of clothing and canned goods will be collected at regatta registration as gifts for local fisherman.** Please do not mail donations; bring donations to the regatta site.

RULES

This Regatta will be governed by this NOR (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing and the class rules of the IHCA. SSIs will be available on-site at regatta registration.

TROPHIES

Trophies will be based on pre-registration. Five or more pre-registered boats constitute a fleet, one trophy per five boats and a maximum, five trophies per fleet.

INFORMATION: Hotels, RV Parks, Camping

Event website:

www.members.cox.net/midwinterswest

Rick Buchanan, Regatta Chairman, Oceanside Calif.

Phone: (760) 722-0909

Email: midwinterswest@cox.net

Armando Noriega, Mexico City, Mexico

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TRAVELING IN BAJA MEXICO

Passports & Visas: Passports will most likely be required by this time to re-enter the USA. If you have questions regarding passports please check the US State Depts. Website. The following websites may be helpful with obtaining new passports:

If you NEVER had one

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_832.html

If you are RENEWING an old one:

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/renew_833.html

There is no Travel Visa required to enter or leave Baja Calif. when traveling to San Felipe.

For those sailors who have not been to San Felipe before, the following is some information that may be useful.

General Safety: The Mexican authorities make a great effort to make our visit to San Felipe safe and enjoyable, but you are reminded that traveling in Mexico is not travel in the United States. Additional precautions should be taken, use some common sense. The customs and culture are different and behavior that is common in the USA may not be acceptable or may be misinterpreted by the Mexican people. Act responsibly, do not make yourself a target, do not drink to excess, and do not go out alone late at night.

Insurance & Documents: Liability insurance is required by Mexican Law. It can be purchased from an agent on either side of the border, or AAA on-line. Mexican Customs Officers will likely verify ownership of vehicles, boats and trailers. **You will need current registrations and copies of titles for all vehicle(s), trailer(s), & boat(s).** If you are using or bringing a vehicle, trailer or boat that is not registered in your name, you are required to have a notarized letter of permission from the owner. NOTE: Over the past year, Mexican Customs has become much more formal, checking vehicle, boat and trailer registrations. Don't make the long drive without these papers or you may have to turn around at the border.

Hobie 20 Miracle 2008 North American Championships Lewis & Clark Lake Yankton, South Dakota June 3 - 7, 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America,
Yankton Hobie Fleet 291 and Hobie Class Association
Division 7.

Schedule

Tuesday June 3rd:

5 PM - 9 PM Weigh Ins and Welcome Beach Party

Wednesday June 4th

11 AM Warning Signal

6:30 PM Dinner and Chili Cook Off

Thursday June 5th

11 AM Warning Signal

6:30 PM Dinner/Social

Friday June 6th

11 AM Warning Signal

Dinner on your own

Saturday June 7th

11 AM Warning Signal

6:30 PM Awards Banquet

Rules

The event will be governed by the ISAF RRS, the
IHCA Class Rules and this Notice of Race except as
modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 and 44.2
(Alternative Penalties) will be changed so that only
one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is
required.

Eligibility

All crew members must be paid members of the HCA-
NA (or other National Hobie Class Association)

Registration

\$275 USD before May 1, 2008

\$325 USD after May 1, 2008

Youth (under 19) registration is 1/2 price

Registration forms available at www.hca-na.org

Equipment

All boats must conform to H-20 Class measurement
rules. All boats will be weighed prior to the com-
mencement of racing. Charter Boats may be avail-
able. Contact regatta organizer for information.

Competitor's Insurance

Each Competitor must show proof of liability insur-
ance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD)
with valid coverage for organized racing in the US.
Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must
be available for review at registration.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at reg-
istration.

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the top ten finishers at a
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You Gotta Piñata!

Hobie Fleet 514's Not-So-Secret Hideaway

By Barb Perlmutter

Every October the Tucson Arizona, Hobie Fleet 514 hosts the famous Piñata Regatta in Rocky Point (AKA Puerto Peñasco), Mexico. It was recently chosen as the Division 2 Championship venue. Even though our 2007 event was held during the Hobie 16 World Championships in Fiji, we still had thirty-six Hobie Cats sailing on the warm waters of the Sea of Cortez. Sailors from Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico all enjoyed two days of double trapeze wind, racing and partying.

Fleet 514 is very unique. Every participant pitches in and lends some type of regatta assistance. Jack Langley, Fleet 514 commodore, was the regatta chairman. Jack, with the help of Doug McMaster, directed 8 races over two windy days. Our raffle was again **awesome** thanks to chairman Barb Perlmutter, who coordinated sponsorship funds and nice raffle prizes. Every boat had pre-registered to guarantee their free T-Shirts, meals and drinks as well as a competitor bag filled with goodies. The handcrafted trophies were stained hardwood with unique mirrored sailboat shapes and nice metal plaques.

Saturday evening's party was bigger and better than ever under our large Tecate tent. It began with our popular Salsa Contest. Then Fleet 514 provided the main course and regatta participants all contributed a yummy side dish. Over 185 folks enjoyed our Dinner/Raffle party. Hundreds of great prizes were raffled off. The high point of the evening was when we raffled off a one-of-a-kind King Size Hobie T-shirt Quilt, made by Diane Zimmerman. Over \$250 from the special quilt raffle was donated to the new Hobie Youth Sailing Education Foundation (HYSEF). The winner of the quilt was Stewart Martin. Stewart suggested that he re-donate this quilt at next year's event so we can continue to support HYSEF. The quilt is a true work of art and a sure treasure for any Hobie Sailor to display. Fleet 514 wants to thank all participants who

helped begin this quilt raffle tradition. The fleets also donated over \$300 to a local youth home; the residents were extremely grateful for our generosity.

Lynn Edde provided homemade breakfast munchies each day. We also served plump hot dogs after sailing on Sunday. Tecate supplied cold beer and 2 large circus style tents with accompanying chairs and tables. We began the event with two large circus style tents, however the wind was so strong one tent ended upside down on the beach. We managed to keep one tent secure for the entire regatta; the shade was welcome during the 90 degree daytime temperatures.



Saturday winds were strong, double trapeezing. Sunday's wind blew even harder. The sand was blowing; the swell was rough and dolphins provided on-the-water entertainment.

We certainly want to thank all of our generous sponsors: Hobie Cat, Lexus of Albuquerque, Kokatat, Stohlquist, The Cat House, Joe Flores Chevron, Murray's Marine, Team McLube, RedBull, Desert Divers and others too numerous to mention. For a complete sponsor listing, entry information and priceless event photos, visit our website at www.fleet514.com

Make sure to mark your calendars for next year's Division 2 Championship Piñata Regatta on October 11-12, 2008. This is an event you'll want to plan a vacation around. It's a beautiful spot on the beach to camp, sail and enjoy the Hobie life. Hope we see you next year!



ELLIE MARTIN

Clockwise, from above:

Jeff Perlmutter and crew charge the camera (Jeff is only identifiable by his hair)

"Are you sure this is the right way to round the weather mark?"

Nothing compares to the sunsets over the Sea of Cortez in Mexico.

Preparing for a sunset sail



ELLIE MARTIN



ELLIE MARTIN



ELLIE MARTIN

feature



Bula! Fiji!

Hundreds of competitors
island in the south Pacific



s, of all ages and nationalities, converged on a small
ic last October to reaffirm the Hobie Way of Life

STORY BY PATTI HENSLER
PHOTO BY REAL BALANCE / HOBIE CAT



TERI MCKENNA



TERI MCKENNA

Clockwise, from right:

Fijian war drums call the sailors to battle.

"Hey Dad – don't you think he should let off his jib halyard a bit?"

Kids + Hobie Cats = A grin from ear to ear on the beach. Is this not what it's all about?

Driving upwind, trapped out and back, these kids would put most of us to shame on the race course.

Adults or Youth? You have to look closely to tell that this hairy mark rounding is all kids.



TERI MCKENNA



REAL BALANCE / HOBIE CAT

It all came to a chaotic end, waiting in winding lines for customs clearance, tripping over mountains of bags stuffed with wet clothing and Hobie gear and side-stepping through crowds of people. Two weeks of soggy weather, lively parties and fierce competition now rested in Hobie Cat history after a ten-hour Air Pacific flight from Nadi, Fiji to Los Angeles International. That was added to a four-hour drive on a tire-busting, potholed road from Suva, Fiji, a long return home from the 18th Hobie 16 World Championships.

Los Angeles wasn't the only international airport with a migration of Hobie sailors returning home. The



world competition included approximately 240 teams from 28 countries, competing in five classes – Youth, Women's, Open, Master and Grand Masters. For the second time in twenty-one years, Fiji hosted the competition, in Suva instead of Pacific Harbor. Only this time the beach was man-made.

Wheelbarrow and shoeshine boys from the streets and markets of Suva teamed up to build the dream of reclaiming a local beach and creating Hobie Village. The transformation at Laucala Bay from concrete, mud and water to the vast stretch of tropical beach and National Sailing Center was not a simple task. It involved intense meetings of the minds, brutally hard work and volumes of determination to haul sand, rock and dirt from various sites, including a sandbar in the nearby bay. Under the direction of Fijian sailor Grahame Southwick and others from Fleet 252, the project was accomplished by embracing the challenge and shunning adversity.

Long before our arrival, teams of workers struggled through daily torrential rains, and numerous adversities to complete their demanding project. After we

arrived, it didn't take long for us to understand and admire the Fijian attitude and how it all came together. When it rains, they enjoy it or ignore it but never, ever run from it. They smile and laugh their way through the day. Exuberent "Bulas!" (Hello) fill the ears of each and every visitor for there is no such thing as "strangers" in Fiji.

Life is full of joy and serenity, a highly contagious condition for even the most stressed visitor. Roadside vendors greet you like an old friend and if you ask, will sell you a "heap" of mangoes for less than one US dollar. Muscular men wear skirts with freshly pressed shirts and adorn their ears with fresh hibiscus. Villages reveal a mixed but rich heritage – Chung's Grocery Store shares the sidewalk with Punjab's Hardware. Pretension and strangers don't live here. Hey, isn't that the Hobie way?

Back at the new Hobie Village, a huge tent sheltered gathering competitors eager to enjoy the impending event. On site were bure (thatched houses) that provided glimpses of Fijian heritage and talents (carvings, weavings, barkcloth making and pottery, to name a few). "Yummi's" fast food shack offered stirred curries and fried fish with chips while other snack shops offered smoothies, coffee, sandwiches and ice cream bars. The best loved spot was Trapp's bar, a thatch-roofed playground of sand and liberating libations.

The festivities premiered on October 8, 2007 with a flurry of registration for the Women's, Youth, Masters and Grand Masters. Prevailing winds of anticipation and excitement filled the air as the teams greeted one another and prepared for three days of competition. All would be racing on brand new Hobie 16's, furnished by Hobie Cat Australia.

Tuesday morning's first race was called off the beach by the feverish beat of the lali (a hallowed log cut in half). Native drummers, two or sometimes three, stimulated onlookers and competitors alike with their feverish, rhythmic pounding. The races began under dry, sunny to partly cloudy skies and decent wind that ultimately dedicated itself to the group's racing series. Old Man Weather, however, was not going to be that charitable again.

Greeting sailors under the bigtop on Thursday's Lava Lava night were roving waiters serving drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Multi-cultural dancers and music rocked the night and hula girls seized most of the

attention. Winners in each group were determined and prizes were awarded. Celebration and high-spirited dancing coaxed the crowd to its feet and the evening swiftly passed by.

Fijian resident Paris Lyons, at the young age of thirteen was eager to learn the ropes of Hobie racing. Friday, October 12 wasn't going to be an ordinary school day because she volunteered to crew for Roger Hensler in the qualifiers. It didn't matter to her that the winds had livened up and the clouds began leaking before the first race. While heavy rain pelted her face and hefty winds slapped the sails, Paris courageously

donned her harness, life vest and gloves while listening to Roger's last minute instructions. Along with 53 other hopeful teams, they were off the beach enduring blinding rains and stuck-to-the-sail telltales to do their best.

Meanwhile, under the bigtop spectators gathered and the second group of competitors prepared for their turn at the helm, people were sweltering. The torrents of water streamed down closed, plastic doors and mixed with the rising temperatures to create the normal steam-shower effect. Puddles of rain water seeped through holes in the rubber Pro-Floor. Thank heavens for the event announcer and emcee, the ever dedicated,

informative and entertaining Dan Mangus! He kept the crowd informed of events on the course and positions at the marks, interspersed with his fascinating tidbits of sailing stories. His high spirits helped keep the inclement weather and heat from tarnishing the fun of it all.

The first competitors on Sunday morning rigged their boats, then waited under the bigtop for the rain to subside and the wind to stir. A puff ruffled through. Hopes soared. Then it whipped around in what could be safely called a severe windshift and rocked the beached boats with full sails. Skippers and crews burst out of the tent and jumped on boats, averting what could have been a major tangle. The tumult subsided and they returned to the tent when minutes later, a much stiffer puff caught several boats and attempted

to turn them over. Another scramble to rescue raring boats precipitated the lowering of the sails until further notice.

The wait for a race lingered with the humid, cloudy air as people wandered the quagmire. Rains emptied until there was no more. The sun came and went, teasing the wind into submission. The wait culminated in an early call on Sunday just before 1400. That left plenty of time for one and all to gather their gear and primp for the party that night. Trapp's bar, the thatch-roofed party central with the deep-sand covered floor enjoyed an early rush for drinks. Talk was thick with "what ifs" and "let's hope".

It was expected that at least 30 qualifiers would be selected to race in the finals. Suspense for the results had been building but with no races on the second day, most competitors knew their place finish. What they didn't know was how many more than 30 places would be available.

Bula Night was in full swing by 7 PM with rhythm, drinks, appetizers and animated competitors crowding the tent. The huge crowd of competitors and soon to be non-competitors for the upcoming week of finals rocked the humid night. It was Lori Mohney's job to announce the final participants. Anticipation mounted after number 30 was call and escalated with each one after that, finally getting the last and final spot – number 49 went to Joanne McNamara and Renee Winchester from Australia. Let the semi-finals begin.

How fast time goes, we were into week two. By now some of the non-competitors went their separate ways. Some slipped off to private islands to relax and share tropical beauty with happy natives. Other groups took day trips to do white water rafting and sip kava with village chiefs while others opted to snorkel the pristine turquoise waters in search of colorful coral and tropical fish. Shopping the streets for sulas, cannibal forks and



carved tiki heads inlaid with Mother of Pearl provided mementos of a trip to be remembered. For many, sipping sweet coconut milk with the background singing of happy Fijians was the pinnacle of an island vacation and a welcome respite from the rigors of competing.

Back at Hobie Village, the final week was just shaping up. After boat allocations were revealed, the first competitors feverishly rigged and tested the boats to their standards. Others wandered the soggy grounds in search of commemorative clothing from Wai Tui's village store or searched the resident bure, where the little ladies wove baskets and made bark cloth while chit-chatting and snacking. Marseu Rafai was weaving voi voi (pandanus leaves) and talking about the Hobies on the beach. A sixty-something grandmother, she told me she had never been on a Hobie but would really like to give it a try. She also explained that the weather was not normally rainy this time of year and laughed as she stayed dry in her little bure.

For the first day of the semi-finals, Old Man Weather co-operated as best he could. The rain went into seclusion but the long-awaited breezes were lazy. Race one was delayed until afternoon. When the twitter of wind backed down, boats were finished at the mark. Cheers, bongo music and dancing emanated from the lively Caribbean tent. Pedro "the Doctor" Colon and his American crew, Sharmane Fontenot won the race. Although each one of them is backed by plenty of Hobie racing, the two of them raced together only once before the Worlds. The joy and enthusiasm coming from the Pirates of the Caribbean tent was

entertaining and contagious. Win or lose, it created a festive occasion for everybody. Flowing rum helps, too.

Still sloshing through puddles by day two of the semi-finals, everyone was thankful for one more day of no wet stuff pouring down. Decent

winds made several races possible – four in all. A consistent spectator, Mrs. Worrell was heard cheering that day. Her son, Aaron, made his first rounding at the weather mark in second place. He kept his position by finishing in second place. She was elated. Her husband had sailed Hobies years ago and now her son was keeping with tradition. Munching on a sandwich she explained that her son asked if she wanted to attend the competition, knowing she would have to make the trip from Melbourne, Australia. Her strong "Yes" answer was validated by her staunch support and constant presence.

A different take on the events was expressed well by eleven-year-old Will Nelson from the Seattle area. Dad, Peter, won a spot in the open by making the pre-qualifying cut. Hanging out with his mom, Ruth, Will mingled with a child's curiosity and loitered under the sweltering big top. Knowing he was accompanying his parents on a chartered boat to Tonga at the end of the competition, one might wonder if he was anxious for the races to be over. When asked, his reply was accompanied by a forearm wipe to his wet forehead. "I can't wait for it to COOL OFF!"

The family orientation was blatantly apparent at the 18th Worlds. A big focus of Hobie racing these days is passing the passion to the youth. In a family like the Waterhouse's, dad Rod and his wife Kerry sailed the finals while daughter Bridget competed with boyfriend Jeremy in the Youth. Son Jason sailed the youth with Michael McCormick and won the event. Ages of sailors in the Fiji Worlds ranged from 10 to 72 years. A generation gap doesn't seem to exist in this sport.

A huge advocate for getting youth involved has been Fiji's Grahame Southwick. Initially, he asked two of his employees who sail Hobies to let him know if there were any youth interested in learning the sport. By the next day, Grahame had 30 kids lined up who were interested but never had the chance to sail. In light of this, Grahame set up a donation program for the youth program. Several sailors pitched in gloves,



MATT MILLER



recent protégé, 13-year-old Keveni Natadra, was doing very well in the finals and finished well in the Youth competition.

“Bollywood” was the night everyone was waiting for – the “cut party”. More tension and excitement filled the moist air as the drinks, food and entertain-



ment beckoned competitors to the funfest – a celebration for some, a disappointment for others. Jewel-adorned Indian dancers shimmied in sexy outfits on stage while the hungry crowd feasted on curried



trap suits, life vests and tools for the cause. The spirit flourishes as Grahame endeavors to step up the learning with the Fijian kids while helping them to maintain their patience and skill-learning. His

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food. Music captured some attention until Lori Mohney took the stage. The question of which 56 teams would sail the final two days was the imperial issue. In the spirit of fun and with respect to crews, Lori broke with tradition and made the cut announcements by calling the crew names first instead of the skipper's. The tension was squelched by cheers and jeers from the animated crowd. The list was read and the successful teams cheered for their shot at two more

days on the water.

Before the night could be complete, all competitors were welcomed to the Puerto Rican Rumfest where the challenge was to consume bottles of the potent liquid until it was gone. Judging by the quiet crowd the next morning, mission was accomplished.

The final two days of racing netted only 3 races, the last on Thursday shortened at the windward mark. After enduring heavy rain between races, competitors bobbed on their boats as the rain, once again, pacified the wind. Some boats needed assistance to get to the beach when they failed to catch any trickle of wind. While dropping sails, the wind clocked and fired up – but it was too late to be of any help. Soggy, weary bodies trudged through the hotel lobby that night, carrying water-logged gear. With the intermittent rains and constant humidity, everything became and stayed – soggy.

Winding up to the last day, the *Sun Vs. Clouds and Rain* battle persisted. Frequently winning, the showers that quelled the winds for nearly two weeks were at it again. The waiting game prevailed but eventually gave way to a race. Hopes for a second were dashed when the wind shifted and died. Lightning and thunder performed under moody skies and the boats were sent to shore. By 4PM it was determined that the wind was heavily sedated and not coming back. It was over. We welcome the new Hobie 16 World Champions – Mick Butler and Susan Etherington from Australia.

By the time the first guests arrived at the final party Friday night, the tent was barely recognizable. A shipwrecked Hobie stood amid a tropical resort with a stream, palm trees and bridges. There was the promise of a loud and fun evening, thanks to the bands and free-spirited celebrants. In his speech to the crowd that night, Ian Lyons, TFL Connect representative and sponsor for the party, promised not to make a big speech and noted that his credit card was behind the bar so “drink up and enjoy the night on Connect”!

As we close the book on the 18th Hobie 16 Worlds, we thank all the sponsors and hard-working people who made this event such a smashing success. We look forward to another year of competing in one of the most exciting sports in the world – Hobie Catting. Old friends and new will practice and match skills on waters all over the world in preparation for the 19th Hobie Worlds 2009 in San Juan (rumfest, anyone?). What champions will the next chapter bring?

Hobie 17 - Hobie 18 - Hobie Tiger

2008 Hobie Cat North American Championships

Harrison, British Columbia

August 25 - 29, 2008



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America, Vancouver Fleet 214, Kelowna Fleet 263 and Hobie Class Association Division 4.

Schedule

The dates for the event are August 25-29, 2008. The daily event schedule will be announced on the event website: www.2008hobienac.com The Division 4 Championships Regatta will be held prior to the event on August 23/24 at the same location. All competitors are invited to attend.

Rules

The event will be governed by the ISAF RRS, the IHCA Class Rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (Alternative Penalties) will be changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

Eligibility

The ISAF Competitors' Eligibility Code applies (ISAF Regulation 19). All crew members must be paid members of the HCA-NA (or other National Hobie Class Association) and their MNA (US SAILING, CYA, Federacion Mexicana de Vela, etc.).

Registration

Hobie 17:
\$250 USD before June 30, 2008
\$275 USD July 1- July 31, 2008
\$300 USD after Aug 1, 2008

Hobie 18, Tiger
\$350 USD before June 30, 2008
\$375 USD July 1- July 31, 2008
\$400 USD after Aug 1, 2008

Registration form and addresses will be available on the website. Competitors need not pre-register for the preceding regatta.

Equipment

All boats must conform to H-17/18/Tiger Class measurement rules. All boats will be weighed prior to the commencement of racing. Charter Boats may be available. See website for information.

Competitor's Insurance

Each Competitor must show proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) with valid coverage for organized racing in Canada. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be available for review at registration.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the top fifteen finishers in each class at a minimum.

Accommodations

Bungalow Motor Court (regatta HQ) 604-796-3536 (Limited Camping available at the Bungalow)
Harrison Village Motel: 1-800-488-3121
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Air transportation

Harrison Hot Springs is located approximately 2.5 hrs east of Vancouver, BC. Air Transportation is available through Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and through Abbotsford International (YXX) (approx 1 hr from regatta site.) Pickup may be arranged.

Please visit www.2008HobieNAC.com for more information.

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The Island Hop

New England Style Distance Sailing

 ne of Fleet
448's most
popular and

long-standing fun sails has been our annual Island Hop to Cuttyhunk, Martha's Vineyard, and the Elizabeth Islands. It's a day sail, leaving from Gooseberry Neck Beach in Westport, MA. Wind permitting, we try to leave the beach by 10 AM, and head over to Cuttyhunk for the first leg, as it is just over 6 miles away. We stop at a beach to gather our group together and see where we want to "hop" to next. This event usually brings out many less experienced sailors or new

Fleet members. Since so many of us are often sailing with new crew or friends, it's important to make sure that all the sailors are comfortable with the conditions and capable of making the next leg of the trip before we head off through the channel.

Sometimes it's too windy, sometimes not windy

enough. Sometimes it's choppy or there are swells. Sometimes the winds are dying during the course of

the day, sometimes increasing. Other weather factors, such as rain, fog, or thunderstorms may play a role in the decision where to go next. You never know what it might be like as the day unfolds, so we never know where, or how far, we might get.

Some will reach Cuttyhunk and decide to head back to the beach where they can sail effortlessly in the lee of the land for the afternoon. The rest of us will pick our second island hop stop and head off through the narrow

channel. Favorite spots might be Menemsha, on Martha's Vineyard, or Tarpaulin Cove—several islands further up the Elizabeth Island chain. On the return, a short stop at Quick's Hole gives us another opportunity to make sure everyone is within sight and comfortable with the conditions before we continue back to the beach.

Island Hop 2007 was one of our most unusual events. On Saturday August 18th, the winds were 20–25 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Fleece was the beachwear of the day. To make matters worse, the winds were out of the north—not a good direction—and the seas were even nastier further off shore. The decision was made shortly after arrival to cancel the



BARBARA POWERS

On the beach at Cuttyhunk

event for the day. Our turnout was great—18 to 20 boats—45 or more people. If the wind had cooperated, it would have been one of our best Island Hops in several years.

Big Bragging Rights!! Only one Hobie 16, Tom Therrien's, dared test the conditions off Gooseberry Beach. It was clearly a 3-man day on the boat. No problem putting 3 not-so-small guys on the boat—other than the fact that they can't get out of each other's way very quickly. Tom and 7 or 8 others spent the day swapping rides on two-mile screaming reaches along the beach—about the only thing a north wind is good for—keeping the chop away if you stay near the beach.

About half of the participants there said that they would be able to return the next day, so the Island Hop was rescheduled to Sunday.

Island Hop I 1/2

Big Difference. Sunday's weather brought no wind to speak of, but left 14 anxious catamarans raring to go to the Elizabeth Islands. However, the wind arrived late, coming up around 1PM. Another decision was made to cancel, due to the logistics of getting out to the islands and back by 3:30–4:00 in time to pack up, have a cookout, and with enough time to leave for

home at a reasonable hour on a Sunday afternoon. Three boats did head off to Cuttyhunk. By this time most everyone had been playing on the beach for hours with a variety of beach toys, or paddling around in kayaks, and were not inclined to start rigging their boats for a sail in the light winds. This was the first time in 16 years that we had not made it to any of the islands. However, that disappointment was short-lived. We decided that the September 22nd Fleet 448 Fall Fun Day would just have to become Island Hop II.

Island Hop II

Island Hop II was held with 13 boats on a beautiful fall day with temps reaching 80 degrees. This is a rare thing in New England that late in the season. A quick meeting was held, and we shoved off the beach at 10:30 for our first stop at Cuttyhunk Island. Just as the first three 16's left the beach, the sky turned dark grey and a thick fogbank rolled in. A decision was made to head to Barney's Joy, along the coast about a mile away, and wait for the fog to lift.

Finally, the fog lifted and there appeared CUTTYHUNK! We left Barney's after agreeing to keep each other in sight and turn back if the fog returned. It was a fast, 7-mile reach over to the island, and everybody made it there by shortly after noon—just as the sun reappeared. We walked on the beach, had some sandwiches, snacks & drinks and tried to decide what we wanted to do next. Because of the threat of more haze and fog, and that it starts to get dark earlier by the end of September, we played it cautious and headed back to Gooseberry.

The good news—the ride back was terrific! A nice 10-15 knot breeze filled in from the southwest. According to the GPS, John averaged 18-19 knots, flying the spinnaker all the way. Everyone was back quickly and safely, and even the less experienced sailors had a great ride home. The usual cookout of hamburgers, chicken, chorizo, linguica, (locally-made, spicy Portuguese sausage—to those of you not from the Providence-New Bedford area) and fresh corn on the cob was prepared while we all broke down our boats. Glad to see so many Fleet members and friends come out for one or all of the 2007 Island Hop series. Next year will be our 17th anniversary of the Island Hop. All are welcome. See you there!



Three brave souls head out in the chilly breeze

Personal Profile

An Interview with Mick Butler, 2007 Hobie 16 World Champion

by Mike Madge

HOTLINE: First let's start by saying congratulations to you and your crew Susan Etherington on a fantastic regatta. Maybe you can give us some of your thoughts on how it feels to be World Champ now that you have had some time to reflect on it.

BUTLER: Bloody awesome! I still pinch myself occasionally to make sure its real. Twenty-four years in Hobies and eleven Worlds - I know how hard these things are to come by. It is still hard to believe our names are to go up there with all the greats of the past and future.

part of your strategy to cover your nearest competitors?

BUTLER: We never considered it a big lead. When people all around us, people we really respect, are picking up 30's and 40's, a six point lead seemed insignificant. We knew what was required. As soon as the dust settled after the start in the last race, we found to our delight that besides having a reasonable position for ourselves, we were in better shape and in contact with the Noumeans. From there we just covered the whole race. The fact that we got 4th in that race is due to them taking us to all the right places.

HOTLINE: You have been close before at previous worlds was there anything that you did differently to put you on top this time?

BUTLER: I put more effort in for these Worlds than any before - mostly because I believed I owed it to Sue. She moved to Indonesia fourteen months ago and made a commitment then to keep our team going through to Fiji. Sue traveled to Australia for training and regattas right through to the worlds

HOTLINE: Going in to the last day you had a pretty sizable lead. Was

HOTLINE: The wind at these Worlds seemed pretty light and shifty. With Australians being renowned for their big wind skills, how did you manage to stay so consistent and avoid the big scores some of the favorites endured?

BUTLER: We managed to get eight descent starts - not always at the right end of the line and we got rolled a few times - but never in the first three or four minutes which meant we sailed most of our first beats in clean air and on our terms. Consequently, we never got to the top mark in deep poo and were able to play the percentages in the second half of the races.

HOTLINE: Did you do any specific training?

BUTLER: Sue's the one in great shape. My pictures were air brushed to protect the innocent. I do cycle to work. It's only 15 minutes each way, but I try to have a half hour run with the dog before this. I believe that nothing can beat time on the water and I tried to sail every weekend right through our winter because the Worlds were less than a month into our regular season. We also sailed together for 8 days out of the last fortnight before we flew to Fiji.



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HOTLINE: You and Susan have been a team for a number of years. What qualities does she bring as a crew to be successful?

BUTLER: Desire. The drive to be the best she could be and I guess that inspired me. The most important thing is that we became good mates and we enjoyed sailing together. We were a team and no one got blamed for errors and we always had a drink together at the end of the day whether it was to drown our sorrows or celebrate.

HOTLINE: What crew weight do you sail at?

BUTLER: 134 kg (295.4 lb)

HOTLINE: Now that you have won do you think your goals with respect to Hobie sailing will change and will you be at the next worlds to defend?

BUTLER: As you will have guessed from the above, Sue is going to retire as World Champion. It was a huge commitment to go for Fiji and one that proved to be very, very worthwhile, but it is impractical to continue. I will carry on, it really is “my way of life” and besides, who is going to miss the chance to party with the ‘Ricans in their home town?

HOTLINE: Did you find most of the top teams were tuning the boat similar?

BUTLER: Nearly everyone was in middle hole on the shroud adjuster and most were taking the jib clew quite low, we were amongst the lowest. It was pretty common given the light conditions for rigs to be pulled quite tight although I believe it can be overdone in the less than trapping conditions.

HOTLINE: What did you do in order to get good starts?

BUTLER: I think patience was the key and avoiding packed areas of the start line

HOTLINE: I noticed in a few pictures that you seemed to be standing further back on the boat than some other crews. What advantages did you gain by this?

BUTLER: I think most of the pictures of us trapeezing were reaching back to the beach. Going to wind-

ward I will start trapeezing just behind the shroud, stepping back to let Sue out and ending up back on the corner casting once we are fully arced up.

HOTLINE: Aaron Worrall was over in North America last summer. Have you entertained any thoughts of coming?

BUTLER: I came to Santa Cruz back in 96 and between starting a family and work things have conspired to stop me from making a repeat offence. Paul and Mary Anne Hess [who made it all happen back in 96] have tried hard to get me over again. This year I was head down, arse up getting the boats finished for Fiji, so I guess it was a sacrifice I won't regret even though it looked like one hell of a regatta.

HOTLINE: Thanks, Mick for taking the time out to do this. Maybe we'll see you in the heartland of America at the 16 North Americans this year.



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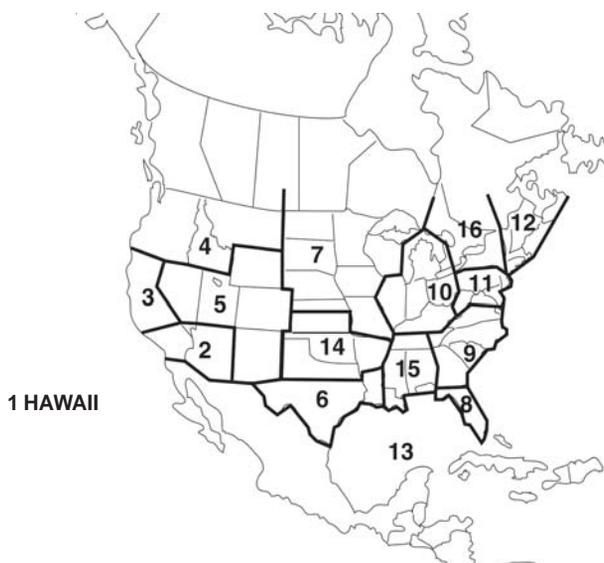
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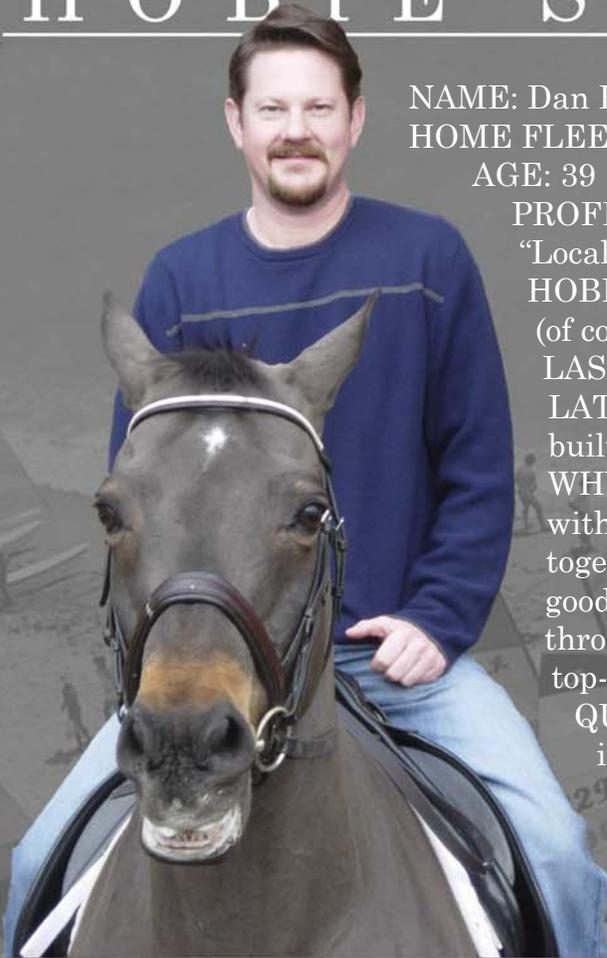
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HOBIE'S PROFILES:



NAME: Dan Berger, A.K.A. "The Cat Reaper"
HOME FLEET: Virginia Beach Hobie Fleet 32
AGE: 39

PROFESSION: I am an IT guy by day and self-proclaimed "Local Parts Guy" by night.

HOBBIES: Mountain biking, unicycling, juggling, sailing (of course), home remodeling, classic Mustang restoration

LAST BOOK READ: Atlas Shrugged, by Ayn Rand

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Bought a "Cottage house" built in 1925. Just starting the remodel.

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: I love sailing and anything to do with it. There is nothing like putting an old Hobie together from parts then sailing it. I feel that it isn't a good day of sailing unless you have a spectacular, fly-through-the-air-like-Tarzan, watch-the-boat-come-over-on-top-of-you, make-spectators-grimace pitchpole.

QUOTE: "It is always easier to ask for forgiveness, than it is to ask for permission."

HIS BOAT: Owned and sailed many boats over the years including an A cat, Supercat 20 tall rig, Prindle 19/18-2/18 classic, Hobie 16/17, Hobie F14 (14 with Hooter!!) BUT I'll always go back to my favorite, the Hobie 14.

NAME: Bobby Ray Edmonds
HOME FLEET: Hobie 241, Little Rock, Arkansas, Grand Maumelle Sailing Club.
AGE: 39

PROFESSION: Owner of Arriba Performance Products, making "Hobie Hot Sticks"

HOBBIES: Sailing, paintball, martial arts, boxing, working out with friends. Shopping with my wife. (I have to play nice since I bought Arriba.)

LAST BOOK READ: Kingdom Principles, by Myles Munroe. Mr. Brown Can Moo Can You?, by Dr. Seuss

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Surviving a family vacation at Disney World with 125,000 screaming kids.

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO: I learned many life lessons from my grandfather. He takes life head-on, never missing a chance to experience life out of caution or fear. When I set a goal, I work at it until I accomplish it, regardless the cost.

QUOTE: Arriba's tagline: "We can demand nothing from the sea, so we must demand everything from our equipment."

PROFILE: Competitive yacht racer since '96, H16 Division 14 Champ '03-'04, GMSC Overall centerboard Champ 2005, Ultimate 20 National championships 2nd place, US SAILING Championship of Champions 2006 ...results withheld.

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