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NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), HCA Division 16 and Hobie Fleet 183.

Venue and Dates

The Etobicoke Yacht Club located on the North Shore of Lake Ontario will host the 2009 Championship. The Etobicoke Yacht Club is located at 300 Humber Bay Park Road West, Toronto Ontario Canada. Phone number for EYC is 416-259-1159 or www.eyc.ca. Sand beach launch. Racing begins on Friday August 21 through to Sunday August 23rd, 2009. EYC is located 10 miles from Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

Rules

The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as prescribed by the Canadian Yachting Association and the International Hobie Class Association Class Rules, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions. Note that 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 sailors must be paid members of the HCA-NA and proof of membership must be shown at registration.

Schedule, Entries and Registration

Event schedule, Pre-registration and other information is available at www.nahca-div16.org

Competitor Insurance

Each Competitor must show proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000. Competitor's proof of insurance must be available for review at registration

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

Awards

Awards will be presented to the top 25% of pre-registrants as a minimum.

Accommodations

Free Camping (tents) and RV parking on site at EYC (note that EYC is secure and gated - no worries) Multiple hot showers and washrooms available 24 hr a day

Hotels/Motels - many choices in local West Toronto area:
Beach Motel: 40 rooms from \$80/night, 2183 Lake Shore Boulevard West, Etobicoke, Ontario, M8V 1A1. Ph 416-259-3296 (1 mile from regatta site)

University of Toronto - New College Residence: Rooms from under \$100 - located in the heart of Toronto, dorm style and includes free full breakfast, internet, local calls, address: 40 Willcocks St, Toronto Ph 416-946-0529 (5 miles from regatta site). Others see www.Toronto.com/hotels

Event Chair: Dan Borg dborg@toyota.ca

Event Hosts: Chris Ufton / Clive Warwick / Neil McNeil





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An Introduction



Funny, but I never realized that the past HCA Chairs had different names for their introductions to the Hotline. Ed Muns had "Clean Air Flat Water". Very Clever, really. Bob Merrick had "See You On the Water", also pretty clever in my opinion.

When the editor told me to come up with a name for my introduction, I thought it would be easy. Really. I thought of some cute nautical phrases: 'Three Sheets to the Wind', 'As the Crow Flies' and my favorite 'Scuttlebutt' (which if you look it up, is basically ancient mariner-speak for 'Water cooler Talk'). I also tried to think of some other clever phrases: 'All in a day's Work', 'Blowing off Steam' or 'Things I learned from Gordo'. Naw, none of those were just right. I had one of my clients in my office one day and they were describing their weekend with their family at one of those indoor waterparks, and they said 'Its all good.....'. That kinda hit it on the head for me. It *is* all good. We have a pretty exhilarating, fun and family/friend oriented sport, where we get to visit places we would not normally go, meets lots of interesting people with common interests and spend time in a positive environment. It's all good. Whatta you think of that?

I am happy to serve as the Chair for the HCA, and hope that I will have a positive effect on the class, just as my predecessor has. I would like to offer our thanks to outgoing officers Bob Merrick, Steve Reese, Mimi Appel, Lori Mohney and Paul Ulibarri for their commitment, sacrifice and positive influence on our class and on us.

Have a great off season,

Chris Wessels

Chris and his son Jake at the 2008 Hobie 16 North Americans



TODD WILSON

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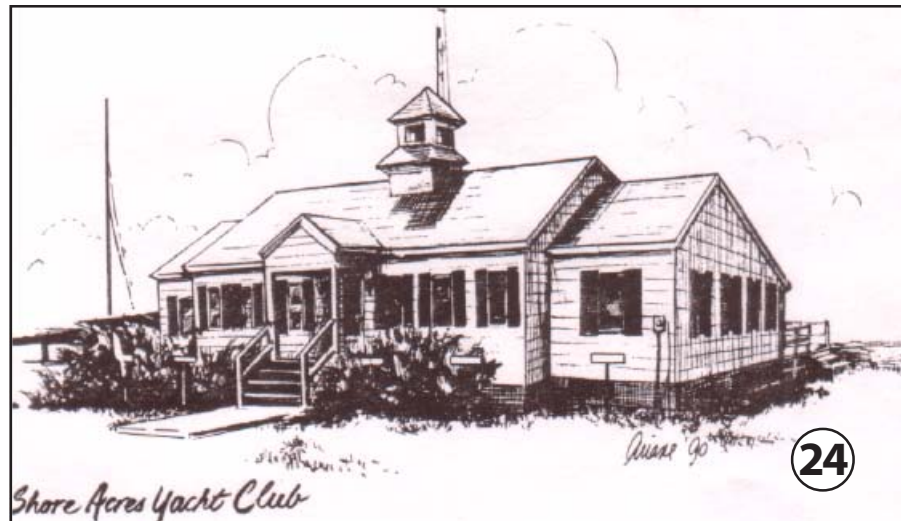
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2008/9 regattaschedule

North American Championships www.hca-na.org

Hobie 16/16W/16Y July 20–24, 2009 (tentative) Kingston, ONT, Canada

Hobie 14 August 21–23, 2009 Toronto, ONT, Canada

HAVAMEGA (17/18/20/Tiger) November 7–13, 2009 Lake Havasu, AZ

Area Championships

MidWinters West Mar 7–8, 2009 San Felipe, MEX see NOR next page
MidWinters East Mar 28–29, 2009 Panama City, FL www.hca-na.org

Other Events

F-18 North Americans Oct 13–17 Pensacola Bch, FL keysailing.com
Wave Youth NAs Nov 28–30 Islamorada, FL rick@catsailor.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 Buoys, the first Saturday of each month
Kaneohe Bay, Oahu (non-points)

Division 2—Southern CA / AZ / NV

www.hobiedivision2.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
4	Oct 4–5	40th Anniversary Regatta Doheny Beach, CA	George Burchfiel	951•544•7099 george@rtainsurance.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
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@sbcbglobal.net

Division 4—Pacific Northwest

www.div4.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
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 gvalueske@verizon.net

Division 6—South Texas, Louisiana

www.div6.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
Div 6	Sept 27–28	Spindletop Regatta Port Arthur, TX	Chris Green	seagreen@texascitydike.com

Division 11—Mid-Atlantic

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
SHBCC	Sept 20–21	Area C Alter Cup Qualifier Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732•787•4313 kkulkoski@aol.com
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 13—Mexico/Caribbean/Central America

Contact: Alfredo Figueroa—vientoyvela@gmail.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
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 germansaavedr23@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@yucantantoday.com

Division 14—N. TX, OK, AR, S. KS

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

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
23	Sept 20–21	Daggerboard Divisionsals Lake Tawakoni, Tawakoni TX	Bob & Sue Mirlitch	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

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).

REGATTA SCORERS:
DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR
RESULTS TO:
HOBIESCORES@YAHOO.COM

39th ANNUAL
Hobie Midwinters West
HCA-NA Area Championship
Notice of Race

March 7 & 8, 2009 • San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico
Host Hotel-El Cortez Hotel

Registration Check-in: El Cortez Hotel - Room 134

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday March 6th

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Registration Room 134

Saturday March 7th

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

Sunday March 8th

8:00 AM HCA Division 2 Meeting @ pool
10:00 AM Competitors' Meeting
11:00 AM First Signal (wind permitting)
After Races Trophy presentation ASAP

Other activities, changes of schedule, or general information will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

RULES

This Regatta will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, this NOR (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), and the class rules of the IHCA. SI's will be available on-site at regatta registration.

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.

2009 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 31, 2009**. There will be a \$20.00 late fee for registrations postmarked after January 31, 2009. You may pre-order extra shirts for \$15.00 each. Make checks payable to Midwinters West. **Donations of clothing and canned goods will be collected at regatta registration area for local fisherman.**

TROPHIES

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

INFORMATION: Hotels, RV Parks, Camping

Event website: www.members.cox.net/midwinterswest

Or

Contact any of the following sailors:

Rick Buchanan, Regatta Chairman, Oceanside Calif.

Phone: (760) 722-0909

Email: midwinterswest@cox.net

Armando Noriega, Mexico City, Mexico

Tel: (011) 52 55 5631 5317 / Fax: (001) 52 55 5630 1988

Email: hobiemex@hotmail.com

TRAVELING IN BAJA MEXICO

Passports & Visas: Passports are required by the USA 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 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. When driving, make a complete stop at all "ALTO"s (STOP signs).

Insurance & Documents: Vehicle liability insurance is required by Mexican Law. Our sponsor "Insurance4Mexico.net" offers very competitive prices & is available on-line 24/7. Or, it can be purchased from an agent on either side of the border. 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 need to have a notarized letter of permission from the owner. **NOTE:** Over the past year, Mexican Customs Officers have become more formal, checking vehicle, boat and trailer registrations. Don't make the long drive without these papers or you may be turned around at the border.

hobiehistory

15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

1973

➡ At the PMA Speed Trials, a "radical" version of the Hobie 14 was demonstrated. It had a trapeze, but no dolphin striker. Doesn't that front crossbar look a little... flat?



🕒 The 1973 Hobie 14 Nationals were held on Lake Havasu. Thirty-six years later, the HAVAMEGA North Americans will return to the site of many major Hobie events. However, the Hobie 14s will not be in attendance, since their North Americans will be in Toronto next year.

Hobie Cat 14 Nationals Lake Havasu Arizona October 3 to 7



The Nautical Inn, Lake Havasu, Arizona is the site of a Catamaran gathering each year. This is just a part of the 120 Boat Fleet this spring.



The lawn in front of the Hotel is a popular gathering place, here a skippers meeting is in progress, officiated by the Lake Havasu Yacht Club, Dave Shay Race Chairman, Bill Jones, Scoring.

Lake Havasu, Site of Many Exciting Hobie Regattas

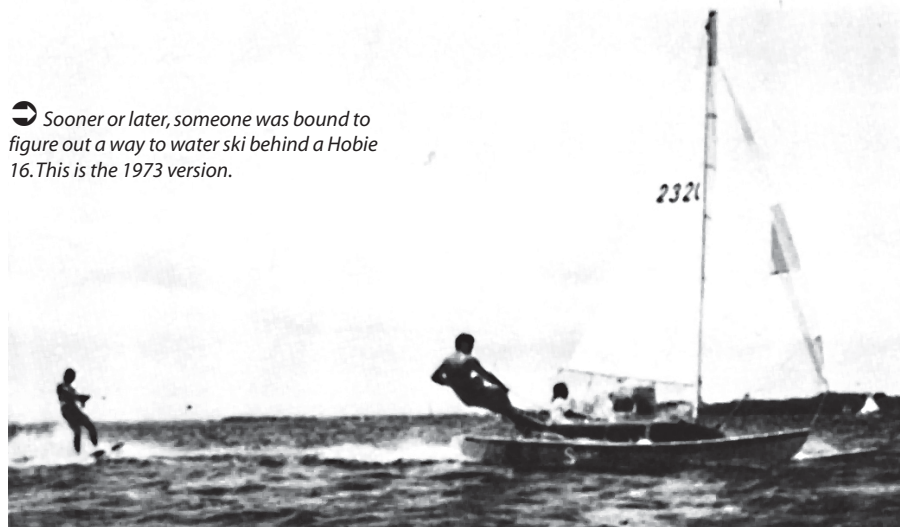


Why should we? We're in a class by ourselves. Over 12,000 strong, now. And growing. We know we're the best and you'll have to pardon us if we're a little proud. We're strong. Durable. Fun. Fast. World's Record fast, in fact. We are more than 75 active fleets throughout the country... participate in more than 100 regattas each year. We're a way of life, you see. The ultimate of life, we think. Join our unique and exclusive fraternity.

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Irvine, CA 92705

🕒 The first of many, this successful Hobie Cat magazine ad played a little tongue in cheek with nautical nomenclature.

➡ Sooner or later, someone was bound to figure out a way to water ski behind a Hobie 16. This is the 1973 version.



1983

🕒 Perhaps the most controversial rule change to the Hobie 16 occurred in late 1983, when the minimum boat weight was reduced from 340 lbs to 320 lbs.

World Council Meeting Major Rule Change in Hobie 16 Class

Blue Hawaii

See your authorized Hobie Cat Dealer



🕒 Ten years after the US Coast Guard required PFD's on small boats, Hobie Cat gets into the business with the "Blue Hawaii" PFD. It was the same year that the Blue Hawaii sail pattern was introduced.

1983

☹ The Mid-America's Regatta draws over 200 boats to Lake Texoma, although somebody forgot to invite the wind.



☹ What is the downside to a 200 boat regatta with no wind? Somebody's got to take back the empties.

☹ There's nothing like cool trophies for winning a 200 boat regatta, even if there's no wind.



☹ More belt-buckle madness. It's been a while since we've seen one of these.- Who's still got their 1983 16 Nationals buckle (other than Tom Korz)?

COMMEMORATIVE LIMITED EDITION
1983 HOBBIE 16 NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP BELT BUCKLE



☹ Water skiing behind a Hobbie 16, the 1983 version. The locale certainly looks more inviting in this photo.



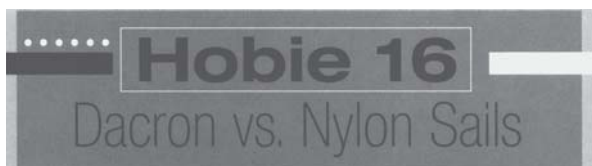
1993

☹ Although the "30% Solution" statement was made in 1993 by Ron and Shirley Palmer, it's timeless in its application.

The 30 Percent Solution

When asked to describe a Hobbie regatta, we have a pretty standard reply: 30% party, 30% camaraderie, 30% sailing and 10% sleep. Most people then want to know when the next one will be.

1993



☹ The title of this article should have been "Dacron vs. **Mylar** Sails". Another controversial rule change occurred in 1991, but the debate raged on for several years. In this article, authored by Doug Skidmore, the case was put forth that there were no performance differences between Dacron and Mylar sails. However, the racers were already figuring out which was faster (and more durable) – Dacron.

☹ The cover of the NAHCA News featured an aerial photo from one of the most epic Hobie 16 Nationals / Continentals / North Americans ever - the 1993 Continentals in Wildwood, New Jersey.

Who can forget Fleet 204 taking over the LeSabre Hotel? The roof divers? The games of "Mexican" with Jeff Alter, Wally Myers and Carlton Tucker?

A little remembered factoid from that year - the winner of the Youth Continentals was a little kid from Mexico named Armando Noriega, Jr. - now a multiple North American champion in the Hobie 16.



Hobie Cat Europe Introduces Three New Models – Including a New Formula 18

Press Release from Hobie Cat Europe:

"With the new season about to commence, Hobie Cat Europe has been working to extend their range to renew some models as well as add other models, in order to reply to

market demands. The first new model concerns the Formula 18.

A number of rumors have been apparently circulating concerning a new Formula 18 project. In order to reply to this situation, Hobie Cat Europe is pleased to announce that the project of a new 18 foot catamaran specifically for

Formula 18 racing is in development. This project is using perhaps one of the best naval architects in the world currently, particularly in multihulls, and a well-known sailmaker, in close collaboration with the worlds best F 18 racers, combined with the full technical and marketing staff of HCE. The latest high-tech developments will be used for this project.

The development of this new production F 18 should be seen as a new project, to exist along side the current Hobie Tiger, International ISAF Class, in which the next Worlds – currently under consideration – is Lake Garda for the year 2010.

More information will follow, as this new project nears production at Hobie Cat Europe in Toulon, France."

The other two models include an 18 foot, spinnaker-equipped boat targeted at the recreational market and the FX-Carbone, a carbon fiber version of the FX-One.

Matt Miller, Hobie Cat US representative comments on the new HCE F-18, "From what I understand, this is a long way out. They only hope to have a prototype by the December Paris boat show. I would think it would need a season of testing, so even if they do build it... maybe a year from now or later for production.

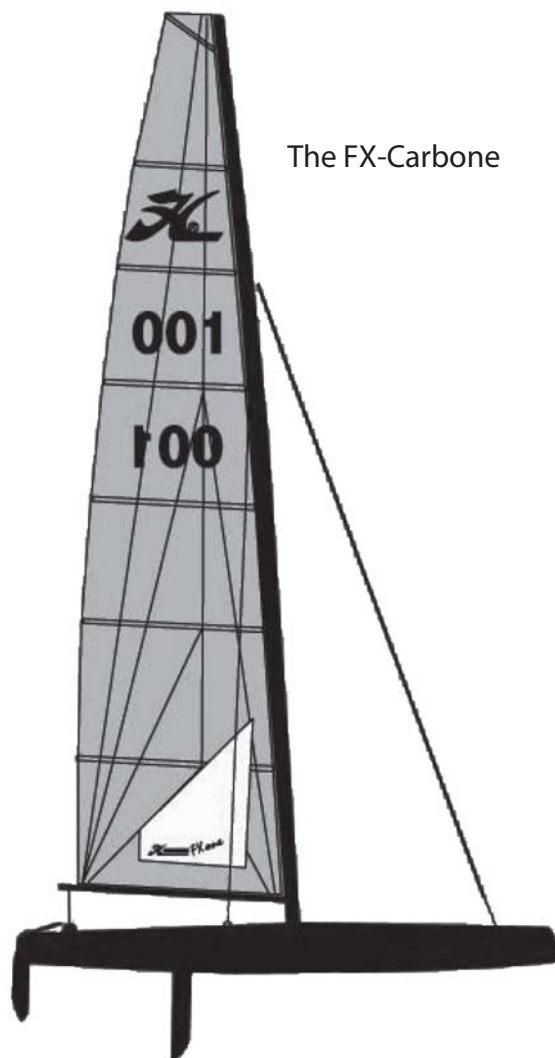
Plus... Hobie US does not import all of the HCE products. If it is not a product we agree

with or causes confusion in our markets, we would likely not import it here.

This is a concept at this point. We need to see the product, costs and possible negative effects on the US markets. We held off on the Tiger for years, mostly to protect the H-18 and 20 classes. Once it gained some international attention... we brought it in. We also get to let others work out the bugs!"



The Pearl



The FX-Carbone

HCA Elects New Officers at the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Hobie Class Association of North America was held on Tuesday, September 9 in Clear Lake, IA at the Hobie 16 North Americans. Thirteen of the 16 Divisions were represented either in person, or via conference call. Among other agenda items (see next article), new officers were elected:

Chairman:

Chris Wessels, Division 7

1st Vice Chair:

Pat Porter, Division 3

2nd Vice Chair:

Donna McIntosh, Division 14

Secretary:

Kathy Ward, Division 2

Treasurer:

John Mork, Division 14

Membership Chair:

Mike Levesque, Division 12

Race Director:

Matt Bounds, Division 10

Events Coordinator:

Bridget Quatrone, Division 16

Junior Program:

Gordo Bagley, Division 2

Guest Expert Program:

Kim Edmonds, Division 14

Scorekeeper:

Bill Jeffers, Division 16

Contact information is on page 26.

HCA Adopts Relaxed Policy for One-Design Regattas

Also at the AGM, the HCA Board of Directors approved the following revision to the One-Design Policy:

Results from the following types of events shall count towards the HCA Regional Rankings:

- 1) All events in which the HCA and/or an associated HCA Division and/or HCA fleet is the Organizing Authority. These events shall be HCA One-Design events. An HCA One-Design event is an event that conforms to the HCA One-Design policy. An explanation of this policy is available on the HCA website.
- 2) Up to three additional events in each HCA Division in which the Organizing Authority is not affiliated with the HCA. These events are subject to the following conditions.

Each Hobie Class (i.e. Hobie 16 or Hobie 20) in which ranking points will be awarded must
 - 1) have at least five boats competing.
 - 2) have a separate, one-design start.
 - 3) compete using Hobie Class rules.

For an event to qualify under Option 2 the Division Chair in which the event is to be held shall make a request by contacting the HCA Chair for approval prior to the event. This should be done 3-6 months in advance so that all sailors can be properly notified.

Results should be sent to the HCA scorekeeper from an official associated with the event.

All individuals scored in the HCA Regional Ranking must be HCA members.

The rationale behind this change is as follows:

Introducing Option 2 events will help Divisions that don't currently host HCA One-Design regattas pick a few events in which to focus participation as a one-design fleet. It will also give these Divisions an incentive to host a few HCA One-Design events so that sailors can count a full five events in the ranking.

In the more active Divisions this will work to improve turnouts at select multi-class events which is good exposure for the Hobie Class.



BRIAN ALLSTON



Mike Levesque, HCA Membership Chair

Quick Update #2

Charts & Graphs

Hi there! Just a quick update. I've put together some illustrations of interesting figures that have come out of the membership system.

The pie chart shows percentage of payment methods. We're maintaining a healthy 58% of payments online which helps make my job much easier (THANKS!).

The bar graph shows membership by Divisions. This shows where we really need to concentrate recruitment efforts - some of these weaker divisions used to be really strong.

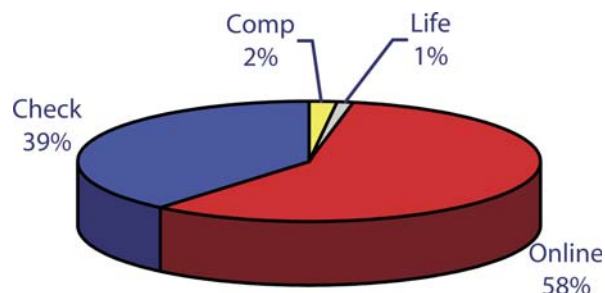
We're really looking for ideas on how to grow membership (and make it fun). All ideas are welcome for discussion.

Please submit your ideas to me at:

hobiembership@gmail.com.

As we mentioned last time, membership is required at regattas, and we don't have cards this year. If you go to a regatta and they're

Payment Method



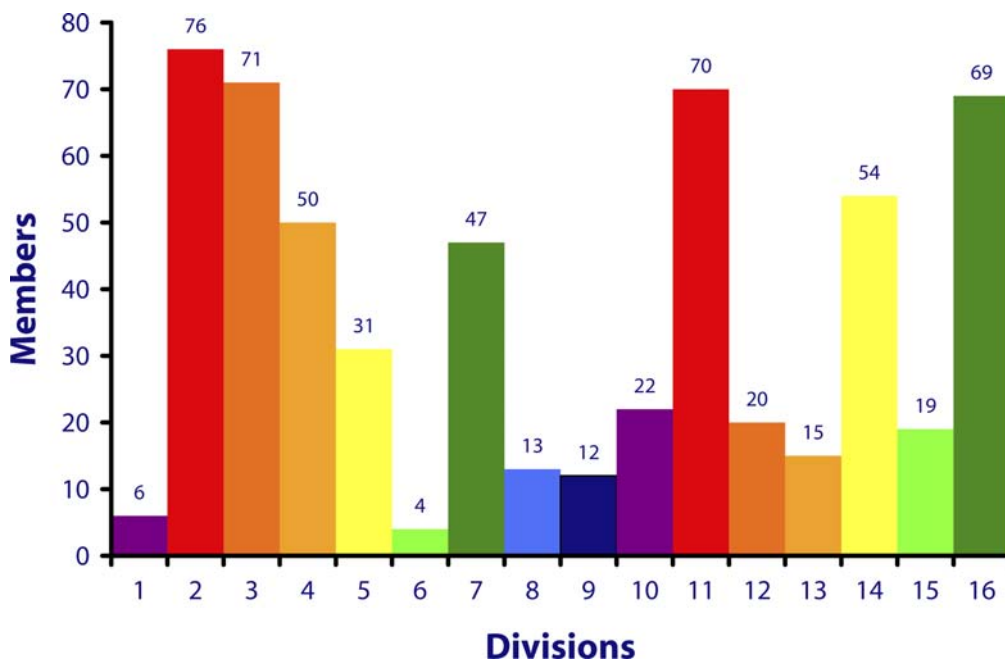
not checking against our list, ask them why not!

Also, how do you feel about no cards? If you feel strongly that you want one for 2009, let me know and we'll bring it up at the Class level.

Again, if you haven't already done so, please renew your membership today (memberships run for the calendar year, so you're expired if you haven't paid in 2008). Put down this issue of the *HOTLINE* for a few minutes, go to your computer and sign up. If you must, mail it in, but just take care of it before you forget!

And remember the most important thing - only YOU can help us grow the class! Go out and find new members!

Membership by Division





HAVAMEGA

on Lake Havasu

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This Old Hobie

The Bottom Job

By Rick Buchanan

Sailing a Hobie Cat is by far one of the fastest, most exhilarating things you can do on water. *Sharing the Wind*, a film produced by the Hobie Cat Company in the 70s, showcases Dean Froome & John Driscoll flying a Hobie 18 off a wave. The film also highlights a Hobie 18 screaming onto the beach, continuing overland and through a lagoon before coming to a stop. Most of us do this when we sail back to shore after a day of racing or just for fun ... well, maybe not like in the movie. The photo below shows what happens to the boat when you do this too many times.

*This is about as bad as it gets. The hole in the bottom of this Hobie 16 was "repaired" by the previous owner. A strip of duct tape covered up the hole, then a crude fiberglass patch was placed on top of the duct tape (see the Table of Contents photo in this issue). Needless to say, this repair is a little more involved than your standard bottom job. The hole had to be fixed first (see the article on Blind Hole Repairs in the Mar/Apr **HOTLINE**) before the bottom job could be started.*



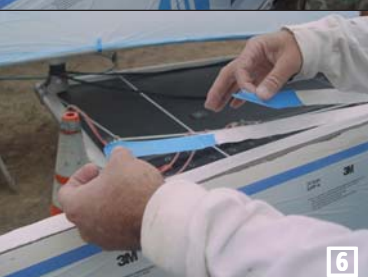
One thing is certain, every time our boats are beached, dragged, or pushed ashore a small amount of gelcoat, and eventually fiberglass is worn down (photos **1** and **2**). If the hulls aren't repaired, they will eventually look like the photo at left. So, how do you build them back up to factory specs? For many of us, the thought of doing this type of repair is intimidating. It's not all that hard to do, but you should have a working knowledge of fiberglass & resin before you begin.

First, set up the boat – in a place where you can easily access the hulls. Remove the hulls from the trampoline framework, or simply flip the boat over in a yard. Once the hulls are upside down place them on padded sawhorses (photo **3**). Disconnect the bridle wires at the chain plate shackle and tape them to the deck lip so they are out of your way.

Cover the area with a plastic painter's drop cloth to protect from resin drips, runs, and eventually, sprayed gelcoat. 3M makes a good drop cloth available at most home improvement stores.

The next step is to scuff sand the area you plan to repair. Any type of sander can be used to do this. This helps to remove foreign materials like dirt, grease, oil, Bondo® type fillers, Marine-Tex® and paint, etc. A coarse grit (80 – 100) sand paper should be adequate as shown with a "jitterbug" sander (photo **4**). Be sure to wear a good quality filter mask (photo **7**).

Next, it helps to pre-cut strips of 1" wide fiberglass "tape" and, using painter's tape (Scotch brand works well), tape them to the side of the hull so they are easily accessible. Usually three strips of fiberglass are sufficient. Make the first piece longer than the second, and the second longer than the third (photos **5** and **6**). Occasionally, more layers are required.



With the fiberglass ready for application, the contact surface should be wiped clean of any dust made in the scuff sanding. This can be done using acetone. Don't forget the filter mask.

Wearing both the mask and a good pair of gloves, it's time to saturate, or "wet out" the strips of fiberglass tape with catalyzed resin and apply them to the hulls. The easiest method of doing this step is to use 1" wide disposable camel hair paint brushes and a "resin roller" (photos **7** and **8**). These can be found at West Marine and most plastics / composite retailers. The resin used here is vinylester, a high grade polyester which flows into the glass fibers easily. The ratio of catalyst (Methyl Ethyl Ketone Peroxide) to resin is usually 4 – 6 drops per liquid ounce. This particular type of resin will change color from a rose tint to light tan when the catalyst is mixed. After applying the catalyzed resin to the fiberglass by brush, use the roller to remove any air bubbles you may find. The last coating of resin should be a "finish coat," which can be made from laminating resin by

adding about 3 – 4 drops of "surfacing agent" to the last ounce of resin.

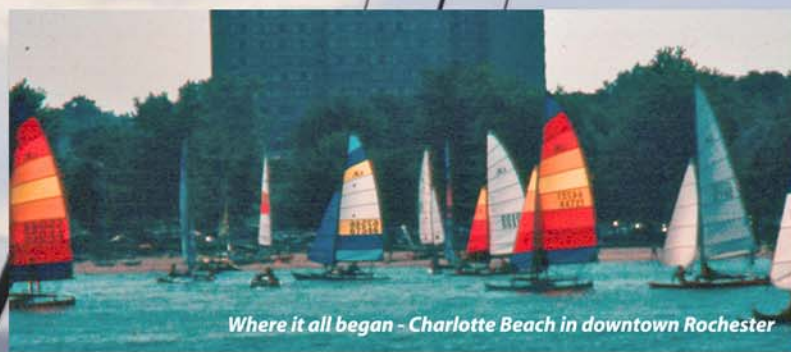
With the resin fully cured, sand the area. The ideal sander to use is a pneumatic "in-line" sander (photo **9**). This type of sander smooths the bottom curvature without any high or low spots. Once the new fiberglass surface is sanded, round over the edges made by the 3 layers as needed to fair it to the surrounding surface (photo **10**).

Check your work with a template (photo **11**) to see if it's back to factory specs. If you're satisfied with the build-up, use Formula 27 to fill in small pin holes and scratches to prep the hull for gelcoat. Refer to the last issue of the *HOTLINE* for spraying gelcoat. When spraying the gelcoat, limit overspray on the tape line (photo **12**). This will reduce the amount of sanding / buffing needed to finish the work.

After a final sanding, make sure to check your work with the template again (photo **13**) and your Hobie should be ready to sail (photo **14**).



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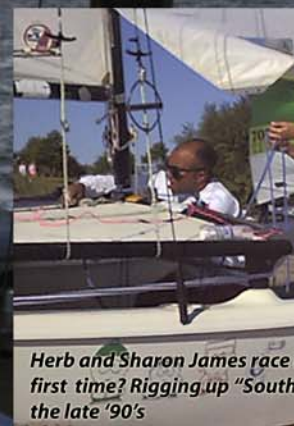
30 YEARS OF RACING

STORY BY STEPHANIE O'CONNOR AND MARK GIBSON
PHOTOS BY BRIAN ALLSTON

Take a great sailing and camping venue, add a guest expert, a dozen volunteers, and 51 boats worth of fierce competitors and you have the 30th ROHR Regatta (Rohrbach's Ontario Hobie Regatta) and Northeastern Area Championship.

In 1978, a small group of Hobie sailors renting space from a home owner on the east side of the Genesee River, lead by Jim Moyer, organized our first regatta at Charlotte Beach in the city of Rochester. Three years later we moved to the beautiful location we now use at Hamlin Beach State Park. For over 30 years we have experienced great weather and sailing, crazy parties, 130 boats for the 1990 Northeastern Area Championship, too much wind, not enough wind, treacherous waves, cold water, fog, a wedding, a baby shower and even the landing of a lost sea plane from Canada. The constant in all this is the great friendships we have established and the dedication of the fleet members who work tirelessly every year to continue the tradition. This year was no exception.

Friday morning began with light winds and our guest expert program lead by Mark Modderman. Mark is the true definition of expert. He spoke about every aspect of racing from starts and tactics to boat handling as well as the thought process behind each move in the "chess game" of racing. As the seminar continued, the wind steadily built to 12-15 knots on an 80 degree day. It was now time to apply what was learned. Teams came from New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Canada, and Michigan and it was a perfect day for them to practice. Mark Amico and Bill Jeffers held over two hours of drills and practice races. Mark Modderman went out on a Zodiac with Bob O'Connor to assist sailors in their maneuvers.





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COLD Weather HOT Racing

The 2008 Hobie 17 / 18 / Tiger
North American Championships
Harrison, BC
Canada

STORY BY PAUL EVENDEN
PHOTO BY STEVE BRUNSDEN

**63 sailors; 59 races,
41 capsizes, 39 lasso tosses,
21 volunteers, 12 bottles of
rum, 10 cases of beer,
5 de-mastings, 4 Aussies, 3 new
champions, 2 race chairs,
1 amazing week -
PRICELESS!**

As we dry out everything - the gear, the boats, the tents, and the sailors - I want to give a very big **thank you** to all who participated in the 2008 Hobie 17, 18 and Tiger North American Championships at Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia, Canada.

The Volunteers

I believe one should always first thank the **volunteers!** These are the people without whom we could not run a regatta. Whether it is a small club regatta or a North American or World Championship, volunteers are the crucial backbone of any organization. But we all know that, right?! On behalf of me and Co-chair Gillian Thomson, a very big **thank you!**

- The shore/office team: Margaret Brunsdon, John Hooper, Debbie Hughes, Shelley McKnight, Terry and Darryl Park, Robert Schlagintweit, Doug Weston. The social event helpers: Jan Kristiansen, Annette Zacher, Levi Hughes.
- The chase boat team: (these folks got a standing ovation at the Awards Banquet, and they worked hard during the week making everybody feel safe on the water): Shane Atchley, Dave Baumgartner, Steve Brunsdon, Scott Chapman, Todd Christensen, Bob Combie, Katie Rasmussen, Jerry Valeske and Laura Sullivan for bringing their whaler, and Gary Clow from the Valley Power and Sail Squadron for providing his boat for the Race Committee.
- Race Committee help: Terry McGlashen, Anita McLellan, Jordyce Van Muyden, Jan Waissi
- International Judge: Steve Tupper
- PRO: Peter Van Muyden

The Sailors

The other thank you always goes to the sailors. You are the ones who took the journey to Harrison Lake. Teams came from BC, Alberta, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, California, Iowa, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas, as well as two teams from Australia: Ron McDonald (H-17) and John Jay Kersh / Josh Geering (H-18).

In fact, JJ Kersh and Josh Geering were recognized for being the team who travelled the furthest, flying from Australia to New York, purchasing two Hobie 18s, and then driving from New York to B.C. Their presence added much interest as they tore their boats

apart and then proceeded to reassemble the pieces into one sailable boat... so they thought. On day one, a hull seam split open and by the end of the 3rd race, they were towed back to shore with decks awash. Fortunately they had two boats and a quick hull exchange was made in the evening. Their craft was dubbed "Sum Assembly Required" (their spelling).

The Weather

During the preparations for the week we checked the weather forecast frequently. Harrison Lake is known for its great 'offshore' breezes and flat water. It's a lake surrounded by mountains at the end of the Fraser Valley about two hours east of Vancouver. In the summer, the valley heats up creating thermals, that head up the Harrison valley giving us consistent winds and flat water ... a fun, picturesque place to sail. **Not this week!** The predictions indicated cloudy, rainy weather. We were not impressed. It really didn't matter in the end... as there was wind everyday. And lots of it!!



The Racing

Monday's racing started at noon and three races were completed. The conditions: rainy and windy. The results: lots of action on the water. A good portion of the Tiger fleet spent time in the water as the wind gusts would come down the lake and catch them unaware or unprepared. A few sail numbers were changed as the teams fell on to their sails, causing massive tears and making them essentially useless. Fortunately fleet members had spares. Mark Jones



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and Ingrid Gutzmann (Tiger) also had practice at righting their Tiger. Mark's lesson for the day was that the boat stays upright easier when you put the plugs in. The youth team of Mark Williamson and John Marshall, their first race on a H-18, had the title of "most capsizes in one day." They were over about four times! Later in the week, they wanted to run a race where you were required to capsize each leg. They were getting so fast at righting, they felt sure they could win that one. They improved quickly and later in the week, began to give the leaders a serious challenge. Well done boys!

The Socials

Monday evening supper was under the big tents with a great salmon BBQ and Chilliwick corn provided by the host Bungalow Motel. The Bungalow is a small motel with twelve quaint cabins that are right beside the park. Jan Kristiansen (H-17) and his wife Annette organized "Match Racing" in the pool. Contestants were provided with Styrofoam boats, construction paper, skewer sticks, Popsicle sticks, and clothes pins. They had to create their own sail craft in preparation for the competition. Large fans were placed along the poolside to blow the boats across the pool in pairs. The winner of each 'heat' stayed to race again. Talk about fierce competition! The designs



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were ingenious, sail rigs were not class legal (nobody cared), and the racing was tight. After five heats, David Colwell from the Tiger fleet was declared the winner! The Hobie 17 "Wing Bar" was provided by the Division 4 H-17 fleet with drinks provided 'on the wing'. Music was provided by Copper Sky, playing Canadian East Coast and Irish Songs.

The Highlights

Tuesday's racing was similar to Monday with the rain, and strong gusty winds. However, there was a slight postponement in the middle of the day for a tug boat towing a 500' log boom across the race course heading for the Harrison River, en route to the mighty Fraser and eventually the Pacific Ocean at Vancouver. The leader board showed Phil Collins at the top of the 17 fleet, Jim Sohn in the 18 fleet, and Paul Andrepont



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Fun and Games:

"Cowboy Dan" Carpenter ropes in another stray in the roping contest (above).

Competitors furiously construct their vessels for the heated pool boat competition (left).

The start of the pool competition! What happened to Bob Johnson's hair? (above left)

Hobie 17 Bar, drinks served "on the wing" (below right).

in the Tigers. The sailors learned that RO Peter Van Muyden starts on time! At 1100 the flags were flying. A few boats missed

the start, a few boats came close...and we were all a little more attentive in the days to follow.

Wednesday saw even gustier conditions with huge wind shifts. The wind would come down the lake in what became known as microbursts. Sailors could see them coming, but sometimes it was tough to be ready for them — 70 degree shifts and gusts from 15-20 knots. Many boats (including yours truly) capsized when a burst would hit the boat with a huge header that would backwind the sails and cause some boats to capsize to windward. This made for challenging and exciting catamaran racing conditions.

The Hobie Header

Wednesday evening saw us once again under the big tents for burgers and corn, music by the Western swing/roots band Back Door Slam and the competition for Champion Hobie Header. When asked earlier in the week, most competitors had no idea what this would entail. This event was organized by Levi Hughes, a Chilliwack student, who is the current BC and Canadian High School Rodeo Champion in Tie-

down Roping. Levi qualified and attended the National Finals High School Rodeo in New Mexico this past July where there were over 1600 competitors from across North America. Our event did not involve horses or real cows, but calf roping dummies. Each participant was given instruction and several practice throws before the actual competition. Over 30 people tried their hand at throwing the rope and there were a few surprises! Some showed natural hidden talent! As the evening wore on, the cheering section grew and the competitors were whittled down to three: Shelley McKnight (registration), Dan Carpenter (H-17), and Scott Chapman (pin boat). Shelley and Scott had natural talent, but Dan, after asking Levi for some tips, was told, "Everything you are doing is so wrong, your loop should not be catching. If I try to correct it for you though, you'll probably start missing, so just keep doing whatever it is you're doing." Dan kept throwing, cheered on by the whole H-17 fleet, and made it to the final two. After a couple more throws, Scott Chapman was crowned the official 2008 Hobie Header Champion. Scott's prizes included his own rope, a framed picture, and a roping care package. Well done Scott!

The Weather Again (More Wind and Rain)

Thursday's racing saw similar conditions (rainy and windy) but we were able to complete five races. Another dismasting in the last race by Bob Johnson/Campbell Sinclair (H-18) was easily repaired on shore while Phil Collins was in a bit of a funk because he



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also capsized his 17 in the last race. "But I never capsize!" was his comment. Fortunately for him it didn't affect his standings at all. We were not prepared for what Friday's weather would bring: gusts up to 25 knots, and more rain ... it rained so hard that it flattened the crests of the waves and literally obscured the town (which is about a half mile away) from our vision. Marks were lost from sight and water poured down the sails. Many boats capsized during the last race, and many more in the squall that hit during the beat back to shore. Everyone still came back to the beach smiling, tired, and glad to have been there.

The Awards

The Awards Banquet was held in the Town Memorial Hall where another great meal was provided by local caterers. As the volunteers were introduced each group received a standing ovation from those present. The Chase boat team received the longest and loudest of all. These folks were on the ball everyday, watching the race course... rushing to boats who were capsized to offer assistance if needed, towing broken boats to shore, making sure marks were set properly, and sitting out there in the open in all the wind and rain. Again, our hats off to you ... a job well done.

Trophies (and more standing ovations) were presented to our three new North American Champions: Hobie 17 - Phil Collins, Hobie 18 - Jim Sohn and Christina Bradshaw (winner by 2 points), Hobie Tiger: Bryan Colwell and his son David Colwell (winner by 2 points). Congratulations!

The Memories

I have many fond memories of this past week: new friends made, reacquainting past friendships, and fun times. Yes, it rained all week, but it cleared while we were eating outside and having our social events. I

remember sailing by John Cox on his Hobie 17 and hearing him cheering at the top of his lungs because he was having way too much fun. Also, I enjoyed talking with the ladies on the 'beach crew' who watched the action through their binoculars and cheered on their sailors.

The Committee

Thank you to the many people who do the small things that seemingly go unnoticed. John Hooper on the beach, who helped repair boats and get them back



on the water; Margaret and Shelly made lunches for the race committee. Robert Schlagintweit (H-18) obtained sponsorship from Fogh Marine, Air Care and the donor for our big tents. Thanks also to sponsors from Glenmore Sailboats, Hobie Cats Northwest, Murray's Marine, Central Okanagan Sailing Association, The Hobie Cat Company, Team McLube, Mount Gay Rum, Pacific Pilsner and Hosting BC for their support in either product or funds to support this

event. Thanks especially to Gillian Thomson, event Co-chair, for all the work and the time she committed to help make this event happen.



Hobie 17 / 18 / Tiger North American Championships Harrison, BC August 25-29, 2008

Final Results

Hobie 17

Name	Sail	Races																			Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
1 Phil Collins	6603	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	1 (22.0 DNF)	6	1	1	55	33	
2 Dale Jamieson	6610	(7)	3	7	6	2	4	7	4	2	7	2	2	1	4	3	1	2	3	7	74	67
3 Stuart Hill	6622	5	8	2	8	4	5	(9)	3	5	6	8	4	4	7	5	2	4	2	8	99	90
4 Paul Carter	6616	4	1	(15)	4	9	9	11	2	4	2	5	5	3	5	12	5	1	10	2	109	94
5 Peter Nelson	319	9	4	9	7	3	2	2	7	11	5	1	7	10	3	4	10	3	12 (22.0 DNC)	131	109	
6 Scott Ruggles	6419	1	5	5	1	7	10	3	11	12	3	12 (22.0 DNC)	12	10	2	4	5	5	22.0 DNC	152	130	
7 Dave Wilder	1597	6	10	4	5 (22.0 DNF)	19	6	6	7	4	7	9	6	8	7	8	10	7	9	160	138	
8 Stephen Acquart	13	10	7	10	14	11	3	5	5	3	11	17	10	9	2	11	6	7	4 (22.0 DNC)	167	145	
9 Jan Kristiansen	6326	2	11	3	13	5	12	10	12	6	10	13	8	5	6 (15)	12	8	6	4	161	146	
10 Kelly Havig	6184	8	12	6	9	6	15	4	9	14	8	14	6	15 (16)	13	9	9	8	5	186	170	
11 Dan Carpenter	838	11	9	13	10	8	8	16	10	8	12	10 (22.0 OCS)	13	11	10	14	11	16	6	218	196	
12 Eric Walisi	349	13	13 (22.0 DNC)	16	16	11	12	8	10	9	9	1	7	9	9	7	22.0 DNC	14	22.0 DNF	230	208	
13 Al Leonard	6352	15	16	12	11	10	17	13	15	9	15	4	14	18	15	6	3	13 (22.0 OCS)	3	231	209	
14 John Cox	2	18	6	14	12	19	7	15	17 (22.0 DNF)	13	6	13	14	14	16	11	12	13	10	252	230	
15 Tim Dorwin	6615	16	19	18 (22.0 DNC)	15	14	14	13	13	18	15	12	8	12	8	15	15	11	22.0 DNC	280	258	
16 Gerald Umstead	6327 (22.0 DNF)	14	19	17	14	16	18	16	18	14	16	16	11	13	14	13	17	9	13	290	268	
17 Graham McGlashan	5830	14	15	17	18	13	13	17	19	15	17	11	11	20	17	19	17	14	15 (22.0 DNF)	304	282	
18 Caleb Tarleton	6446	17	17	11	15	17 (20)	20	18	16	16	18	15	19	19	18	18	16	17	12	319	299	
19 Ron McDonald	6252	12	21	8	2	12	6	8 (22.0 DNC)	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	333	311	
20 Micheal Machette	5885	19	18	16	19	18	21	19 (22.0 DNC)	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	16	18	17	16	18	18	11	354	332	
21 Jim Rackham	379 (22.0 DNC)	20	22.0 DNC	20	22.0 DNC	18	21	14	17	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	17	17	20	20	19	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	379	357	

Hobie 18

Name	Sail	Races																				Total Points	Net Points	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
1 Jim Sohn	16941	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	(4)	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	36	32	
Christina Bradshaw	16942	1	2	4	2	2	1	2	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	(6)	3	2	40	34	
2 Stephen Cooley	16769	4	4	2	3	4	2	3	6	(8)	2	3	3	3	5	7	5	4	1	5	1	75	67	
Sabrina Cooley	16769	4	4	2	3	4	2	3	6	(8)	2	3	3	3	5	7	5	4	1	5	1	75	67	
Martine Schlagintweit	15976	3	3	3	4	5	4	4	7	5	5	8	5	5	4	4	(10.0 DNF)	5	5	8	4	101	91	
3 Bob Johnson	13005	6	7	5	5	3	6	6	3	4	7	2	4	4	3	5	4	(8)	4	7	7	100	92	
Campbell Sinclair	15903	5	5	(10.0 DNC)	7	8	8	7	5	3	3	5	(10.0 DNC)	7	7	3	3	7	2	2	6	113	103	
4 Mark Williamson	16865	7	6	7	6	6	6	5	(8)	4	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	3	8	6	5	120	112
5 Gillian Thomson	15897	8	8	6	(10.0 DNF)	7	7	5	8	6	8	7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6	7	4	(10.0 DNF)	157	147	
Gail Williamson	15990	(10.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	200	190	
6 John Marshall	15990	(10.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	200	190	
7 Jonlay Kersh	15990	(10.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	200	190	
8 Robert Schlagintweit	15990	(10.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	200	190	
Adrian Kerkhoven	15990	(10.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	200	190	
9 Mark Coleman	15990	(10.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	200	190	
10 Gaye Coleman	15990	(10.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	200	190	

Hobie Tiger

Name	Sail	Race																				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
1 Bryan Colwell David Colwell	2538	2	1	(6)	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	4	3	47	41
2 Paul Andrepoint Andrew Koch	2477	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	(5)	3	1	5	1	5	1	48	43
3 Tyler Barton Seamus Woodward-Gannon	2217	4	5	2	5	4	7	1	1 (13.0 DNF)		3	1	5	4	6	5	5	1	3	1	2	78	65
4 Ben Colwell Luke Summers	1604	5	3	(13.0 DNC)	3	6	3	4	5	2	4	4	2	5	3	2	4	2	4	3	7	84	71
5 Mark Jones Ingrid Gutzmann	1732	6	9	7	4	1	6	6 (13.0 RAF)		5	5	7	4	2	2	4	3	4	6	2	5	101	88
6 Don Atchley Negan Dörwin	1899	7	4	4	(11)	7	5	5	9	4	7	2	9	6	7	7	8	6	7	6	4	125	114
7 Mike Hensel Carole Harris-Barnett	1471 (10)	10	3	6	5	4	7	4	6	8	5	6	7	4	6	7	9	5	8	6	126	116	
8 Jerry Valieske Laura Sullivan	2355	8	6	5	8	8	8	9	8	7	10	9	7	8	8	8	6	8	9	7 (13.0 DNC)	160	147	
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The Closer

Finally, yes, the sun does shine in Harrison. It presented us with a beautiful sunset as we started our Awards Banquet on Friday night.

For more stories and pictures, please check the event website at www.2008hobienac.com



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Later that evening, teams were able to debrief the events of the day and also enjoy a pizza party. Finally on Friday evening, the members of fleet 295 organized a surprise baby shower for Bob and me. We are expecting our first baby on October 2 and we were truly surprised by everyone's generosity for "Baby O". Thanks to everyone for helping us celebrate and to Mark Amico for secretly coordinating this event!

Saturday morning was the start to another beautiful day. Irene McNeil, PRO, and Mike Levesque were ready to set a course for an on-time start at 11:00 am. Lake Ontario has experienced high water levels this year, so unfortunately our beach was underwater. Sailors had to help each other launch down a ramp and through the waves. Once out on the water, they found near perfect conditions: steady winds of 15-18 knots, sizeable waves, good competition, and four solid races.

Later in the day, Mark Modderman returned to the water and put on a show with his kite



Clockwise, from above:

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Dan Borg tries an unconven

Mark Modderman plays Gue

Marie Appel tries a more con

John Bauldry and Giselle Vaz

Dave and Barbara Heroux h

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board. He made it look so effort-
less! As a result, we now have
several sailors who want to learn to
kite boarding.

Saturday evening's events
included a BBQ dinner, a raffle
with tons of prizes, music and
dancing, the "fun Olympics" and
the Tiger bar. The grand prize at
the raffle, a Hobie Kayak donated
by Boatworks, was won by Kim
and Paul Krutty from Michigan.
Corey Gibson, who also DJ'ed the
party created some fun games in
the "Olympic spirit" for the sailors.
These included some strength and
endurance games which were
challenging, but fun to watch after
a full day of sailing.

The wind continued to blow all
night, allowing the waves to build
even further. Unfortunately, our
support boats were not able to leave
the marina and Sunday's racing was
cancelled. That did not stop the
H-16 sailors from practicing. Ten
boats went out with a mark and to
tune up, as they were all looking
forward to the North American
Championships in Iowa.

Saturday's results stood: The
youth team of Eric Raybon and
Jason Billow won 16A fleet.
Another youth team, Trey James
and Jonathan Hammond took 16B
fleet. Paul Garlick won the 17s
and John Bauldry and Giselle
Vasiri won the Tiger fleet.

Fleet 295 is a small group but
everyone works together and takes
on multiple roles to create a top-
notch event. Thanks again to
Mark Modderman for serving as
our guest expert! We look forward
to seeing everyone at future events
at Hamlin Beach!



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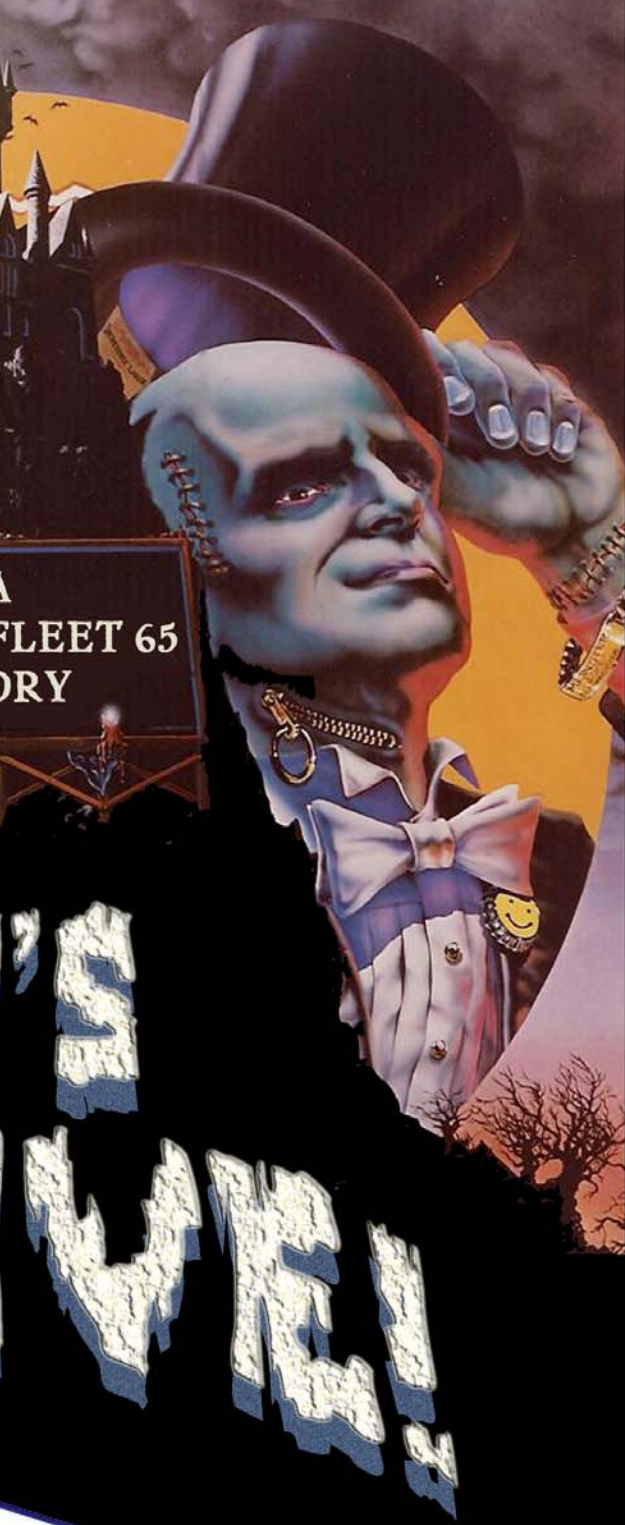
I thought it was dead. I really did; it showed no signs of life. The racks where the Hobies once rested were mostly empty, except for an odd, lonely, long neglected, Hobie 16 waiting in vain to be sailed. The laughter and joking while rigging the boats, the beers shared after the race, the old friends — all were gone. I thought it was dead...but I was wrong.

At the northwest corner of Barnegat Bay in the Jersey Shore town of Shore Acres is a little gem: the *Shore Acres Yacht Club*, home of Hobie Fleet 65. I first met the people from Fleet 65 back in 1985. I had recently arrived in this country and was sailing a Prindle 18 in the weekly races on Barnegat Bay. It became quite apparent however, that if I wanted to engage in good *competitive* catamaran sailing, I needed to sell my Prindle and get a Hobie. It was also clear

that the place to be was *Shore Acres*. Fleet 65 had a good core group of sailors and a strong Hobie 18 fleet. At *Shore Acres*, I found sailors who shared my passion. The yacht club provided excellent facilities and was ideally located on its own little peninsula, adjacent to the open waters of the bay. Life was good.

Shakespeare said "There is a tide in the affairs of men". After some time and the loss of some key members, I saw that the fleet was in a slow decline. Relocations, family commitments, and life's demands, all conspired over time to greatly weaken the fleet. Lower attendance resulted in even less incentive to participate. Less incentive led to lower involvement. And so it went, in an ugly downward spiral. The slow and painful decline took a number of years. I stayed for a while, but Fleet 65 was dying, if not dead. Sadly, it was time to move on. The tide had run out on Hobie Fleet 65.





So you can imagine that it came as a welcome surprise, all these years later, to hear the news that the fleet I had once pronounced dead was being resurrected. Thanks to the efforts of a small number of sailors, new life is being breathed into the old fleet. It is a modest beginning to be sure, and Fleet 65 is a long way from its glory days, but that is not important. Once again, there is joking and laughter while rigging the boats and the beers are flowing in the club bar while friends share stories after the race. Fleet 65 members have again come together at *Shore Acres* to share their love for Hobie sailing. Isn't that what it is really about?

On the weekend of June 28th and 29th and for the first time in many years, Division 11 sailors converged on *Shore Acres* for a Fleet 65 hosted points regatta. *Shore Acres* did themselves proud and put on a great regatta. The Fleet 65 members, as well as the larger *Shore Acres*

Yacht Club membership, were wonderful hosts and the sailing was good. For me, and I am sure for many Division 11 sailors, it was like old times again.

Fleet 65's rebirth is an inspiring story in these challenging times for the sport of sailing. We wish them well and look forward to returning to *Shore Acres* in the coming years.

The tide has turned on Fleet 65 and we hope it comes in strong.



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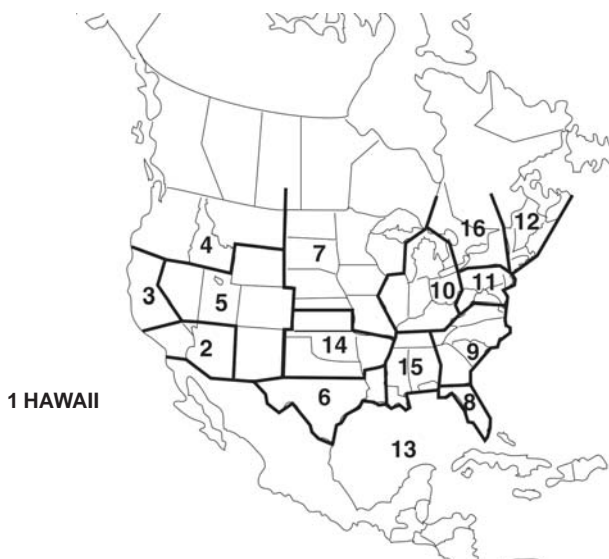
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- Youth events sanctioned by the Hobie Class Association of North America
- Youth events sanctioned and organized by the International Hobie Class Association and held in conjunction with other IHCA Worlds events

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: **Gordon Bagley**, gnbii@msn.com



HOBIE'S PROFILES:

NAME: Stephen Cooley

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 61, Denver, Colorado

AGE: Old enough to know better, young enough not to care.

PROFESSION: Commercial Property Manager

HOBBIES: Sailing, snow skiing, restoring old Mustangs and Hobies

LAST BOOK READ: Stephen King's The Stand. You gotta love it when the good guys come out on top.

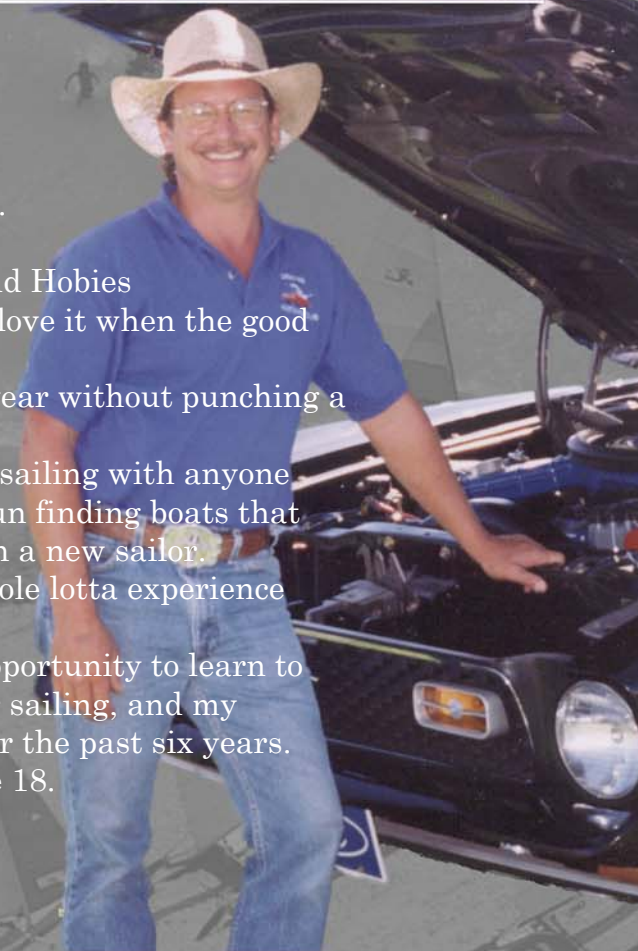
LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Getting through another year without punching a clock.

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO: I love to share my passion for sailing with anyone that will take the time to be interested. It has been great fun finding boats that are sitting unused and getting them back on the water with a new sailor.

QUOTE: "Good Judgment comes from experience and a whole lotta experience comes from bad judgment."

PROFILE: I'm grateful for my parents who gave me the opportunity to learn to love sailing, Judy, who allows me to indulge my passion for sailing, and my daughter Sabrina who has sailed with me every summer for the past six years.

HIS BOAT: The very last brand new American made Hobie 18.



NAME: Lori Mohney

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 519, Portage, Michigan

AGE: Forever young!

PROFESSION: In the job that actually pays me – I work in the Pharmaceutical industry at Pfizer. In my favorite job I get to assist with the planning of World (IHCA) level Hobie Cat Events.

HOBBIES: Downhill skiing, sailing, biking – anything that keeps me moving – keeps me young!

LAST BOOK READ: Lifelines by C.J. Lyons

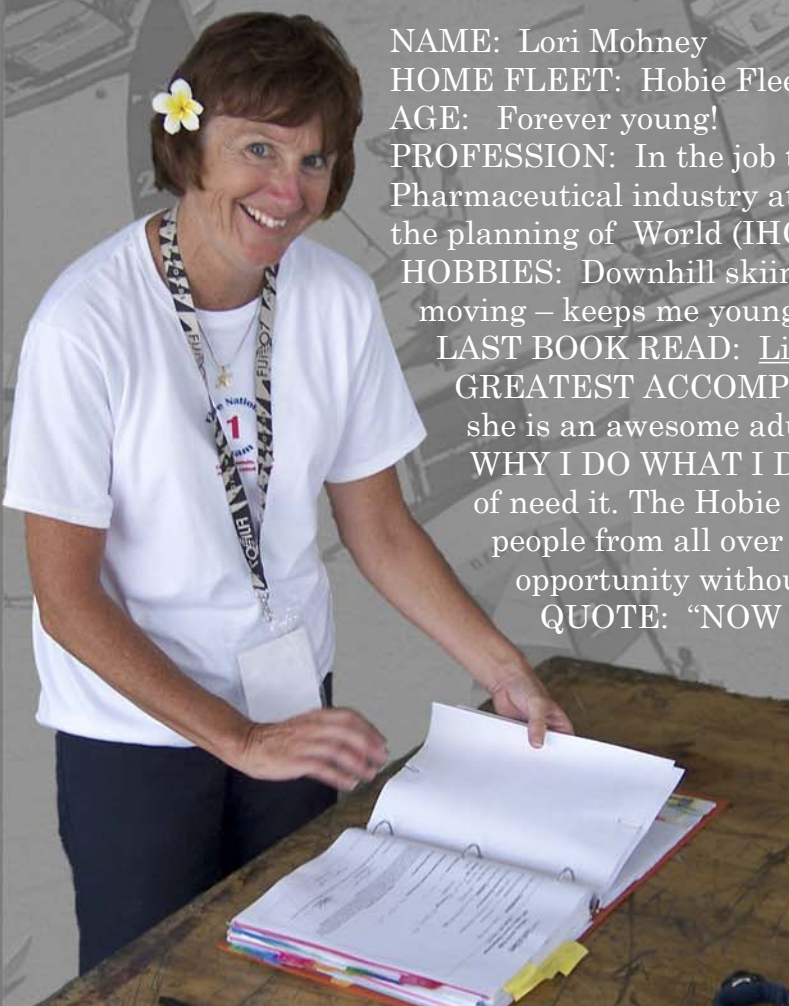
GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Raising our daughter Heather - she is an awesome adult now!

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: The job is about the money only – you kind of need it. The Hobie half of my life is the best part. I have met people from all over the globe and would of never had the opportunity without sailing in my life.

QUOTE: "NOW means NOW"

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