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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
minimum.

Accommodations

Host Motel:

Lewis and Clark Resort, located at the regatta site.

www.lewisandclarkpark.com/resort.html

Ask for special Hobie Regatta rates.

Camping ON SITE, less than 50 yards from boats and
beach

Air transportation

Yankton is located approximately 1.5 hrs south-west
of Sioux Falls, SD and 2.75 hrs north of Omaha, NE. Air
Transportation is available through Sioux Falls Joe
Foss Field (FSD) and through Omaha International
(OMA).

Event Chair: Dave Rice

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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

The US Youth Multihull Championships



There is a new-old idea that is presently being floated around amongst the movers and shakers in youth catamaran sailing. The idea is simple enough: turn the US Youth Multihull Championship—a.k.a. the Stephens Trophy—into a "ladder" event. This event is part of a network of US SAILING Junior Championships that include the Sears (triple-handed), Bemis (double-handed) and Smyth (single-handed) Championships.

Sailors presently qualify for the US Youth Multihull Championship by resume. The Sears, Bemis and Smyth Championships are ladder events. To qualify for these championships, junior sailors must win a series of events (the "ladder") at the local and area level. Yacht clubs routinely assist their sailors in getting to and training for these important ladder events.

So how do we do it? The Sears Cup presents a good model for multihull sailing to follow. The Sears Cup has traditionally been held in keelboats like J/22's and Ynglings as well as three-person dinghies like Lightnings and Thistles. These classes don't have any more youth sailors than catamarans do. Youth sailors typically don't own these boats, but every summer there is a huge turnout for Sears Cup eliminations all over the country. The kids come from many different one-design classes and the regattas are held in borrowed boats, particularly on the local event level. That's a lot to ask from local class members but it pays dividends in the long run. These kids get a taste of what some other boats are like. When they graduate from youth sailing they will be more likely to think about joining the Lightning class or the J/22 class based, in part, on a positive experience in the Sears Cup.

Clearly, youth multihull sailing isn't going to build an infrastructure like the Sears cup overnight. What we can do is to start with Area Championships. There are only ten US SAILING Areas. With a partnership between US SAILING and the Hobie Class Association, we can make this a reality. Only the Hobie Class has the boats on the ground to make this work and it sounds like Division 4 is ready to make it happen. The net result would be more junior regattas across the country in a format that attracts kids from other, non-catamaran, backgrounds. Would you lend your Hobie Cat to a young 420 sailor to help make this happen?

Many people have already made this recommendation to John Lovell and Jamie Livingston, the Chair and Vice Chair of the US Youth Mutihull Championship Committee. The topic will be discussed at the next US Sailing Meeting. I for one hope this become a reality.

See you on the water,
Bob Merrick
HCA Chair

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2008 regattaschedule

World Championships

F-18 Worlds (f18worlds2008.com) July 5–11 Nigrán, Pontevedra, ESP

North American Championships www.hca-na.org

Hobie 20 June 3–7 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 East March 28–30 Panama City, FL www.hca-na.org
 MidAmericas July 4–6 Lewisville Lk., TX www.dcy.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/
 F-18 North Americans Oct 13–17 Pensacola Bch, FL keysailing.com

HCA 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
CYC	March 29–30	CYC Spring Regatta San Diego, CA	Bill Myter	Billmyter@hotmail.com
51	April 5–6	Wild Windy West Lake Mojave, NV	Clay Ostrom	Commodoreclay@hobiefleet51.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
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
4	Oct 4–5	40th Anniversary Regatta Doheny Beach, CA	George Burchfiel	951•544•7099 george@rainsurance.com
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

Division 3—Northern CA

www.div3.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
240	April 19–20	Kick-Off Santa Cruz, CA	Johnny O'Leary	sail105088@sbcglobal.net
281	May 3–4	Bodega Spring Regatta Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	mike@teevax.com
Div 3	May 17–18	Wet & Wild Regatta Woodward Reservoir, CA	Jason Moore	559•906•5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
259	June 14–15	North / South Challenge Lake Cachuma, CA	Steve Boese	lakecat1620@yahoo.com
Div 3	June 28–29	Commodores Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Jason Moore	559•906•5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
240	July 12–13	Otter Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Steve Boese	lakecat1620@yahoo.com
17	July 19–20	Whitecaps Regatta Union Valley Res., CA	Brent Chartrand	916•337•5603 bcf2web@whiteknucklesailing.com
Div 3	Aug 2–3	Mile High Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Jason Moore	559•906•5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
Div 3	Aug 16–17	Round Treasure Island Regatta Alameda, CA	Jason Moore	559•906•5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
240	Aug 23–24	Moss Landing Challenge Santa Cruz / Moss Landing, CA	Johnny O'Leary	sail105088@sbcglobal.net
281	Sept 27–28	Shark Feed Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	mike@teevax.com
240	Oct 18–19	Turkey Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Johnny O'Leary	sail105088@sbcglobal.net

Division 4—Pacific Northwest

www.div4.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
95	April 4–5	Potholes Warm Up Potholes St. Park, Othello, WA	Mike Hensel Don Atchley	mikehensel220@msn.com don_atchley@verizon.net
95	May 10	Youth Clinic / Hobie 101 Sail Sand Point, Seattle, WA	Jerry Valeske	425•432•7749 gvaleske@verizon.net
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
95	July 26–27	Summer Celebration Regatta YOUTH POINTS Sail Sand Point, Seattle, 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 penelison@comcast.net
BYC	Sept 20–21	Alter Cup Area L Qualifier Bellingham YC, Bellingham, WA	Mike Hensel	mikehensel220@msn.com
	Sept 27–28	Oktoberfest Regatta YOUTH POINTS Sail Sand Point, Seattle, WA	Jerry Valeske	425•432•7749 gvaleske@verizon.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@friel.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	Jarrod Marx	Marx5461@msn.com
61	Aug 30-31	Mac Attack Lake McConaughy, NE	Fleet 61	www.HobieFleet61.org

Division 6—South Texas, Louisiana

www.div6.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
Div 6	Mar 15-16	Ides of March Regatta Lake Somerville, TX	Rodger Poe	rpoe9@hotmail.com
Div 6	April 19-20	Hill Country Regatta Lake Buchanan, TX	Chris Green	seagreen@texascitydike.com
Div 6	May 17-18	Longneck Regatta Lake Canyon, TX	Chris Green	seagreen@texascitydike.com
Div 6	July 12-13	Sand Dunes Regatta Port Aransas, TX	Chris Green	seagreen@texascitydike.com
Div 6	July 26-27	Wayward Winds Regatta Texas City Dike, Galveston, TX	Chris Green	seagreen@texascitydike.com
Div 6	Sept 27-28	Spindletop Regatta Port Arthur, TX	Chris Green	seagreen@texascitydike.com

Division 7—Prairie States

www.hobiecatdivision7.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
297	April 26-27	Frayed Knot Clinton Lake, KS	John Eaton	913-915-4907 saillflatlands@gmail.com
10	May 24-25	H-20 NAC Warm-Ups Clear Lake, IA	Todd Wilson	641-691-0203 toddshollingsworthmfg.com
291	June 5-8	Hobie 20 North Americans Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402-558-6568 david.rice@bankofthewest.com
444	June 21-22	Muddy Waters Regatta Lake City, MN	Karl Brogger	507-301-9019 sognocab@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@mchsl.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 8—South Florida

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

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
	Nov 28-30	Wave Youth Nationals Key Largo, FL	Rick White	305-451-3287 rick@catsailor.com
	Dec 4-7	Wave Women's Nationals Key Largo, FL	Rick White	305-451-3287 rick@catsailor.com

Division 9—Southern Atlantic

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

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
	Mar 21-23	Spring Fever Lake Hartwell, GA	Mr. Ernie Nigel Pitt	Mr.Ernie@Hartcom.net
	April 5-6	Pee Dee Classic Hartsville, SC		
CSC	April 19-20	Tommy Whiteside Memorial Columbia, SC	David Mosley	dmosley@sc.rr.com
32	May 17-19	Sail the Bay Virginia Beach, VA	Dan Berger	vice_commodore@hobiefleet32.org
100	Aug 23-24	Camp Hatteras Regatta Rodanthe, NC	Kyle Harrison	919-304-6167 kyle@hobie100.org

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
519	June 28-29	Sail 'n Soak Regatta Austin Lake, MI	Dave Steimsma	269-323-2822 dstiemsma@yahoo.com
PCYC	July 12-13	Stray Cat Regatta Port Clinton, OH	Port Clinton YC Kathy Clark	216-403-5103

Division 11—Mid-Atlantic

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
54	May 3-4	Gunpowder Regatta Gunpowder, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 dfp135@msn.com
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 kkulkoski@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 Myer	215-646-4193 hobnut@aol.com
443	Aug 16-17	Wildwood Classic Cup Wildwood, NJ	Rob Wagner	609-923-1355 Rob.Wagner@verizon.net
SHBCC	Sept 20-21	Area C Alter Cup Qualifier Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4313 kkulkoski@aol.com
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

Division 12—New England

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HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
GPSC	May 17-19	Joe Manganello Memorial Madison, CT	Peter Giuliano	860-930-6310 peter.giuliano@uconn.edu

Criteria for Schedule Inclusion

- HCA Sanctioned Events
- Alter Cup Qualifiers
- Youth Catamaran Events of any kind
- Women's Catamaran Events of any kind
- Major F-18 Championships
- Major regattas that run Hobie One-Design starts (using IHCA Rules), but may have other brands of catamarans in attendance. No strictly "open" events (classes determined by Portsmouth numbers).

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Division 13—Mexico/Caribbean/Central America

Contact: Alfredo Figueroa—vientoyvela@gmail.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
133	Mar 14-16	Heineken International Regatta Culebra Island, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
236	Mar 16-17	Primera Regata Eliminatória Juegos Panamericanos Cancun, MEX	German Saavedra	52-998-887-1636 germansaavedra23@hotmail.com
138	Mar 15-16	Copa Mastil - Laso Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecun.net.gt
236	Mar 21-23	Copa Sauter Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	Mar 28-29	BVI Spring Regatta Tortola, BVI	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
236	Apr 5-6	Copa Palacio Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
904	Apr 5-6	Segunda Regata Eliminatória Juegos Panamericanos Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamak.com.mx
138	April 12-13	Copa Maegli Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecun.net.gt
236	April 19-20	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@tecun.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
904	Aug 2-103	Copa Multisur Progreso, MEX	Gerardo Díaz Andrea Mier y Teran	52-969-935-1680 gdiaz@grunape.com.mx
133	Aug 17	Series VII PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
236	Sept 13-14	Regatas de Independencia Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	Sept 28	Series VIII PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
904	Oct 4-5	Regata Fiestas Patrias Cancún, MEX	German Saavedra	52-998-887-1636 germansaavedra23@hotmail.com
236	Oct 13-14	Copa Marinazul Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Nov 1-2	Regata Oktoberfest Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Nov 15-16	Copa Revolución Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	Nov 15-16	Series IX PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
236	Nov 22-23	Regata Vuelta al Lago Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	Dec 6-7	Final PRHCA Series (X-mas Ball Regatta) Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	vientoyvela@gmail.com
904	Dec 13-14	Regata de Invierno Progreso, MEX	Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-968-3683 andrea@yucatanatoday.com

Division 14—N. TX, OK, AR, S. KS

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HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
251	April 19-20	Okie Champs Lake Lawtonka, Lawton, OK	Bill & Peggy Coe	580-529-2224 coe4302@aol.com
297	April 26-27	Frayed Knot Clinton Lake, Lawrence, KS	John Eaton	913-915-4907 saillflatlands@gmail.com
251	May 3-4	Daggerless (14 / 16 Divisionals) Lake Hefner, Oklahoma City, OK	Phil Collins	405-373-1856 collinsbobie20@aim.com
27	May 17-18	Prairie Regatta Lake Cheney, Cheney, KS	Tim Peppard	316-838-8214 tim.m.peppard@emcins.com
241	May 24-25	Sand Snakes Lake Maumelle, Little Rock, AR	Matt Ragland	501-803-4304 ragland_m@sbcglobal.net
23	July 5-6	Mid America's Area Champs DCYC, Lake Lewisville, Lewisville, TX	Bob Johnson	972-569-7114 rgjohnson@seanet.com
27	Aug 23-24	Cat Chase Regatta Lake Cheney, Cheney, KS	Tim Peppard	316-838-8214 tim.m.peppard@emcins.com
241	Aug 30-31	Arkansas State Champs Lake Maumelle, Little Rock, AR	Matt Ragland	501-803-4304 ragland_m@sbcglobal.net
23	Sept 20-21	Daggerboard Divisionsals Lake Tawakoni, Tawakoni TX	Bob & Sue Mimitlitch	903-447-4111 sue_and_bob@verizon.net
25	Sept 27-28	Tulsa Cat Fight Keystone Lake, OK	Donna McIntosh	918-260-1062 DLmcintosh@directv.com
23	Oct 4-5	SheGatta (WHCA) Lake Ray Roberts, TX	Sheila Holmes	972-979-5465 sheilaholmes@ntin.net

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

Contact Brad Stephens - brad@sunjammers.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
120	March 28-30	MidWinters 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	Steph O'Connor	585-654-8493 tiger999@rochester.rr.com
238	Aug 16-17	The Great Sacandaga Regatta Albany, NY	Mike Hands	handsondeck@msn.com

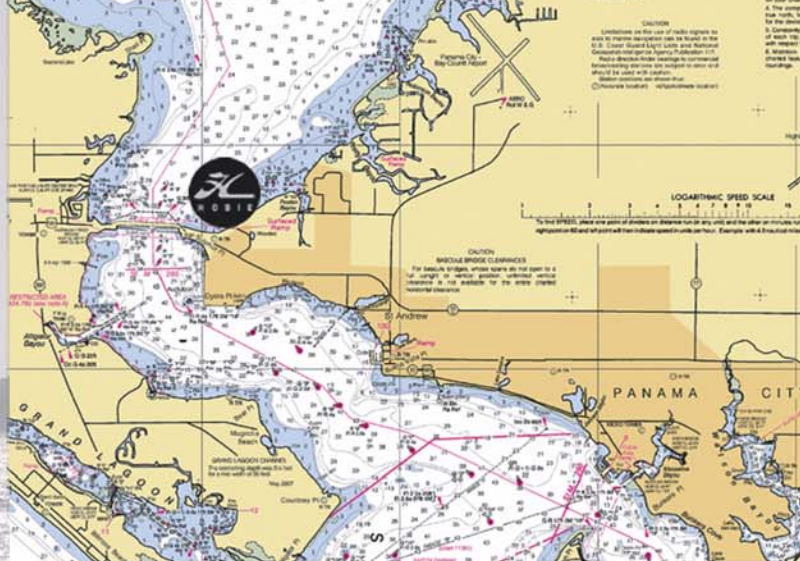


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NOTICE OF RACE 2008 HOBIE MidWINTERS EAST

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MARCH 28-30, 2008
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REVISED 1/30/08

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

The Hobie Class Association of North America in affiliation with Panama City Hobie Fleet 120

VENUE:

Carl Gray Park
North Side of Rt. 98 Bridge
Panama City, FL
Sailing will be in the West Bay

RULES:

The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* with US SAILING prescriptions 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. Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY / ELIGIBILITY:

The regatta is open to all Hobie One-Design Classes. Each skipper must be a member of the HCA. **Proof of current liability insurance is required.**

CLASSES:

Classes will be determined after all registrations have been received.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

(All events are CENTRAL STANDARD TIME)

Friday, March 28, 2008

3:00-7:00 PM Registration

Social Event Included in registration fee

Saturday, March 29, 2008

7:00-9:30 AM Registration

10:00 AM Competitors' Meeting

11:00 AM 1st Race Warning Signal

Sunday, March 30, 2008

10:00 AM Warning Signal

Trophy presentation ASAP after last race on March 30.

Trophies guaranteed for pre-registered classes only.

ENTRY FEES:

Double-handed boat: \$60, Youth: \$30

Single-handed boat: \$45, Youth: \$20

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

March 14, 2008. Registrations received after this date will be subject to a late fee of \$20. Register using the attached form or on-line at www.hcamembers.com

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Sleep Inn, 5126 W Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401
(850) 763-7777. Self-contained RV's allowed on site.



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15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

1973



☞ The Hobie Cat Hot Line made a big format change in March 1973. It was larger, had many more pages and two colors (blue / black) were featured on several pages, including the cover. However, it was printed on newsprint paper, making it very fragile and the photo reproduction quality was poor. Nearly the entire issue was devoted to the 1st Hobie 14 World Championship, held at the Outrigger Canoe Club in Oahu, Hawaii'i.



☞ Shots from the '72 14 Worlds in Hawaii'i included Richard Loufek's uncomfortable downwind style and Mox Lippstreu (South Africa) surfing through the reef to the beach.

1972 Hobie 14 Worlds Trivia:

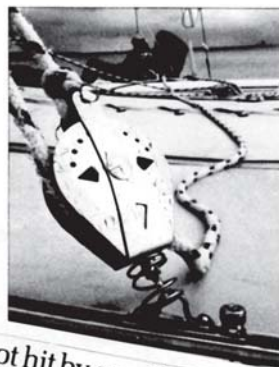
- First Hobie Worlds with boats supplied by Hobie Cat
- First event with boat rotations
- Pre-qualified skippers' accommodations provided by Hobie Cat
- A group plane flight for over 100 sailors was arranged from LA to Honolulu.
- A name from the last **HOTLINE** was 16th in the Qualifying Race – Gauden Reed.

1983

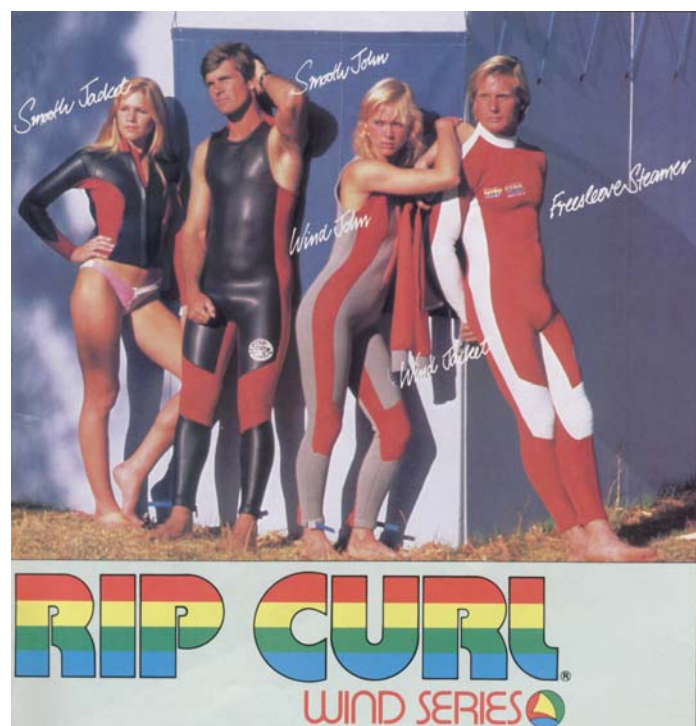


☞ Coincidentally, the Hobie HOTLINE changed formats again in March 1983. The old "Hot Line" logo was dropped in favor of the new one shown here. The layout and formatting were much more consistent and organized.

☞ One of the more technically innovative products of 1983 was the Ochsen "Self Holding" blocks. Very expensive, but still worth it to Hobie 18 sailors looking for a solution to balky jib sheet cleats.



"We got hit by a puff, the jib wouldn't release, & over we went."



☞ This ad just leaves us speechless. (Go to www.hobiecat.com/hobieclass and download the color version). From the poses, the pouty facial expressions to the rainbow lettering – this ad is a complete package.

1983

H-16 AUSSIE JIB HALYARD

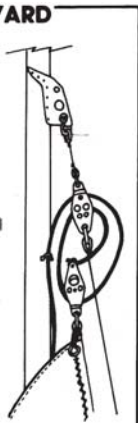
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H-16 Kevlar Jib Halyard

Assembly As above but includes 70' of strong, NO-stretch 3/16" Kevlar line. The jib-luff tension you set holds! #01-3001 \$55.00



Another technical innovation in 1983 came from Down Under and was made class legal in short order. Now standard equipment on all new Hobie 16's.

Early trapeze harnesses were so uncomfortable, it's hard to believe we ever used them. Spreader hooks, introduced in 1983, made life on the wire a little more tolerable, but those unpadded harnesses still hurt you in unmentionable places.

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Sailors had been adding aftermarket jibs to Hobie 14's for at least ten years. Finally, Hobie developed and promoted a class of two-sailed 14's. The Hobie 14 Turbo was born!

In advance of the publication of his first book, Rick White publishes his "Three W's Formula" for boat tuning / sailing in the **HOTLINE**

WHITE'S THREE W's FORMULA

A method of judging conditions and tuning your sails for them

by Rick White

The original Hog's Breath Saloon opened in 1976 in Ft. Walton Beach, FL - a name and place inexorably connected with Hobie Cats. Jerry Dorminy founded the original saloon (now down the street in Destin, FL) and later, the popular Key West location. In 1986, the first Hog's Breath 1000 distance race up the west coast of Florida was conducted.

In 1989, Australian Don Algie (the regatta chairman for the distance races) opened a Hog's Breath Cafe' in Airlie Beach, QLD. The result was a nasty trademark dispute with Dorminy settled in 1993. Algie retained the right to use the "Hog's Breath Cafe'" name.

There are now over 65 Hog's Breath Cafe's in Australasia and it's the fastest growing steak / dinner restaurant chain in the Far East.



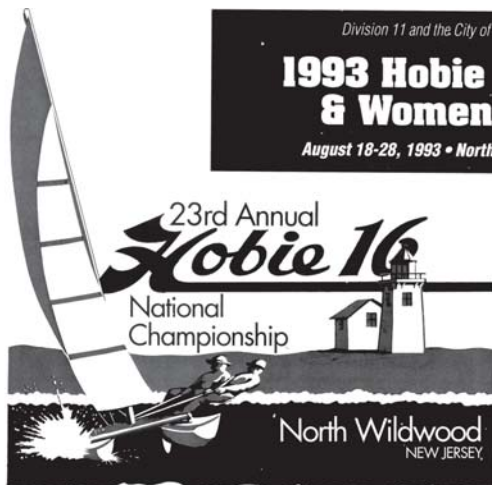
1993

The first ads for the 1993 Hobie 16 Nationals appear in the **HOTLINE**. Little did we know then what an epic event it would be. Many sailors today recall this as their first "real" Hobie Experience. Who can forget Fleet 204 commandeering the entire LeSabre hotel? The 2008 North Americans in Clear Lake, IA is already raising the bar - the host hotel is already completely booked up with Hobie sailors six months in advance!

Division 11 and the City of North Wildwood Present:

1993 Hobie 16 National & Women's Worlds

August 18-28, 1993 • North Wildwood, New Jersey



The technical innovation award of 1993 goes to Hobie Cat for their as yet unnamed "mast flotation device" for the Hobie 21SC. Later, it was adapted for use on all models of Hobie Cats as the "Hobie Bob".



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DUES ARE DUE!

It's time to renew your HCA Membership, and we've made it easier than ever - just go to:

www.hcanamembers.com and renew on-line. (See the "Spare Change" column on page 12 for more information about the on-line system.) You can pay with a credit card, PayPal or by check. **This will be the last *HOTLINE* you will receive if your membership is not renewed for 2008.**

The Photo from the Crane

The last issue's cover had a shot of Hobie 16s coming in after a day of racing at the 2007 Hobie 16 Worlds. The photo was taken from a crane that was stationed near the regatta site. At the time of publication, we didn't have the name of the photographer, so we used a general photo credit for the cover. **Matt Sheppard** was the "lucky" guy to go up in the crane and take the photo.

Another Hobie Sailor Born

HCA Women's Representative Danielle Burns and husband Bob got an early Christmas present last year. Aidan Joseph Burns was born (7 pounds, 8 ounces) on December 24 at 1:19 PM. Just coincidence that they are members of Buffalo, NY Hobie Fleet 119?

Updates to Division Contacts

Several Divisions have elected new officers in the past couple of months. Be sure to check the contact info on page 30 (new names are shaded), or on the web at www.hca-na.org.

US SAILING Multihull Youth Championships

Observations from Gordo Bagley:

During the Martin Luther King three-day holiday weekend, I worked on a mark boat at the US SAILING Youth Multihull Championships / ISAF Youth World Championship Qualifier. The event was run out of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach, CA. I spent time mingling with the volunteers, participants and their parents during the course of the event. There were ten catamaran teams who vied to be the single team to win a trip to the ISAF Youth Worlds in Denmark. The event was hotly contested between the top two teams, with the lead changing back and forth during the course of ten races in light to moderate air. There was an enthusiastic celebration at the end by the winners (Chris Segerblom and Andrew Mason), as Chris threw Andrew into the bay

and then had a hard time sailing around to pick him back up.

As you may know, the event was not sailed on Hobie Cats. SL-16s (provided by Performance Catamarans) were used which have been chosen by ISAF as an alternate to the Hobie 16 with spinnaker. Probably much to Performance's annoyance, the class was often referred to as Hobie 16s by the Race Committee over the VHF radio. "Hobie Cat" has become a generic term for "catamaran" with the general monohull sailing public. This illustrates the strength of the brand, but undermines the Hobie Class' objectives to distinguish ourselves from other one-design classes (both multi and mono).

After the races on Saturday, I overheard two of the competitors lamenting in the shower that the racing should have been on Hobie 16s. Another competitor commented to them that he was racing Lasers that day just because he



RICH ROBERTS

didn't care for the "other multihull design" they were using. The SL-16 has a modest following in Europe and there are less than 30 in the US – none of which are being raced except at an event like this.

Since early last year, I've spent some time at a few regattas with some of the youngsters that competed in this event. I spoke with them as well as their parents and siblings, who were also competing. These kids are the "cream of the crop" youth sailors in Southern California, with many trophies on their walls. Their dedicated, supportive parents have invested a great deal of time and resources in these youngsters sailing pursuits. I have been and continue to be impressed with all of them. The kids have the motivation to perform; the parents

merely facilitate the process.

These parents told me that their boys and two other friends of theirs want to race in the next Hobie Worlds. All four of these young men are talented skippers and/or crew on many classes of boats. I've since sent them a package outlining the guidelines for Hobie Youth Competitors and have offered my services to coach them along with others in our division. This is the way to bring new blood into our sport.

As the largest catamaran class association in the world, the Hobie Class has a duty to offer the most opportunities to youth wanting to race catamarans, and their parents who support them. A family can easily and cheaply obtain a used Hobie 16 for their child to learn and practice on. With grants

available to help defray costs, the vast infrastructure of divisions, fleets and HCA sanctioned events nationwide, the opportunities exist, but are not necessarily promoted.

It's incumbent upon all of us to leverage our brand name and break down the traditional barriers to youth sailing in catamarans. It takes "boots on the ground" to make this happen. What are you going to do this summer to get a youth sailor involved in Hobie Cats?



Chris Segerblom and Andrew Mason with the Arthus Stevens Trophy

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Welcome to the 21st Century!

The New Membership / Regatta Registration Web Site

It's been a busy year and winter season for this Treasurer. After I spent the early part of the year chasing the government to get our 501(c)7 "social club" tax status, I was crazy enough to think I could do something else. What started with an idea to streamline our membership and payment process grew into a full on project. As some of you know, last year at the AGM, I proposed that we build an on-line database that was fully interactive and instantaneous, complete with regatta registration and youth membership tracking. I wanted a system that would allow members to access their account to make changes, and regatta promoters to quickly access the member-

ship list. This would make registration a brainless and painless task, not to mention making the jobs of Treasurer and Membership Chair less time intensive. I'm sure many felt I was nuts to suggest this idea.

I wrote an RFP (Request For Proposal) and posted it on our website asking for anyone with programming experience to submit a bid. The bad news was we only had one person crazy enough to say they were interested. The good news was it was my sister, someone with over twenty years experience in programming and the patience to put up with the many changes we made as we worked through the design. First, I sent her past reports and tried to give her details

of what we were trying to achieve.

Visualize . . . she doesn't sail, had no idea

what we are nor our needs as an organization, and only had me to guide her. I had nightmares of what I might see when the first on-line version was

complete. I should have slept better because when she loaded the first beta up so that we could see it, I knew right away she had somehow managed to grasp what I had been hoping for. Then, with the help of Bob Merrick, John Mork, Mike Levesque, Chris Wessels, Rich McVeigh, Matt Bounds and several others I am sure I am leaving out, we worked through the rest of the data structure.

By the time you read this you may have had the opportunity to visit and sign up on our new system. I hope as you pay your yearly membership fees and pre-register for regattas, you remember when you filled out a form with something called a pen, wrote a check and sent it in with an envelope hoping it got to the membership chair and your account was updated before the regatta.

All sanctioned regattas are encouraged to use the system, so if you are the organizer or a competitor, mark the page as a favorite in your browser. If you have any questions about setting up a regatta or your account, e-mail me at steve@r-recruiter.com and I will do what I can to help you.

May your life be a reach and I hope to see you on the water.





2008 SOUTH CENTRAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION ★ NORTH AMERICA

DALLAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB ★ LEWISVILLE LAKE, TX

JULY 4-6, 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

★ Organizing Authority

Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA) Fleet 23 and Division 14.

★ Venue

Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club (DCYC), 1399 Yacht Club Rd, Oak Point, TX 75068. DCYC is located on Lewisville Lake. See *Directions* for additional details.

★ Rules

The event will be governed by the ISAF RRS, as prescribed by US Sailing, 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 & Insurance

The regatta is open to all Hobie One-design Classes. Each skipper must be a member of HCA-NA (or other National Hobie Class Association). See www.hca-na.org for membership info.

Proof of current liability insurance is required.

★ Schedule (Central Daylight Savings Time)

7/04 Friday	Campsite & RV Check Ins	12-4 pm
	Registration	4-6 pm
	BBQ, Party & Fireworks	6-?? pm
9/22 Saturday	Registration	8 – 10 am
	Skipper's Meeting	11 am
	First Warning Signal	12 noon
	Dinner / Party	~6:30 pm
9/23 Sunday	Skipper's Mtg (if needed)	9 am
	First Warning Signal	10 am

Award presentation ASAP after last race on Sunday

★ Registration Fees

Double Handed Boats \$ 70.00
Single Handed Boats \$ 55.00
Youth (skipper and crew <18) registration free!!
Weekend social packages: see www.hobiefleet23.com

★ Classes

Classes will be determined after all registrations have been received.

★ Sailing Instructions (SIs)

Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

★ Hotels / Motels

See Fleet 23 website for lists and maps to area lodging.

★ Camping / RVs - FREE

DCYC offers FREE tent camping and RV parking (self-contained – assume no electric and water hookups).

★ Directions



Location: Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club
(www.dcy.org)

From the North: DCYC is located ~4.8 miles due south of the intersection of State Route (SR) 380 and Naylor Road. Naylor Rd (dashed line on map) turns into Yacht Club Road approximately 2.4 miles south of SR 380. Proceed South on Yacht Club Rd. 2.4 additional miles to DCYC. DCYC is located at the very end of Yacht Club Rd.

From the South: Head west on FM 720 out of Little Elm. After crossing the long, narrow 2-lane bridge over an inlet on Lewisville Lake, go 2.4 miles from the West end of the bridge to McCormick Rd.. Turn left on McCormick and go ~0.9 mi to the stop sign at the 5-way intersection. Turn left onto Yacht Club Rd. and proceed 2.4 miles to



★ Contact Information

Further Details www.hobiefleet23.com / www.dcy.org
Event Chairperson: Bob Johnson rjohnson@seanet.com
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This Old Hobie

Major Fiberglass Repairs

By Rick Buchanan

“I’ve got a hole in my boat which needs fixing” ... takes on a new meaning when you’ve got a major hole in your boat.

What do you do now? Is it repairable? How do you fix it? There is a saying, “If it’s fiberglass, it can be fixed,” which to a certain extent is true. Professional repairs

can be expensive, but the good news is that most of the expense is labor. Fiberglass work is not rocket science – you can do the labor yourself and save thousands on a major repair.

The following example shows the damage and subsequent repairs to a Hobie 18 that was probably caused by a heavy

tree branch falling onto the boat while it was on a trailer. In fact, both hulls were damaged in the same area, right where the hulls rest on the trailer rollers.

Step 1 – Preparation

Set the boat up in a place where you have easy access to work on it. For this repair, we needed to flip the boat over and set it on saw horses. With a sander/grinder, take off the gel coat around the perimeter to expose underlying damage, which should look lighter in color than undamaged material. The pencil in photo **1** (opposite) points out the line between the good and the damaged material. Doing this will give you an idea of how large an area needs repair. The damage may be much more extensive than you think.

Step 2 – Remove Damaged Laminate and Feather Back

With a carbide saw blade on a scroll saw, cut out the damage. The gel coat needs to be ground away

from the surrounding area in preparation for the repair **2**. The amount of gel coat to be removed depends on the size, shape, and location of the repair area. If the internal repair area involves the foam sandwich area, you may need to cut/grind/sand some of the original material away. This is made easier by using a Dremel tool with an extension cable.

Step 3 – Back up the Repair

Depending on ease of access to make a repair, you have some options on how to make and use a backing material. **3** shows some fiberglass cloth that was laid out on wax paper and saturated with resin. The type of resin used in this repair was vinylester, (a high-grade polyester resin). The excess resin needs to be squeezed off to allow the cured sheet of fiberglass to be thin and flexible. This flexible sheet can be easily cut with a good pair of scissors and placed inside the hole to provide the “backbone” for the repair **4**. In this repair, screws were used **5** to hold the sheet on the inside of the hull. This was made easier since the porthole was next to the repair area for access. It’s still fairly easy to get a backing material in place without a secondary access hole. A future This Old Hobie will address how to make “blind” repairs like this.

Step 4 – Build Up Outside Laminate

Once the thin sheet of fiberglass is held in place, lay one layer of new fiberglass over it, being careful to leave the screw heads exposed. This will make removing them much easier. When the first layer of glass is cured, remove the screws. After they’re removed, go inside the hull through an opening (in this case a porthole) and place a small piece of tape over each screw hole to stop resin from leaking through from the succeeding layers of glass that you’ll





be adding **6**. Once the new fiberglass layers are sufficient for the repair, they need to be sanded to shape. When you reach the point where you have the outside area nearly finished **7**, you may want to use some body filler to fair any high/low spots. Evercoat Formula 27 is good for this stage, and is available from West Marine. It's polyester based and accepts gel coat very easily. **8** shows Formula 27 being faired out using a wallpaper spreader.

Step 5 - Finishing the Outside

Once the fairing in is finished and you are satisfied with the shape of the repair, you can mask off the area for spraying new gel coat **9**. Cover all of your body with shirts, long pants, hat, glasses, filter mask, and vinyl gloves. Breathing gel coat spray is very bad for you, but the process of spraying gel is not that difficult. Thin it **1:1 with Duratec High-Gloss Additive**, test on a piece of cardboard to get a feel for it, then catalyze it and go. The spray is very flammable, so do in a well-ventilated area (outside) on a still day (no bugs or dust in the finish). Make sure to run a lot of clear acetone through the sprayer when you're finished to clean it out. To get the hardest finish, you'll need to spray the gel after with PVA (polyvinyl acetate-mold release wax -available at West Marine or on-line) on the patch after the gel has partially cured. PVA is water soluble so you can wash it off when everything's hard. Once the gel coat is cured, you will most likely need to sand a small amount of "orange peel" with 320/400/600/800/1000 grit wet or dry

sand paper to get it smooth. Finish with a buffer/polisher and a good quality rubbing compound such as 3M Super Duty **10**.

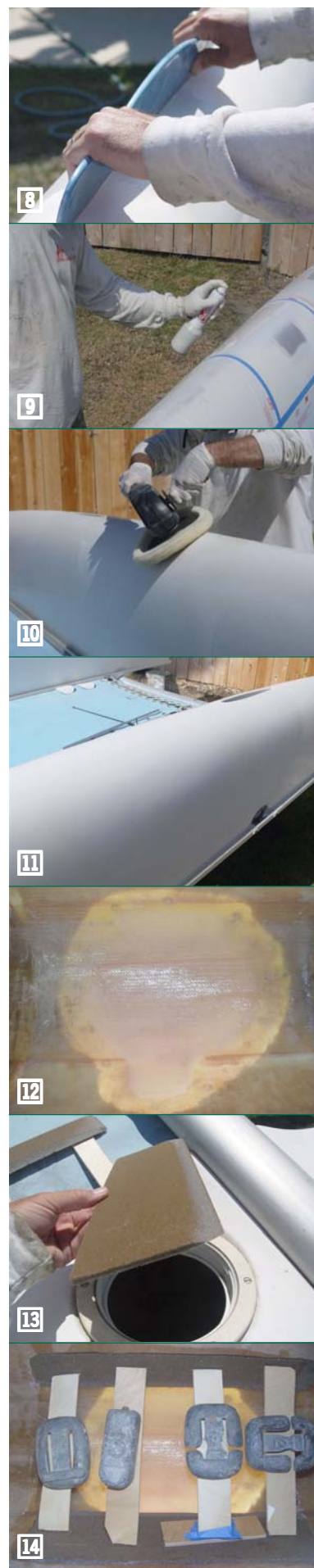
Step 6 - Build the Inside Laminate

Once the outside repair is finished **11**, flip the boat right side up on the saw horses and begin the internal work. This starts with measuring and cutting fiberglass material large enough to overlap the original hole by about 1½"-2" over the entire perimeter. The type of glass to use will vary from one repair to another. For a good-sized hole like this, a "dual bias" type glass is recommended. The glass used here is called "Nytex" **12**. It's a layers of fiberglass mat sewn together with two layers of unidirectional fiberglass (not woven like a glass cloth).

Once the layer of dual bias has cured, cut and fit some pieces of foam to replace what was removed. The foam used here is Divinice. It measures 3/8" thick and is green or grey in color **13**. After getting the foam the right shape you can glue it in place with some catalyzed resin thickened with aerosil or fumed silica. The pieces of foam will most likely need to be pressed and held in place while the resin cures. Here we used some scuba diving weights **14**.

When the resin holding the foam has cured, cut and fit another layer of the dual-bias fiberglass, like in **12**, setting it in place over the entire repair area. Wet it out with catalyzed resin using a plastic squeegee to spread the resin. The resin used in this step should be a finish coat that dries tack-free.

Time to go sailing!



feature





The Great Scavenger Race

A Race, a Hunt... or A Party?

Story & Photos By Joy M. Nelson

Let 448 members arriving at Quonset Point, RI, on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, looked a little surprised.

"What on earth are you wearing that for?" was the look on their faces, or in some cases something like that came out of their mouths, sans expletive. Mostly it was just smiles that greeted the appearance of Tina Connor and me, wearing matching beehive wigs – in bright pink. For those TV fans among us—think Marge Simpson's sisters.

It may have been the pink that made them smile, but I think the awkwardness of bumping into canopies, and masts, or losing our sunglasses and other small implements in the tall, ungainly wigs may have had something to do with it.

There were a few "Watch the hair!" comments that could be heard during the stepping of masts. While we heard chuckles from the crowd, we promised to get those chuckles back. And of course, we did.

First, we assisted the owners of the six boats that were brave enough to attempt the first annual Great Scavenger Race. Dave Heroux and Barbara Powers' Hobie 16 had just returned from the 16 North American's in Alameda, CA, and it was still in pieces. It took a while to make it look as though it was a boat again.

We finally gathered for a Skipper's Meeting around the Fleet trailer by 11 AM. It was a bright sunny day and blowing about twelve knots from the North, but scheduled to slow down by the afternoon. I explained the rules of the race; off the beach start, through two yellow buoys, out under the Jamestown Bridge, around

Dutch Island and back home again for awards and a 4 PM BBQ.

Then I mentioned the other part - they had to do this while wearing a wig. I listed out the points for which you could "scavenger": points for being first off the beach, points for being first around the mark, points for circling Conanicut Island (which is something like a 40 mile sail), points for flipping the boat, tea bagging, flying a hull, etc.

Oh, and points for sailing into Jamestown and depositing your wig on longtime Fleet member Dave Blydenburg. For those who didn't know Dave B., I even included a photo of him next to a map of the Conanicut Marina. No need for witnesses on this brave feat, I knew I'd get a call from Dave if there were a bunch of wig-wearing sailors running after him at the Marina.

Then Tina handed out the wigs.

We launched at 12:08 PM, with Team Not-So-Grumpy-Old-Men (Guy St. George and crew, Jorge Sturam) first off the beach looking very stylish in their short Rastafarian dreadlocks. 5 points! Team Limited Edition (Dennis Chouinard and totally mortified son Danny), wearing multi-colored clown wigs—which perfectly matched their sails—were close behind.

Next off the beach were Team Victoria's Secret (Scott and Vicky Sadler), looking very mod in their white, flapper-length wigs, followed by Team Mango Madness (Dave Heroux and Barbara Powers) in bright, "Fifth Element" orange. I don't mind men-



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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
Executive Inn: 1-888-265-1155
Glencoe Motel and RV Park: 1-604-796-2574

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.

Event Chairs: Paul Evenden, (604) 816-3043
Gillian Thomson, (250) 764-1104
chair@2008hobienac.com

The Great Scavenger Race

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tioning that Dave looked a little like a caveman who stumbled on some peroxide and then stood too long in the sun. But check the photos for verification on that one.

Next came Tony Ramos sauntering to the beach with crew, Jason Nelson, wearing matching Dorothy from Oz wigs, powder blue ribbons and all. They were dubbed Team Dorothy since they didn't register with a team name (this is what happens when you don't follow directions!). I can't tell you who made the better Dorothy, a 6-foot, 5 inch Cape Verdean or a goateed hapa Haole? And to think that Tony was surprised when he was waving to some other boats out on the bay who were looking at him very strangely. He was having such a great sail, he had forgotten that they were still in their Dorothy hair. Not something you'd expect to see out on the water.

Tony wasn't last off the beach (there were even points for that!). Team Ginsu II (Greg Maier and Chris Dutton) were the last to launch after putting together their newly acquired boat. If you read this to the end you will now know why they are definitely to be forever called Team Blondie. They launched finally at about 2 PM and I don't mind saying now that it was a long time before the blonde pigtailed with red pom-poms were seen again.

We watched from the beach as Team Not-So-Grumpy-Old-Men rounded the mark first and took off for the bridge. The wind was strong from the beach but it seemed to take them some time to get there.

Tina and I settled in for some sun tanning and book reading while we swatted the nasty biting flies that come out in September at Quonset. Then Scott and Vicky came back to the beach after breaking a rudder. This worked out well because Dave and Barbara were having batten challenges, so Scott and Dave took off on Dave's boat and Vicky and Barbara joined us swatting on the beach.

Team Not-So-Grumpy-Old-Men was awarded first place for launching off the beach first, first to round the mark, and first back at the beach. We were disappointed the wind did not cooperate for hull flying

and tea-bagging because we had awards planned for these acrobatics.

The only boat to flip was (who else) Dave H. with Scott. How exactly does one flip a Hobie 16 in about 8-10 knots or less, with something like 400+ pounds on the boat? No one was brave enough to attempt for the Cojones Award (for bewigging the elusive Mr. Blydenburg).

We were tempted to give Greg Maier and Chris Dutton the Columbus Award for circumnavigating Conanicut Island, but they were not there to receive their certificate. We weren't exactly sure where they were, and at 7 PM we were prepared to call the Coast Guard. Instead, we called our Mr. Blydenburg who generously offered to go out of the harbor and see if he could see a blue spinnaker boat somewhere on that side of the island. I received a call from him about 7:20 that he had spotted what looked like a blue sail far to the north of the Marina.

Shortly after the catamaran rounded the island, we were relieved to confirm (with the light we had left) that it was Greg and Chris. So we waited, for them to jibe towards Quonset. And waited and waited. It turned out they didn't realize they had passed the turn for Quonset until they reached sight of TF Green Airport, several miles up the bay.

Thanks to Tina and Dave for sticking around until 8 PM, when Greg and Chris finally made it back to the beach. Thank goodness all were safe. Next year we'll call it the Scavenger Challenge.

Big thanks go to Tina for opting to keep company with the flies, hand out the wigs, and make the chili. It was much appreciated (although she would have made a great Dorothy)! Thanks to Barbara for supporting me with whatever I needed, as usual. And thanks to the Fleet members who participated with wonderfully fun willingness to look silly in a wig! We had so much fun, let's do it again!



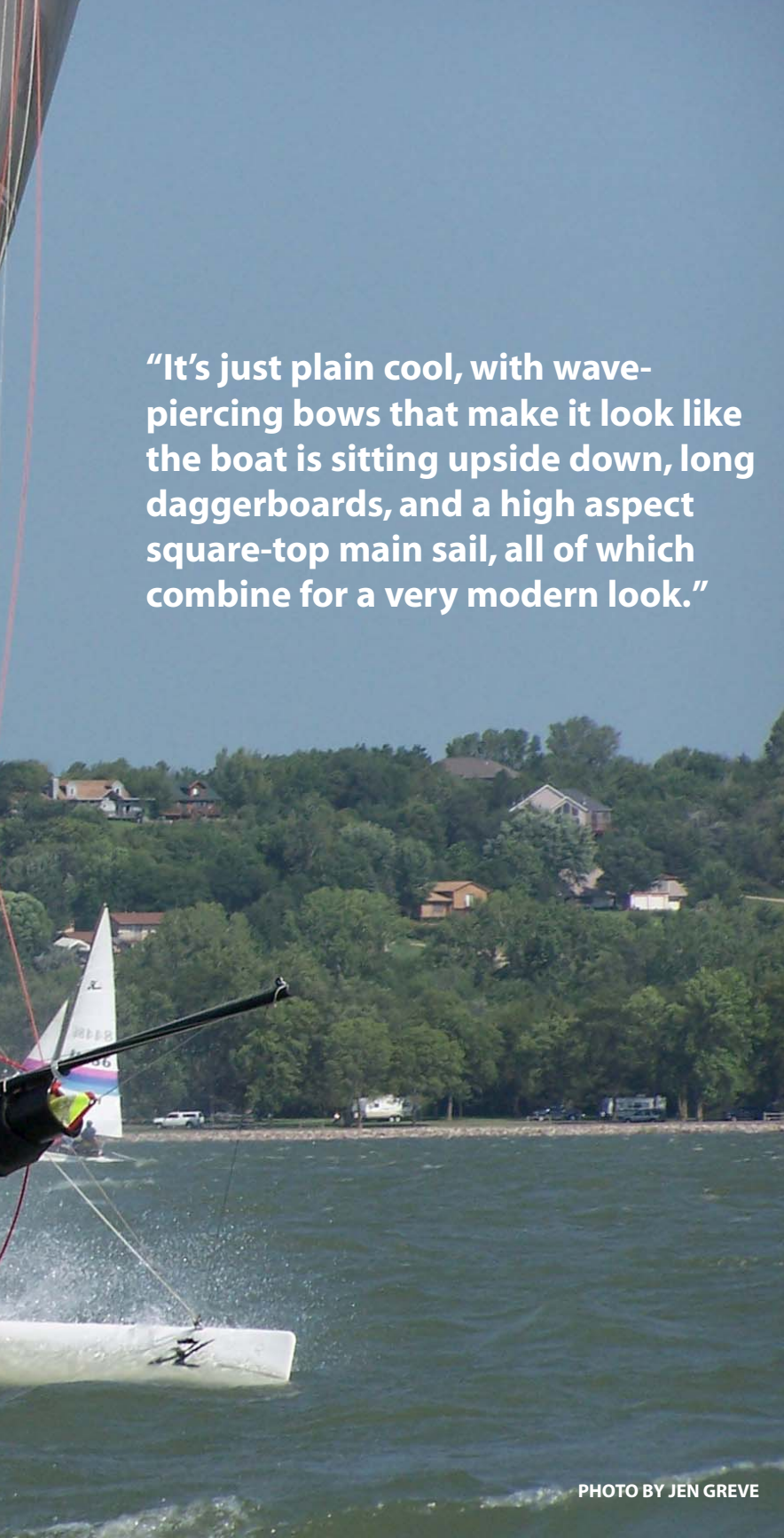
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Love Thy FX-One

By Karl Brogger



The FX-One tacks faster than you can get from one v
a very smooth ride. It's a very fast boat. And, like so
warned to avoid in life, this is one that has



"It's just plain cool, with wave-piercing bows that make it look like the boat is sitting upside down, long daggerboards, and a high aspect square-top main sail, all of which combine for a very modern look."

PHOTO BY JEN GREVE

wing to the other, and provides
o many other things that I was
n't come back to bite me.

When I first told my sailing compadres in Division 7 that I wanted to get an FX-One, I got plen-ty of advice against it. "You'll have no one to race with." "Single handing a spinnaker is too much work, and it's dangerous for one person." "They're made by the French!" I learned long ago to take this kind of advice with a large grain of salt. I've been warned by Minnesotans to avoid Iowa like the plague, by Northerners to not go to the Deep South, by mature adults to stay off motorcycles, by my father not to buy a sailboat, and by clergymen to stay away from girls when I was in high school. I eventually learned that these advisors had two things in common: first, they had almost no experience with the things they mistrusted; and second, they were almost always wrong.

In the four short years I've been sailing, I've owned a few boats – a Sunfish, a Hobie 14, and a couple of Hobie 16's. The fifth boat added to the armada is a Hobie FX-One. Typically sailed as uni-rig with a spinnaker, it offers a much greater challenge than any of the boats I had previously owned. As an added bonus, it's just plain cool, with wave-piercing bows that make it look like the boat is sitting upside down, long daggerboards, and a high aspect square-top main sail, all of which combine for a very modern look.

The main thing that drew me to the FX was that the boat is made to be sailed single-handed. Not that I am anti-crew, but when mistakes are made on a boat I want them to be my mistakes, and finding consistent crew can be difficult. There is a lot for one person to do on this boat. Fortunately, with snuffer tubes, and combination tack/halyard lines for the spinnaker, what could be a very complicated task is fairly simple.

Another thing that drew me to this boat was the optional wings. After a few rides on a fellow Fleet 444 member's Hobie 18SX, I knew that wings were the way for me to go. The wings give you more leverage for trapezing, essentially increasing the beam of the boat to over twelve feet, and keep you out of the water if a gust dies while you are on the wire. If you are twig skinny like me, then the added weight is worth the added leverage. Another option available for this boat is a self-tacking jib. A second set of trap lines are available for sailing with crew, and the FX-One has plenty of flotation for two people.

Hoosier Hobieistas

Story & Photos by Brian A. Howey



August 16, 2007 was yet another muggy, 90-degree day at Eagle Creek Reservoir's Hobie Beach. The lake level was down about five feet, and the muddy beach now stretched 20 or 30 yards further into the lake than usual. Storm clouds gathered as I pondered yet another dashed day, and I quietly cursed Mother Nature for all the heat, all the early rainy weekends, and then the drought that seemed to sap Hobie Beach of its vitality. Once, back in the 1980s, this was the scene of a large Division 10 Points Regatta. Now, it had a reputation as a party enclave that catered to the fun-loving Hoosier Hobieistas, some of whom had formed the Hobie Beach Homeland Security Club (Eagle Creek supplies some of the Indianapolis water supply). Deciding not to head out into this particular storm, I spread out on the tramp of my 16-footer – The Mad Scot. I could hear my halyards and sheet lines, as well as those of other boats nearby tapping

against the masts in the wind. Tap-tap-tap-tap ... the rhythms altered with the wind speeds in a lineal drum jam. It was mesmerizing. I didn't know it, but the Mad Scot was saying good-bye. After a while, I packed up my gear in the truck, and headed for home.

After another weekend of withering heat, storm clouds gathered around midnight on August 20. An incredible wind – estimated to be 80 mph – was unleashed across the lake. While not a single crown was twisted on nearby trees, nor was a single shingle missing on the condos across the street, some 27 Hobies were dashed into the Hoosier loam. A number of others had punched hulls and bent masts. Tramps were torn and rudders were torn from transoms. Several boats were blown into the nearby tree line. Two boats made it 50 yards up a 6 percent grade, where they crashed on to Dandy Trail, while the rest were scattered up the hill in twisted carnage. The Mad Scot's mast was slightly bent and had two perforations, as if Mother Nature had tried to poke some eyes out. Most of the boats had been secured to slip posts. Some had been on trailers. Some were tied down with dog stakes. It didn't matter. Mother Nature had issued a stunning retort. The sunken beach showed signs of a massive storm surge, with the retreating waters pulling back some of the flotsam into the lake. It would have been ugly – even fatal – if anyone had been on Hobie Beach with 25-foot masts turning into spears and metal lines snapping at anything in their way.





Many Hobieistas showed up on the beach around 10 the following morning to survey the damage. There was talk of creating Franken-Hobies and assembling spare parts into something that could carry us into autumn. Most were scrapped, with plenty of spare parts collected and stored.

Several of us reached out to our Hobie brothers and sisters in places like Iowa, Illinois, Maryland and Pennsylvania. We got the word out and within hours, folks from Iowa were offering spare hulls, tramps and other parts. We were forwarded tips on boats for sale across the eastern half of the U.S. Hobie officials in Iowa told us they had heard about a fleet in Indianapolis, the largest landlocked city in America, but they didn't know we existed any more. We had essentially become the "ghost fleet."

I spent the following week traveling to Russia for business. I had offers of two Hobies en route. When I got back in early September, an amazing thing had occurred: almost the entire fleet had been replaced. Hobieistas had traveled to Illinois, Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan and Cincinnati. We scoured e-Bay and Craig's List. I was one of the last ones to find a 16-footer, purchasing it from an Indianapolis fire fighter named Joe Webb who had it on Morse reservoir, which had also been stricken by the drought that summer.

So the Indianapolis fleet is back, with spare parts, and resilience. Talk about bringing back the racing culture – we've been known to run a race or two around here! We're back with the ability to help other twisted fleets falling prey to future atmospheric spasms.

The Mad Scot has been replaced by "Maddie," a gender appeasement to Mo' Nature. May she not be so cruel or affronted in 2008!



Top: Hobie Beach on Eagle Creek Reservoir in happier times

Middle left: The Mad Scot before

Bottom left: The Mad Scot after the storm

Right and far right - the carnage left by the storm





2008 Rohrbach Ontario Hobie Regatta Division 16 Northeastern Championships Hamlin Beach State Park August 1 - 3, 2008

On-Site Camping

Fees

• State Park Fee (Fri – Sun)	\$25
• 2 person Hobie	\$40
• 1 person Hobie	\$30
• Youth Teams	\$20
• Saturday Night Dinner	\$10

Friday

• Guest Expert Program / Practice Races	
• Registration	5:00 – 7:30
• Welcoming Party	7:30 – 11:00

Saturday

• Coffee, Danish & Pastries	7:00 – 9:30
• Registration	7:00 – 9:00
• Skipper Meeting	9:30
• 1st Warning Signal	11:00
• Dinner	6:00 – 7:30
• Merrymaking	8:00 – 11:00

Sunday

• Coffee, Danish & Pastries	7:00 – 9:30
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Registration at event only. No internet registration.

All times are Eastern Daylight Time


Look for details at <http://www.fleet295.com/>

Rules


- Event governed by 2005-2008 ISAF RRS and the IHCA class rules
- Eligibility: HCA membership required
- \$100,000 (USF) Liability Insurance required




14's




18's




16's



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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.

Event Chair: Todd Wilson

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Shauna McGee-Kinney

Finding Good Volunteers

and Get Them Coming Back for More

Ever been to a really good regatta? It's the volunteers that make a regatta: The regatta chair, the people at the registration table, and the volunteers on the water. Let's take a look at what a regatta organizer and the volunteers should expect. While you read, think about becoming a volunteer the next time you are available, like when your boat is being repaired. Bring a friend and have fun helping!

Gathering Help

Volunteers are found through sailors, last season's volunteers, and spectators. Organizers can ask for volunteers from sailing schools, clubs, and fleets. Recreational sailors may enjoy helping with a regatta, too. A good mix of veteran and new volunteers is essential. Experienced volunteers are often eager to share examples and pass on instructions. The veterans help

division leaders for advice and guidance.

The volunteer's job should be kept small and well defined. Think of "who, what, where, when, why, how". For example, "Would you be willing to run the registration table on Saturday from 8 AM to noon?" Some volunteers can work on groups of tasks, like combining work on the regatta budget, t-shirt quotes and trophy quotes. Some volunteers are happiest with smaller commitments, like making lunches for the race committee, while other volunteers are happy when jobs are rotated among people, such as carrying the equipment to the committee boat. If a volunteer is hesitant about the amount of work, the organizers should offer a more manageable task.

Organizers and volunteers should communicate and be flexible. The volunteer should be asked well in advance to help in the event. One of the organizers should follow-up prior to the regatta to confirm the volunteer's attendance. Volunteers should let the organizers know of conflicts like duplicating work of another volunteer or feeling overworked. The regatta chair should be prepared to divide jobs or group jobs among volun-

teers. Organizers should be ready to ask for volunteers throughout the planning of the regatta. During the event, ask your volunteers "How is registration going? Do you need any help or a quick break?"

Be Prepared - the Regatta Check List

There is no limit to the types of volunteers needed for a regatta, but a few jobs are essential. A great place for organizers to start determining what volunteers are needed is with the IHCA regatta checklist (www.hobieclass.com) and with previous regatta chairs. Having a list helps the organizers and volunteers set expectations and measure progress. Use the IHCA check list categories and tasks to define what help is needed, but modify the checklist with items specific to your regatta.

Keep Your Volunteers Happy

Happy volunteers feel the work they are contributing is appreciated and valuable. The organizers are responsible for reaching out to each volunteer and make sure they are comfortable with the task assigned. Prior to the event, it is important to keep in touch with volunteers on a regular basis either by phone or e-

Meet with volunteers early to establish expectations



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mail. Be considerate of the volunteers' time. Keep the number of meetings to a minimum; find a mutually convenient location and keeping the meetings short.

Informed volunteers feel good about their job. Be sure to set aside time to adequately train the new volunteers. Especially for on the water assistance, spend a few minutes on land demonstrating techniques, for example, where to place a line from the chase boat on a capsized catamaran or catamaran being towed. All volunteers from the shore to the water need to know who to contact in an emergency. All volunteers from the registration table to the committee boat need the same information, because sailors will be looking to any volunteer (even the barbeque helpers) for answers. Communicate special circumstances to all volunteers like, "Sailors will need to move their cars out to the street immediately after launching their boats."

If a volunteer is late, feeling overworked or cannot complete the work, it will affect the work of the other volunteers at the regatta. Communication with the organizers will avoid some of those difficulties. Organizers need to provide written (e-mail or printed) schedules, directions, parking details, mobile phone numbers and a list of volunteers with their task assignments. It is also helpful to make a list to recommend supplies that the volunteers might need to bring – sunscreen, snacks, water, bug spray – if they will not be provided. Communication can be repeated at least a month, two weeks and two days before the event to cover the early planners

and the spontaneous volunteers. If the communication effort is not effective and problems occur, a volunteer that does not perform should not be reprimanded. When organizers plan around the reliability of their volunteers the regatta runs better, and the other volunteers are more satisfied with the event. And remember, happy volunteers tend to be more reliable.

Care and Gratitude

The safety and comfort of your volunteers is very important. All volunteers should be alert for dehydration, heat exhaustion and offer first aid when needed. Volunteers arriving sick or with an injury should be offered an alternate job (if they still want to help) or another volunteer should be asked to assist. Alcohol and/or other "recreational drugs" have no place on the water. An impaired volunteer puts not only themselves, but also the other volunteers and competitors at risk. If you observe someone impaired, they should be reported to the PRO. They are in charge on the water – let them handle the situation.

Every volunteer working the event days must have lunch, water and a snack available to them. Organizers can improve their volunteers' satisfaction by also having extra sun block, as well as loaner sunglasses, hats, and jackets. Making the help physically comfortable will keep volunteers coming back.

All volunteers deserve your gratitude. Expressing thanks is a must. It can be something as small as a certificate of appreciation, or being mentioned at the trophy presentation. The event photogra-

pher can be asked to get pictures of the volunteers. Post the volunteers' pictures on the regatta website site and in the

fleet newsletter. If the budget allows, organizers can provide t-shirts for the volunteers. Also, if the regatta budget allows, provide free or discounted dinner for the volunteers. The volunteer needs to know if dinner is free or discounted for their family or guests, too. Travel is usually only paid for the race officer or judge at a major event. The regatta organizers should consider paying some of the travel expenses for a volunteer that is at the event site for an extended period of time or has a very large responsibility.

When reasonable, the regatta organizers can provide free space at a shared campsite and arrange car pools or caravans with volunteers. At hotels, the organizers should negotiate discounted rooms as an option for volunteers and maybe even assist with booking the rooms.

Special thanks to Dave Martin, Ellie Martin and Rick Buchanan for the valuable insight into volunteers and regattas that made this article possible.



STUART CRABBE

All volunteers should be this geeked on a windy day!



STUART CRABBE

Even two men in a rubber boat need food and water



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by Mimi Appel, HCA Youth Program Chair
report by Laura Sullivan

Division 4 Sets the Standard

Youth-Only Events Planned for 2008

Division 4 has a new approach for the 2008 Hobie season. We have established four events specifically designed for youth sailing of all ages and levels. Parents - you hold the key to success for this plan.

How many youth sailors do you think our Division has? Six? Ten? Well, with some very rough numbers based on my e-mail list - about **forty!!!** Imagine forty youths, of all ages and skill levels on the water at a **youth only** event. Parents and coaches could volunteer to help out with the event on the water, or remain on the beach while their son or daughter sails on their own. The youth will determine what they want to do: just sail around, if they want, or race each other, if they want. No pressure. That's what we're talking about for the coming season.

We will start the year off on April 4th-6th, when a number of families are getting together at Washington State's Potholes Park. It has a beautiful lawn, great RV and tent camping with about 70-degree weather in April. A number of the schools are on Spring Break at that time, so come join us! This family weekend of sailing will emphasize youth sailing and having a good time. Sail Sand Point has

graciously agreed to provide us with four Hobie Waves. We will have other boats on the water as well for the youths to jump on and try out. It will be a totally informal family weekend - planned for the youths of all ages, and experience levels on the water.

May 10th will be a Youth Clinic at Sail Sand Point in Seattle, Washington. The format for this event will be on-the-water coaching around buoys, with friendly, helpful hints. This is a one-day, informal, learning / fun event.

In addition to the two learning / fun sail events described above, we're going to be instituting a Youth Points System for two regattas in order to determine our US SAILING Area L High Points team winners. They will represent our area in the US SAILING Youth Multihull Championships. The two events are called Summer Celebration and Oktoberfest.

The Summer Celebration Regatta, will be held July 26th and 27th as a two-day **youth only** event at the Sail Sand Point Sailing Center. We will have youths of all ages on the Hobie Waves, with potentially twenty Waves on the water hailing from as far away as Canada, Idaho, and Oregon and local sailors from Washington. In

addition to the Hobie Waves, we will be having a youth only event on the Hobie 16.

Oktoberfest regatta will be held at Sail Sand Point on September 27-28th. Yes - we know. How do you have an Oktoberfest in September? Let's just all agree that it's warmer in September and warmer is better! The Oktoberfest regatta and the Summer Celebration regatta will both be US SAILING - Youth Points Regattas. Only the Hobie 16s will qualify for points toward the US SAILING Area L High Points winners.

Thanks to Mike Hensel, with help from Don Atchley and Morgan Collins, we've lined up a number of learning / fun events for youths as well as a structured opportunity to identify our US SAILING Area L Youth Champion. The future of sailing is in our youth. We hope that we can make this a friendly, fun, pressure-free atmosphere. Many young sailors will become "cruisers," while others may become top racers. All will be safer, and have more fun on the water having gone through the experience. It's up to us to provide the training opportunities and to pass on what we've learned for future generations.

HCA Youth Grants

Purpose of the Youth Grant

The purpose of the Youth Grant shall be to assist Junior and Youth sailors in attending Championship Hobie Cat events, including, but not limited to:

- Youth events sanctioned by the Hobie Class Association of North America
- Youth events sanctioned and organized by the International Hobie Class Association and held in conjunction with other IHCA Worlds events

These Youth Grants shall be issued without financial obligation on the part of the receiving teams, however, the Youth Grants shall be subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in these guidelines.

Grant Request Guidelines

The following parameters are those that have been set forth by the HCA Executive Council as the minimum criteria to be met by youth teams wishing to apply for a financial grant for attending eligible events.

- Both skippers and crews must be HCA members.
- Skippers must sail in at least three (3) HCA-sanctioned events during the qualifying season prior to petitioning for a grant. Exceptions may be made

at the Council's discretion when seasonal considerations justify such action. They may sail as a skipper or crew in those events.

Teams must submit the following documents to apply for an HCA Youth Grant:

- 1) An essay explaining why they should receive the Grant.
- 2) A resume of sailing training and experience.
- 3) Planned expenses for the event in question.
- 4) A list of HCA sanctioned regattas attended in the current year and finish positions.
- 5) A personal reference (parent or coach, for example) must be named to provide assistance in administration, disbursement and management of the Youth Grant.

At the conclusion of the event the following must be submitted:

- A detailed expense report outlining expenditures and disbursement of the Youth Grant monies, signed by the reference individual.
- An article about their experience in the event in question, to subsequently be submitted to the *HOTLINE* through the HCA Youth Chairperson.

Selection Process

All Youth Grant requests shall be submitted to the current HCA Youth Chairperson 60 days prior to the event. No requests subsequent to that date will be considered for that year.

Youth Grant requests shall be reviewed by the HCA Council and awards to qualified teams shall be announced a minimum of 30 days prior to the event. To be considered for a Youth Grant, **all** information requested **must** be provided by the due date, without exception.

Youth Grants shall be awarded based on several factors, including but not limited to: funds available, number of requests received, needs of the individual teams, and requirements of established youth programs serving a number of Youth teams.

Questions should be directed by e-mail to the current HCA Youth Chairperson: **Mimi Appel**, mimiappel@aol.com



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HOBIE'S PROFILES:

NAME: Mike Hensel
HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 95, Seattle, Washington
AGE: 45
PROFESSION: Elevator Repair Technician and teaching electrical courses
HOBBIES: Sailing, radio controlled air planes (electric of course), bicycling with my kids
LAST BOOK READ: Sailing for Dummies, bought it for the kids and had to read it myself.

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Raising two great daughters, ages 9 and 14. Getting my kids started in sailing and enjoying it.

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO: Simply put, I love sailing. Sharing that with my kids makes it even more fun. I think one of my proudest moments was seeing my oldest daughter sailing in a youth event. It was a real challenge; her goals were to finish a race and to get the spinnaker up. She accomplished both.

QUOTE: "Wind in your sails, water in your shoes, great day!"

PROFILE: I love sailing and tinkering with boats. If the weather is good enough to be outside that is usually what I am doing.

HIS BOAT: The FX One, I needed a boat that I could sail in any situation; sail or race solo, race with either of my daughters, or take out an additional adult. This boat is the most fun I have sailed as yet. I think I am addicted to spinnakers.



NAME: Karl Brogger
HOME FLEET: Lake City, Minnesota Hobie Fleet 444

AGE: 26

PROFESSION: Cabinet Maker; I've been doing it nine years and owned my own cabinet shop since 2004.

HOBBIES: Sailing, golf, jet-skiing, PS3 when the water turns solid, and tormenting my better half year round.

LAST BOOK READ: Leanings, by Peter Egan

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