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## HOBIE 16

NORTH AMERICAN  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

KINGSTON ONTARIO CANADA JULY 17-24



**Women & Youth**  
July 17 - 19

**Open Championships**  
July 20 - 24



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### Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), HCA Division 16, Hobie Fleets 183 & 204 in conjunction with CORK / Sail Kingston.

### Venue & Dates

The venue for shall be the Portsmouth Olympic Harbor, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. The Hobie 16Y and 16W North American Championships will be held Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19. The Hobie 16 Open North American Championships will be held Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24.

### Rules

The event will be governed by the ISAF RRS, the 2009 IHCA Class Rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) will be changed so that only a one turn penalty is required for breaking a RRS Part 2 rule.

### 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 July 17, 2009. This modifies IHCA Rule 17.7. All members of Women's teams shall be female.

### Schedule, Entries & Registration

Women / Youth 1st Warning Signal: 12:00 PM, July 17  
Open 1st Warning Signal: 12:00 PM, July 20  
Full event schedule, pre-registration discounts and other information is available via [www.cork.org](http://www.cork.org) or [www.hcana.hobieclass.com](http://www.hcana.hobieclass.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 Ontario, Canada. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be available for review at measurement.

### 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

Check [www.cork.org](http://www.cork.org) for latest information.  
Camping / RV arrangements TBD

### Air transportation

Kingston Airport (YKG) is about 10 minutes away. There are several large international airports within a few hours drive of the site. Check [www.cork.org](http://www.cork.org) for latest information.

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[www.cork.org](http://www.cork.org)

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# it'sallgood ...

## It's a Small Hobie World



I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the Hobie 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta in Dana Point, California. That part of the country is beautiful, a gorgeous ocean beach area. Over 100 boats came from all over and having that many sails on the beach is rare these days. I was refreshed by the "homey" feel of the event even though I hardly knew any of the competitors.

Everyone was so friendly. It was an honor to finally meet people whose names I had heard here and there, or read articles about in the Hotline, but never had the opportunity to see face to face.

I have only been sailing about eight years total. However, I do have some fond memories as a kid on my dad's Catalina 27. I grew up in Sunset Beach, CA which is about 30 minutes north of Dana Point. My dad had this big sloop and we would head over to Catalina and stay over the weekend.

Anyway, how does this relate to meeting people at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta? Well, this world is a very small place. I was sitting and sharing stories with Dan Delave. I told him that I have a secret desire to sail to Catalina Island before I die. I was hoping to encourage him to get a group of people to go. He asked me how I know about Catalina (since I live in Iowa) and why I wanted to do it. I recounted a memory from when I would sail there with my family. There was one trip, in about 1976 or 1977, when it was very windy. We made it across the rough channel to the harbor and were waiting for our mooring assignment from the harbor master. Off the stern of our boat, I see a bright orange Hobie 16 with 2 young guys in wetsuits looking like they barely survived a hurricane.

They looked beat up and tired but with smiles of real accomplishment on their faces. They asked if they could hang on to our boat so they could make a repair. One of the guys told me about sailing over the huge waves, ramping off the whitecaps, trapping out, burying the hulls, etc.... They said it was the most fun they ever had! At 10 years old, I thought that was the craziest thing I had EVER heard, even though I surfed, skated and rode motocross back then!

As I am relaying to Dan that this is really why I jumped at the chance to sail a Hobie 16 in 2001, Dan says "Oh yeah, that was us." I couldn't believe that he was one of the guys I had met in Avalon Harbor almost 30 years ago. He explained that he and his buddy sailed to Catalina by accident. They were having so much fun in the windy conditions that they lost track of where they were. It was closer to sail to Catalina than to return to Long Beach. Wow. What a crazy little world we live in!

So, that's how the 40<sup>th</sup> went for me. My daughter, Jordon, and I enjoyed a week in California together: lots of sight-seeing, great food and a really memorable regatta. I hope all the other attendees came away with as much as we did. Everyone should be so lucky.

Chris Wessels



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# 2008/9 regattaschedule

## North American Championships [www.hca-na.org](http://www.hca-na.org)

**Hobie 16W/16Y** July 17–19, 2009 Kingston, ONT, Canada  
**Hobie 16 Open** July 20–24, 2009 Kingston, ONT, Canada  
**Hobie 14** August 21–23, 2009 Toronto, ONT, Canada  
**HAVAMEGA (Wave/17/18/20/Tiger)** Nov 7–13, 2009 Lake Havasu, AZ

## Area Championships

**MidWinters West** Mar 20–22, 2009 San Felipe, MEX see NOR next page  
**MidWinters East** Mar 28–29, 2009 Panama City, FL [www.hca-na.org](http://www.hca-na.org)  
**33rd MadCatter** May 16–17, 2009 Syracuse, NY [www.fleet204.com](http://www.fleet204.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](mailto: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](http://www.hobiedivision2.com)

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
88	Feb 7–8	<b>Havasu &amp; Hobie Reunited</b> Lake Havasu, AZ	Gordo Bagley	702-427-7328 <a href="mailto:gnbil@msn.com">gnbil@msn.com</a>
465	Mar 21–22	<b>Mid-Winter's West</b> San Felipe, MEX	Rick Buchanan	760-722-0909 <a href="mailto:MidwintersWest@cox.net">MidwintersWest@cox.net</a>
51	April 4–5	<b>Wild Windy West</b> Lake Mojave, NV	Clay Ostrom	<a href="mailto:Commodoreclay@hobiefleet51.com">Commodoreclay@hobiefleet51.com</a>
66	May 2–3	<b>Cinco de Mayo</b> Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Roger Hensler	<a href="mailto:twohenslers@aol.com">twohenslers@aol.com</a>
4	June 6–7	<b>San Diego Classic</b> San Diego, CA	John Ziolkowski	619-869-5326
434	June 20–21	<b>Big Bear Lake</b> Big Bear, CA	Chris Dunn	909-336-7679 <a href="mailto:dunndl@charter.net">dunndl@charter.net</a>
SBYC	Aug 15–16	<b>Wine &amp; Roses Regatta North/South Challenge</b> Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805-965-8112 ext 14 <a href="mailto:racing@sbyc.org">racing@sbyc.org</a>
66	Oct 3–4	<b>Piñata Regatta</b> Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Barb Perlmutter	<a href="mailto:Skipperbarb36@hotmail.com">Skipperbarb36@hotmail.com</a>

### Division 3—Northern CA

[www.div3.hobieclass.com](http://www.div3.hobieclass.com)

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
240	April 25–26	<b>Kick-Off</b> Santa Cruz, CA	Johnny O'Leary	<a href="mailto:sail105088@sbcglobal.net">sail105088@sbcglobal.net</a>
Div 3	May 16–17	<b>Wet &amp; Wild Regatta</b> Woodward Reservoir, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 <a href="mailto:Miracle877@sbcglobal.net">Miracle877@sbcglobal.net</a>
Div 3	June 27–28	<b>Commodores Regatta</b> Huntington Lake, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 <a href="mailto:Miracle877@sbcglobal.net">Miracle877@sbcglobal.net</a>
240	July 18–19	<b>Surf City Invitational</b> Santa Cruz, CA	Jeremy Leonard	<a href="mailto:jeremy@surfcitycatamarans.com">jeremy@surfcitycatamarans.com</a>
Div 3	Aug 1–2	<b>Mile High Regatta</b> Huntington Lake, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 <a href="mailto:Miracle877@sbcglobal.net">Miracle877@sbcglobal.net</a>
SBYC	Aug 15–16	<b>Wine &amp; Roses Regatta North/South Challenge</b> Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805-965-8112 ext 14 <a href="mailto:racing@sbyc.org">racing@sbyc.org</a>
Div 3	Aug 29–30	<b>Round Treasure Island Regatta</b> Alameda, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 <a href="mailto:Miracle877@sbcglobal.net">Miracle877@sbcglobal.net</a>
240	Sept 12–13	<b>Otter Regatta</b> Monterey Bay, CA	Steve Boese	<a href="mailto:lakeat1620@yahoo.com">lakeat1620@yahoo.com</a>
281	Sept 26–27	<b>Shark Feed</b> Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	<a href="mailto:mike@teevax.com">mike@teevax.com</a>
240	Oct 24–25	<b>Turkey Regatta</b> Monterey Bay, CA	Johnny O'Leary	<a href="mailto:sail105088@sbcglobal.net">sail105088@sbcglobal.net</a>

### Division 7—Prairie States

[www.hobiecatdivision7.org](http://www.hobiecatdivision7.org)

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
297	April 25–26	<b>Frayed Knot</b> Clinton Lake, KS	John Eaton	913-915-4907 <a href="mailto:sailflatlands@gmail.com">sailflatlands@gmail.com</a>
10	May 16–17	<b>Clear Lake Regatta</b> Clear Lake, IA	Todd Wilson	641-691-0203 <a href="mailto:todd@hollingsworthmfg.com">todd@hollingsworthmfg.com</a>
444	June 6–7	<b>Muddy Waters Regatta</b> Lake City, MN	Karl Brogger	507-301-9019 <a href="mailto:sogncab@yahoo.com">sogncab@yahoo.com</a>
474	June 20–21	<b>Spirit Lake Regatta</b> Spirit Lake, IA	Division 7	<a href="mailto:hobiecatdivision7@yahoo.com">hobiecatdivision7@yahoo.com</a>
475	July 11–12	<b>Division 7 Championships</b> Bald Eagle Lake, MN	Kevin Chase	651-429-7971 <a href="mailto:kchase@comcast.net">kchase@comcast.net</a>
291	July 25–26	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark Lake</b> Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402-558-6568 <a href="mailto:david.rice@bankofthewest.com">david.rice@bankofthewest.com</a>
84	Aug 15–16	<b>Des Moines Regatta</b> Saylorsville Res., IA	Roger Taha	515-262-9497 <a href="mailto:rtaha@mchsi.com">rtaha@mchsi.com</a>
475	Sept 12–13	<b>Storm Lake Regatta</b> Storm Lake, IA	Andy Larson	712-732-1532 <a href="mailto:larsona@iwnet.net">larsona@iwnet.net</a>
Div 7	Sept 25–27	<b>North Central Area Championships</b> Lake Calamus, NE	Chris Wessels	641-357-4577 <a href="mailto:chriswhobie@yahoo.com">chriswhobie@yahoo.com</a>

### Division 10—Great Lakes / Midwest

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
276	June 20–21	<b>Regata de Gatos</b> Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 <a href="mailto:jmbauldry@comcast.net">jmbauldry@comcast.net</a>

### Division 13—Mexico/Caribbean/Central America

Contact: Alfredo Figueroa—[vientoyvela@gmail.com](mailto:vientoyvela@gmail.com)

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
133	Nov 15–16	<b>Series IX PRHCA</b> Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	<a href="mailto:vientoyvela@gmail.com">vientoyvela@gmail.com</a>
236	Nov 22–23	<b>Regata Vuelta al Lago</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 <a href="mailto:hobiemex@hotmail.com">hobiemex@hotmail.com</a>
133	Dec 6–7	<b>Final PRHCA Series (X-mas Ball Regatta)</b> Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Alfredo Figueroa	<a href="mailto:vientoyvela@gmail.com">vientoyvela@gmail.com</a>
904	Dec 13–14	<b>Regata de Invierno</b> Progreso, MEX	Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-968-3683 <a href="mailto:andrea@yucatanoday.com">andrea@yucatanoday.com</a>

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

Contact Brad Stephens - [brad@sunjammers.com](mailto:brad@sunjammers.com)

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
120	March 28–30	<b>MidWinters East</b> Panama City, FL	Brad Stephens	<a href="mailto:brad@sunjammers.com">brad@sunjammers.com</a>

### Division 16—Upstate NY, Ontario

[www.nahca-div16.org](http://www.nahca-div16.org)

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
204	May 16–17	<b>33rd Madcatter</b> Syracuse, NY	Barb Caster	315-438-8915 <a href="mailto:barb@boatworks-ltd.com">barb@boatworks-ltd.com</a>
276	June 20–21	<b>Regata de Gatos</b> Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 <a href="mailto:jmbauldry@comcast.net">jmbauldry@comcast.net</a>





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# hobiehistory

15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

## 1973

### HOBIE 14 JIB KIT GOOD/BAD

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➡ Class Variant, Round 1 - The Nov/Dec 1973 HOTLINE had an article wrapped around this ad that listed all the reasons why a jib kit was bad for the 14: "All in all, we are not very enthusiastic about a jib kit for the Hobie 14. In fact, we can see some areas of concern in terms of the durability of the boat with this kit added."

Ten years later, Hobie Cat would produce the Hobie 14 Turbo (with the jib kit).

➡ This ad had 1973 written all over it - the logo, the name ("Our Mother Ocean") and the products - geared toward the sail / camping crowd. They did have something with the name, though - today, Our Mother Ocean is a conservation foundation based in Florida.

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Sizes: Men XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL Women 8, 10, 12, 14, 16  
**\$93.95**



## 1983

➡ Hey! I'm a Cooler! Squeeze Me! The original Cool Cat soft-sided cooler is introduced.

➡ The predecessor of the spray top, the O'Neill Breezbreaker came in two versions - one a windbreaker-style body and another with a body made of wetsuit neoprene. Either could use optional "Innersleeves" of wetsuit material when the water was colder.

## "Cool Cat" COOLERS







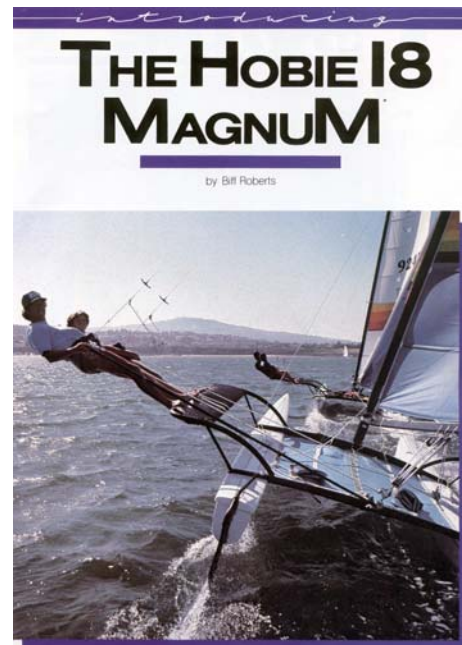
# 1983

☞ Merry Christmas from Sailing Systems!  
(And a more politically correct "Happy Holidays" from us at the **HOTLINE**.)

☞ They didn't have a name yet, but an ad claimed that "these lightweight, epoxy composite, foam core rudder blades" would give your Hobie "power steering".

The EPO rudder was introduced to the world.

☞ Class Variant, Round II - Hobie Cat introduces the Hobie 18 Magnum. While many enjoyed the extra power and comfort of the wings, it created a split in the Hobie 18 racing fleet.



## NAME GAME CORNER



☞ "If you can read this, I'm no longer in first place." If anyone has some original boat names, send us a photo - you might end up featured in the **HOTLINE**!

# 1993

☞ In 1993, the NAHCA experimented with a new concept for the Nationals - the "Multi-Boat Nationals." The 17s, 18s and 21s shared a venue in Jacksonville, FL.

This would be the predecessor of the 2002 Mega in Ft. Walton Beach and the upcoming HAVAMEGA on Lake Havasu next year.



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☞ A/C Delco signed on with Hobie Cat to provide event sponsorship in 1992 and by 1993 was an advertiser in the **HOTLINE**.

### **Farewell, But Not Goodbye**

*Peter Nelson reports:*

After much planning, our ship has finally come in for our planned voyage around the world. We have purchased a 2000 Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 45.2 lying in Newport, RI.

Current plans (always subject to change!!) are to leave Seattle in early/mid December and winter over along the eastern seaboard – most likely South Carolina and warmer climes, then head to the Mediterranean in the early spring and spend most of 2009 there. We expect to come back to Miami, FL this time next year before departing for the Caribbean, where we will spend six months. Then it is six months in the San Blas/Panama Canal/Galapagos area, a year in the So. Pacific, and a year in Australia/New Zealand. The current plan is one to four years. It'll be shorter if Ruth can't handle the sailing life; longer if she gets addicted to it! Either way, in the words of the illustrious governor of California, "I'll be back!"

My new e-mail address is [nelson.peter1@live.com](mailto:nelson.peter1@live.com). This is a web-based e-mail account that will allow me to stay in touch with you wherever I am. For those of you thinking we are falling off the face of the earth, we'll have a Sat phone, and be using e-mail and Skype. Finally, I have set up a blog page at [www.sailblogs.com/member/timewarp1](http://www.sailblogs.com/member/timewarp1). If you are interested in

staying in touch with our journey, I encourage you to save it as a favorites or even as a home. That website will have blog, pictures, and a map of where we are and where we have been.

We are both excited, scared, and sad to be leaving friends and family. But I have faith the good Lord will help us reach the goal He placed on my heart so many years ago. We hope some of you will come visit us in the far corners of this world! Please stay in touch.

### **Hobie Sailors and Events Win Awards at US SAILING One-Design Symposium**

Each year, the One-Design Class Council of US SAILING puts on a One-Design Sailing Symposium and honors events and sailors with their One-Design Awards.

**Max Hinnenberg**, the 2007 recipient of the HCA's Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year Award was given the **One-Design Creativity Award** for his innovative "Hobie Therapy" work with head and spinal injury patients from Craig Hospital in Colorado. In addition, Max was the US Sailing "Sailor of the Week" for November 5–11, 2008.

**Clear Lake Yacht Club** (Clear Lake, Iowa) was awarded the **One-Design Yacht Club of the Year Award** for their outstanding one-design programs, including hosting

the 2005 Hobie 20 and 18 North Americans, the 2006 Hobie 14 North Americans and the 2008 Hobie 14 / 16W / 16Y / 16 Open North Americans.

Finally, the **Hobie Cat 40th Anniversary Regatta** was given the **One-Design Regatta of the Year Award** for attracting over 100 boats and putting together a weekend program of activities and events unmatched in 2008.

One-Design Class Council Chairman, Matt Bounds, accepted the awards on behalf of the recipients.

### **New Hobie Sailors!**

We have two new little sailors in the Tulsa Hobie Fleet! Meet Colin James (below on the right) and Dylan Jacob (on the left). They arrived on Saturday morning, October 11. Mr. & Mrs. Mork and are both ecstatic, and the boys are doing great.

Born that same weekend to Tiger sailors Bob & Stephanie O'Connor was Teagan Rose, the newest member of Fleets 295 and 204. Congratulations everybody!





# 2009 Hobie 14 North American Championship

## August 21 - 23, 2009



### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.Toronto.com/hotels)

Event Chair: Dan Borg [dborg@toyota.ca](mailto:dborg@toyota.ca)

Event Hosts: Chris Ufton / Clive Warwick / Neil McNeil





*39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL*  
***Hobie Midwinters West***  
*HCA-NA Area Championship*  
***Notice of Race***

*March 20 & 22, 2009 • San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico*

***NOTE: DATES HAVE CHANGED!***

*Host Hotel-El Cortez Hotel*

Registration Check-in: El Cortez Hotel - Room 134

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday March 20**

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Registration Room 134

**Saturday March 21**

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 22**

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](http://www.members.cox.net/midwinterswest)

Or email [midwinterswest@cox.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:midwinterswest@cox.net)

Armando Noriega, Mexico City, Mexico

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

Email: [hobiemex@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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](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](http://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.



# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2009 HOBIE

### MIDWINTERS EAST

A Hobie One-Design Event

**March 27-29, 2009**  
**Panama City, Florida**

#### 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:

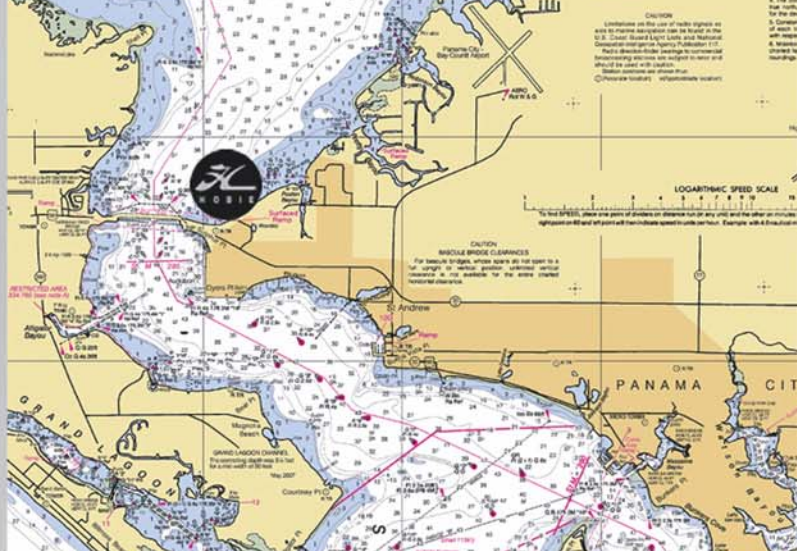
The event will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing with US SAILING prescriptions except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) will be changed so that only a one turn penalty is required for breaking a RRS Part 2 rule. Sailing Instructions 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 27, 2008**

3:00-7:00 PM Registration

Social Event Included in registration fee

**Saturday, March 28, 2008**

7:00-9:30 AM Registration

10:00 AM Competitors' Meeting

11:00 AM 1st Race Warning Signal

**Sunday, March 29, 2008**

10:00 AM Warning Signal

*Trophy presentation ASAP after last race on  
March 29. 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](http://www.hcamembers.com)

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Sleep Inn, 5126 W Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401

(850) 763-7777. Self-contained RV's allowed on site.







Matt Bounds, **HOTLINE** Editor

## The Object at Hand

Artifactica

**O**K, I admit it. I'm a collector. I've got a basement full of treasure (my wife calls it "junk") from thirty-five years of Hobie racing. If something went into a regatta goodie bag with a flying H on it, it's probably down there. Somewhere. So I think it's pretty neat when I hear about other peoples' objects d' Hobie.

### Be Careful What You Ask For - You Just Might Get It

As the **HOTLINE** Editor, I get some pretty interesting e-mails. For example, in the last issue's Hobie History column, I asked if anyone still had their 1983 National Championship belt buckles. Sure enough, I got the following from John Kalbfell in Indiana:

*Hey, I was researching this belt buckle of my dad's and I found your challenge to see if some one still had one and here it is. It is number 0070 of 1000 and attached are some pictures. It really doesn't do justice to the craftsmanship of the buckle the boat looks like it is actually sailing.*

It's not the 1983 buckle, but it's very remarkable. Thanks John!

### Lost In Transition

Earlier this year, I received the following e-mail:

*I recently relocated to California from Hawaii and the packers mistakenly packed a Hobie Cat trophy won by my husband in 1973 at the Nationals in Key Biscayne. It is one of his most prized possessions, not only for the achievement, but also because it was a beautiful art object. It was to be returned to Hawaii by the moving company who now claim to have lost it. Is there is anyone in your organization that can give me a contact for the artist that created the trophy or, if such beautiful trophy's are still being presented, an alternate possibility. Attached is a picture of his friend's trophy which is a little bigger than the one lost, but otherwise the same. - Patricia Goo*



PATRICIA GOO

Little alarm bells went off in my head. I knew I had seen those trophies before! Out came the old **HOTLINES** and it didn't take me long to find a picture of Patricia's husband Gene, with his 1973 Hobie 16 Nationals *first place* trophy (right).

Then, I remembered another **HOTLINE** article - "Boats That Don't Float", a profile of Norman Robinson, the artist who created these sculptures for Hobie Cat. Norman Robinson



JOHN KALBFELL



JOHN KALBFELL





Turns out that Norman was an itinerant artist in southern California in the mid-70s. He was “discovered” by Hobie when a Hobie Cat exec received one of his \$3.00 wire sculptures as a gift. Hobie tracked him down and after a very brief negotiation, Norman agreed to make trophies for Hobie Cat. He made over 140 of them in 1973 alone.

Unfortunately, this story does not have a happy ending. Norman was 42 in 1973; he would be 77 today. Given his lifestyle in the 70s it’s unlikely he’s alive, turning out Hobie sculptures. I sent my condolences to Patricia Goo - the trophy was most likely lost forever.

## The Coolest Bed Your Kid Will Ever Sleep In

Lastly, photos came in from Geoff Becker, a Hobie sailor hailing from Arnold, MD:

*The bed is a Hobie 14 that someone was giving away or else taking to the dump. I had looked at beds you could buy that were made to look like boats and I thought it would be cool to make a bed look like a Hobie. My son Josh loves it!*

As much as I hate to see a Hobie 14 taken out of circulation, this “adaptive reuse” of the hulls is preferable than it being put in a dumpster. Hopefully, Josh will absorb some Hobie mojo from his bed and we’ll see him on the water!



Foreground: L-R Eugene Goo & Andy Lopez, winners of 16' Nationals. Background: L-R Hobie and Nancy Alter, 5th; J. Faulkner & Rick Naish 3rd; Chris & Pauline Christensen, 4th; Wayne Schafer & John Golden, 2nd

# This Old Hobie Non-skid Repair - Part 1

By Rick Buchanan

**F**or many years the standard repair for damaged or missing non-skid (photo below) was to simply add sand or, even worse, crushed walnut chips to some fresh paint or gelcoat. Another method was to use a fine-nap paint roller and roll catalyzed gelcoat on the hull where you needed texture. However, with this method it was necessary to keep rolling the gelcoat until it began to cure. Depending on how rough you needed, or wanted the texture to be, dictated how long you would keep rolling.

Over the years I tried making molds of the Hobie factory non-skid from various parts of my Hobie and “pieces” of hulls. What I found works the best is to make molds using a catalyzed silicone material. The

technical name for this is Silicone RTV, or R-1328 A. To this add a curing agent, R- 1300 TH B. There are actually three different curing agents, each one having slightly different properties, and color, than the others. These products are available from SILPAK, INC, [www.silpak.com](http://www.silpak.com). Don't be intimidated ... it's no worse than adding catalyst to resin.

Photo **1** shows how the materials are packaged. The base material is very thick, and almost impossible to mix by hand. To mix the curing agent into the base material I've found a power drill and mixing cylinder work best, (photo **2**). It's even easier if you have another pair of hands to hold the container for you while you mix the two parts. As with fiberglass and

*Extensive damage from a collision with a monohull.*



*The damage is repaired, but what about the non-skid?*







resin, wear gloves as well as good arm and leg protection.

Next, find a part of a Hobie in good shape which is larger than the area you want to repair. In this example (photo **3**), I use a bow section. Start by washing the area you want to use, and dry it toughly. Then (photo **4**) mark with straight lines the outline of your mold. You should have at least one side of the mold in-line with the original texture (photo **5**). This will help to aline things later on in the process.

Using a sheet of Plexi-glass, cut pieces about 1 ½" - 2" wide and long enough to "frame" the area drawn out by pencil (photos **6**, **7** & **8**). These pieces may need to be curved slightly to fit the contours of the deck. Tape everything in place using duct tape. The tape must be applied so there are absolutely no holes. If you're not sure, add some water and test it.

To use the least amount of Silicon RTV, use a carpenter's level (photos **9** & **10**) to position the surface as level as possible.

With the mold ready, add the curing agent to the silicone RTV. The materials are pre-measured in a

kit to eliminate any guess work. So, add the entire container of curing agent, insert the mixer and slowly start mixing. Hold on firmly to the container or be ready for a big mess. With the parts toughly mixed, pour into the framed mold shape allowing the silicon RTV to flow out evenly to all areas (photo **11**). This type of silicon is a room temperature curing product with about 35 minutes of pot life. It takes anywhere from 15 - 24 hours to cure. When I use this product, I mix & pour it and do not to disturb it until the next day at about the same time.

The unique thing about this product is it will not stick to anything except more silicone RTV. After 24 hours have elapsed, slowly pull the new mold out of the framework you made, and voila! Your mold is ready to use (photos **12** & **13**), no more sand or walnut chips!

In the next issue of the *HOT-LINE*, we'll review using your new non-skid mold. So, while you're waiting, you will have time to purchase the materials.

[www.silpak.com](http://www.silpak.com)





# MILESTONES

## THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

BY JOHN WILLIAMS  
PHOTO BY JEFFREY FORTUNA



**T**he year I was born, 1968, was momentous in world history for a lot of reasons. The Space Race was raging, giving us a preview of the long Cold War to come. The Civil Rights movement was reaching a climax in the United States and was echoed by a nationwide labor strike in France. The war in Viet Nam was dragging on, *Laugh-In* debuted on TV and Johnny Cash had a new album, *Live at Folsom Prison*. All of this certainly shaped the world I grew up in, of course, but it was a far-quieter event in a little beach town in Southern California that came to

have a more direct impact on my life. I know I am a late-comer to the party – I didn’t make it to Dubai or Tahiti and I didn’t do the Mondial Challenge. But I have been around long enough to know history when it is being made right in front of me... and in October 2008, I was there.

The story is that five Hobie 14s were pushed off Poche Beach on July 4<sup>th</sup> in 1968... nature took over and proved the old adage that the first boat race happened the day the second boat was finished. Hobie 14 numbers 2 through 6 “raced” in the very first Hobie regatta.

Were there inflatable marks? Probably not... Was PU there calling the shots? Possibly... Results have still not been posted. The important thing was that this event planted the seeds that would bloom into a cultural movement that we often call “the Hobie Way of Life.” Those seeds bore fruit in 550 fleets worldwide and well over 100,000 boats delivered. You’ve lived it and read about it here in the *HOTLINE* since the beginning when this was just a mimeographed bulletin and schedule passed around among surfing buddies.





I was well and truly hooked by the time I made it to the 1993 Hobie 16 championship in Wildwood, NJ. That particular event really solidified for me what it was to be a catamaran sailor; the atmosphere during a regatta on the beach when the sun is up and at the party when the sun is down. I met Wally Myers for the first time at that event; a salty guy with an easy smile, he helped me rig up and offered some rules advice when I showed how green I was at mark roundings. I didn't see much of Wally on the water, of course, but in the sand and at the bar, he was affable and modest, a

trait I respect and recognize in a lot of great cat sailors.

When I got the call to crew on a 16 with Jacques Bernier for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, it didn't occur to me to check my schedule before booking the trip. This thing had "epic" written all over it even before the flyer was published and the first sponsors signed on. The "Meet the Legends" party hosted by Fleet 4 at the Dana Point YC was my first clue that good luck had put me in the middle of big happenings again, and the weekend was chock-full of "pinch me" flashes. I stood quietly listening to Hobie Sr.,

Sandy Banks, Miles Woods, Wayne Schafer, Mickey Munoz, Jeff Alter, Hobie P., and Doug Campbell at various times as they described the seminal moments, the casual decisions and the baby-steps, stumbles and leaps forward in the early days. Even just standing in line for dinner was made into a history lesson when the Super-8 home-movies hit the screens on either side of the stage at Doheny State Beach, showing Hobie and his pals hot-dogging 14s through the surf.

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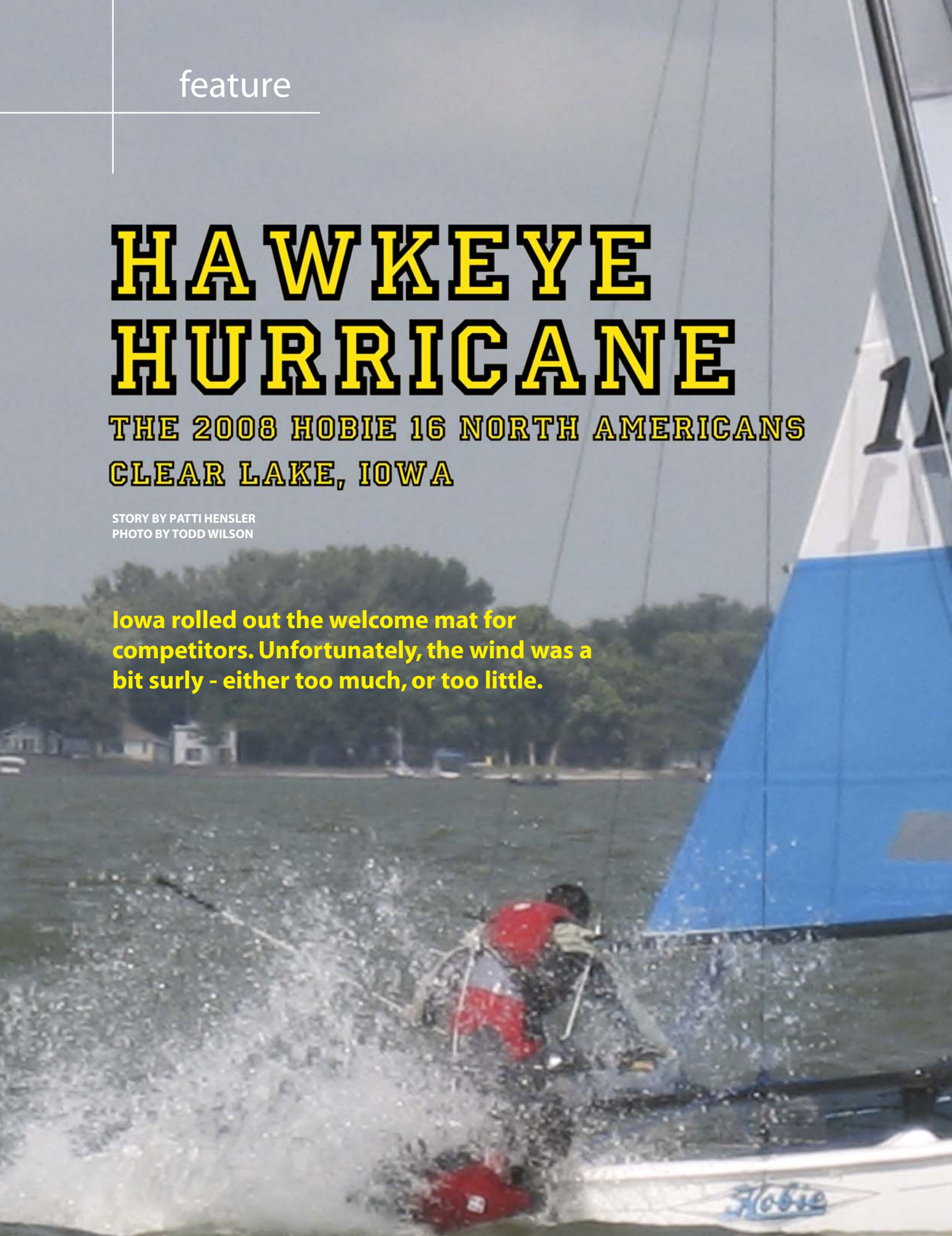
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# HAWKEYE HURRICANE

THE 2008 HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICANS  
CLEAR LAKE, IOWA

STORY BY PATTI HENSLE  
PHOTO BY TODD WILSON

Iowa rolled out the welcome mat for competitors. Unfortunately, the wind was a bit surly - either too much, or too little.





**T**wo weeks have passed and the skin is still peeling from the sheet burns on my hands.

The bruises are gone, sore muscles have healed and my energy levels have recharged. From what I hear from other competitors, boat repairs are complete and the Hobie 16 National teams are once again ready for more regattas.

The Hobie 16 North American Championships was a five-day event hosted by Hobie Fleet 10. Fifty-six teams from all over the United States, Mexico, Guatemala and Puerto Rico competed.. If the first two days were any indication, the extremely light airs threatened to make this event a soft one. The winds barely whispered and chilly, grey clouds attempted to dampen first day spirits. The locals would point to the wind farm on the edge of the lake and challenge our pessimism. The wind DOES blow at Clear Lake and when it does; it screams, bellows and howls.

### **The Calm Before the Storm**

Optimism enveloped the race committee that Monday morning so all boats were called off the beach in what could be called “almost moderate” winds. Two races were completed without complication. Race number three, however, began but as competitors struggled to slip through shallow waters, the race committee called them back to the starting line. It took less than thirty minutes to realize that the wind had taken a siesta and would not be returning to duty that day. All of us were up the lake without power so with hands cupped as paddles to swill the water, we eventually returned to the beach.

That night we experienced Iowa hospitality at its best. Monday’s dinner party at PM Park and Tiki Bar was labeled “Iowa Casserole Night”. Sailors and friends brought their voracious appetites to polish off tater tot casseroles,

veggie or meat lasagna and goulash, accompanied by an array of salads and bowls of buns and butter. Once plates were clean, the biggest selection of desserts I’ve ever seen in one place was served. Plate after delicious plate of gooey delights were hustled out of the kitchen as fast as we could devour them. The hard-working and talented women of the Clear Lake Yacht Club and Hobie Fleet 10 rock for providing that feast. The scene at the local Rookies Sports Bar was later buzzing with sailors working off their dinners while playing pool or gulping nightcaps.

On Tuesday morning, we wondered, “how could there be a race when there was barely a wisp of wind to tickle the serenity of Clear Lake?” Heaps of trap suits and life vests dotted the grassy park and booties sat in solitude scattered along the beach. Sailors wistfully watched for any indication of wind while gorging on PB&J on Wonderbread. Yet the postponement flag hung listless on its pole. The snoozing wind refused to stir.

Finally, the call came for boats off the beach. It was nearly 1400 and the wind was finally starting to rustle. The boats inched their way through smooth waters. Optimism grew with hopes to meet the wind on the starting line. It didn’t take long for the bobbing boats to tell the real story. Patience and light-hearted fun between friends on the water ensued but with only an occasional flicker of telltales, the RC called for a “race to the beach”. All competitors paraded behind the Code Flag L (follow me) and were instructed to cross the line. The first boat to the beach won a bottle of rum. Thus another dead air day on the water came to an end.

### **The Wind Begins to Howl**

The “snap, crackle, pop” we heard Wednesday morning near the race headquarters was not from someone’s Rice Krispies in a bowl of milk. It came



DORINE LAWRENCE

from the fireplace outside the race headquarters/lodge, spreading its warmth through the nippy air. Hump Day had a different greeting – clouds, chills and, what was this? A howling wind. It appeared the wind gathered all its energy from previous days and let it rip.

This was the day that the race committee pulled off seven brutal races, from 0930 to 1700! Wind gusts up to 22 knots challenged sailors to compete while keeping sails vertical to the water. Many unwillingly claimed horizontal positions and emerged from muddy waters sopping and cold with drenched sails. Some opted for a saner day on the beach instead of racing. By the end of the day, most participants had fatigue in their bones and weary faces. Dinner was a quieter affair that night. War stories were



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**With 56 boats on the line, starts (right) and gate roundings (above) were hectic. The key was maintaining clear air upwind and hooking up with the gusts downwind while staying clear of nearby competitors. It wasn't easy to do.**

exchanged between bites of hamburgers, baked beans, corn and salad. Bedtime came early for many.

## Déjà vu

Waking up the next morning found many competitors with aching, sore bodies but most were ready to battle again. There were a few skippers who loaded their boats and headed for home as the chilly winds spread the message that this wasn't Jamaica. As for me, I pumped up my attitude with the mantra "Nothing can be as bad as yesterday"! This would be a new day with more adventure and just a little less wind. Ha!

My mental forecast quickly met with wild opposition. On the brief walk from the protected campground to the lake, I was smacked with furious winds. Sails were raised and slapped violently in the wind. Boats were rearing on the shore like





angry stallions. While some sailors bundled up in wetsuits and warm caps, hitting the water and zipping to the start line, others observed and shook their heads. Control was an issue as the 20 knot winds gusted to 30+. Even the best sailors were taken to task. At one point so many boats had flipped, extra forces were called in to assist. Whether by choice or mishap, race three found 23 of the 56 teams not competing. Many of the teams finished five races; a few bruises and battered boats were the only casualties.

The Pirates Rum Party came as a welcome relief Thursday night. True to the generous and lively nature of Division 13's sailors, the Puerto Ricans were the perfect hosts. The event at the Yacht Club



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was high energy with upbeat music, dancing and rum for everyone. Flavored rums and various mixers were served in thermal mugs emblazoned with "Rums of Puerto Rico". Every single guest received as many rum drinks as they could swallow and took home gifts – the mugs and wonderful canvas carry bags. Thank you, Puerto Rico, for another ripping party.

### Relief at Last

When the wind took another snooze on Friday morning, a waiting game ensued. By noon the leaves on the trees stirred and telltales rippled. "Off the beach!" the RC demanded. While waiting for the breeze to steady itself, the RC opted for a few practice starts. Three to be exact, then fooled us by letting us go on number four. Strange things happened – some boats got puffs, others languished but all were able to drift through the complete course after what seemed to be hours (well, maybe an hour and a half). Thus ended the 2008 16 Open North Americans.

Packing up boats was a leisurely affair that afternoon. Rental boats were de-rigged and returned to Jim Sohn, who so

**Bob Merrick / Liza Cleveland (16) duel downwind with the new North American Champions, Francisco Figueroa / Jolliam Berrios (PUR 340).**

kindly furnished boats for those who couldn't bring their own. Many were stacked on top of one another on specially designed trailers for treks across the country in both directions. There was plenty of time to laugh and mingle before the final party that evening.

The Surf Ballroom, one of only two left in Iowa, was the venue for the party. It was obvious that this place must have been a happening scene in its day – a huge, rambling building with booths and tables (seats 1500!) encircling a gigantic dance floor and stage. A back room brandished a hall of fame, its walls covered with autographed photos of the famous acts it hosted through the decades. (Singer Buddy Holly and the Crickets played their last gig there in a wildly popular show called the Winter Dance Party. It was that night, February 3, 1959, that Buddy and fellow singers Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson, aka The Big Bopper, boarded a small



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## HAWKEYE HURRICANE



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▲ **INTENSITY WASN'T CONFINED** to the heavy air races. Two races were run in the light air on Monday and another on Friday. Herb / Sharon James keep a low profile while working upwind in the light and shifty lake conditions.

▲ **BREAKDOWNS OFTEN DECIDED** races. Matt Bounds / Chris Bradshaw struggle with a broken jib shackle.

**BREAKDOWNS WEREN'T ALWAYS** physical. Karl Brogger / Ben Wells practice their righting technique. ▼



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▲ **THE PIN WAS OFTEN THEN PLACE TO BE** at the start. Randy / Janet Payne (467) duke it out with "The Doctor" (Pedro Colon / Monica Cabrera) for the line.



TODD WILSON

▲ **TRANSITIONS WERE TOUGH** at A-mark. Keri Romanufa struggles to get back on board after a puff.

**WHEN THE WIND WAS OFF,** it was off. Three days were spent bobbing around, waiting for the wind. ▼



DORINE LAWRENCE

Beechcraft Bonanza in a heavy snow storm. They were bound for their next concert but the plane couldn't gain altitude and crashed in a nearby cornfield. The pilot and all passengers were killed.)

Competitors, friends and locals dined in true Midwestern spirit with chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and ice cream while Bob Dorr and the Blue Band played rock-n-roll music along with the blues. It was a festive night with lots of laughing and story exchanges.

After giveaways were awarded, two of our most dedicated Hobie members were honored for their unfailing service before stepping down from their positions. Lori Mohny, Major Events Coordinator and Paul Ulibarri, Race Director, helped make this Hobie Class Association the great organization that it is today. We thank them for their years of dedication.

Race results were cleverly announced by calling every competitor by name, starting with the last place boat and working up. Each team was awarded a professional color photograph of themselves racing on the water in preceding days. The matted photograph was a great memento and a very special touch; everyone went home a winner, thanks to photographer Bruce Hanson and sponsor Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. \

The evening was capped by the highly anticipated raffle. At 2200, a brand new Hobie 16 was raffled. Spirits were high; every ticket holder had a plan about how he/she was going to get that new boat home. Drum roll.....the luck winner.....78-year-old Charlie Clemens, Clear Lake's own avid sailor and mentor. He loves to spread his love of sailing and what better way to do it than on a Hobie?!

Another chapter closes on the Hobie 16 North American Championships...so another can be written.

Congratulations to Francisco Figueroa and Jolliam Berrios, the winners in 2008.



# Sometimes, Nice Guys Do Win

Rick Buchanan Awarded Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year Award

From George Burchfiel's nomination letter

*The weekend of October 3-5 found the Hobie Cat 40th Anniversary Regatta in Dana Point, California. In addition to good sailing and a great party, the Carlton Tucker Sportsmanship award was given to the very deserving Rick Buchanan. The following is from the nomination letter for Rick:*

**F**or most of his adult life, Rick has contributed his time and effort to support the Hobie Community and has tirelessly done so with friendly

enthusiasm and a helpful attitude. Rick's qualification has been earned slowly but surely through consistent positive action; without glory, day-in and day-out, through thick and thin, over three decades.

Rick got involved in the Hobie Community back in the late 70s. He saw Hobie Cats sailing at Lake

Nacimiento near his college, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and knew he had to "have one of those." A Hobie 16 was his graduation present to himself. He moved back to Oceanside and was active in a fleet there which was soon merged into Fleet 4, San Diego. His support and contribution to the success of this and other fleets in Division 2 has continued ever since.

Rick met his wife, Barbara, at a Lake Perris regatta.

He saw someone leaning on his truck and realized she was cute, so instead of chasing her off, struck up a conversation and the rest is history. Early-on they each owned 18s, so sometimes they would race together and other times they would race against each other. They've now been married 24 years and have two grown sons. When their boys were young, they took turns staying on the beach taking care of not only theirs, but other children also in order to allow parents to race without worrying about the children. They called this the Regatta Kids Club.

Rick has served in multiple capacities at regattas all over the Western United States - too many times to possibly count. He has served as repair man, chase boat, pin setter, beach captain, PRO, RC member, and even burger flipper at Division Points Regattas and has similarly served on numerous Nationals and Worlds events.

For 15 years, Rick assisted Ron Palmer and Stoney Douglas in making the Mid Winters West in San Felipe, Mexico, one of HCANA's premier events. For the past several years, he and Barbara have been the

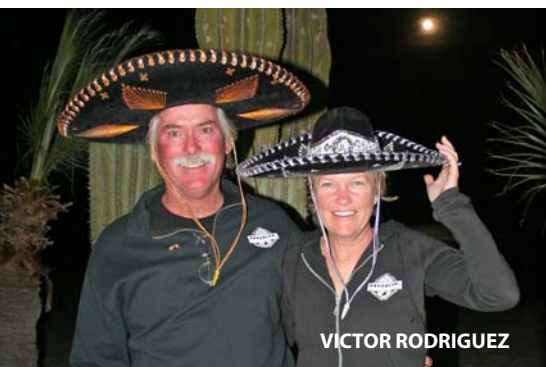
sole driving force behind this outstanding regatta. In addition to a fun, well managed and smooth running regatta, a notable hallmark of Rick's leadership is that he gives public recognition to every youth

participant in the race. Each one receives a memento at the awards ceremony amid great celebration and are welcomed back to future events.

He saw someone leaning on his truck and realized she was cute ...

The Carlton Tucker Award began as The NAHCA Sportsman of the Year Award in 1995. In 1998, it was renamed in honor of Carlton Tucker, the person who most exemplified the ideals of the award. It is given to individuals who promote Hobie

sailing, have exemplary sportsmanship, recruit others to the sport, show support for the HCA and IHCA, is admired and looked up to by fellow sailors, and who have enhanced the quality of sailing within local fleets and the division.



Rick and Barb in awesome headwear at MWW

Rick taught himself how to work with fiberglass and has become a master craftsman. He has worked miracles on many crunched hulls and has written several articles for the Hotline. His phone and e-mail are now kept busy from readers asking more detailed questions. He gladly and freely shares his knowledge with these inquirers, however, he asks every caller/e-mailer to join or renew their HCA membership before they talk. This position is not required by the HCA but is consistent with Rick's own

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was perturbed because he had fallen down twice in one day. However, in true

Buchanan form, he also wrote the good news was he had figured out he was sitting on his legs wrong and causing his feet to fall asleep, "...an easy adjustment to make." In the same message he said he was looking forward to his therapy session later and that he was sure to never miss it because "the therapist looks like Heather Locklear."

His physical condition caused him to retire early from his position with the Oceanside Marine Police Department and he can no longer sail, however he and Barbara still tow their motor boat all over the place contributing time and talent to help others enjoy their Hobie time more. The best thing of all about Rick Buchanan is his down to earth, honest to goodness, genuine enthusiasm. It is impossible to spend more than 60 seconds or so with him without having a good chuckle, smile, or other affirmative response. He is an exemplary human being and an inspiration to all that know him and by his long term consistent contribution to our sport has proven worthy of the honor afforded by the Carlton Tucker Award.



Rick and Barbara with the Carlton Tucker Award at the 40th Anniversary Regatta in Dana Point



Rick receives the award from Division 5 Chair and CT Award Committee Chairman, Stephen Cooley

belief in the ideals of the association.

A mysterious and debilitating nerve disorder has gripped Rick's life. Sympathy is neither something he wants or needs, however. He openly talks of this disease with frankness and humor. To a group of racers last spring he said, "I may talk like I'm drunk and walk like I'm drunk, but unlike most of you guys, I'm not really drunk." Last week in an e-mail he told me he

Rick measures a very windy day at MidWinter's West



VICTOR RODRIGUEZ

## Congratulations Rick, from everyone in the Hobie Community!



# 40TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA CONTINUES FROM PAGE 17



Dan Mangus and Doug Skidmore

The 40<sup>th</sup> really brought back that regatta feeling for me, typified by the deceiving relaxed feel that I have since discovered takes months of careful planning. We heard a horn and we wandered over for the skippers' meeting. We shared a snack with old friends on the trampoline in the sun. We picked up a couple of things from Jeremy Leonard's *Surf City Catamarans* parts trailer. We critiqued beach launches before shoving off ourselves, and watched PU squint into the distance from the bow of the committee boat while doing math in his head. We wove through the flotilla of longboarders on the way back in, all of us

Wayne Mooneyham struggles out through the surf



drinking in the salty air and only a few recognizing how much the boat owes to the board. The weekend was a study in Hobie Cat's enduring spirit and diversification; there was a paddleboard race, Adventure Islands pedaled and sailed their way out to watch the regatta, and classic event t-shirts were everywhere. Retro boats and sails were sprinkled through the fleet in homage to the various patterns, cuts and colors used through the years, and the modern Tiger shared the course with the classic 14.

On the water, Jacques and I had a great time. In between races, it was a real hoot sailing through the fleet and seeing so many familiar faces. We finished our regatta with a flourish that will stick with me for a long time.

When we set up for the last race on Sunday, we felt a hard left shift in the light onshore breeze. As we were timing the start line, we found ourselves about halfway to the pin with about three minutes to go. As the wind backed even harder, I said, "Skipper, this is shifting." Jacques agreed and noticed we were working pretty hard just to lay the pin. "I'm doing it," he said, and I almost laughed out loud at the kid-in-the-candy-store look on his face. He put the nose down, sailed off below the line and tried



The Legends speak on Saturday evening: Sandy Banks, Wayne Mooneyham

to sail casually. With less than a minute to go, we were all alone at the pin end watching the dogfight at the committee boat. Not trusting how good things were looking, we got a little anxious and pulled the trigger a few seconds too early, but we still squeaked out a port start and sailed into the right corner, chasing the now-clocking oscillation. We were launched out the front and rounded the first A-pin an entire football-field ahead. Neither of us

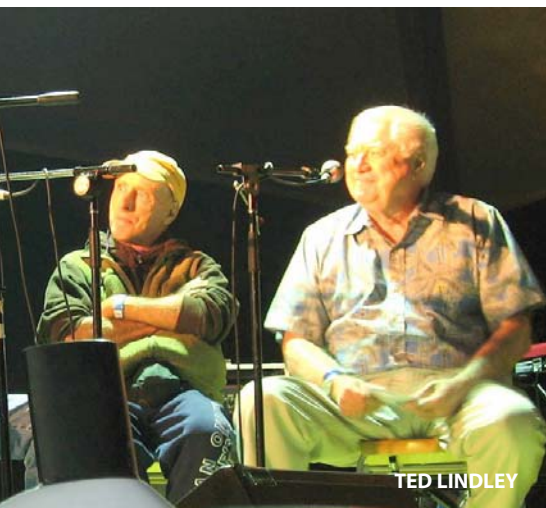


Sandy Banks and Paul Ulibarri on the water

Even the Hobie Cat factory guys came out to play... Matt Miller







Jeffrey Fortuna, Mickey Muñoz and Doug Campbell

has a lot of tiller time on a 16, so the race in light air was to try and



Jeffrey Fortuna

not lose too much to the legends on the run. By the second A-pin, we could hear footsteps – Jeff Petron was hot on our heels and we were clearly outmatched on boatspeed. We pulled off some positioning wizardry to keep ourselves between Jeff and the finish, and I thought we'd done the impossible as we closed the final distance. As we held Jeff off and

made our final gybe, now just yards away from a perfect race, I looked up to see our folly; Wally had watched our duel with Petron, overstood on the starboard lay, and was now slipping smoothly across the swells with a hundred yards of momentum and apparent wind on his side.

“Starboard.” He said it quietly and with a big grin. There was no way we could cross him – we were still trying to get back up to speed after the slow gybe. Myers passed us to take the bullet only a few feet from the finish.

On the sail back to the beach, Jacques bemoaned our loss at length and with color. I didn't begrudge him the invective – he's a competitive sailor accustomed to the front of whatever fleet he's in at the time. I couldn't help taking a moment to myself, however, as the sun shone on my face... we had finished up the 40<sup>th</sup> pretty much just as the 1<sup>st</sup> had been described to me – light air, a good swell and a nice break. We'd port-tacked the fleet on a PU start line – the bottle of wine and the obligatory “I could have shut you down” from our buddies was an easy toll to pay. Wally, who'd been there when I first got into this game, had barely squeezed us out. We'd shared the racecourse, the food, the drink and the space with people directly responsible for scratching out a



TED LINDLEY

Hobie Alter  
plan in the sand before I was born... a plan that had been the touchstone for an entire culture and attitude. As Jacques picked out a wave and hooked us up, whooping his delight and sheeting hard past the longboarders, I have to say I was deeply grateful. The weight of my 40 years and all that had passed was feather-light and easy. Thanks, Hobie.



KATE BLOUNT

John Ross-Duggan heads out through the surf

Hobie Cat factory/facilities VP Hugh Greenwald



Everyone wore their T-shirts proudly



SEAN DOUGLAS



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### Hobie Product Support

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### Guest Expert Program

www.hc-na.org

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HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

2009 Membership Application

Membership is for calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31)

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(NOTE: Family memberships are limited to a max of two adults. Youth members must be under the age of 19 as of Dec 31, 2009.)

Family Member Name (Adult): \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ M ☐ F

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Please check all that apply:

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☐ Please send me Hobie-related product mailings.  
☐ Please add me to the Women's IHCA list.

I usually sail a (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Hobie Wave ☐ Hobie 18  
☐ Hobie 14 ☐ Hobie Tiger  
☐ Hobie 16 ☐ Hobie 20  
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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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: **Gordon Bagley**, [gnbii@msn.com](mailto:gnbii@msn.com)





# HAVAMEGA

on Lake Havasu

## 2009 Hobie Wave, Tiger, 20, 18, 17 HCANA Championships

with Hobie FX-One, 16, 14, Getaway HCA Points Regatta and Bravo, Adventure Island Exhibition

November 8-13, 2009 at Lake Havasu City, Arizona

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), HCA Division 2 and Hobie Fleet 88

#### Venue & Dates

The venue for all classes will be in Lake Havasu City, across the London Bridge, on The Island. HCA North American Championship Classes (NAC Classes) will launch off the Crazy Horse Campground beach area and race in the North Basin of Lake Havasu. All HCA Points Regatta classes will launch off the Rotary Park beach and race in the South Basin of Lake Havasu. All races will be held Monday, November 9th through Friday, November 13th, 2009.

#### Rules

The event will be governed by the 2009-2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, as prescribed by US SAILING, the 2009 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. Hobie Wave NAC Class will be governed by the IWCA class rules.

#### Eligibility

The ISAF Competitors' Eligibility Code Applies (ISAF Regulation 19) for ISAF International Classes. All skippers and crew participating in North American Championship Classes must be paid members of the HCA-NA (or other National Hobie Class Association). All skippers participating in the HCA Points Regatta portion of this event must be paid members of the HCA-NA. Exhibition classes are not required to be HCA-NA members to participate.

#### Schedule, Entries & Registration

Event schedule, Pre-registration and other information will be available via [havamega.com](http://havamega.com)

**Please visit [www.havamega.com](http://www.havamega.com) for the most current information**

#### Equipment

All NAC Class boats will be weighed and inspected prior to competing. Each NAC Class may elect to waive weigh-in if that class agrees unanimously. Inspection is mandatory and it is the responsibility of each skipper to have their boat weighed (if necessary) and inspected at the event site by the Official Weigh Master. All HCA Points Regatta skippers have the responsibility of making certain their boats meet the requirements of the IHCA rules governing each of their respective classes.

#### 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 Southwestern 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 25% of pre-registrants (30 days prior to the event) in each class at a minimum. Other awards will be presented in special categories meriting recognition.

#### Accommodations

The Nautical Beachfront Resort – 928-855-3955 Host Hotel  
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Crazy Horse Campground – 928-855-4033  
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# HOBIE'S PROFILES:



NAME: Dave Heroux

HOME FLEET: Rhode Island Hobie Fleet 448

AGE: 53

PROFESSION: Facility maintenance and repair at Brewer Yacht Yards

HOBBIES: Sailing Hobies, Sailing offshore, traveling, meeting new friends, fixing and repairing anything, skiing, and living.

LAST BOOK READ: *My Traitor's Heart*, by Rian Malan

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Made it through another long sailing season without getting hurt or divorced.

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO: The Hobie Way of Life satisfy all of my hobbies and the way I live. I work and play on the water, I travel and ski with Hobie people, and I meet some of the greatest friends at Hobie events.

QUOTE: "Only stupid people don't ask questions."

PROFILE: Drove trucks 22 years, enviromental tech, boat yard mechanic, firetruck mechanic, landlord, marine maintenance, skydiver, scuba, volunteer fireman, have four brothers, been an overall nut, and been lucky enough to have Barbara Powers by my side for 28 years.

HIS BOAT: Force 5, H-14, H-16, had a H-18, and a Tiger.

NAME: James Orkins

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 4, San Diego, California

AGE: Younger than Jeff Alter but older than his kids...

PROFESSION: Corporate Strategy & Product Management

HOBBIES: Sailing, kitesurfing, snow skiing/boarding, wakeboarding, beach volleyball, teaching my new puppy (Jake) cool tricks!

LAST BOOK READ: *Blown Away* - an incredible story of a family's open ocean sailing adventure on an old wooden ketch in the 1980s.

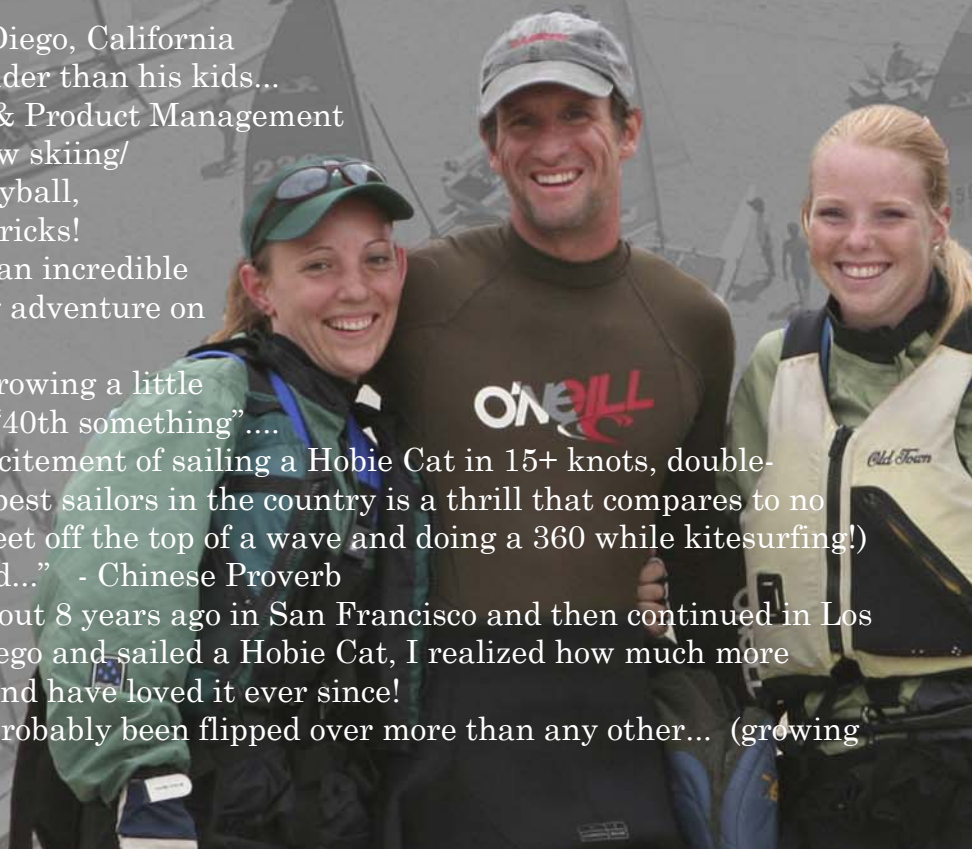
LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Throwing a little regatta/party at Dana Point for the "40th something"....

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO: The excitement of sailing a Hobie Cat in 15+ knots, double-trapped, racing against some of the best sailors in the country is a thrill that compares to no other! (except maybe jumping 30+ feet off the top of a wave and doing a 360 while kitesurfing!)

QUOTE: "The journey is the reward..." - Chinese Proverb

PROFILE: Started racing yachts about 8 years ago in San Francisco and then continued in Los Angeles, but once I moved to San Diego and sailed a Hobie Cat, I realized how much more exciting sail racing really could be, and have loved it ever since!

HIS BOAT: An '02 Hobie 16 that's probably been flipped over more than any other... (growing pains I guess...)







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