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## 2009 Hobie Wave, Tiger, 20, 18, 17, 16 Trapseat HCA North American 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. Hobie Tiger, FX-One, 20, 18, 17 and Waves will launch off the Crazy Horse Campground beach area and race in the North Basin of Lake Havasu. All other 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, the Hobie 16 Trapseat Rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 (Penalties at the Time of an Incident) will be changed so a one turn penalty shall be required for a breach of Part 2 rules. 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  
The Island Inn – 928-680-0606 Co-Host Hotel  
Crazy Horse Campground – 928-855-4033  
Special rates mention 'Hobiecat Racing'  
Check VRBO.com for houses/condos in the Lake Havasu City area.

#### Air Transportation

Available by all major carriers through McCarrin International Airport (LAV) in Las Vegas, Nevada, approximately 2-2.5 hour drive to Lake Havasu City. Directions available upon request.

Event Chair: Gordo Bagley  
([gnbii@msn.com](mailto:gnbii@msn.com)) 702-427-7328





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

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# it'sallgood ...

## Get Out the Boat in 2009!



I hope that 2009 finds you and your families happy and healthy.

2008 was a difficult year economically speaking. This downturn in the world economy has forced people to make some tough decisions, especially in regards to spending their entertainment dollars. While attendance at regattas wasn't terrible, we felt the impact of tightening disposable income. This year, we are urging our event organizers to take this into consideration when planning events. Unfortunately, because of the economic situation, the planned Hobie 16 Worlds in Italy had to be cancelled before it was even scheduled. Although this news is disappointing, it is understandable. The IHCA is hoping to organize a Hobie 16 Worlds in 2010. More details will be posted on the HCANA web site and in the *HOTLINE* when they are available.

We can still celebrate our successes from 2008, like the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta in California. We also had a large turnout at the 20s in South Dakota and the 16/14s in Iowa. All of these were fantastic events in true "Hobie" style. Even with the high cost of gas, many of us still travelled for the love of the sport.

However, you don't have to travel cross-country to compete against sailors across the country. The HCA points system allows you to compete with everyone in your class no matter where you live. For example, Ryan Richardson and I dominated the 2008 Hobie 14 points, and are very happy to have competed with people we love to race against like Mark Ralph (3<sup>rd</sup> in points), Bill Jeffers (11<sup>th</sup>) and John Mork (23<sup>rd</sup>!)

We have a lot to look forward to this year. The Arizona HavaMega event in November and the 16 North Americans are in Kingston, Ontario in July. These are two excellent opportunities to enjoy our sport in superior locations with exceptional amenities.

Our youth director already has one successful event under his belt for 2009 and is very excited about the Kingston Youth Event. He is currently working out details for a number of charter boats and chaperones for kids traveling great distances. All of you who are 19 or under come out and sail and make this the largest youth event in recent history.

I hope 2009 brings you happiness and good fortune. Please share your enthusiasm for this sport with other friends and family. Invite them to a regatta to either participate or just enjoy the social aspects the event offers. Remember to register for HCA membership and encourage other fleet members to do the same.

See you in the spring!

Chris Wessels



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*Are you following us? – Jason Bilow looks back as Eric Raybon drives upwind at the 2008 HCA Youth Championships.*



# 2009 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 page X  
**MidWinters East** Mar 28–29, 2009 Panama City, FL see NOR page X  
**33rd MadCatter** May 16-17, 2009 Syracuse, NY [www.fleet204.com](http://www.fleet204.com)  
**Mid-Americas** Sept 5-6, 2009 Lk. Lewisville, TX See NOR page X

## 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, Hobie 20s only; the second Sunday of each month, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu**

### Division 2—Southern CA / AZ / NV

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
465	Mar 20-22	<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>
	June 27–28	<b>Blue Water Regatta</b> Ventura, CA	Jeff Petron	Pierpont Bay YC 805•644•6672
SBYC	Aug 15–16	<b>Wine &amp; Roses Regatta</b> <b>North/South Challenge</b> Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805•965•8112 ext 14 <a href="mailto:racing@sbyc.org">racing@sbyc.org</a>
434	Sept 12–13	<b>Lake Arrowhead Regatta</b> Lake Arrowhead, CA	Chris Dunn	909•336•6769 <a href="mailto:dunndl@charter.net">dunndl@charter.net</a>
66	Oct 10–11	<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>SCYC Summer Open</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</b> <b>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:lakecat1620@yahoo.com">lakecat1620@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>
SCYC	Oct 3–4	<b>Alter Cup Area "G" Qualifier</b> Santa Cruz, CA	Bert Lemke	<a href="mailto:info@scyc.org">info@scyc.org</a>

### Division 4—Pacific Northwest

[www.div4.hobieclass.com](http://www.div4.hobieclass.com)

**No schedule posted as of press date.**

### Division 5—Mountain States

[www.hobiediv5.org](http://www.hobiediv5.org)

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
61	May 16–17	<b>Three Peaks to the Wind</b> Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO	John Cox	<a href="mailto:abctherapy@aol.com">abctherapy@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.HobieFleet61.org">www.HobieFleet61.org</a>
48	May 23–24	<b>Memorial Day Weekend Pirate Treasure Hunt</b> , Heron Lake, NM - La Laja boat ramp area.	Dave Myers	505•797•8909 <a href="mailto:trtdave@aol.com">trtdave@aol.com</a>
50	June 6–7	<b>Prairie Winds / Divisionals</b> Boyd Lake, Loveland, CO	Sean Tracy	<a href="mailto:seant@frii.com">seant@frii.com</a>
156	June 20–21	<b>Wyoming Governors Cup</b> Lake Alcova, WY	Casper Boat Club Sonya Gruner	<a href="mailto:gruner@casperboatclub.org">gruner@casperboatclub.org</a>
61	June 27–28	<b>Tropical Dreams Regatta</b> <b>Division 5 Championships</b> Lake McConaughy, NE	John Cox	<a href="mailto:abctherapy@aol.com">abctherapy@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.HobieFleet61.org">www.HobieFleet61.org</a>
156	July 18–19	<b>That One Particular Regatta</b> Glendo Reservoir, Alcova, WY	Ken Bale	<a href="mailto:wylfleet156@hotmail.com">wylfleet156@hotmail.com</a>
61	July 31	<b>Hobie Fun Day W/Craig Hospital</b> Cherry Creek Res, Denver, CO	Max Hinneberg	<a href="mailto:Hinneber@JM.com">Hinneber@JM.com</a>
198	Aug 8–9	<b>Angostura Regatta</b> Angostura Reservoir, SD	Paul McQuilkin	605•342•4549 <a href="mailto:fleet198@hotmail.com">fleet198@hotmail.com</a>
61	Sept 4–6	<b>Mac Attack</b> Lake McConaughy, NE	John Cox	<a href="mailto:abctherapy@aol.com">abctherapy@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.HobieFleet61.org">www.HobieFleet61.org</a>

### Division 6—South Texas, Louisiana

[www.div6.com](http://www.div6.com)

**No schedule posted as of press date.**

### 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:kcchase@comcast.net">kcchase@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> Saylorville 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 8—South Florida

Contact: Bob Johnson –813•960•1937, [hobiebob@aol.com](mailto:hobiebob@aol.com)

**No schedule posted as of press date.**

### Division 9—Southern Atlantic

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**No schedule posted as of press date.**



## Division 10—Great Lakes / Midwest

www.HCADivision10.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
276	June 13-14	<b>Regata de Gatos</b> Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net

## Division 11—Mid-Atlantic

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
54	May 2-3	<b>Gunpowder Regatta</b> Gunpowder, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 dfp135@msn.com
106	May 9-10	<b>Rehoboth Regatta</b> Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net
250	June 6-7	<b>Sandy Hook</b> Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
267	June 13-14	<b>Spray Beach</b> Spray Beach, NJ	Ron LaPorta	610-384-8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
Div 11	June 28-29	<b>Shore Acres YC Hobie Regatta</b> Shore Acres, NJ	Rob Wingender	732-673-1772 rawingender@comcast.net
	July 4 (alt 7/6)	<b>Statue of Liberty Race</b> Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
443	Aug 15-16	<b>Wildwood Classic Cup / 18 Divisional Championships</b> Wildwood, NJ	Rob Wagner	609-923-1355 Rob.Wagner@verizon.net
416	Aug 29-30	<b>Barnegat Breezer / 16 Divisionals</b> Barnegat Bay, NJ	Fred Myer	215-646-4193 hobnut@aol.com
54	Sept 27-28	<b>Rock Hall YC Regatta / 17 Div's</b> Rock Hall, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 dfp135@msn.com
106	Oct 3-4	<b>Sharkey's Cup Regatta</b> Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net
	Oct 17-18	<b>Area C Alter Cup Qualifier</b> Berkely Is. Park, Lanoka Harbor, NJ	Mark Santorelli	mark@hobiebrat1.com

## Division 12—New England

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No schedule posted as of press date.

## Division 13—Mexico/Caribbean/Central America

Contact: Alfredo Figueroa-vientoyvela@gmail.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
236	Mar 21-22	<b>Regatas Nals. / Copa Modelo</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	April 25-26	<b>Copa Palacio</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
138	May 1-3	<b>H16 Campeonato Nacional</b> Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecunet.gt
236	May 16-17	<b>Copa San Gaspar</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
138	May 30-31	<b>Regatas de la Marina</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
904	July 10-12	<b>Copa Cummins</b> Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamak.com.mx
904	Aug 15-16	<b>Copa Alliance</b> Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamak.com.mx
236	Aug 22-23	<b>Regata Mensual</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Aug 29-30	<b>Regata Jose Mabarak</b> Veracruz, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Sept 12-13	<b>Regatas de la Independencia</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Oct 3-4	<b>Regata del la Luna</b> Lake Chapala, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Oct 17-18	<b>Copa Marinazul</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Oct 31- Nov 1	<b>Regata Oktoberfest</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Nov 14-15	<b>Regata de la Revolución</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Nov 28	<b>Regata Pro Valle</b> Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com

## Division 14—N. TX, OK, AR, S. KS

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HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
297	April 25-26	<b>Frayed Knot</b> Clinton Lake, Lawrence, KS	John Eaton	913-915-4907 sailflatlands@gmail.com
23	May 2-3	<b>Leukemia Cup Regatta</b> Dallas, TX	Dennis McCredie	940-597-1414 waterman876@yahoo.com
131	May 16-17	<b>Daggerless (14 / 16 Divisionals)</b> Lake Hefner, Oklahoma City, OK	John Mork Phil Collins	405-373-1856 collinsobie20@aim.com
241	May 23-24	<b>Sand Snakes</b> Lake Maumelle, Little Rock, AR	Chuck Blair	501-680-4299
27	June 13-14	<b>Prairie Regatta</b> Lake Cheney, Cheney, KS	Stu Morrison	316-729-8417 sail826@sbcglobal.net
251	June 27-28	<b>Okie Champs</b> Lake Lawtonka, Lawton, OK	Bill & Peggy Coe	580-529-2224 coe4302@aol.com
27	Aug 22-23	<b>Cat Chase Regatta</b> Lake Cheney, Cheney, KS	Stu Morrison	316-729-8417 sail826@sbcglobal.net
23	Sept 5-6	<b>Mid America's Area Champs</b> DCYC, Lk Lewisville, Lewisville, TX	Dennis McCredie	940-597-1414 waterman876@yahoo.com
25	Sept 19-20	<b>Tulsa Cat Fight</b> Keystone Lake, OK	Kenny McIntosh	918-232-7919 kmcintosh@rmi.net
23	Oct 3-4	<b>SheGatta (WHCA)</b> Lake Ray Roberts, TX	Sheila Holmes	940-637-7485 sheilaholmes@ntin.net
23	Oct 10-11	<b>Daggerboard Divisionsals</b> Lake Tawakoni, Tawakoni TX	Bob & Sue Mimitch	903-447-4111 sue_and_bob@verizon.net

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

Contact Brad Stephens - brad@sunjammers.com

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

## Division 16—Upstate NY, Ontario

www.nahca-div16.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
204	May 16-17	<b>33rd Madcatter</b> Syracuse, NY	Barb Caster	315-438-8915 barb@boatworks-ltd.com
276	June 13-14	<b>Regata de Gatos</b> Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net
183	June 27-28	<b>Ontario Hobie EYC Regatta</b> Toronto, Ontario	Dan Borg	Dan_Borg@toyota.ca
119	July 11-12	<b>Hobie Kenobie</b> Angola, NY	Bob Burns	burnsmeup@verizon.net
295	Aug 8-9	<b>Rohrbach Ontario Hobie Regatta</b> Hamlin Beach Park, NY	Steph O'Connor	585-654-8493 tiger999@rochester.rr.com

**REGATTA SCORERS:  
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### 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).



# hobiehistory

## 15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

### 1974



📍 The Christmas Charity Regatta in Newport Beach, CA had a different look about it. The event was exclusively for the new Hobie 12 MonoCat, the ancestor of the current Hobie Bravo. 51 Hobie 12s ghosted around the harbor in little to no air.



📍 It doesn't get much better than this - the site of the 1974 MidWinter's East was the Apollo Beach, Florida Holiday Inn Resort. You could literally walk right out of your room on to the beach and to your boat.

### 1984

📍 1983 Hobie 16 Women's National Champions Lisa Stuckenberg and Caroline Winter celebrate with Absolut Vodka reps (left), Miles Wood (center) and Sandy Banks (right). Why so serious, Sandy?

📍 The 1983 Hobie 14 Nationals were held in Ventura, CA - the same site as the 2005 Hobie 16 North Americans. Tom Materna survived the light air and big waves to take the win.

#### PROGRESS

#### McKibbin Makes 10,000th Sail



📍 A milestone for Hobie's captive sailmaker - you would think that they would get the spelling right - it's "McKibbin".

📍 Harken wasted no time in selling to the Hobie crowd. Unfortunately, the set up shown here isn't class legal (it's an 8:1 purchase).

**sometimes  
it takes  
a little  
pull**



**to  
win  
a  
Hobie  
regatta**

We don't mean "pull" with the race committee, we mean pull on the strings. At the recent Hobie 16 Nationals, skippers and crew found themselves sailing on the fringe of a hurricane. It took pull to get through and better than 75% of the boats racing used the Harken Hexa-Cat® system for more pull, surer control and ultimate reliability. By the end of the first day, Hobie Cats of Pensacola — the Harken dealer at the regatta — was completely sold out of Hexa-Cat® systems for sailors using rental boats and those who hadn't thought ahead.

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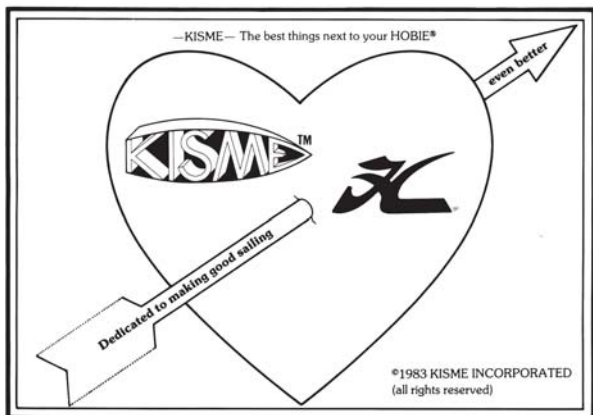
## 1984

☞ Awww - aren't they cute? Hobie Cat expands their PFD line to include children's sizes.

☞ The 1983 USYRU (now US SAILING) Championship of Champions was sailed on Hobie 18s. The event pits national champions in various classes against each other. Predictably, Hobie P. Alter won the event.

**C of C**

**USYRU Welcomes Twenty of the Nation's Best to Hobie Catting**



☞ Some of the most innovative products for Hobie Cats were developed by a little machine shop in Texas - KISME. If you raced a 16 in the mid '80s and early '90s, you had to have their stuff on your boat.

## 1994



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☞ "Progress" isn't always pretty. This is the site of the 1974 MWE today. The beach is gone, replaced by a rock seawall. The hotel has been demolished. Fortunately, MWE is still on the regatta schedule, looking forward to it's fourth year in Panama City, Florida in 2009.



☞ In the Feb / Mar 1994 **NAHCA News**, we ran a section on fleet logos. Featured was the "Cowtown Cat" from Dallas Hobie Fleet 23. Does your fleet have a unique logo? Send us a copy and we'll feature it in a future issue of the **HOTLINE!**

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☞ In 1994, Whiskeytown Lake, CA was the site of the sixth annual Trapseat World Championships. Each Trapseat team consists of a disabled skipper and able-bodied crew. In 2009, the Trapseats will have their championship in conjunction with the HAVAMEGA on Lake Havasu.

☞ From the "Adaptive Reuse Department" - Rick White introduces the "Wild Thang" - a fiberglass pod that converts a beach cat to a motor boat.



*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:

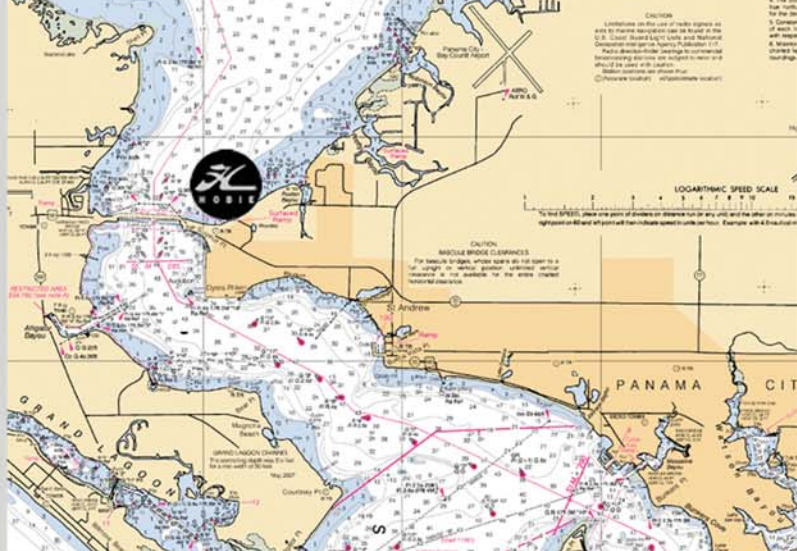
The event will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing with US SAILING prescriptions except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) will be changed so that only a one turn penalty is required for breaking a RRS Part 2 rule. Sailing Instructions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







Mike Levesque, HCA Membership Chair

## 2009 Membership Incentives

Three chances to win a Hobie trapeze harness

It's time to renew your HCA membership for 2009. We want to encourage **early** renewals this year, to minimize the early- and mid-season scrambles. So, we've come up with some extra incentives!

*First, we will be having a special series of raffles.* We will be drawing for prizes based on paid memberships at the end of January, February and March. You will have up to three chances to win a new harness for your Hobie. Here's how this will work:

- Memberships paid online, or postmarked by 1/31/09, will be eligible for the first harness raffle, **and** the subsequent raffles on 2/28/09 and 3/31/09. Join early, get **three** chances to win!
- Memberships paid online, or postmarked by 2/28/09, will be eligible for the second harness raffle, **and** the subsequent raffle on 3/31/09. So, you'll have **two** chances to win!
- Memberships paid online, or postmarked by 3/31/09, will be eligible for the final harness raffle.

*Later in the year, we will be having a Divisional contest.* We want to see which Divisions can grow the most, and who can be the biggest overall. Details of this will

follow, but the only way you can win is to pay your dues, and get lots of others to do the same!

### Is This A Bug?

From time to time, we are still encountering issues with the online system. If you run into an issue (cookie errors, online payment not processing correctly, etc.), please just stop what you're doing and send me a check with a paper form.

If you like, email me with as much detail as possible about how you encountered the error we can fix it.

Just remember, at the end of the day, **you** are responsible for your dues. Here's a simple clue: If your credit card hasn't been billed, your membership is **not** paid. Just send me a check!

### Charts & Graphs Update

We're always looking for more ideas on how to grow membership (and make it fun). All ideas are welcome for discussion, so please keep them coming!

Anyway, please submit your ideas to me at:  
[hobiemembership@gmail.com](mailto:hobiemembership@gmail.com).

Again, if you haven't already done so, please renew your membership today. By the time you read this, your membership is due

for 2009 (memberships run for the calendar year). 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!

Remember, the most important thing, only **you** can help us grow the class! Go out and find new members!

### 2008 TOP CAT MEMBERS

We would like to extend special thanks to the Top Cat members from 2008:

Chuck Blair, N. Little Rock, AR  
Karl Brogger, Dennison, MN  
Pedro Colon, Caguas, Puerto Rico  
Jim Glanden, Newark, DE  
Kenneth Hilke, Centerville, DE  
Michael Levesque, Uxbridge, MA  
Ted & Sue Lindley, Paradise Valley, AZ  
Mick Minette, Clear Lake, IA  
Al Mohill, Temecula, CA  
David Mortenson, White Bear Lake, MN  
Steve Murray, Carpinteria, CA  
Jeffrey Newsome, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Craig Parson, Lawrenceville, NJ  
Mark Santorelli, Barnegat, NJ  
James Sohn, Des Moines, IA  
Brad Stephens, Panama City, FL  
Gerald Valeske, Maple Valley, WA  
Todd Wilson, Bondurant, IA



# 2009

## HOBIE 16

### NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

KINGSTON ONTARIO CANADA JULY 17-24



**Women & Youth**

**July 17 - 19**

**Open Championships**

**July 20 - 24**



**DOWNLOAD THE NOR AT [WWW.CORK.ORG](http://WWW.CORK.ORG)**

#### 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 (YGK) 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.hcana.hobieclass.com](http://www.hcana.hobieclass.com) or  
[www.cork.org](http://www.cork.org)

#### Event Chairs:

**Marianne Davis**, [sail@cork.org](mailto:sail@cork.org)  
**Tim Irwin**, [chair@cork.org](mailto:chair@cork.org)

#### Event Hosts: Neil, Irene, Erin & Amy McNeill

[irene.mcneill@sympatico.ca](mailto:irene.mcneill@sympatico.ca)





# This Old Hobie

## Non-skid Repair - Part 2

By Rick Buchanan

**I**n the last issue of the *HOTLINE* we covered making a mold of the Hobie non-skid texture using RTV silicone. There are other methods and materials to make molds from, but I've found the RTV silicone to be the easiest to make and use.

To get to the point where you are ready to replace the non-skid, the damaged area must be repaired & prepped first (below). This may include re-spraying all the smooth gel coat areas adjacent to the non-skid repair. This is shown in photos **1** and **2**. Spraying gel coat was covered in the July / August *HOTLINE*.

Next, you'll want to take your new mold and do a "fit check". The mold you use must be larger than the non-skid area you want to replace. During the fit check, you need to find the lines in the existing non-skid pattern, and line up the straight edge of your mold to them. This is shown in photos **3**, **4**, and **5**. The texture non-skid pattern lines on the deck of your Hobie are parallel to the center line of the hull. (Photo **6**)

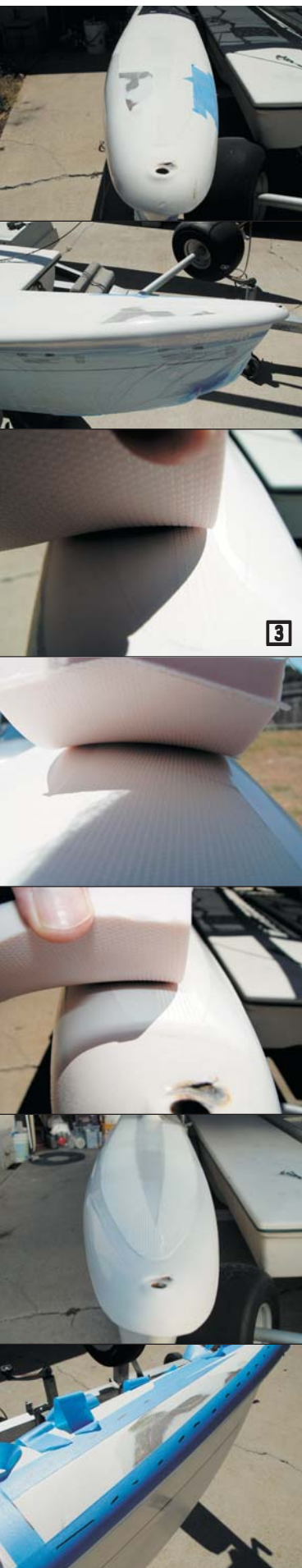


After you are satisfied with both the size of your mold and the fit check, tape off the area you want to replace. This is shown in photos **7** and **8**. I've found it takes a minimum of three layers of tape (3M Scotch brand) to get the finished non-skid to have the correct thickness where it touches the smooth areas. To trim any excess tape away as you build the layers, try using a good quality X-ACTO® knife blade and a steady hand. To get the new non-skid to blend in with the original do not use tape in the areas of the blending (feathering). If you look closely at photo **7**, you'll see the piece of blue tape (perpendicular to the hull centerline) is away from the blending area which is about six inches closer to the bow. The tape is there to help line up the mold – remember the fit check?

With the fit check and taping finished it's time to get ready to apply the gel coat. The supplies you'll need for this step should include: a roll of tape; a couple of one inch wide throwaway camel hair paint brushes; an adequate amount of gel-coat (w/catalyst) to coat the repair area about 1/8 inch thick; sticks, rulers and weights to hold the mold to the contours you want. It's always good to have some acetone for cleanups.

With your gel-coat properly catalyzed, use a paint brush to coat the area being re-textured. This can be a fairly heavy coating, but be sure to coat evenly, and keep an eye out for hairs from the brush falling out. After you have an even coat of gel-coat laid down, take the mold and very carefully fit it in place on top of the fresh gel-coat, exactly where you want it to be. Now, very carefully, lift the mold off the repair area, and note the material transfer from the repair area to the mold. With the mold upside down (on a drop-cloth, or piece of waxpaper) brush more gel-coat onto the mold





where the material had transferred to, thoroughly coating the surface.

Now, reposition the mold on top of the repair area exactly where you want it to be. To avoid air bubbles, it's best to position one end of the mold to the repair area, then lowering the mold to the surface as you work your way to the opposite end.

With the mold now in position, it needs to be secured in place to avoid moving, or slipping. To secure the mold in place and in the contours you want, use tape, sticks, rulers, and possibly small weights as shown in photos **8**, **9** and **10**. CAUTION- use only enough downward pressure with the tape, sticks and weights to get the mold to gently touch the edges of the tape. Too much pressure may cause the uncolored fiberglass to be visible through the new gel-coat. With the new mold held in place, set the excess catalyzed gel-coat aside in a plastic container to cure.

Monitor the excess gel-coat as it cures. Cure times will vary with location, temperature, humidity and the amount of catalyst used. Normally, 15 – 22 drops of catalyst per liquid ounce of gel-coat is adequate. However, different brands, or colors of gel-coat may require different ratios of catalyst.

After about an hour of cure time, carefully lift up one corner of the mold and check the new gel-coat's cure state. If the mold lifts away from the new gel-coat, continue lifting it (slowly and carefully) away from the repair area. With the mold removed, carefully remove the tape from around the non-skid as shown in photo **11**.

With the mold and tape removed (below), check the new non-skid for any flaws or imperfections. With the gel-coat still curing make any minor corrections if needed. When your sailing friends see the final repair you should get a "Wow, that looks great!"





# YOUT'S IN IOWA

## The 2008 Hobie Class Association of North America Youth Championships

By Eric Raybon

Photos by Dorine Lawrence

**M**issing a week of school in order to drive 20+ hours to Clear Lake Iowa in September sounds crazy to the average person, but to me and other Hobie sailors, it's what we have to do. Most kids would probably go for the missing school part, but the driving and Iowa part – well, that's borderline. My crew Jason Bilow and I were only in school only one day before my father packed up the minivan and the double stack trailer for the trip to Iowa. Because we needed to limit the number of days

we missed from school, we had to drive straight through to get there in time for racing on Friday. For the next 24 hours, we made new friends with our fellow truck drivers and our tour guide, aka Interstate 80, and ate lots of junk food. I shared some of the driving with my father, but I don't think my father slept too much while I was driving through the night. With sore backs, groggy eyes and marginal stomachs, we wove our way through the cornfields and wind farms and arrived in Iowa.





When we arrived at Clear Lake, we realized that things were going to be different than New Jersey where we live. We went to the real estate office to retrieve the keys to our rental house. After my father paid the rent and received the keys, he paused feeling like something was missing. He then realized that the real estate company didn't take a damage deposit for the house and when he asked about it, they said it wasn't necessary. In New Jersey, they usually want a deposit and your first born child. It was time to let

down the Jersey guard and enjoy the warm welcome to Iowa. We were welcomed by our neighbors, people at the regatta site who helped unload our boats, and some nice folks in town who helped us find some real food to eat. No more junk food. Jason and I even got in a round of golf for \$7 and that included club rentals. Unfortunately, we wore out our welcome when we ventured to the neighboring town, Mason City, to get some supplies at Walmart. On our way home from Walmart, we tried to make friends with





the local police. For some reason they pulled us over and gave us a speeding ticket without even a hint of welcoming us foreigners to Iowa. I guess the car goes faster when the trailer is unhooked. I'm just glad my father was driving. We'll stick to Clear Lake from now on.

After a good nights rest, we were ready for racing on Friday. The conditions for the youth event were fairly similar to the open event. The winds changed from light and shifty to strong for a couple of races. Identifying our competition in the beginning was a little difficult since the youth and women's teams started at the same time. For the first race we were tacking over and over trying to cover a boat whom we eventually discovered was a women's team. Next time we'll check the competitors list before the first race. That evening the youth teams headed out on a hay ride to a corn maze. For some reason, Jason and I were expecting to be going to some giant corn field with a maze cut into it like the crop circles you see in movies. It ended up being a maze built in a small area with fences intended for smaller children. Even though the average age of the youth teams is about 16, we all had a good time getting through the maze.

The next morning the lake looked like...well ... lets just say it looked like a lake. No wind. Of course everyone who lives on a lake must have a competition ski boat, so Xander Wessels made a call and his friend revved up his boat and met us at the dock just outside of the yacht club. Xander put on a good wakeboard show just in front of the waiting sailors. A few of us also took a turn and Jamie Grisko and Jake Larson rode around on the WaveRunner. The fun had to stop however as the wind began to fill ... just a little ... and racing began.

Heading into the last day, things were extremely tight for second place. Three boats were in contention making the



atmosphere a little tense. The race committee had a light steady breeze to work with and they were determined to run a bunch of races. As the day progressed, boats jockeyed back and forth for that second place position. It came down to the final leg of the last race. After rounding the windward mark with a few women's boats and the whole Hobie 14 fleet just ahead, we were all cruising along when the wind started to shift right. It was building fairly quickly until every one was ripping along on a hot reach towards the finish line. The skies went from



sunny to cloudy and then it rained . It was an extremely exciting end to the event. At the end of the day my crew Jason and I placed first, Jake Larson and Becky Krause won the battle for 2<sup>nd</sup>, Alexander Wessels and Erin Bommersbach finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trey James and Jamie Grisko came in 4<sup>th</sup>, Alex Bommersbach and Alex Schuck in 5<sup>th</sup>, and in 6<sup>th</sup> was Jordon Wessels and Jordyn Daubin . With another Youth North Americans in the books, most packed up and headed back to school while a few including myself stayed and prepared for the Open event.

Although we had a great time in Iowa, it was very disappointing to see only 6 boats in the youth class. I think that most of us agree that the time of year, being the beginning of school for most of us, is the main reason why we did not see more youth teams at this event. For Jason and I, we managed to catch up on our school work fairly quickly after returning to school and since we are both seniors, I

think our teachers were more understanding. But it was a tough decision (for my parents) to decide to go for it. Also, for those who have to travel long distances, you want to be able to participate in the open event and gain helpful experience from sailing with the "big boys." The level of competition during the open event was tough and makes you better with every race. We had an awesome time trying to keep up with sailors like Jason Hess and watch how hard they work. We all want to increase the number of boats competing at regattas but there are lots of reasons why people attend or do not attend a race. Looking forward let's try to help promote youth sailing at least by running events when school is out! Finally, I just wanted to thank our new friends in Clear Lake, HCANA for providing a youth grant to make this trip happen and everyone who helped us out along the way. I especially want to thank Lynn Kast for keeping us well fed during the Open event.





# YOUT'S IN CALIFORNIA

## The 2009 US SAILING Multihull Championship

### Jake and Alex's Excellent Adventure

by Jake Larson and Alex Bommersbach  
Photos by George Reiss

This year's U.S. Sailing Youth Multihull Championships were held at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach. The winner of this event received the chance to sail in the Youth Worlds in Brazil this upcoming summer. There were a total of twelve teams competing on Hobie 16s with spinnakers from all over the U.S. There were teams from as close as California to as far away as Florida. Jake and I were dropped off by our parents at the Omaha, NE airport, and then we were on our own, 'til we arrived in California. Thank you Cary Wessels for picking us up and dropping us off at the airport in CA.

The event started out with a two day sailing clinic, led by world class sailor and catamaran designer Pete

Melvin. The sailors could ask questions and get used to the boats they would be sailing. Ten of the twelve teams sailed on brand new factory charter boats.

The coaches helped the sailors rig their boats for the light conditions that were expected for this upcoming weekend. After a day of sailing with the light winds and the temperature in the upper eighties it was a good day. Jake and I flew out of Omaha with temperatures of -5 degrees, so this was much nicer. Once back on shore, the coaches had a briefing where sailors could ask questions to figure out how to get the most speed out of these boats. What seemed to be a very common question to the coaches was boat speed after tacking and jibing.

*Weather mark roundings are a lot more hectic with a spinnaker*

*Jake and Alex prep for a day on the water*



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Day two of the clinic was very similar to the first, nice weather but light winds. Many questions were asked on how to sail in such conditions and where everything on the boat should be set. Another thing that was difficult was the course system that was being used. Instead of the usual course system of A's B's and C's there were numbers used from one through five. A very similar course set up but a big change indeed.

On the first day of the event, the weather was perfect for a relaxing day on the beach, but not so much for a day of sailing on the water. The light wind conditions made it hard for the sailors too. It was a frustrating day out on the water for most people, but some sailors thrived in the light air. These kind of conditions fared well for the teams with the most patience and persistence. There were two races finished on the water before the wind became completely still and the boats had to be towed in. Four races needed to be finished for this regatta to be officially completed, so the



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1st Place: Korbin Kirk and Daniel Segerblom



sailors hoped for no more precarious wind during the next two days of racing.

Day three of racing started out the same way as the days before, with no wind, but after all of the boats got towed out to the open ocean the sails started filling and boats started moving without the help of motor boats. That little breeze grew to about 6-8 knots of steady wind to sail in. There were finally some good races with steady wind the whole

2nd Place: Scott Hoffmann and Ryan Porteous



time. Three races were completed; a satisfying way to finish a regatta with little to no wind the previous two days. Once all of the Hobie 16s got back to the beach they were disassembled and put away. Out of all the charter boats, all but two either ripped or poked a hole in their "heavy duty" spinnakers. The awards ceremony that night was short and sweet, as first place went to Korbin Kirk and Daniel Segerblom.

3rd Place: Julian Roots and Naomi Zenderman



We met a lot of friends, had lots of fun and made plans for CORK Youth Hobie Nationals in July. We enjoyed our time out in California greatly! Thanks to all that made it possible for Jake and I to attend: HCA youth rep. Gordo Bagley, Cary Wessels, Division 7, The Hobie Class Association's generous funding through the youth program, and our parents!

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# FROM THE YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR . . .

**T**he 2009 Youth Multihull Championship event in January was sailed on the Hobie 16 with spinnaker. This event is the qualifier for the ISAF World Multihull Championships in Brazil this coming July. ISAF chose the Hobie 16 for this event, because the new international youth catamaran, the SL16, is not yet available in South America. Because of that necessary change, we threw our support to this event by backing seven HCA member youth teams to attend and compete. Twelve teams participated. This was a seminal moment for us, providing a chance to show off the strength of our class to US SAILING, as well as bring new youth sailors into the HCA. By that standard, one can confidently conclude that the HCA's effort was a resounding success. We signed up most of the non-member participants into the HCA. There were numerous expressions of gratitude from our youth, their parents as well as the organizers and spectators at the event. We formed closer ties to many of those who were there from around the country. We can be confident that in the

short term, we will have a number of new young faces at our regattas this year. In particular, many of the youth were happy to learn more about our Youth H16 North American Championships at CORK next July. While only one team will go to Brazil from this event, we will see a number of other teams at CORK that would likely not have been motivated to do so without the support we gave them at Long Beach. We spent from the special projects fund on the order of \$10,000 to pay for lodging, airfares, entry fees and charter boats for these youngsters.

Special recognition goes firstly to all the HCA Youth that attended. They are smart, talented and driven young sailors. It was impressive. Additionally, thanks to the parents and friends who came and helped make it easy to get the youngsters to and from their lodgings, as well as assist at the event, and most of all, provide moral support for the kids. They are Jamie Livingston, Greg and Judy Raybon, Christina Reiss, Catherina Whitehead, Enrique Zenderman and Cary Wessels.

In consequence of this rare moment, it is perhaps time to put a significant effort into building the number of youth teams that will go to Kingston in July. Discussions have begun, and effort is under way to put together boats and assets to make this particular event approach or exceed record attendance for Youth Multihull North American Championships. We are planning a full court press to achieve this lofty goal.

As Youth Program Director, I can think of no other more powerful message we can send to the sailing world of the strength of our class than to get every possible youth team to Kingston, and back them solidly in every possible way. At this time, I would like to thank any of you who have contributed to the HCA youth fund, and would extend a plea and invitation to all HCA members to try and make a contribution at this time in preparation for our upcoming HCA Youth Hobie 16 North American Championships. Stand by for more exciting developments.

Thank you kindly for your support,  
Gordon Bagley, HCA YPD





# YOUT'S IN COLLEGE

## Is Intercollegiate Sailing in your Child's future?

By Mimi Appel

### Part # 1 The Early years

**I**f you sail Hobies and have kids this article is for you. As a family that has lived through the college search with our oldest daughter and will soon repeat the process with our youngest, we'd like to share some insight to the some times overwhelming process. Finding an affordable, college that is the right fit for your teenager can be a time consuming,

some times stressful process, a little insight from your Fleet friends can make it easier.

It is a no brainer that early preparation is key. Even if your kid has not been a straight A student from Kindergarten it is never to late to hit the books hard. We all know that reading to our children will reap huge benefits, but

sometimes in our daily rush, we don't make the time to make that happen. Some parents feel that the education system in the U.S. is at fault because parents have to spend so many hours helping with homework. Our family has never agreed with that attitude, we have always felt that school is our daughters' "job". As a whole, we believe in a strong work ethic and extra effort is second nature. The assignments, ranging from preschool show-and-tell to battling Honors Algebra, have been a source to bring us closer, working together. It was never about doing the work for them, but always about being there to encourage and support. It sounds good on paper but the trick of the tale is in the actual doing the work, and empathizing when complaining, whining or giving up was easier than getting it done. The hours spent at the kitchen table were a learning process that helped us grow as a family. The Girls learned that hard work usually pays big dividends. My husband and I found

that you are never to old to learn something new. We celebrated excellent report cards with special dinners out and after years of high honor roll, eventually rewarded our oldest daughter a used Hobie 16.

Throughout high school, it helps to have a heads up on some things that will make your teen more attractive to admissions office. The academic piece of great grades, Advance Placement classes and high SAT & ACT scores is of course very important.

One of the more common topics discussed in a teenagers college search are the PSAT, SAT and SAT subject tests are important test that colleges look at for placement. Again preparation is key, there are many good study guides available. The PSAT-Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test-is given in October it can be taken as a Sophomore and again as a Junior. It's used to predict how well students may do on the SAT - Scholastic Assessment Test - and determines eligibility for National Merit Scholarships. The SAT and ACT-American College Test-are taken as Juniors and may be taken again. The SAT is the better known of the two and is made up of Math, Critical Reading and Writing sections.

Another major part of the puzzle to give serious consideration to are extra curricular activities. There is big competition for acceptance to colleges, many more kids today are going on to college. Colleges like to see that your teen is well rounded. Nowadays just being the kid with the highest marks sometimes doesn't cut it. It's our understanding that the more diverse a



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student looks the better your chances. One or two things that make you different from your classmates is what admissions offices are looking for, on applications, and in essays it very important that you convey your specific uniqueness. Essays and applications can be very overwhelming to a teenager. Parents need to be supportive and understanding of the “typical teenage” way of doing things. Between disagreeing with every thing an adult suggest, they are busy growing physically and mentally. Hormones are raging; your teen’s major focus is on how to fit in with the group and how to be alike everyone else.

Sailing is a wonderfully different sport, i.e. extra-

curricular; overall very few people in the US sail, much less kids in the 16-18 year old age group. Some teens in the country are fortunate to have a sailing team at there high school. College coaches, with varsity teams, look to those schools for recruitment, most of us don’t have that luxury. If the

Hobie bug has bitten your teen, pat yourself on the back. You’ve done them a great service turning them on to a sport that they can enjoy for a lifetime. One of the bigger racers that look good on college applications include Hobie North American Youth Championships. Theses races like the other Championships are not just or the best sailors in the country, there is always tons of room for novice sailors. Most big “Yout” events have plenty of adult support, some times in the form of a coach boat that will help the kids in the back of the pack. The U. S. Sailing Youth Mulithull Championships are another event that can be neat experience. These types of major events qualify for the Hobie Class Associations’ Grant Program, so there is some Class funding available. The US Sailing

[www.hca-na.org](http://www.hca-na.org)

Youth Mulithull Championship is January 17-19 in Long Beach Californian. The Hobie North American Youth Championships are in Kingston, Ontairo, Canada July 17, 18 and 19.

One very good suggestion for a Hobie kid is to sail, “out of the box” and get some experience in a small monohull. Yacht clubs have sailing schools that are often open to the public. Dingy racing is a whole other world. It is a great idea to for your Hobie sailing teen to spend some time sailing/racing dinghies. Club 420s and FJs, are two person 12 ft. monhulls just some of classes that are raced on the college circuit.

Next issue we will get into some of the details of how sailing can effect your choice for college. In the mean time...do your homework!

### Recommended Reading:

Surviving your Adolescents: How to Manage and Let Go of Your 13-18 Year Olds, Dr. Thomas W. Phlelan

Get out of My Life, but first could you drive me and Cheryl to the Mall?, Anthony T. Wolf

### Web sites

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

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





# 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

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September 5-7, 2009

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ★ Organizing Authority

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

#### ★ Venue

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

#### ★ Rules

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

#### ★ Eligibility & Insurance

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

Proof of current liability insurance is required.

#### ★ Schedule (Central Daylight Savings Time)

9/04	Friday	BBQ & Registration	6-8 pm
9/05	Saturday	Breakfast & Registration	8 – 10 am
		Skipper's Meeting	11 am
		First Warning Signal	12 noon
		Dinner / Party	~6:30 pm
9/06	Sunday	Breakfast	7-9 am
		Skipper's Mtg (if needed)	9 am
		First Warning Signal	10 am
9/07	Monday	Casual Holiday Sailing	

Award presentation ASAP after last race on Sunday

#### ★ Registration Fees

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#### ★ Classes

Classes will be determined after all registrations have been received.

#### ★ Sailing Instructions (SIs)

Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

#### ★ Hotels / Motels

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

#### ★ Camping / RVs - FREE

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

#### ★ Directions



**Location:** Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club  
([www.dcy.org](http://www.dcy.org))

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

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



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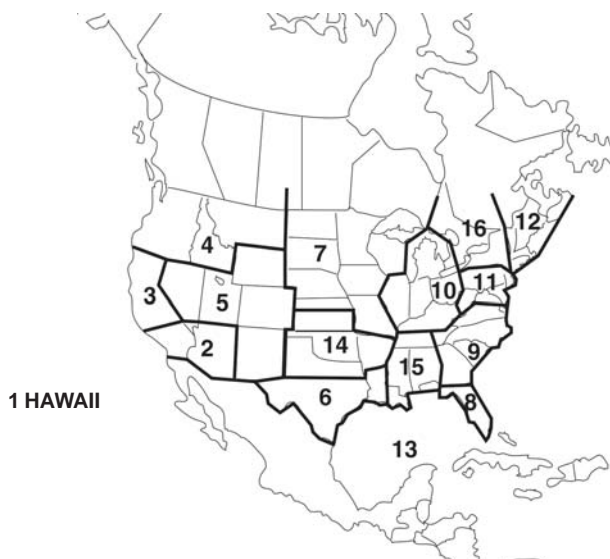
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**Multihull Council Golden Anchor Membership Form**  
**Make sure your voice and membership are counted for multihulls**  
 New \_\_\_\_\_ Renew \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)



**Anniversary Dates are March 31 or September 30**

GA memberships paid January 1 thru June 30, 2008, will expire on March 31, 2009  
 GA memberships paid July 1 thru December 31, 2008, will expire on September 30, 2009

**Golden Anchor Memberships are now accepted for 1, 2 and 3 Years**

**John Williams is the MHC Golden Anchor Administrator**

Name		
Company name, if applicable		
Address		
City	State	Zip+4
Phone	Email	
Boat(s)		
Primary Racing: One Design?	Portsmouth?	Other? (specify)

Phone numbers are for MHC/Portsmouth contact only, not for release

Addresses are for MHC/Portsmouth contact plus E-USSAILING, the email news service from US SAILING

**YES! Count me in at the following level: (Regular rates are listed at bottom of page)**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20 **Youth** Under 21 or full-time student - birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ @ 50 **Individual** Includes individual foreign
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ @ 75 **Family** For family membership cards, include names & youth birthdate(s)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 100 Sustaining - one year (Individual Membership)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 250 Supporting - one year
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 500 Benefactor - one year
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Patron or President's Club - one year
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 10 **Special** one-year, 6-issue subscription to **Multihulls** Magazine for **NEW** US SAILING members **only** (regularly \$21) - **NO RENEWALS**

**Yes, I want to support one or both of these MHC programs:**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Multihull Fund to support the Stevens Trophy
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hoyt-Jolley Multihull Fund to support the Alter Cup

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

**Please print and mail with check payable to**

**John Williams/MHC - 5357 E The Toledo, Unit A - Long Beach, CA 90803**

If questions or problems, please email [john.e.williams@charter.net](mailto:john.e.williams@charter.net)

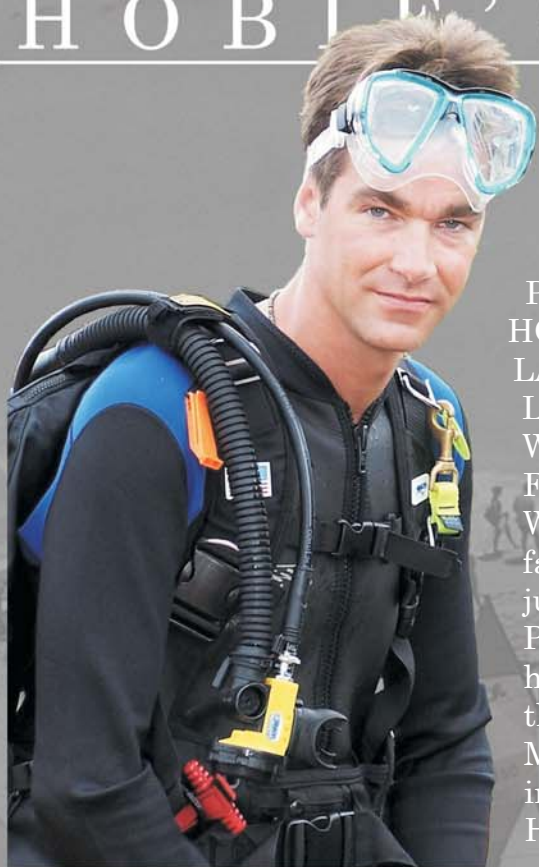
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# HOBIE'S PROFILES:



NAME: Paul Bommersbach

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 291, HCA Division 7

AGE: Old enough to have a daughter in college

PROFESSION: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

HOBBIES: Sailing, Scuba, Snowboarding

LAST BOOK READ: I don't read books

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Helping promote the Hobie Way of Life

FAVORITE QUOTE: "You can Sleep when you're Dead!"

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: I love spending time with my own family and my Hobie Family. I grew up on a lake, and it just feels right when I'm sailing.

PROFILE: Started sailing Hobies with my dad in 1980, have sailed the last seven years with my daughter Erin on the Hobie 20. Son Alex sails his own Hobie 16. Wife Melinda is usually on committee boat. The whole family's into it!

HIS BOAT: Hobie 20, Hobie 14, building a Renegade iceboat

NAME: Caleb Williford

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet #68 - Pascagoula, MS

AGE: 36

PROFESSION: Customer service, sales & marketing

HOBBIES: Sailing, bird hunting, saltwater fishing, cooking, golf, Tinkering

LAST BOOK(S) READ: The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss, The Nasty Bits, by Anthony Bourdain

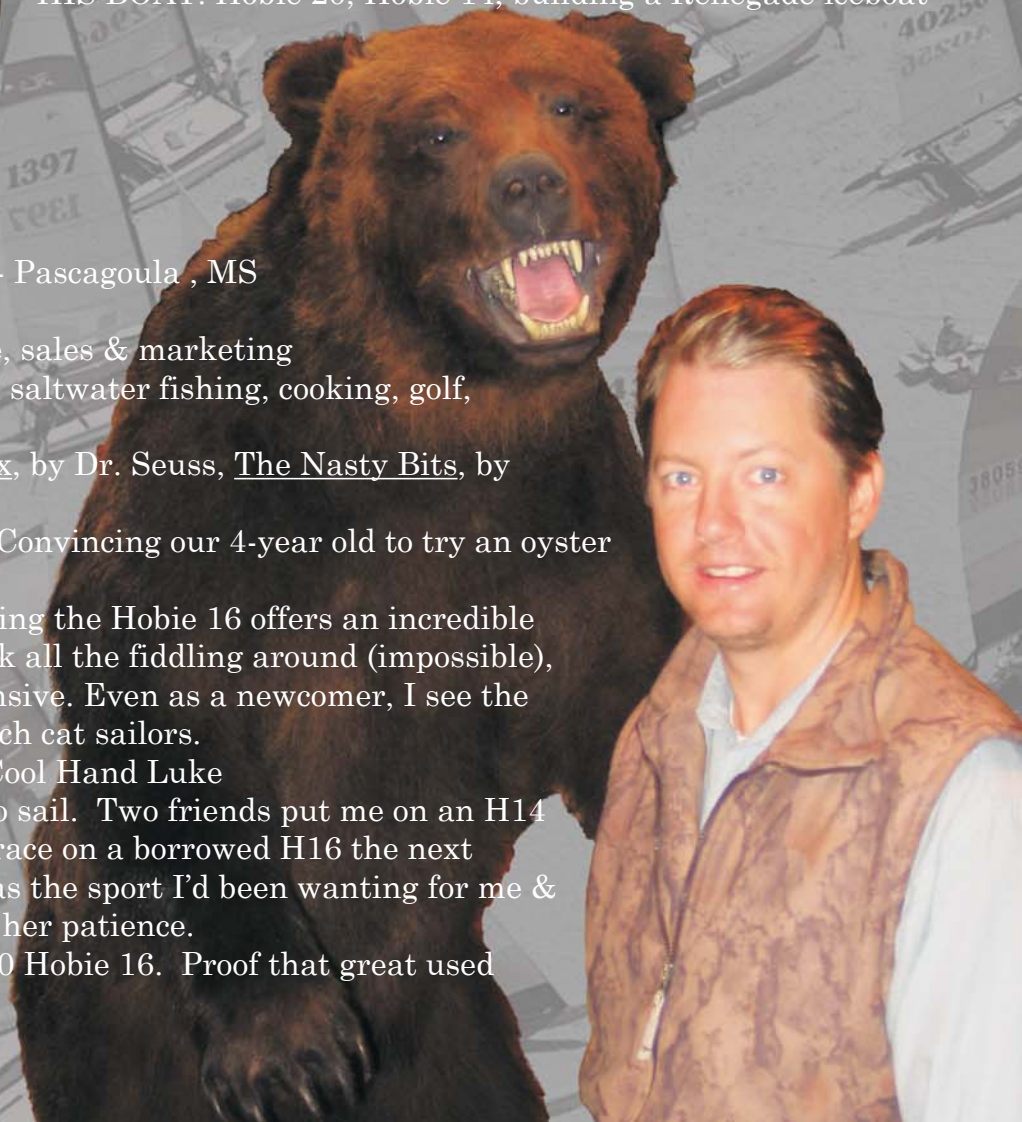
LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Convincing our 4-year old to try an oyster (cooked). Brave boy.

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO: Sailing the Hobie 16 offers an incredible sensation of speed. If you overlook all the fiddling around (impossible), Hobie sailing can be very inexpensive. Even as a newcomer, I see the terrific camaraderie between beach cat sailors.

QUOTE: "I can eat fifty eggs" – Cool Hand Luke

PROFILE: Always had an urge to sail. Two friends put me on an H14 one October day. After soloing a race on a borrowed H16 the next summer, I was gut-hooked. It was the sport I'd been wanting for me & my family. God bless my wife for her patience.

HIS BOAT: Third owner of a 1990 Hobie 16. Proof that great used Hobies are out there.







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