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Typically, people in this position would give a big thank you to everyone that deserves the recognition - just before they leave office. I feel the need to give these people the recognition now, because these people just deserve it that much.

First off, I want to thank Mike Levesque. 'Membership Mike' has taken the bull by the horns and done a top to bottom fantastic job with our Membership Department. He came up with a fun and productive raffle and been very rapid in his responses to membership issues, always with a positive demeanor and near as I can tell via email, a smile.

Next on the list is Treasurer John Mork. John is doing a huge job and doing it with precision and timeliness. John is taking class finances *very* seriously. I appreciate his ability to keep asking all the right questions.

Our New Race Director and Event Coordinator (Matt and Bridget) are also taking their positions very seriously and making progress on a number of different fronts. HavaMega is a huge undertaking and with the energy and expertise they have shown in helping the organizers get ready, confidence is high that this and the other events on their plates will go off without a hitch.

Gordo Bagley has proven himself to be the right choice for Youth director due to the fact that during the first few months of his tenure, Gordo has managed to make a very large and positive impact on the Youth Multihull sailing world with the large Hobie youth presence in January at the Youth Multihull championships held in Long Beach. This was a *major* undertaking, and Gordo not only made all the travel, living and transportation arrangements for eight teams, he also personally chaperoned a number of them as well. Well done Gordo!

Next on my list of honorees, is the informal Insurance Committee that was organized a couple of months ago. This committee was put together to review, examine and make recommendations on the class' insurance policy and insurance needs. They dug into the million pages of policy and statements and discussed needs and clarified wording and phrasing and negotiated all of this with the insurance company. Yuck. Not the most fun job in the world, but *very* necessary and very much appreciated. I want to give praise to George Burchfield, Tom Page, Todd Wilson and Roger Brown for their hard and tedious work on this project. I intend on asking the board to make a committee like this a permanent fixture to manage this crucial area.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Division Chairs. This is our Board of Directors, and the leaders of their respective regions. These are to 'go-to' people to get questions answered, get help or get things done. I would like to bid a fond farewell to Division 13 Chair, Alfredo Figueroa. He has been elected President of the Puerto Rican Sailing Federation and can no longer perform his function as division chair. Congratulations and thank you for your service to your division and the HCA-NA.

That's all for now. Spring is upon us and I hope you all have a great early season with your family and friends - cw

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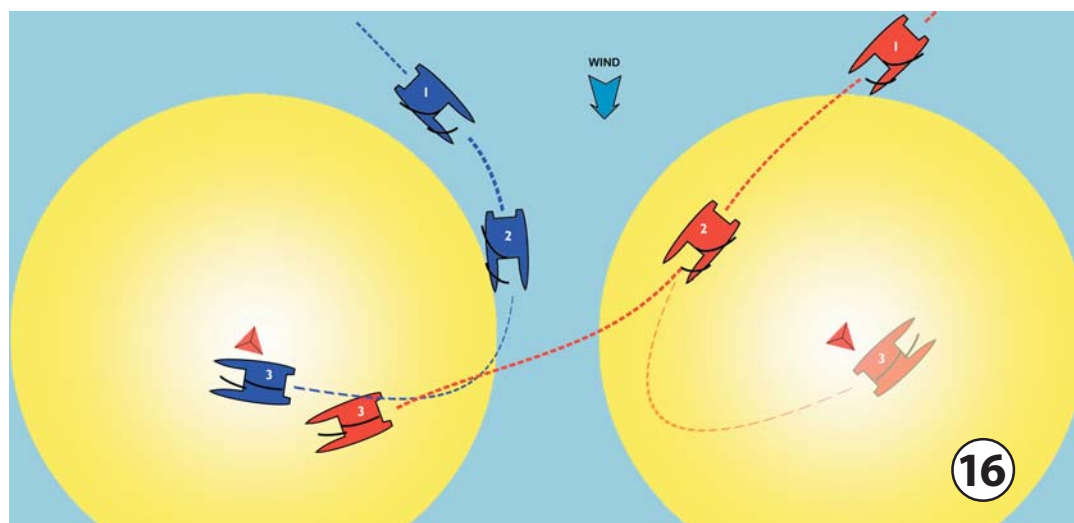
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Gone Sailing – Beachwheels litter the sand at the 40th Anniversary Regatta last October in Dana Point, CA

2009 regattaschedule

North American Championships 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

33rd MadCatter May 15–17 Syracuse, NY www.fleet204.com
NW Area Champs July 11–12 Oak Harbor, WA See NOR page 8
Mid-Americas Sept 5–6 Lk. Lewisville, TX See NOR page 27
North Central AC Sept 25–27 Lk. Calamus, NE www.hobiecatdivision7.org

HCA Division Regattas (shaded events are non-points)

Division 1—Hawai'i

Contact: Dan Williams—808•864•6067, 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

www.hobiedivision2.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
51	April 4–5	Wild Windy West Lake Mojave, NV	Clay Ostrom	Commodoreclay@hobiefleet51.com
66	May 2–3	Cinco de Mayo Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Roger Hensler	twohenslers@aol.com
ABYC	May 23–24	ABYC Memorial Day Regatta Long Beach, CA	Alamitos Bay YC	abyc.org
4	June 6–7	San Diego Classic San Diego, CA	John Ziolkowski	619-869-5326
434	June 20–21	Big Bear Lake Big Bear, CA	Chris Dunn	909-336-7679 dunndl@charter.net
ABYC	July 25–26	ABYC Multihull Regatta Long Beach, CA	Alamitos Bay YC	abyc.org
SBYC	Aug 15–16	Wine & Roses Regatta North/South Challenge Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805-965-8112 ext 14 racing@sbyc.org
434	Sept 12–13	Lake Arrowhead Regatta Lake Arrowhead, CA	Chris Dunn	909-336-6769 dunndl@charter.net
PBYC	Sept 26–27	Blue Water Regatta Ventura, CA	Jeff Petron	Pierpont Bay YC 805-644-6672
66	Oct 10–11	Piñata Regatta Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Barb Perlmutter	Skipperbarb36@hotmail.com

Division 3—Northern CA

www.div3.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
240	April 25–26	Kick-Off Santa Cruz, CA	Johnny O'Leary	sail105088@sbcglobal.net
Div 3	May 16–17	Wet & Wild Regatta Woodward Reservoir, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
Div 3	June 27–28	Commodores Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
240	July 18–19	SCYC Summer Open Santa Cruz, CA	Jeremy Leonard	jeremy@surfcitycatamarans.com
Div 3	Aug 1–2	Mile High Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
SBYC	Aug 15–16	Wine & Roses Regatta North/South Challenge Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805-965-8112 ext 14 racing@sbyc.org
Div 3	Aug 29–30	Round Treasure Island Regatta Alameda, CA	Jason Moore	559-906-5336 Miracle877@sbcglobal.net
240	Sept 12–13	Otter Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Steve Boese	lakecat1620@yahoo.com
281	Sept 26–27	Shark Feed Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	mike@teevax.com
SCYC	Oct 3–4	Alter Cup Area "G" Qualifier Santa Cruz, CA	Bert Lemke	info@scyc.org

Division 4—Pacific Northwest

www.div4.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
JSC	April 25–26	Flights of Spring Jericho, BC	Don Atchley	datchley@gmail.com
95	May 2–3	Splash Regatta Kirkland, WA	Jerry Valeske	425-432-7749 gvaleske@verizon.net
CYC / SYC	May 16–17	Seattle NOOD Regatta Shilshoe, Seattle, WA	Don Atchley	datchley@gmail.com
95	May 23–24	Splash Regatta Kirkland, WA	Dan Carpenter	425-827-8080 hoblenw@aol.com
EYC	May 30–31	Living on the Edge Fern Ridge, OR	Eugene YC	
214	June 20–21	Jericho Classic Vancouver, BC	Brian Hunt	Brian.Hunt@nbpcd.com
Div 4	July 11–12	Oak Harbor Regatta North West Area Championships Whidbey Island, WA	Laura Sullivan	425-432-7749 gvaleske@verizon.net
95	Aug 1–2	Lake Quinalt Regatta Lake Quinalt, WA	Al Jones	360-249-3388 atkjones@techline.net
72	Aug 15–16	Smoke on the Water Skamokawa, WA	Jim Wood	360-936-7827 wood5star@hotmail.com
95	Aug 29–30	Sudden Valley Regatta Bellingham, WA	Jerry Valeske	425-432-7749 gvaleske@verizon.net
BYC	Sept 19–20	Alter Cup Area L Qualifier Bellingham YC, Bellingham, WA	Mike Hensel	206-396-1839 mikehensel220@msn.com
CYC	Oct 3–4	Fleet Championships Shilshoe, Seattle, WA	CYC	

Division 5—Mountain States

www.hobiediv5.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
61	May 16–17	Three Peaks to the Wind Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO	John Cox	abctherapy@aol.com www.HobieFleet61.org
48	May 23–24	Memorial Day Weekend Pirate Treasure Hunt , Heron Lake, NM - La Laja boat ramp area.	Dave Myers	505-797-8909 trtdave@aol.com
50	June 6–7	Prairie Winds / Divisionals Boyd Lake, Loveland, CO	Sean Tracy	seant@frii.com
156	June 20–21	Wyoming Governors Cup Lake Alcova, WY	Casper Boat Club Sonya Gruner	gruner@casperboatclub.org
61	June 27–28	Tropical Dreams Regatta Division 5 Championships Lake McConaughy, NE	John Cox	abctherapy@aol.com www.HobieFleet61.org
156	July 18–19	That One Particular Regatta Glendo Reservoir, Alcova, WY	Ken Bale	wyfleet156@hotmail.com
61	July 31	Hobie Fun Day W/Craig Hospital Cherry Creek Res, Denver, CO	Max Hinneberg	Hinneber@JM.com
198	Aug 8–9	Angostura Regatta Angostura Reservoir, SD	Paul McQuilkin	605-342-4549 fleet198@hotmail.com
61	Sept 4–6	Mac Attack Lake McConaughy, NE	John Cox	abctherapy@aol.com www.HobieFleet61.org

Division 6—South Texas, Louisiana

www.div6.com

No schedule posted as of press date.

Division 7—Prairie States

www.hobiecatdivision7.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
297	April 25–26	Frayed Knot Clinton Lake, KS	John Eaton	785-748-0100 saillflatlands@gmail.com
10	May 16–17	Clear Lake Regatta Clear Lake, IA	Todd Wilson	641-691-0203 toddifhollingsworthmfg.com
444	June 6–7	Muddy Waters Regatta Lake City, MN	Karl Brogger	507-301-9019 sognocab@yahoo.com
474	June 20–21	Spirit Lake Regatta Spirit Lake, IA	Division 7	hobiecatdivision7@yahoo.com
475	July 11–12	Division 7 Championships Bald Eagle Lake, MN	Kevin Chase	651-429-7971 kcchase@comcast.net
291	July 25–26	Lewis & Clark Lake Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402-558-6568 davidrice@bankofthewest.com
84	Aug 15–16	Des Moines Regatta Saylorville Res., IA	Roger Taha	515-262-9497 rtaha@mchsi.com
475	Sept 12–13	Storm Lake Regatta Storm Lake, IA	Andy Larson	712-732-1532 larsona@iwnet.net
Div 7	Sept 25–27	North Central Area Championships Lake Calamus, NE	Chris Wessels	641-357-4577 chriswhobie@yahoo.com

Division 8—South Florida

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

No schedule posted as of press date.

Division 9—Southern Atlantic

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	Regata de Gatos Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net

Division 11—Mid-Atlantic

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
54	May 2–3	Gunpowder Regatta Gunpowder, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 dfp135@msn.com
106	May 9–10	Rehoboth Regatta Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net
250	June 6–7	Sandy Hook Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
267	June 13–14	Spray Beach Spray Beach, NJ	Ron LaPorta	610-384-8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
	July 4 (alt 7/6)	Statue of Liberty Race Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
443	Aug 15–16	Wildwood Classic Cup / 18 Divisional Championships Wildwood, NJ	Rob Wagner	609-923-1355 Rob.Wagner@verizon.net
416	Aug 29–30	Barnegat Breezer / 16 Divisionals Barnegat Bay, NJ	Fred Myer	215-646-4193 hobnut@aol.com
Div 11	Sept 12–13	Shore Acres YC Hobie Regatta Shore Acres, NJ	Rob Wingender	732-673-1772 rawingender@comcast.net
54	Sept 27–28	Rock Hall YC Regatta / 17 Div's Rock Hall, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 dfp135@msn.com
106	Oct 3–4	Sharkey's Cup Regatta Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net
	Oct 17–18	Area C Alter Cup Qualifier Berkely Is. Park, Lanoka Harbor, NJ	Mark Santorelli	mark@hobiebrat1.com

Division 12—New England

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

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

Division 14—N. TX, OK, AR, S. KS

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

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

Division 16—Upstate NY, Ontario

www.nahca-div16.org

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

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15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

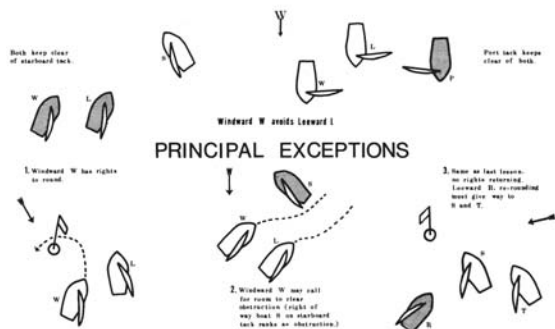
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📍 The 1974 Hobie Midwinters West was held in Guaymas, Mexico, the filming location for the 1970 movie "Catch 22."

SAILING TIPS

Leeward Boat Has Right of Way Over Windward Boat On Same Tack



📍 The Racing Rules of Sailing were more difficult to decipher in 1974. Look at all of those situations for one simple rule! The 2009-2012 RRS have been published and much easier to understand. See page 16 for the latest incarnation.


📍 Hobie Fleet 108 was the first fleet in Canada. Fleet 108 no longer exists. However, there are many active Hobie fleets in nearly every province today.

The Hobie Class Association welcomes CANADA to our ever-growing fleet organization. Prior to March 4, 1974, we had many inquiries from Canadian Hobie owners but were unable to refer them to a fleet Commodore because we just didn't have one. But we've heard from Ontario and we welcome Peter McGennis, Commodore of our new Fleet #108. Come on, Canada . . . we'd love a fleet in every Province!

📍 The first electronic speed measuring device for a Hobie Cat used a wand and an analog meter that doesn't look very waterproof. GPS devices used today give digital readouts of speed, compass heading, VMG, time and will even find windshifts for about the same cost – and they're waterproof!


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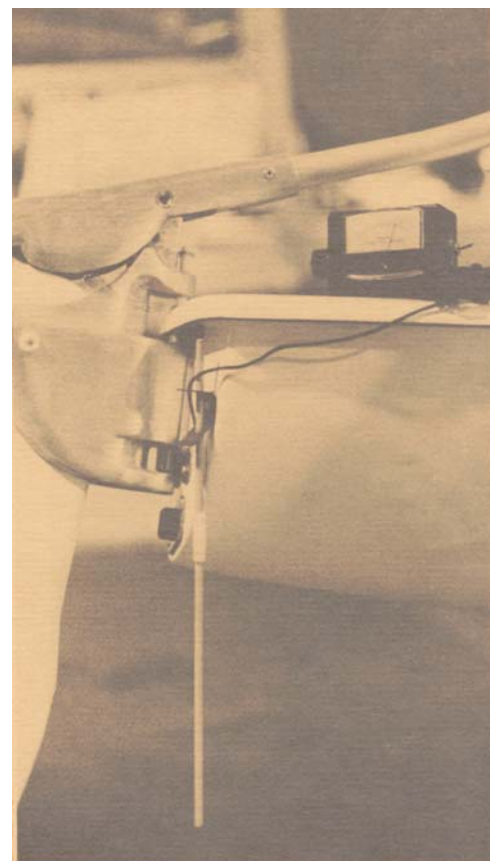
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📍 The first real solution to singlehandedly righting the Hobie 16 was the shroud-extending Easy Righter.


📍 Hobie was always thinking of something to occupy his time. Radio control gliders were perfect when there were no waves to surf or wind to sail. The Hobie Hawk was born.



1984



8th Madcatter Regatta and Northeastern Championships

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 (fleet commodore)
 Tom Korzeniewski 315- 7182
 (division 16 chairman)
 Pat + Barb Coster 315- 7985
 (South Bay Sails)

make checks payable to Fleet 204, postmarked by May 1, 1984

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 FIRST 200 BOATS ONLY : 16 + 18 - \$18

☞ In only its eighth year of existence, the Madcatter Regatta was limited to the "FIRST 200 BOATS ONLY!"

☞ A young-looking Bob Curry wins the 1984 Hobie 14 World Championships in Puerto Azul, Philippines. ☞



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World Council Minutes

January 18-19, 1984
 Puerto Azul, Philippines

☞ Several significant rule changes came out of the World Council Meeting in 1984. EPO rudders were made class legal, integrated traveller tracks were approved (although they wouldn't be seen in the US for another 10 years), Hobie 16 jibs were recut for more mast rake, and gooseneck bearings were approved.

1994



☞ An unheralded milestone in Hobie History was the first multi-class North Americans. The 17s, 18s and 21s raced together in Puerto Penasco, Mexico.

☞ What's wrong with this picture? How about no center tramp lacing! The "20-style" tramp, with the lacing on the side and rear was introduced in 1992. By 1994, racers had figured out that you could get a tighter tramp (and a stiffer boat) with the original three-piece trampoline.



Notice of Race



Oak Harbor, Washington
July 11th-12th, 2009

The OH Yeah! (Oak Harbor) Regatta will be held in Oak Harbor, Washington, located near the Whidbey Island Naval Base. This is the site of the Pacific Northwest's largest sailboat race – Whidbey Island Race Week. We will be launching from a boat ramp on the sandy beach.

Race headquarters: WindJammer RV Park - Laura & Jerry's RV

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America and Division 4.

Rules: The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing.

Classes: Racing is open to Hobie Classes - Hobie Wave, 14, 16, 17, 18, 18SX, 20, 21, and Tiger.

Map and Location: SW Beeksma Drive, Oak Harbor. One block off of Highway 20.

Schedule of Events:

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 - 10:30 am

10:40 am

12:00 am

7:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

11:30 am

3:30 pm

Welcome Party – Location To Be Announced

Registration at the WindJammer RV Park

Skippers Meeting

First Warning Signal Scheduled

Dinner

Skippers Meeting (optional)

First Warning Signal Scheduled

No races will start after 3:30 pm.

Registration:

Youth Single Handed (skipper under 19 years of age at time of event) \$10 US

Youth Double Handed (skipper & crew under 19 years of age at time of event) ...\$20 US

Single Handed\$35 US

Double Handed \$55 US

Unemployed.....Free

Membership/Insurance: HCA of North America membership is required (skipper or crew). Each competitor and boat owner is responsible for having their own boat and liability insurance.

Accommodations: Nice RV Parking and nice tent camping is available at the WindJammer RV Park.

www.oakharbor.org/pages.cfm?id=13&pid=45 - Takes you to the web-site with pictures and prices. Two tents per campsite are allowed. No reservations, first come, first serve. Full service for RVs, nice bathroom for tent campers.

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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 or 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 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 for latest information.

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The Passing of a Legend

Tom Korzeniewski

Many of you were friends and competitors with my father Stan Korzeniewski. It is with great sadness that I share with you the news that early Saturday morning (2/28/09) he suffered a devastating brain hemorrhage and passed away a few days later. I know he would want me to pass on this news to you, many of with who have shared the race course, the beach and an "occasional" beer with Stan.

He started sailing in Australia in WWII and bought his first Hobie Cat in 1975. He sailed and

attended many regattas: local, national and worlds. He never needed a trophy to validate his love for sailing (though he has many), Stan

would always hit the beach with a huge smile and be the first one over to help the next team pull their boat up the beach. Our dad sailed his last NA's in 1998. He has shown up at The Madcatter almost every year (which usually falls on his birthday) Please remember fondly one of the truly **great** sportsmen, one of the founding members of Fleet 204, mentor to many fine young sailors who has taken his last reach into the sunset.

Stan's Legacy:

Children

Tom Korz
Jim Korz
Adam Korz
Jean Arnault
Anne Anderson
Mimi Appel

Grandchildren

Bob O'Connor
Amy O'Connor
Marie Appel
Katie Appel
Erika Korz

Great Grandchild

Teagan O'Connor

HAVAMEGA Update

Gordo Bagley

We are proud to have several hotels and a first class campground hosting our event. Please be patient with us, as we are in continued discussions with these hospitality providers to get you the best rates and service possible. In particular, take note that Crazy Horse Campgrounds does not take reservations for RVs and camping until **April 15, 2009**. Rest assured that we are confirmed to run the North American Championship courses off the Crazy Horse Campground north beachhead and plenty of RV and campsites will be available. The organizers of this event are in touch with both the owner and manager of this facility. They are looking forward to our event. They have important

logistical reasons for not taking reservations before the April date as there are other important events both before and after ours, not to mention the snowbird RV migration to Havasu. Please help us by spreading the word to your fellow sailors about this. Our February event was quite successful, and the beachhead at Crazy Horse proved itself very convenient for our needs. We're looking forward to bringing the most fun event the class has had in many years. As we've been to many, this is a tall order.

Thank you for your support. Please log on to havamega.com and send us your RSVP if you haven't already. We want to hear from you.

See you this fall at Lake Havasu! - Gordo.

16s round the weather mark at the Havasu & Hobie Reunited Regatta in February



Stan Korz at the 1994 Hobie 14 NAs in Syracuse



TED LINDLEY

Kingston Hobie 16 NAs Update

Kevin Stittle

Kingston is a great place to visit and sail, it's one of my favorite destinations in the world. It has a lively downtown core with lots of great restaurants and shops and best yet, the sailing conditions are second to none.

On the water expect typical thermals out of the SW building through the afternoon usually 8–15 knots but with the help of a system it is not uncommon to reach into the 20s.

Kevin and Oskar at the 2008 Olympics in Qingdao

Look for a shorter steep chop near the east end of Alpha course and a smoother open swell farther west, a geographical shift to the left side of the course on the SW is usually a pretty safe bet. Keep an eye on some shoals if you get up close to Snake Island, watch out for breaking waves or odd patterns.

With a North breeze be ready for big oscillating puffs off the land, more sporadic the closer you get to shore and typically a small

chop. Get in sync with the shifts and connect the dots.

Although not as common, if you find yourself in an East breeze, you'll see similar conditions to the North wind. It's a bit more stable with longer puffs rolling down. Usually the outsides of the course pay off; expect smaller lake-like chop on the Easterlies.

If you've never sailed in Kingston check out this site for a bit of background and the danger spots to avoid, go to <http://k7waterfront.org/Topic/CourseAlpha>

The venue is well built to host regattas; it was the venue for the '76 Olympic Games and therefore is an excellent place to host the H16 NAs. With many major regattas being run throughout the summer months expect a very professional event, great conditions and a great atmosphere. Happy Racing!

Tornado sailors Kevin Stittle and skipper Oskar Johanssen placed 4th in the 2008 Olympic Games and 2nd at the 2008 Tornado World Championships. Both are planning to race at the Hobie 16 NAs in Kingston



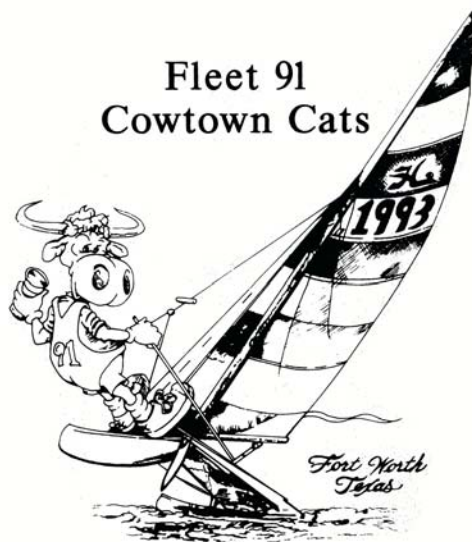
Penalty Turns

In the last issue, we ran a fleet logo in the *Hobie History* column and identified it as the “Cowtown Cat” from Dallas Hobie Fleet 23.

Well, anybody should know that Dallas isn't “Cowtown”—Ft. Worth is. Drew Riddle, formerly of Hobie Fleet 91 in Ft. Worth, now residing in San Antonio, reminded us who's the real “Cowtown” and sent us the complete original artwork. Thanks, Drew!

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Fleet 91 Cowtown Cats





Gordo Bagley, HCA Youth Program Director

Hobie Youth Membership Program Enhancements

Our youth program is an integral part of increasing participation in the class. By helping Hobie youth sailors participate in championship events and showing the sailing world our dedication to youth sailing in North America, we hope to make an investment in the future of Hobie Sailing.



This year we will have two important expenditures which will be financed by the special projects fund. As HCA Youth Program Director, I have been given discretion over this fund that has been in limbo for several years. Many have contacted me with a myriad of ideas for the use of these funds.

Our first effort has already occurred. We provided scholarships to youth teams to allow them to attend the USSA Multihull

Championships in Long Beach, CA. This was a great success in public relations amongst youth sailing programs peripheral to our own class. Many youngsters at Long Beach joined the class as a result and we have an overall enhanced image among those who were there, many of whom are prominent movers in the youth sailboat racing effort nationally. New relationships and alliances have been formed and it is expected to have a positive effect on participation in upcoming North American Youth events in our class.

Additionally, in many divisions within the HCA-NA, there is a movement towards enhancing our ability to provide boats to new youth teams entering the class. We've been fine tuning a program which will accomplish this with minimal room for abuse, and maximum return on dollars spent to bring boats specifically to new youth teams. A good model for this program has successfully been employed by the Lightning Class, and we are using much of their guidelines as a template for our own. This is expected to be rolled out soon for the class to review.

Finally, we are instituting a program for swelling the youth membership ranks, and recognizing

youth participation at our division regattas which is under way. It is simple, but requires diligent efforts by regatta chairs and those who report on these events to make it successful. We have ordered a substantial quantity of hats and t-shirts which will be sent to regatta chairs to distribute to their youth participants. Any youth who races at our HCA sanctioned regattas, and who is a member of the HCA (those who join at a given event are eligible) will receive a hat and t-shirt from the HCA Youth Program. The t-shirt is black and printed with the HCA diamond emblem, a flying H on the sleeve and graphics on the back. The hat is a grey mesh HCC style hat with a red Flying H above the visor and "Hobie Youth Racing" on the back. Any youth who also participate in these regattas in any supporting or working role will also be eligible. We would also like to recognize regatta chairs who fulfill the task of reporting their youth participants and distributing these awards after their respective events by awarding them with a hat and T shirt as well. We recognize the effort it takes to get this done. We will be contacting division chairs and regatta chairs regularly to make sure we don't miss anyone. Our apologies

if we do fail to contact you a few weeks prior to your event, please get with Melinda Bommersbach or Gordo Bagley, so as not to miss out. The published schedule in the *HOTLINE* and the HCA-NA website lists of division regattas will be our contact list. Please help us by spreading the news of this program amongst all you know. When you are at an event, check with the regatta chair to see if he/she is collecting the names of youth that participated. Limit will be one hat and one T shirt per participant per season starting with the 2009 race schedule. It may be necessary for regatta chairs to delegate the

job of collecting membership fees and applications, as well as collecting the names of youth participants to do this. That person will also be eligible for the hat and T shirt.

HCA-NA would also like to recognize any class members who contribute \$50 or more to the HCA Youth Program by presenting them with one of these great hats, so if you've already done so, expect a small gift of our appreciation. Please consider making a contribution to the Youth

Program, as we are expecting to fund a record number of youth this year to attend the 2009 Hobie 16 Youth NA Championships at CORK, Kingston, Ontario.

I'd like to thank at this time all who lend their support in any way to Hobie youth sailing.



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This Old Hobie

Rudder / Daggerboard Trailing Edge Repair

By Rick Buchanan

Have you ever been rigging your Hobie in a parking lot, and accidentally let go of your rudder (or dagger board) at the wrong time, only to have your friends tell you a basketball bounces better? How about when you're out racing and you jibe (like I did) only to bounce your tiller on the trailing edge of your kicked up rudder, chipping the fiberglass? Or, how about when you're racing, trying to sneak up on someone, only to have them hear you coming, because your rudders are humming the Star Spangled Banner?

Now what do you do? These are relatively easy repairs you can do yourself. It doesn't take high tech tools to make these repairs. It does take a steady hand, and some patience. Take your time, don't rush a repair. Remember to wear protective clothing; long pants, shirt, eye protection, gloves and a good quality filter mask.

So, let's take a look at some ways I've found to do these types of repairs. Keep in mind there are always going to be other ways to skin a cat.

The following photos show a dagger board and rudder, each with totally different problems to fix. In photos **1** through **3**, we have a damaged trailing edge on a Tiger dagger board which is very thin, similar to a Tiger rudder. Photos **4** through **15** show a Hobie 16 rudder which hummed, and vibrated excessively.

Tiger rudders come from the Hobie Europe factory with a sharp (ready to shave your face) trailing edge, which is very thin and fragile. If you grab the edge with your fingers, you can actually flex the blade. If you drop your tiller on the edge while jibing you will most definitely chip the fiberglass. In the photo below left, you see small chips in the glass with some Kevlar fiber protruding. Kevlar is difficult to work with because it fluffs up if you sand it. We'll replace it with a pre-made fiberglass strip (for details on how to make this, see the "This Old Boat" in the March / April '08 *HOTLINE*). Photo **1** shows a Dremel tool with a cut-off wheel being used to cut a thin groove into the blade so that the fiberglass strip can be inserted, filling the damaged area. Photo **2** shows how to mark the end fiberglass strip for trimming. Test fit the strip as shown in photo **3**. Next, tape off the surrounding surfaces to protect the blade from resin runs and sags during the repair. Use a quality polyester or vinylester resin, mixed with some West Systems #406 Colloidal Silica to a soft butter consistency, to fill the slot. Insert the fiberglass strip and let cure. The inserted glass can be trimmed to fit. Once trimmed, and faired, using Formula 27 (a polyester based filler), a finish coat of gelcoat sprayed on, and buffed, should have it looking new again. West System products and Evercoat Formula 27 are available at West Marine stores. Spraying gelcoat was covered in the July / August '09





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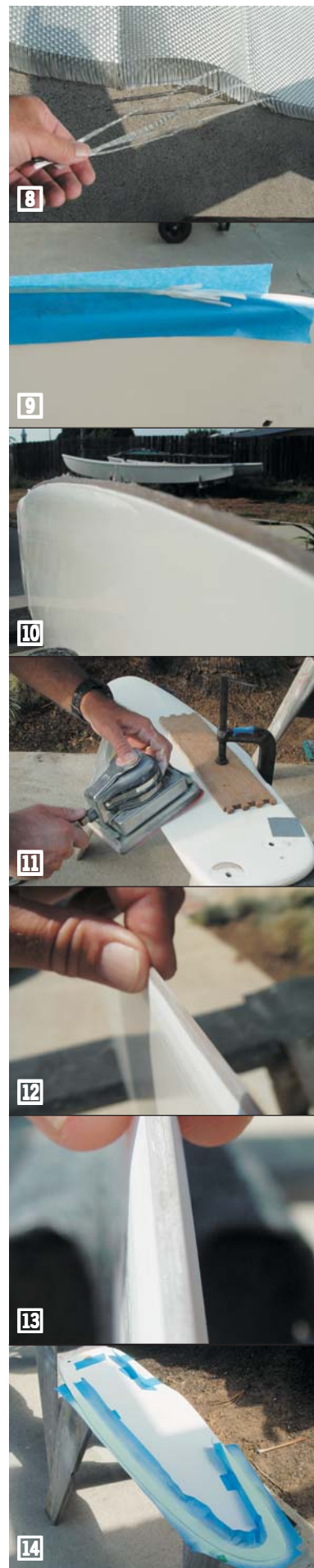
The Hobie 16 rudder shown here in photo **4**, had a trailing edge with a width of about 3/32", the entire length of it, causing severe humming and vibration. To begin this repair we use an inexpensive "rack" made from some spare pieces of 2 x 4 lumber, (photo **4**), to hold it firmly in place. Be sure to pad the rack with a soft material to protect the finish. Set the blade and rack on some saw horses, or other work surface which is at a comfortable height for you. As with any repair where you plan to sand or grind fiberglass and resin, remember to wear protective clothing; long pants, shirt, eye protection, gloves and a good quality filter mask. Next, using a pneumatic angle die-grinder, cut a groove into the trailing edge, photos **5** and **6**. After the groove is made, tape off the surrounding surfaces (photo **7**) to protect the blade from resin runs and sags during the repair. Using long strands of fiberglass, in this case some woven roving strands, photo **8**, we'll fill the groove we made. First, holding the strands at each end, dip the strands into a small mixing container filled with an adequate amount of catalyzed resin. With the strands of fiberglass

saturated with resin, carefully work them into the groove using a back and forth motion. Let the ends of the strands protrude from both ends of the groove as seen in photo **9**. Add enough strands to build up the area larger than what you want the finished work to be as seen in photo **10**.

Once cured, use a jitter bug sander (photo **11**) to shape the edge to your liking (photos **12** and **13**). If desired, the new trailing edge can be finished off with some new gelcoat, (photos **14** and **15**).

Another thing that I've found helps this repair, is to use 220 – 320 grit sandpaper, held like a "taco shell" between the fingers, and then run along the full length of the rudders trailing edge. This sanding is done on the last 1/2 to 3/4 inch of the rudder. Sanding marks which show this can be seen in photo **12**. By doing this you will eliminate practically all vibration and humming.

When you're not sailing your Hobie and it's packed away on the trailer with the rudders crammed into your cat box, protect them from damage. The Hobie Cat Company, through their authorized dealers, has some excellent rudder covers available.



Rules in Play

New Quad – New Rules

By Matt Bounds

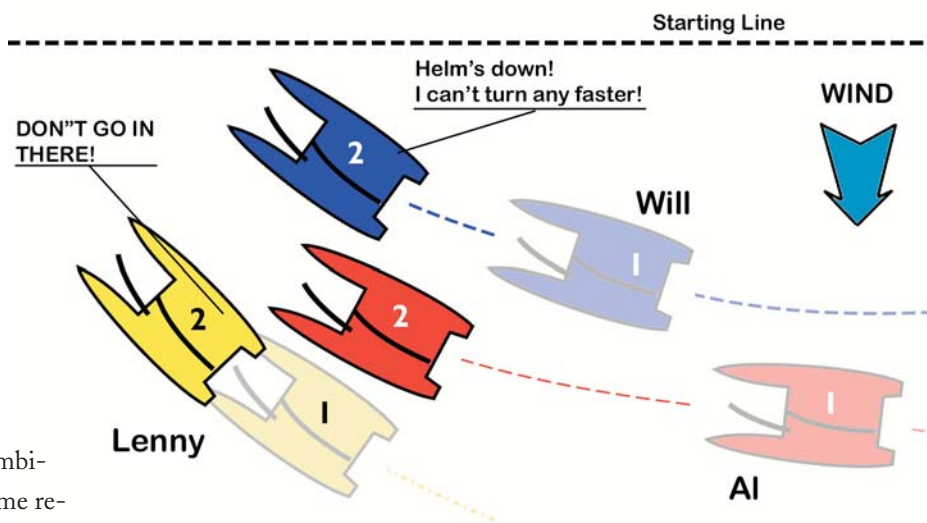
By now, you should all know we all have a new *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)

book. What exactly has changed? A short answer is, “A lot, but not very much.” The rules’ language has been significantly tweaked to make them more understandable to the first-time reader and to clear up some ambiguity, but for the most part, the game remains the same as we’ve played it for the last twelve years. For an in-depth study of the rules, you can go to one of the North U rules seminars being taught this summer. However, what they teach is applicable to monohulls, which have completely different tactics than catamarans. In this article, we’ll try to hit some of the aspects of the rules as they apply to Hobie Cat racing.

Reading the RRS can be pretty intimidating. It’s virtually impossible to read the rules and apply them immediately on the water. Most of us learn by doing (and sometimes by doing wrong), so seeing how the rules apply to commonplace scenarios is a very effective way to learn the rules – without memorizing the language. I’ve arranged this article in chronological order. Scenarios are presented in the order you would come across them on the race course.

Pre-Start

Not much has changed here. The only difference is that now, moving boats are never “continuing obstructions”. How does this apply at the pre-start? The diagram shows how this works.



Lenny is an *obstruction* to both Will and Al because he holds the right of way over both. However, the definition of *Obstruction* (below) makes it clear that Lenny is not a continuing *obstruction*. New Rule 19 does not use a zone around *obstructions*. Rule 19.2 says that if Will and Al are overlapped when they pass the *obstruction*, the outside boat (Will) must give *room* (not *mark room*) to the inside boat (Al).

When Al gets an *overlap*, Will is required to give him *room* if possible. If Will does everything he can from the time the *overlap* began, but is still unable to provide *room*, he is not required to give it. In that case,

Obstruction An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions*. However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her, give her *room* or *mark-room* or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat *racing*, is never a continuing *obstruction*.

Al would break Rule 14 (No Contact) if he has contact with Lenny or Rule 11 (Windward / Leeward) if Lenny bears off to avoid him or Rules 14 and 15 (Acquiring Right of Way) if he has contact with Will.

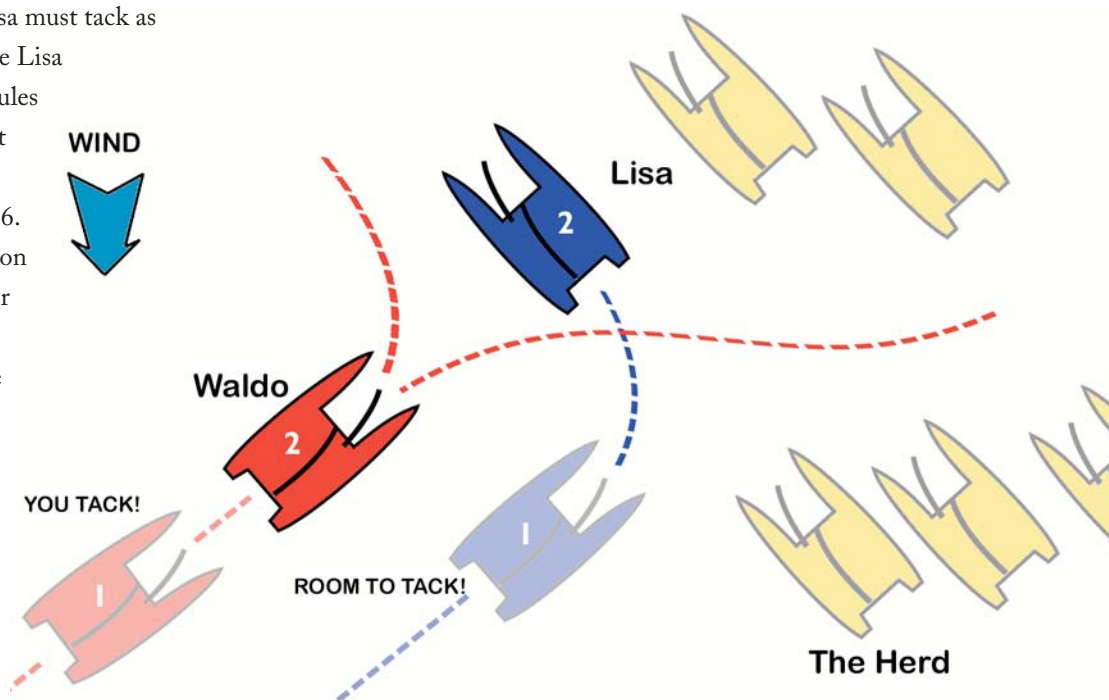
This situation happens frequently in the prestart, when you're trapped in the second row and you think you can slide into that hole between two luffing boats. New Rule 19 prevents you from doing that unless you really have enough room. Often, the person in Will's place will bear off to close up the hole and keep you out. The lesson? Be in the front row; don't stick your nose in where it won't fit.

Upwind Leg

Again, not much has changed. Starboard tack still has the right of way over port. However, there's a subtle change when hailing for room to tack at an obstruction, like a shoreline or a wall of starboard tack boats.

The rule that describes hailing for room to tack at an obstruction is now Rule 20 (above left) (it used to be Rule 19). When Waldo responds, "You Tack!" to a hail of "Room to Tack!" from Lisa, Lisa must tack as soon as possible and Waldo has to give Lisa room. The old rule did not turn off Rules 15 or 16 (Changing Course) here. But the new Rule 20 says Lisa will be exonerated if she breaks Rules 15 or 16.

This situation develops frequently on lakes when approaching a shoreline, or when approaching the starboard tack herd to the weather mark when you're on port tack. The lesson? Anticipate the hail. Don't be caught by surprise. You aren't required to tack in response to the hail if you think there's a hole in the parade you can cut through by ducking the hailing boat. You just have to *keep clear*.



Windward Mark

One of the biggest changes to the RRS is the introduction of the three-boatlength *zone* around *marks* (definition of *zone* and Rule 18). It's not as big a difference as you might think, since the old rules for mark rounding began to apply when boats were

"about" to round the mark. That ambiguity has been removed. But how does this affect you at the weather mark? Rule 18 doesn't apply at the weather mark, right? Wrong.

20 ROOM TO TACK AT AN OBSTRUCTION

20.1 Hailing and Responding

When approaching an *obstruction*, a boat sailing close-hauled or above may hail for *room* to tack and avoid another boat on the same *tack*. After a boat hails,

- (a) she shall give the hailed boat time to respond;
- (b) the hailed boat shall respond either by tacking as soon as possible, or by immediately replying 'You tack' and then giving the hailing boat *room* to tack and avoid her; and
- (c) when the hailed boat responds, the hailing boat shall tack as soon as possible.

20.2 Exoneration

When a boat is taking *room* to which she is entitled under rule 20.1(b), she shall be exonerated if she breaks a rule of Section A or rule 15 or 16.

20.3 When Not to Hail

A boat shall not hail unless safety requires her to make a substantial course change to avoid the *obstruction*. Also, she shall not hail if the *obstruction* is a *mark* that the hailed boat is *fetching*.

YOU MADE ME SAIL ABOVE
CLOSE-HAULED!

PROTEST!

WIND

The ZONE

Paul

Stanley

In the diagram, Paul is coming into the weather mark on port and Stanley is approaching on starboard. Rule 18.3 (above right) applies if Paul tacks within the zone, which means Stanley does not have to give Paul *mark room*, provided Stanley is *fetching* the mark (see the definition of *fetching*). Also, if Stanley has to sail above close-hauled to avoid Paul, Paul has broken Rule 18.3 (a). This is essentially the same way things worked under the old rules, but the area (the *zone*) to which the mark rounding rules apply is significantly larger.

The lesson here is: don't tack in the *zone* unless you can complete your tack before another boat establishes an *overlap*. In a catamaran that tacks slowly, it's much safer to cross, then tack than try to slam in a quick tack at the mark. Invariably, the "quick tack" turns into a blown tack and you sit there bobbing in the middle of a screaming, unhappy parade of starboard tack boats.

Downwind Leg

Remember Rule 17.2? No? Good, because it's been deleted. Basically, Rule 17.2 prevented a windward boat from sailing below her *proper course* when she was less than two of her hull lengths from a

18.3 Tacking When Approaching a Mark

If two boats were approaching a *mark* on opposite *tacks* and one of them changes *tack*, and as a result is subject to rule 13 in the *zone* when the other is *fetching* the *mark*, rule 18.2 does not thereafter apply. The boat that changed *tack* (a) shall not cause the other boat to sail above close-hauled to avoid her or prevent the other boat from passing the *mark* on the required side, and (b) shall give *mark-room* if the other boat becomes *overlapped* inside her.

leeward boat or a boat clear astern steering a course to leeward of her. The reason you don't remember it is that infractions were difficult to prove and never really enforced – which is why ISAF deleted it.

Lesson: if you're ahead, defend vigorously. Don't let boats blow by you to leeward. Of course, once they gain an *overlap* from astern, they have the right of way, but cannot sail above their *proper course*.

Leeward Rounding

This is where things get interesting. Let's start off simple – a single leeward mark, rounded to port. Typically, catamarans will set up on port tack approaching the mark.

In this case, Ollie and Irene are *overlapped* when Ollie reaches the zone (Position 1). Rule 18.2(b) (above right) turns on at that instant. Irene has an inside overlap, so Ollie must give Irene *mark room* (definition, right). The definition of *mark room* links into two other definitions

ROOM!

Irene

Ollie

WIND

The ZONE

(proper course and room)

that restrict Irene to a “seamanlike rounding”, i.e.

close to the mark. Ollie still has the right of way, because

he’s the leeward boat (Rule 11). However, Irene is exoner-

ated by Rule 18.5 (below). In the old rules, the boat entitled to room had the right of way. No longer.

Instead, if a boat is entitled to mark room, but otherwise does not have the right of way, they are exonerated. This is a subtle, but important distinction. It’s probably the toughest concept to digest for the long-time racer.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When boats are *overlapped* the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*, unless rule 18.2(b) applies.
- (b) If boats are *overlapped* when the first of them reaches the *zone*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*. If a boat is *clear ahead* when she reaches the *zone*, the boat *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*.

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail to the *mark*, and then *room* to sail her *proper course* while at the *mark*. However, *mark-room* does not include *room* to tack unless the boat is *overlapped* to *windward* and on the inside of the boat required to give *mark-room*.

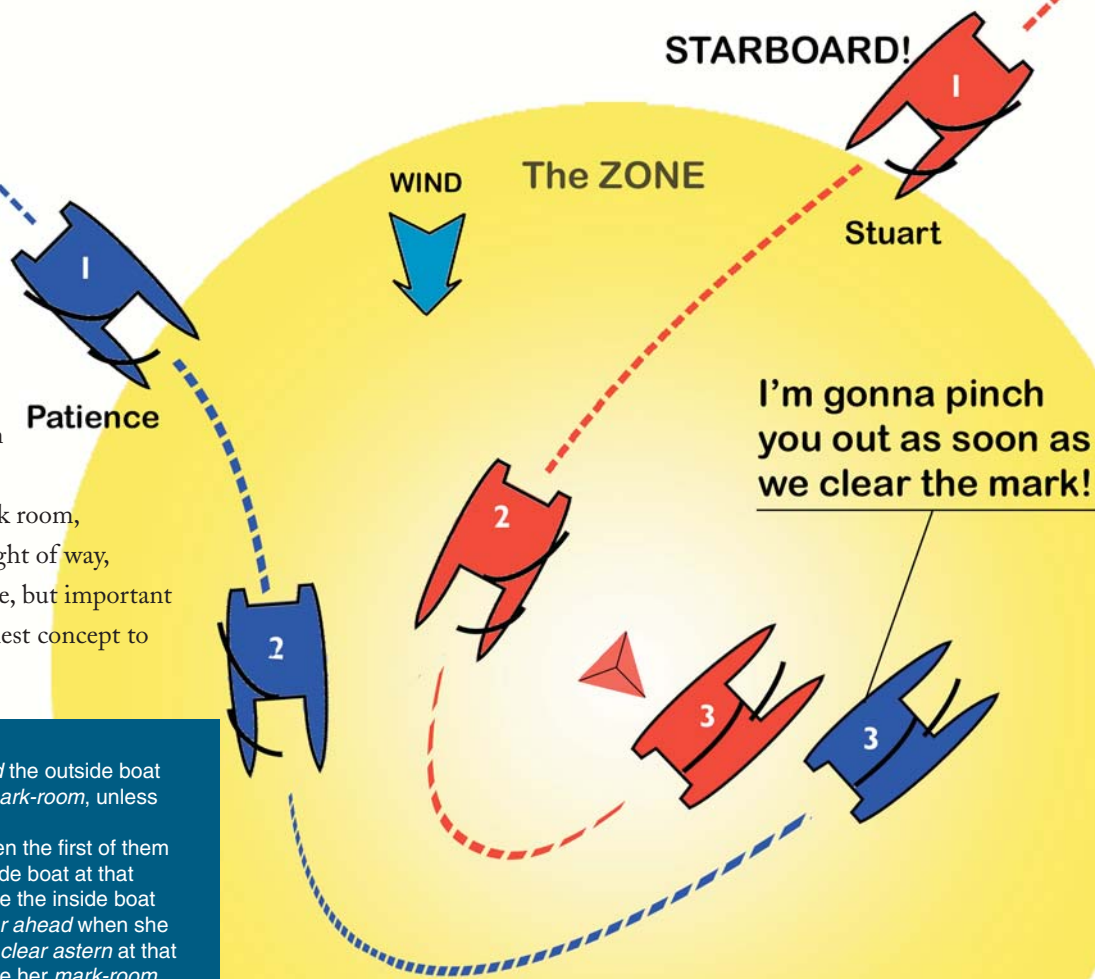
18.5 Exoneration

- When a boat is taking *mark-room* to which she is entitled, she shall be exonerated
- (a) if, as a result of the other boat failing to give her *mark-room*, she breaks a rule of Section A, or
 - (b) if, by rounding the *mark* on her *proper course*, she breaks a rule of Section A or rule 15 or 16.

Now let’s get a bit more complicated – with a boat approaching the downwind mark on starboard tack. Again, the *mark* is to be left to port. A very common scenario with catamarans and often used as a passing technique downwind.

In the diagram above right, Stuart is barreling in from the right side of the course. He has the right of way under Rule 10 (port / starboard). Patience must keep clear – remember, Rule 10 does not turn off when Rule 18 turns on. By the definition of *overlap*, Stuart is also overlapped and the inside boat with every boat approaching the mark on port (including Patience).

STARBOARD!



Rule 18 turns on when the first boat (in this case Patience) enters the *zone*. Rule 18.4 applies (below) which restricts Stuart from sailing no further from the mark as needed to sail his *proper course*. This is less restrictive than a “seamanlike” rounding. It’s also very slow, since Stuart is making what amounts to a 180° turn. Patience has an opportunity here to turn the tables on Stuart.

The lesson? Keep clear of the starboard boat; drive through his lee while he’s flailing about in his gybe; use your momentum to pinch up ahead of him after the mark.

18.4 Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she gybes she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.4 does not apply at a *gate mark*.

Rules in Play

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AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

Class Representatives and HCspace.org

By Ben Wells



n idea that's been tossed around for many years is to have Class Representatives; people who would serve as leaders for their respective Hobie classes. Division 5 Chair Steve Cooley put it best, saying, "The whole idea behind Class Representatives is not to add responsibility to people already involved at the national level. It's to bring another layer to the onion of national leadership and give individual fleets a single point of contact to facilitate the flow of information within the fleet, as well as up and down the leadership 'chain of command.' Give each fleet a single voice that can speak to the HCA Chair as well as the entire HCA Board of Directors, with a fair degree of authority with regards to fleet issues. Someone that is the go to guy if you, as an individual sailor, have an issue that you think should be addressed at the national level. Someone to be rumor control, rumor central, or the rumor spreader. Someone to be a clearing house for fleet specific information; boats for sale, parts needed, new ideas, tuning tips for new sailors, or who to ask for tuning tips/whatever in a particular area. The only real requirements

are enthusiasm for the particular boat you sail or one of the boats you sail and the ability to use the Internet in order to strengthen the class across the entire nation without having to leave the comfort of your own bubble. Lastly, someone to beat the drum, build enthusiasm, and get more boats on the starting line."

It's a great idea, but one that until now, would have been overly burdensome for one person to manage on a regional level. However, we are living in the age of the Internet, where anything imaginable can be found on-line. Currently, one of the most popular aspects of the Internet are social networking sites. Sites like Facebook and MySpace allow users to create their own content and stay connected with other users all around the globe. Users can upload music, pictures, and have pages solely about them. Now, Hobie sailors have a social networking site they can call their own - HCspace.org.

HCspace.org has a section set up for each Hobie Cat class and each HCA Division. The moderators for each section are the Class Representatives that follow. We encourage you to visit HCspace.org, poke around and sign up (it's free). It's a

great way to stay connected with other members of your class. There are plenty of other resources out there as well. For official HCA news, go to www.hcna.org. For general support and information, the Hobie Cat Community Forums (www.hobiecat.com/community) are unmatched. Hobie Cat Company regulars on those forums include Matt Miller, Greg Thomas and Jacques Bernier.

Hobie 14

Roger Taha – Des Moines, IA



Roger has been racing Hobie Cats for over 20 years. He has always sailed with his kids, and recently, grand-kids as crew.

Most of his sailing takes place on lakes in the Midwest, with Storm Lake and Spirit Lake among his favorites. When he's not on the water or working as a Database Administrator and Systems Designer, Roger can be found playing a little golf or fixing something up. He is proud of the fact he was

recently able to sail a national event with his daughter, Christina, as crew. In 2008 his daughter Kellie crewed for him the whole season, and stuck it out through the good and bad. Sailing with his children and grandchildren will always be his greatest accomplishment.

Hobie 16

Mike Madge – Thunder Bay, Ontario

Mike started sailing in 1978. Mike started sailing in 1978 and raced through the mid-and raced through the mid 80s. After a break to attend to life (marriage, kids) he returned to sailing in 2002. A high school math teacher, Mike also enjoys working out and playing lacrosse and hockey. He enjoys sailing on several lakes, including Barnum Lake, Green Lake, and Lake Superior. A recent accomplishment for him was finishing in the top 10 in one race at the 2008 Hobie 16 North Americans.



Hobie 18

Paul Evenden – Chilliwack, British Columbia



Paul, a big rig driver for Kal Tires in Canada, enjoys sailing his Hobie 18 at Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia. He began racing his own boat in

1999, after crewing on one back in the early 80s. Paul is also an accomplished musician, as he is the lead singer in a

Celtic Band called Copper Sky. He also plays 5 different instruments. Paul finished third at the 18 North Americans, and has been in the top 4 in national points the last four years.

Hobie 20

Paul Bommersbach – Sioux Falls, SD

Paul has been racing for Paul has been racing for over 25 years. He can usually be found sailing his Hobie 20 at Lewis and Clark Lake in Yankton, South Dakota.



He enjoys scuba diving, snowboarding, and is even working on building his own ice boat when he isn't at work as a Nurse Anesthetist. He recently finished 10th at the Hobie 20 North Americans, and 11th at the Hobie 14 North Americans.

Hobie FX-One

Karl Brogger – Dennison, MN



Karl, a master carpenter and cabinet maker, has been sailing for five years. Karl doesn't have a favorite place to sail, but anywhere that is, "...warm, sunny, breezy, with clean water, and a soft sandy beach." He also enjoys target shooting, jet skiing, riding motorcycles, and playing his Sony PlayStation. A recent accomplishment for Karl is staying upright at a frighteningly windy day at the Hobie 20 North Americans, though as a side note, he really struggled to keep the pointy end up at the 16 NAs.

Hobie Wave

Rick White – Key Largo, FL

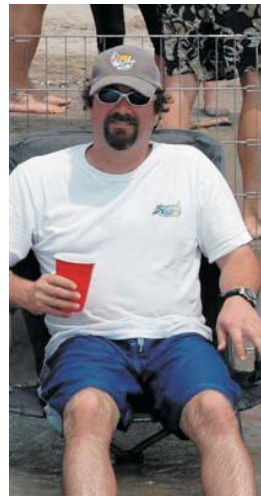
Rick has been sailing since 1969. After being on a Tornado and a Hobie 18, he now enjoys the Wave. Rick has an extensive sailing career, winning over 200 major regattas, including Worlds, North Americans, and a National Series Championship once. He has won the Wave North Americans three times. The place he enjoys sailing the most is in Key Largo, Florida. Rick is a writer, musician, seminar instructor, retailer, and webmaster, among other things. In his free time from all of that, he enjoys a game of tennis, skiing, and guitar.



Hobie Tiger

Rob Jerry – Syracuse, NY

Rob has been sailing for over 20 years, starting in Hobie 16s, then a 20, and for the past eight years or so, on a Tiger. Rob is the Hobie dealer (Boatworks, Ltd) that keeps Syracuse Hobie Fleet 204 on the water. The Hobie blood runs so thick in Rob that he and his wife Darcy were married at the



Madcatter Regatta in 2006. When they walked down the aisle, they processed under crossed Hot Sticks (like a military wedding with swords). The Saturday night regatta party was their reception!

Rob is an honorary Pirate of the Caribbean (Puerto Rican) and travels down to Division 13's Christmas Ball regatta every year. It's this friendship that gets the Puerto Ricans up to Syracuse every year for Madcatter.

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Class Representatives

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Hobie 17

Matt Bounds – Commerce, MI



Matt's owned a lot of Hobies over the years – 14s, 16s, Tiger – but his favorite is “the best boat Hobie Cat has ever built” – the Hobie 17. Matt has been sailing and racing Hobies since 1973, and the 17 since 1991. He's written a number of articles for the *HOTLINE* about repairing and sailing the 17 and is always willing to answer questions.

Most of Matt's free time is taken up either working on the *HOTLINE* and / or going to regattas either to sail in them or work the race committee. Matt's other passions include building things (trophies) in his workshop, playing around with PhotoShop and digging in the yard.

Matt's also very involved with US Sailing and currently serves as the Chairman of the One-Design Class Council.



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At a gate, things get even more complicated. Did you pay attention to that last sentence of Rule 18.4?

18.4 Gybing

Rule 18.4 does not apply at a gate mark.

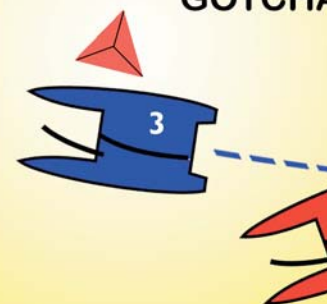
Since Rule 18.4 no longer applies, boats approaching from the right side on starboard carry **all** the cards. Port boats must *keep clear*. The starboard boat (Sampson) may do a “tactical rounding” of the right hand gate, or go for the left hand gate – and has no obligation to tell you which way he's going. If you're coming into a gate on port tack, you need to keep your head out of the boat and be prepared to change your game plan at the last second.

One defense available to the port tack boat is to gybe at the last minute, becoming the inside boat on the left gate mark. Then Sampson has to give you *mark room*. Alternatively, you can slow down, let Sampson pass or gybe, then go to the opposite side or try to pinch up inside at the same mark. The lesson here is to keep your eyes open; watch for situations as they develop; be prepared to change your plans at the last minute; talk to your competitors to try and find out which way they're planning to go.

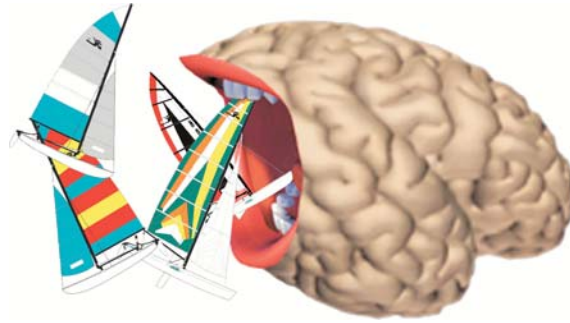
Rules 18 (Mark-Room), 19 (Room to Pass an Obstruction) and 20 (Room to Tack at an Obstruction) have undergone the most extensive revisions in the new rule book, but there are many other small changes. You can get a new rule book (with the US prescriptions) by joining US Sailing (using the form on page 32). Changes in the rules are indicated by vertical lines in the margins. Alternatively, you can download the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (without the US prescriptions) at www.sailing.org/racingrules.php. Sail by the rules, and most importantly – *sail smart!*

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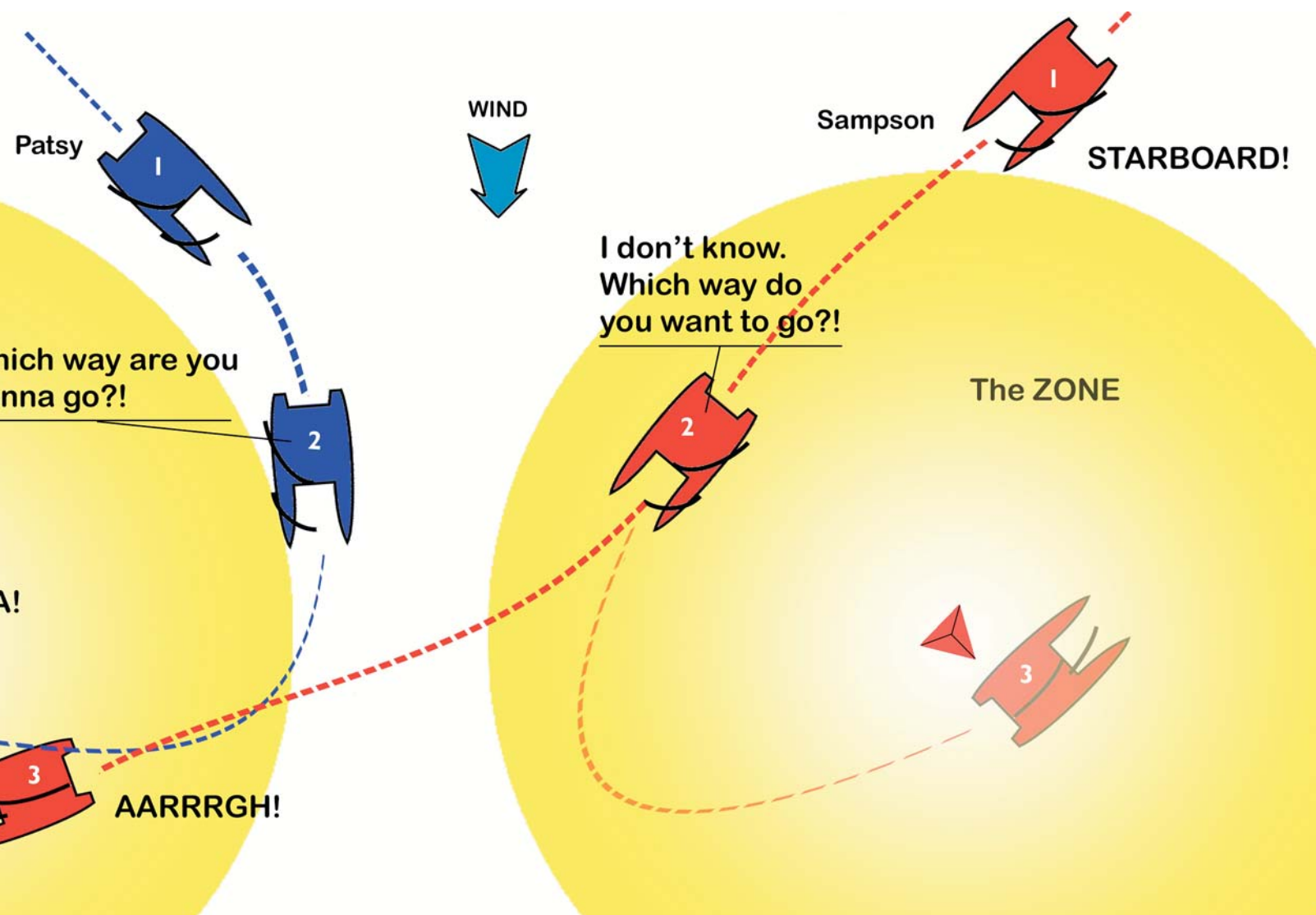
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2009 Madcatter **May 15, 16 & 17** Syracuse, New York **Francisco Figueroa**

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YOUT'S IN COLLEGE

Is Intercollegiate Sailing in your Child's future?

By Mimi Appel

Part 2: The Search is On!

This article will continue to provide some insight to the overwhelming college selection process. Now is the time, your teenager's sophomore year, to start pounding the pavement to find an affordable college that is the right fit for your teenager. Some children already know what they want to do from an early age. If that describes your teen, enjoy the focus and direction that brings. If he/she has always wanted to "be an astronaut", they will have been working hard in their math and science classes, knowing that engineering will be in their future. Once in college, if he/she decides that Art History is more what they had in mind, majors can be changed. What matters most is that your teen will be happy with the college he/she chooses.

The best thing we found to help with our daughter's college search is what we call "The Book" by The Princeton Review: The Best 368 Colleges^[1]. This book breaks down colleges and universities in a chart-type format so you can compare them. Location, academics, size, tuition cost, financial aid,

student body size, staff to student ratio, and admission information are spelled out for what the authors feel are the best colleges in the U.S. Students attending a given school, give plenty of anecdotal information on academics, dorms and student life.

Admission offices offer insightful advice about the type of undergrad student their school accepts. Even if the school your teen is considering is not in "the book" the format is extremely helpful in giving both parents and kids a big picture of college life.

An important question your teen needs to ask is, "Do I like a big city environment, small town or enclosed campus?" Parents will be concerned about safety. Geography will play a huge part in this decision. Should I be close to home or far away? Some teens will want to put distance between their parents and themselves, but one can do that at a dorm at your local college, for a lot less money. One fact that we learned is that a college student actually is in school only 150 days. How much of time /money does your teen want to spend traveling?

Take full advantage of the counseling services in your high school. Be persistent and make sure you are getting quality answers. We were fortunate to find a recently retired college counselor that spent an afternoon with our daughter. There are also professional organizations: Independent Educational Consultants Association^[2] and National Association of College Admission Counseling^[3]. The Armed Services, ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corp) is another avenue to research for some teenagers. Many



excellent colleges and universities offer super degrees in return for a limited number of years of service in the Army, Marines, Navy, Merchant Marines, etc.



How serious can one be about sailing in college? Fortunately there are many options. Like many other collegiate sports there is a spectrum of levels that vary in intensity, from intramural to Division 1 varsity teams. Our first exposure to the college sailing came from Sailing World Magazine^[4]. They rank

the top 10 colleges nationally, Co-ed and Women's disciplines. SW occasionally publishes an excellent chart that lists schools with sailing. It breaks down each college by specifics; how many boats, what type, if the team has a salaried coach or is self-coached and if it is funded by the college. Your Hobie teen may want to use this as way to narrow their search even if they are not pursuing a varsity sailing commitment. Most schools allow their students to sail their club boats, knowing that one could take a boat out for a spin might be a healthy stress reliever for a busy undergrad. This may sound trivial but if you have a very indecisive teen faced with a huge decision, picking an activity/sport can help narrow ones choices.

Once we had the search narrowed to the eastern states above North Carolina and below Vermont, we started making some progress. Making the time for campus visits is an absolute necessity; both you and your teen will really narrow the field by simply walking through the campus. All schools have open house days, some with overnights that are geared to giving potential students too much information. Email ahead of time if you want to meet with the sailing coach. We did this and found all of them very receptive. A word of caution, if you are not familiar with dinghy racing,

you will be in for some big surprises. Hobie racing and monohull racing are two very different worlds. The kids that get recruited for college varsity sailing teams, and enjoy the financial aid that goes with it are from yacht clubs and high school teams that have been racing 420s all their lives. Beach cat sailor's experiences of excessive boat speed, strict one-design quality races and living the Hobie Way of Life, do not prepare a person for college sailing. After meeting with one sailing coach our daughter decided that there was absolutely no way she was interested in varsity sailing. He was very helpful in telling us about what he called "the broken leg rule". The rule roughly translates as, "a person needs to pick a college by where they will be happy academically, not by the sport they would like to compete in."

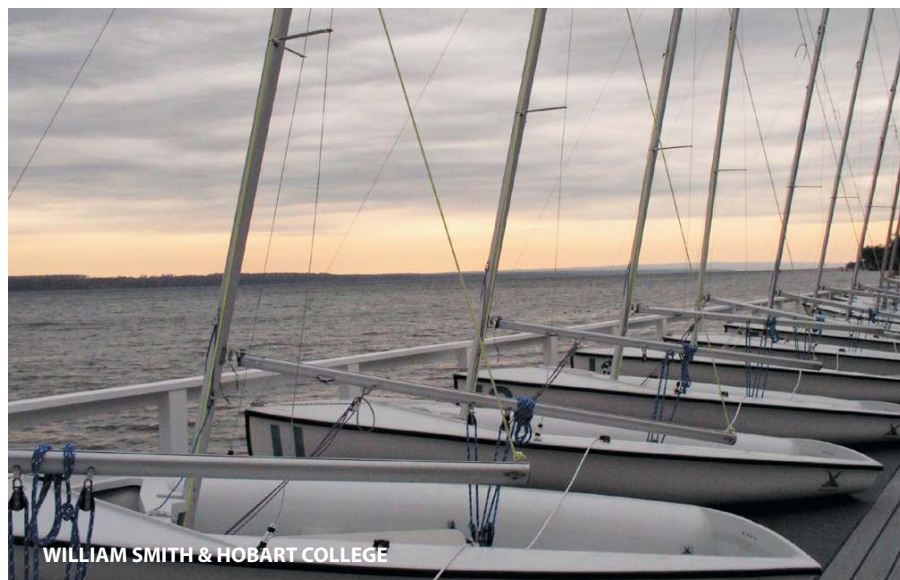
So there we have another piece of the choosing a college puzzle, whether it involves sailing or not. Next time we will look at the rest of the story, I promise a happy ending!

^[1] The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University
The Best 368 Colleges 2009 Edition, by Robert Franek, Tom Meltzer, Christopher Maier, Erik Olson, Julie Doherty and Eric Qwens. Published by Random House. Inc New York

^[2] www.iecaonline.com

^[3] www.nacacnet.org

^[4] www.sailingworld.com - www.sailingworld.com/racing/college-racing/beyond-the-monthly-rankings-1000068092.html



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. Sand beach launch. Racing begins on Friday August 21 through to Sunday August 23rd, 2009. EYC is located 10 miles from Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

Rules

The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as prescribed by the Canadian Yachting Association and the International Hobie Class Association Class Rules, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions. Note that RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (Alternative Penalties) will be changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

Eligibility

The ISAF Competitors Eligibility Code applies (ISAF Regulation 19). All sailors must be paid members of the HCA-NA and proof of membership must be shown at registration.

Schedule, Entries and Registration

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

Competitor Insurance

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

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

Awards

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

Accommodations

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

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

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

Event Chair: Dan Borg dborg@toyota.ca

Event Hosts: Chris Ufton / Clive Warwick / Neil McNeil





2009 SOUTH CENTRAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION ★ NORTH AMERICA

DALLAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB ★ LEWISVILLE LAKE, TX

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 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

Double Handed Boats	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
Single Handed Boats	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00
Youth (skipper and crew <18)	registration free!!	
On-line registration provided by Regatta Tech® on the Fleet 23 website: www.hobiefleet23.com		

★ Classes

Classes will be determined after all registrations have been received.

★ Sailing Instructions (SIs)

Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

★ Hotels / Motels

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

★ Camping / RVs - FREE

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

★ Directions



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

From the North: DCYC is located ~4.8 miles due south of the intersection of State Route (SR) 380 and Naylor Road. Naylor Rd 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.



★ Contact Information

Further Details www.hobiefleet23.com / www.dcy.org
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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





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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

Please visit 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.

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HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

2009 Membership Application

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

(please print clearly)

☐ Renewal

PRIMARY MEMBER

☐ New Member

Division # _____ Fleet # _____ Member # _____

Primary Member Name: _____ ☐ M ☐ F

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State/Province: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ DOB (If Youth): _____

FAMILY MEMBERS

(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

Family Member Name (Youth): _____ ☐ M ☐ F DOB: _____

Family Member Name (Youth): _____ ☐ M ☐ F DOB: _____

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I am a Division Chair ☐ I am a Fleet Commodore
☐ 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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\$ _____

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E-mail address is required if you want to be notified when HCA *HOTLINE* is on the web.

\$ _____

Youth (Independent) \$15.00 Same benefits as Standard.

Youth members must be under the age of 19 as of **Dec 31, 2009**.

\$ _____

DONATION TO YOUTH PROGRAM: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ _____

\$ _____

Release of Liability - Waiver of Claims:

I acknowledge the risk of injury to my person and property while participating in sailing events. To the fullest extent of the law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (including IHCA and HCA-NA) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

SIGN: _____ DATE: _____

Signature of Primary member (Parent's signature if youth is under 18 years old)

Total: \$ _____



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Multihull Council Golden Anchor Membership Form
Make sure your voice and membership are counted for multihulls
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Anniversary Dates are March 31 or September 30

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John Williams is the MHC Golden Anchor Administrator

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Company name, if applicable		
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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

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 \$ _____ \$ @ 50 **Individual** Includes individual foreign
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 \$ _____ \$ 500 Benefactor - one year
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 \$ _____ \$ 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

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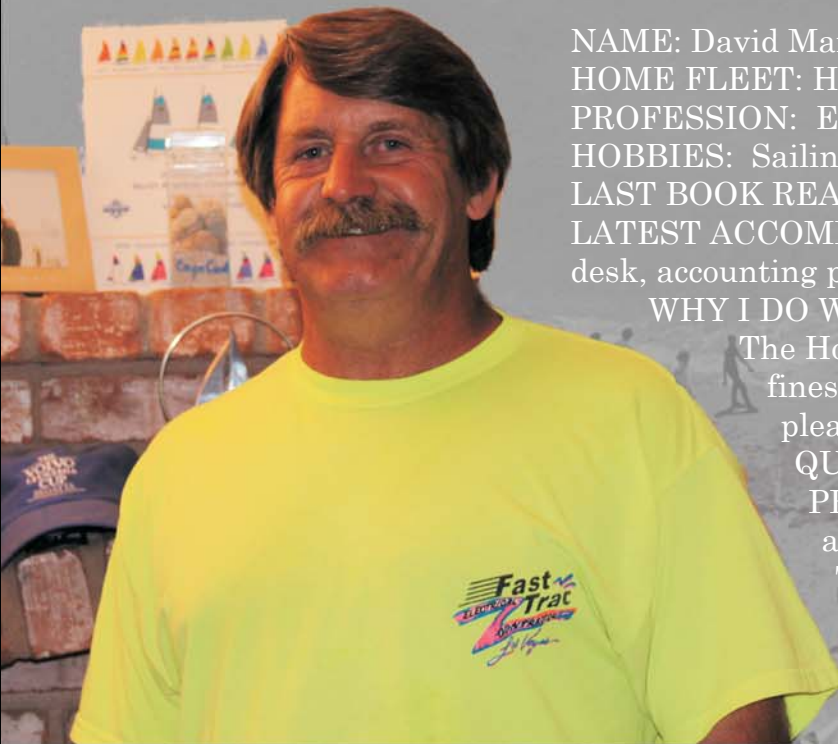
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HOBIE'S PROFILES:



NAME: David Martin

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 51, Las Vegas, Nv.

PROFESSION: Electrical Contractor Project Manager

HOBBIES: Sailing, Sailing & Sailing

LAST BOOK READ: Tales from Margaritaville by Jimmy Buffet

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Moving from an inside, behind a desk, accounting position to an outside in the fresh air position.

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: Quite simply put, it's the people.

The Hobie sailing community is without a doubt the finest group of individuals that I have ever had the pleasure of associating with.

QUOTE: "Sail Fast, Live Slow"

PROFILE: I took up sailing 10 years ago after an anniversary trip on a monohull at Lake Mead.

Two days later I found an old 16 for sale, bought it and fell in love with the sport. My wife, Ellie & I have married for 27 years, and pretty sure we'll be married another 27.

HIS BOAT: 1987 Hobie 18, Sail #17012

NAME: Clint Ellis

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 131, Oklahoma City, OK

AGE: 36, but I think I'm 26.

PROFESSION: Commercial Construction PM

HOBBIES: Managing the "Hobie Social Network", Sailing, Traveling, Camping.

LAST BOOK READ: Not sure...I'm good at starting them, poor at finishing.

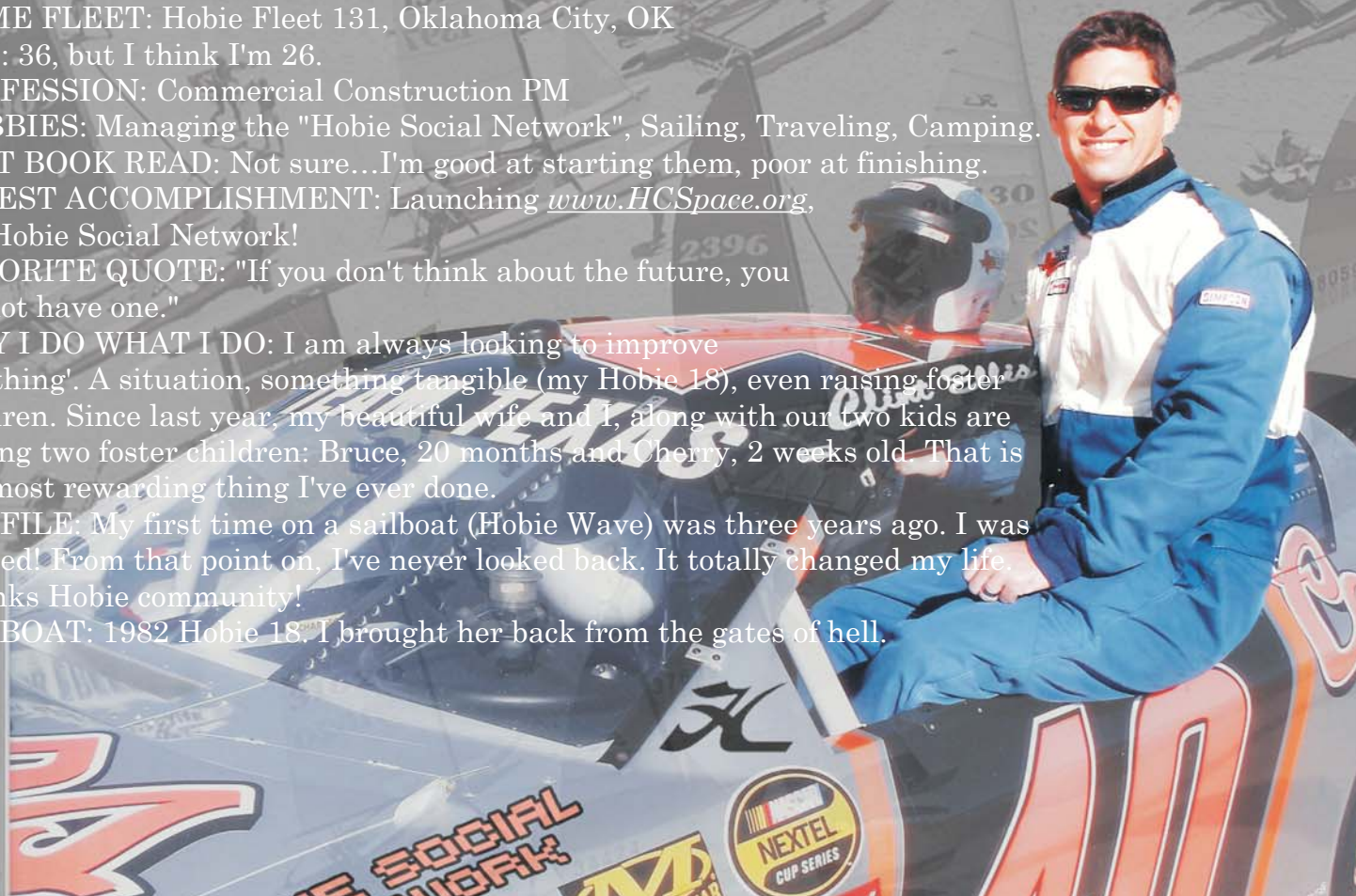
LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Launching www.HCSpace.org, the Hobie Social Network!

FAVORITE QUOTE: "If you don't think about the future, you cannot have one."

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: I am always looking to improve 'anything'. A situation, something tangible (my Hobie 18), even raising foster children. Since last year, my beautiful wife and I, along with our two kids are raising two foster children: Bruce, 20 months and Cherry, 2 weeks old. That is the most rewarding thing I've ever done.

PROFILE: My first time on a sailboat (Hobie Wave) was three years ago. I was hooked! From that point on, I've never looked back. It totally changed my life. Thanks Hobie community!

HIS BOAT: 1982 Hobie 18. I brought her back from the gates of hell.





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