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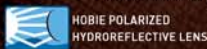
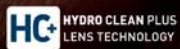
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it'sallgood ...



Summer now is in full swing and I hope that you are finding time to enjoy it with your family. Keep in mind that there are still many great events on the HCA-NA schedule. Please bring your family and participate!

The Hobie Points Standings for all of the classes are posted on the website. For the 16s Randy Payne is in first with Mark Modderman and Rich McVeigh right on his heels. The point spread between the leader and the second ranked sailors in the 17, 18 and 20 classes is significant, but will surely change before the year ends. Congratulations to Jake Larson, age 16, who is ranked fifth in the Hobie 20 class!

We have been approached by the Charlotte Harbor Regatta Chairperson to participate in their new event with the Hobie 16 class as one of the one-design racing classes. This regatta will take place in February 2010 near Ft. Myers, Florida and will count as a Hobie points event. Contact me for more information. Let's mark our calendars so that we can show up in force and let the other classes see the advantages of sailing Hobie Cats.

HAVAMEGA is coming. November 9th is only 3 months away! The Hobie 18 class now has 23 boats pre-registered. This will make it one of the largest 18 classes in about a decade. The organizers are asking everyone to pre-register for the event. This will make it easier to prepare for your arrival. They want to have enough "goodies" for everyone so please go online and let us know you are attending.

I would also like to welcome Hobie Fleet 940 to the HCA-NA. They are from Annapolis, Maryland, and predominately sail Hobie Adventure Islands, Waves and Getaways. They have already had one social sailing event and invite all Hobies in the area to check them out. There are a couple of videos posted at HCspace.org showcasing their sailing events. Congrats to F940 and Jean Tucker for helping with the organization of this new fleet.

We're already working hard on the 2010 schedule. There have been proposals submitted for several of the North American Championships and even an Area Championship. It's never too early to arrange for a date. So if your group is interested in hosting an event, contact Bridget Quatrone, Events Coordinator.

Thanks and have a great rest of the summer!

CW

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Madcatter 33 - 30 Knots – Mark Modderman and Sandra Tartaglino
explode upwind in nuclear conditions. Photo by Mike Walker

2009 regattaschedule

North American Championships www.hca-na.org

Hobie 14 August 21–23, 2009 Toronto, ONT, Canada
HAVAMEGA (Wave/17/18/20/Tiger) Nov 7-13, 2009 Lake Havasu, AZ
Hobie 14 / Wave June 4–6, 2010 Ocean Springs, MS
Hobie 17 / 18 June 7–24, 2010 Ocean Springs, MS

Area Championships

Mid-Americas Sept 5–6 Lk. Lewisville, TX See NOR page 27
Midwinters West Mar 26–28, 2010 San Felipe, MEX midwinterswest.com
F-18 North American Championships
 September 8–12 Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA www.naf18.com

HCA Division Regattas (shaded events are non-points, reverse are Area Championships, Boxed are YC OD 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
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
514 Oct 10–11		Pinata 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 July 18–19		SCYC Summer Open Santa Cruz, CA	Jeremy Leonard	Jeremy@surfcitycatamarans.com
Div 3 Aug 1–2		Mike High Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Jason Moore	559•906•5336 Miracle877@sbcbglobal.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@sbcbglobal.net
240 Sept 19–20		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
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 gvalleske@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
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

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
Div 6 July 18–19		Sand Dunes Regatta Port Aransas, TX	Betty Reeh	210•656•5278 breeh@satx.rr.com
Div 6 Sept 19–20		Spindletop Regatta Port Arthur, TX	Ricky Richardson	409•882•4847 cricharson@gt.rr.com

Division 7—Prairie States

www.hobiecatdivision7.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
291 Aug 1–2		Lewis & Clark Lake Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402•558•6568 david.rice@bankofthewest.com
84 Aug 15–16		Des Moines Regatta Saylorsville 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		Lake Calamus Regatta Lake Calamus, NE	Chris Wessels	641•357•4577 chriswhobie@yahoo.com

Division 8—South Florida

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

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
111 Sept 5–6		Rudder Club Labor Day Regatta Jacksonville, FL	Rudder Club of Jacksonville	904•264•4094 office@rudderclub.com
USSA Oct 18–19		United States Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup Clearwater, FL	US Sailing	ussailing.org/multihull
Nov 21–22		Alter Cup Area D-South Qualifier Clearwater, FL		
Nov 28–30		IWCA Wave Youth Nationals Key Largo, FL	Rick White	305•451•3287 rick@catsailor.com
Dec 4–7		IWCA Wave Women's Nationals Key Largo, FL	Rick White	305•451•3287 rick@catsailor.com

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Division 11—Mid-Atlantic

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
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@verizon.net
	Oct 17-18	Area C Alter Cup Qualifier Berkely Is. Park, Lanoka Harbor, NJ	Mark Santorelli	mark@hobiebrat1.com

Division 13—Mexico/Caribbean/Central America

Contact: Alfredo Figueroa—vientoyvela@gmail.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
904	Aug 15-16	Copa Alliance Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamex.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
236	Nov 28	Regata Pro Valle 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

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
27	Aug 22-23	Cat Chase Regatta Lake Cheney, Cheney, KS	Stu Morrison	316-729-8417 sail826@sbglobal.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 Mirlitch	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
119	July 10-12	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

Criteria for Schedule Inclusion

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

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hobiehistory

15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

1974



➡ The August 1974 Hobie Hot Line issue was the first one with four-color printing - essentially the way the magazine is produced today.

🕒 Hobie Cats take over a Lake Havasu tradition - the London Bridge Regatta. The original organizer of that event was the Lake Havasu Yacht Club, who is also helping run the HAVAMEGA this fall.



“QUESTIONS, ANYONE . . .?”

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Baldwin as head of Coast Cat's Customer Service and Warranty Department. Bill has offered to help us out and answer some of the most frequently asked questions we receive from our readers. Thanks, Bill!

🕒 A quiet Hot Line announcement regarding Bill Baldwin's promotion. Bill is still with Hobie Cat, now as the Chief Financial Officer.

NEW 1974 RUDDER RULE NOW IN EFFECT

🕒 One of the most significant changes to the Hobie 14 / 16 rules was allowing rudders from any manufacturer to be used. This opened up a whole aftermarket for fiberglass rudders.

NEW CAT-LITE

MAST SUPPORT AND TRAILER LIGHT BAR
(has that “part of the boat” look)

🕒 The Cat-Lite was a pretty cool idea, but having the end of the mast riding on top of the rudder castings was a little harsh on the equipment!

🕒 These are beautiful, but pricey windows. The one on the left would cost \$740 in 2009 (with inflation); the right would cost \$390.

Stained Glass Windows

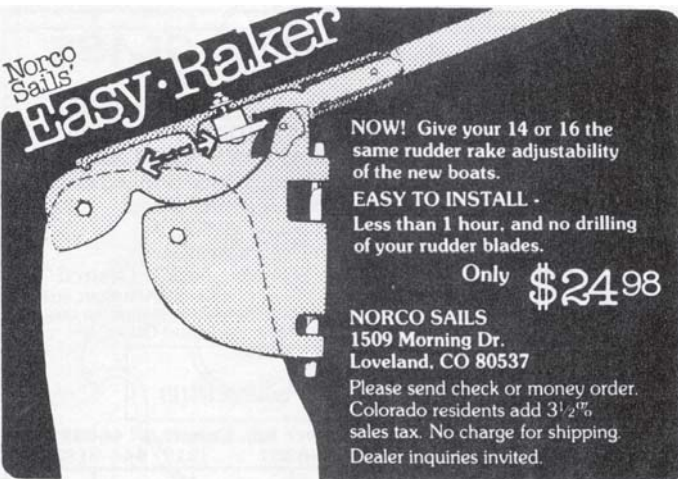
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📍 Lake Havasu Hobie Cat Family Fun and Recreational Regatta - the successor to the London Bridge Regatta of the 70's.

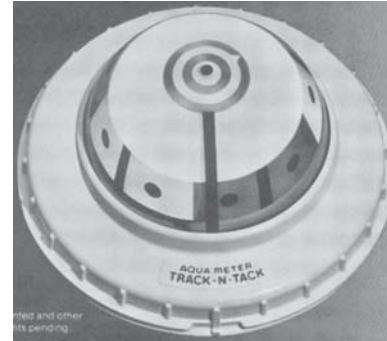


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🔧 The introduction of rake-adjustable rudder castings prompted a clever retrofit kit.



🔧 A regular compass is hard enough to comprehend. This thing looks like it came from outer space!

1984

🤔 Hmm. \$25 for the rake adjustable retro kit or \$30 for a windsock?

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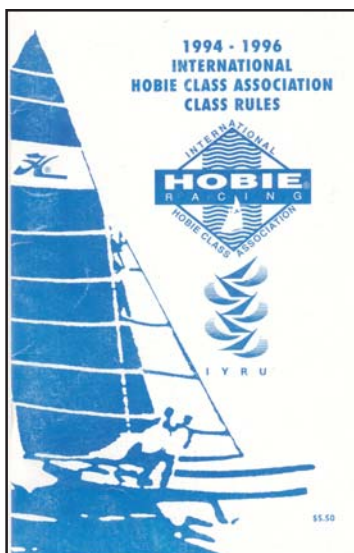
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📸 Carlton Tucker in a thoughtful mood seen in a photo taken for a tuning article in the Jul/Aug 1984 HOTLINE.

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Get with your division chair to nominate someone from your division using the form on page 13.



📖 The IHCA issues a new class rules book. The rules have grown from two pages in 1971 to a full book which included all the Hobie classes.

1994

🎉 Congrats on 15 years, Dan and Kathy!

Miracles Do Happen

In addition to buying a new Miracle 20, long time Hobie sailor Dan Kulkoski finally bought his equally long time crew Kathy Villa a diamond ring. According to Kat's father Bernie, "They must be serious, since they've booked the church for November 19 and arranged for the reception!" Dan and Kathy produced the very first issue of the NAHCA News in the spring of 1991. Congratulations!

What Happened to "Name the Newsletter?"

Some of you will also remember that about this time last year we had a contest to rename the NAHCA News. Who won? Well, uh . . . uh - We forgot! Yeah, sure, that's the ticket! We forgot!

Not likely. Its just that none of the names suggested (and there were quite a few) felt really, well, right. Until some one comes up with that killer name, we'll stay with bland and boring NAHCA News.

👉 Wayne Mooneyham's witty suggestion to rename the NAHCA News? **"HOTLINE, the Newsletter"**. Little did he know that it would come true 12 years later (without "the Newsletter" part).

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

HOBBIE 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

	On-line	On-site
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

Event Chairperson: Bob Johnson
rgjohnson@seanet.com

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Call for HAVAMEGA Volunteers

The sheer scale of the event is mind-boggling — three race courses, three signal boats, seventeen mark boats and a lot of people to man them. We estimate we'll need 55 volunteers on the water *each day* of the event.

So, if you're planning to attend the HAVAMEGA (November 8–13) with friends or family in tow, have them volunteer to help with the races! If they volunteer for the entire event, they'll get the same meal tickets / goodie bag as the competitors. Contact Matt Bounds at hcaracedir@comcast.net for details.

New Annapolis Hobie Fleet 940

Hobie Fleet 940 holds the distinction of being the first organized fleet of Hobie Adventure Island kayaks! Jean Tucker is the sparkplug behind the Chesapeake Hobie Island Group which now has more than 25 members.

The HCA, in conjunction with the Hobie Cat company, is drafting a set of class rules that will be used for AI competitions. There are some unusual aspects of the AI sailing, like the ability to pedal through tacks and in light air, that make it necessary for their rules to be different than the other classes.

Who's In the Hobie History "Girls of Hobie" Photo?

Surprisingly, the only person to respond to the question in last issue's Hobie History about the current Hobie Cat employee in the 1974 photo was the person in the photo!

Ruth Triglia has been with Hobie Cat for over 35 years. She can be seen to the left of the mast in the photo on page 6 in the May/ Jun issue of the *HOTLINE*.

The boat in the photo (also shown at left with *Playboy* Playmate Cyndi Wood) may also have been the first with black anodized aluminum, according to Hobie Cat CFO Bill Baldwin. It must have been pretty noticeable with hot pink sails and hulls!

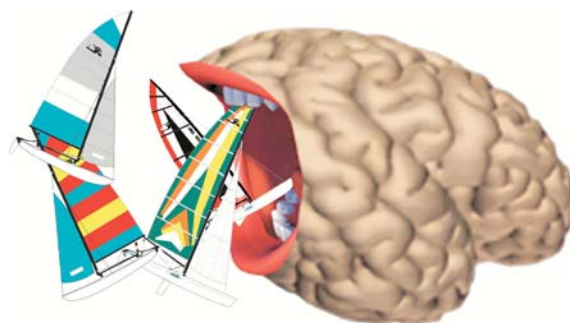
Youth Program Update and Clarifications

Questions have come to the attention of the HCA Youth Program Director because of some significant changes to the HCA Youth Program. The following two updates to our Youth Racing programs have been passed by the HCA Board of Directors:

1. Effective immediately, the age limitation for H-16 Youth Championships within the Hobie Class Association has been raised to reflect the current age limit of the IHCA. That age limit is stated as "turning 21 after December 31 of the event year." This allowed several more teams to compete this year at the Youth NAs in Kingston, Ontario.
2. Effective on January 1, 2010, a new Hobie Wave Junior Class will be formed within the Hobie Class Association. There is an age limit for this class which is "turning 16 after December 31 of the event year." This means that participants in any HCA Junior Wave North American Championship, or any other division points regatta in 2010 who is 15 years of age and whose birthday falls after December 31, 2010 will be eligible to participate in Junior Wave competition.



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Hobie Class Association of North America 2009 Guest Expert Programs

Lake Calamus Regatta **Sept 25,26 & 27** Lake Calamus, Nebraska **Greg Thomas**

The Youth H-16 class has had an inadvertent catch up as a result of the 21 year age change from 19, in that some youth have paid full adult dues. Please contact the HCA Membership Chairman, Mike Levesque, if you have questions in this area.

Several other programs to promote youth sailing in the class have been instituted. We are distributing hats and t-shirts to youth who participate in Hobie Regattas. We are currently working on a Youth Boat Grant Program which provides a refurbished H-16 to a deserving youth. One H-16 has been purchased through this program to date, and several others are in the works. Please contact Gordo Bagley, HCA Youth Program Director, if you wish to participate in these programs.

As for the HCA Youth Grant Program, it continues to operate as outlined on the hca-na.org website and on page 28 of this *HOTLINE* issue.

Eric Raybon and Jason Bilow on ISAF Home Page

In the promotional run-up to the July 8-19 Brazillian ISAF Youth Worlds, the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) had a photo of current Hobie Class Youth Champion Eric Raybon and crew Jason Bilow running on the ISAF www home page. The photo was from the 2007 ISAF Youth Worlds in Kingston, Ontario.

We're always glad to see our youth and our boats recognized at the international level!



The Carlton Tucker Award

Nomination Guidelines

Each year the Hobie Class Association accepts nominations from its divisions and members for the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Those to be considered for this award should be sailors or crews who exhibit commendable behavior demonstrating "The Hobie Way of Life," either on or off the water.

During the year, keep this honor award program in mind. Be aware of the different people among us who have unselfishly contributed to our sport and activities. Be aware of the person who, while out on the water, helped someone who might have been in a life-threatening situation. Look for that person whom you consider to be the mainstay of the local fleet or Division, or the person who represents sportsmanship and character on the racecourse. Perhaps the honoree

is someone who has devoted countless hours or years to running your fleet regattas, or has quietly kept the fleet's spirit alive during difficult times. Consider the person who is helping to develop or contribute to youth sailing programs.

Fill out the form on the following page, and include additional pages as needed. Detail the specifics and anecdotes that describe the sailor who represents to you the Hobie Class Association's most outstanding member for this year.



Carlton Tucker

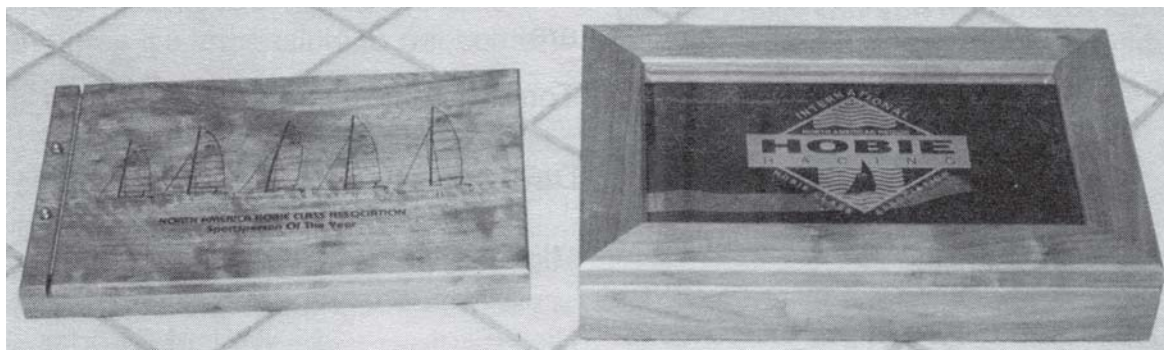
History of the Award

Early in 1994, Gigi Moore (NAHCA Chairperson at the time) enlisted Ted Lindley's help in exploring a way to honor a Hobie person for their contribution to the Hobie Way of Life. Ted was the chairman of a committee of Gail Force (Division 12), Ron and Shirley Palmer (Division 2), and John Hauser (Division 2). The committee developed the nomination guidelines and how the award is governed. They created the concept of a perpetual trophy in the form of a commemorative book. Within the book the story of each year's honoree is chronicled. This prestigious

book is displayed in a specially designed box. Each recipient receives a framed certificate as a keepsake.

Each year since 1995, the HCA has honored a Hobie sailor who by his or her unselfish attitude and commitment to our sport has set an example for all to enjoy "The Hobie Way of Life."

In 1998, posthumously honoring a great Hobie sailor who exemplified the spirit of the award, the name of the trophy was changed to the Carlton Tucker Sportsperson of the Year Award.



Nomination Form

Carlton Tucker Sportsperson of the Year Award

This form must be received by October 15, 2009

Nominee: _____

Hobie Class: _____

Address: _____

Division: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Fleet: _____

Home Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Submitted by: _____

HCA Member No: _____

Address: _____

Division: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Fleet: _____

Home Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please provide a narrative describing characteristics, attributes, and other information about your nominee. The selection is based on the information provided in your description. Some guidelines for writing your narrative follow.

- What has the nominee done to promote Hobie sailing and sailing in general?
- How has the nominee practiced exemplary sportsmanship?
- What has the nominee done to recruit sailors, particularly youth?
- What training has the nominee supported to increase the skill and fun of sailing?
- How has the nominee supported the HCA and IHCA?
- Why is the nominee admired by fellow Hobie sailors?
- Do others enjoy Hobie sailing more because of this person?
- Why is their outlook and attitude an inspiration?
- How has the nominee enhanced the quality of their local fleets and division?

Send your nominations to Stephen Cooley, 10952 W. Hampden Place, Lakewood, CO 80227
or e-mail all the information to MUST429@aol.com.

Again, the due date for nominations is October 15, 2009

This Old Hobie

Installing Reinforcing Bulkheads

By Rick Buchanan

In contrast to the Hobie 14 and 16, the Hobie 18 and 17 have wide decks that form part of the crew “seating” surface along with the trampoline. On both boats, the skipper usually ends up sitting on the deck just forward of the rear crossbar, especially in heavy weather. Some sailors tend to sit down hard on the same spot repeatedly, usually in a heavy air jibe. All that butt slamming over the years will create a soft spot – delamination – in the deck. Another way to cause deck damage is to drop a heavy object on it. In this episode of This Old Hobie, we’ll repair these soft spots from the inside by installing reinforcing bulkheads.

In photo **1**, the deck of this Hobie 18 is quite spongy. It didn’t feel like a typical delamination as most of us are familiar with, which are usually round areas. Something else had happened to cause the deck to flex beyond its breaking point. Also, it looks like

the damage is about two feet long and slightly on an angle from the center line of the boat.

Fortunately, the 18 has built in inspection ports allowing us to look inside. With my camera, I am able to photograph the underside of the deck. In photo **2** we discover several things wrong. First the obvious, the Styrofoam block has come out of the bag, but looking just above the foam we see a small white line (circled in yellow). This is a crack in the internal layers of fiberglass. Not good at all.

My guess is the crack was caused by dropping the mast, a boom, or possibly a heavy ice chest onto the deck. Whatever it was doesn’t matter as the deck needs to be reinforced from the inside. So, how do we get inside the hull to fix something like this?

Making this type of repair isn’t all that hard to do, but it needs to be planned out step by step before you start. Since we don’t want to make any cuts through the deck (repairing the non-skid is possible, but difficult) I opted to flip the boat over and go through the bottom of the hull. Going through the bottom has several advantages. First, you don’t have to deal with the foam sandwich layers of the deck. Second, the bottom is solid glass and resin. Third, this is one of the strongest parts of the hull.

Photo **3** shows two oval shaped holes, or “windows”, cut through the hull which will allow us to work inside. They need to be large enough to allow your arms to pass through. These windows are started by using a small diameter drill bit to make several holes side by side to create an opening for a scroll saw blade to fit (photo **4**). The scroll saw with a carbide blade (photo **5**) set on an angle finishes the cut. Be sure to use a carbide blade, not a wood blade, as a wood blade will cause the gelcoat to chip as it cuts.



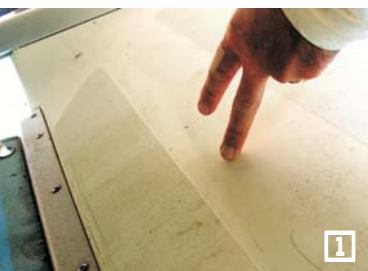


Photo **6** shows the cutout angle of the two windows. Save the pieces you cut out as these will be used in the finishing steps of the repair.

Now that we have access to the inside of the hull, you can see that the big block of Styrofoam is in the way. To move the block as one piece is not possible so you need to cut it in half and slide each piece in opposite directions. A hand saw is too large to fit in the space. What works best is to use a wire PVC cutter (you can get these at a Home Depot). Just loop it around the block of foam, pull both handles up through the window and with a "seesaw" movement use the wire to make the cut. With the foam moved we get a better view of the crack in photo **7**. Keep in mind the foam sandwich is cracked also.

The physical reinforcing of the deck consists of two layers of dual bias "Nytex" fiberglass saturated with vinylester resin. While the resin cures, the deck can be held in its original shape by using pieces of scrap wood pressed onto a sheet of wax paper (photo **8**).

To reinforce the deck, we'll use three foam sandwich partial bulkhead bridges made with 3/8" Divinycell foam coated on both sides with fiberglass cloth. This type of foam is PVC based, rigid and easily bonds with resin. However, before we can install the bulkheads, they need to be cut to fit.

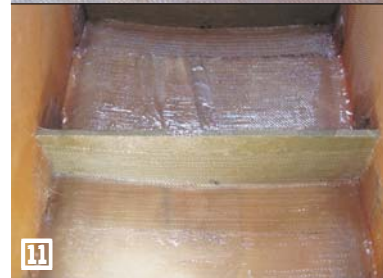
Photo **9** shows a sheet of fiberglass coated Divinycell being marked with a Sharpie to get the correct curve of the deck. A wooden block provides the proper offset to scribe the line on the panel. The photo on the opposite page shows some partial bulkheads used to reinforce the deck of Wayne

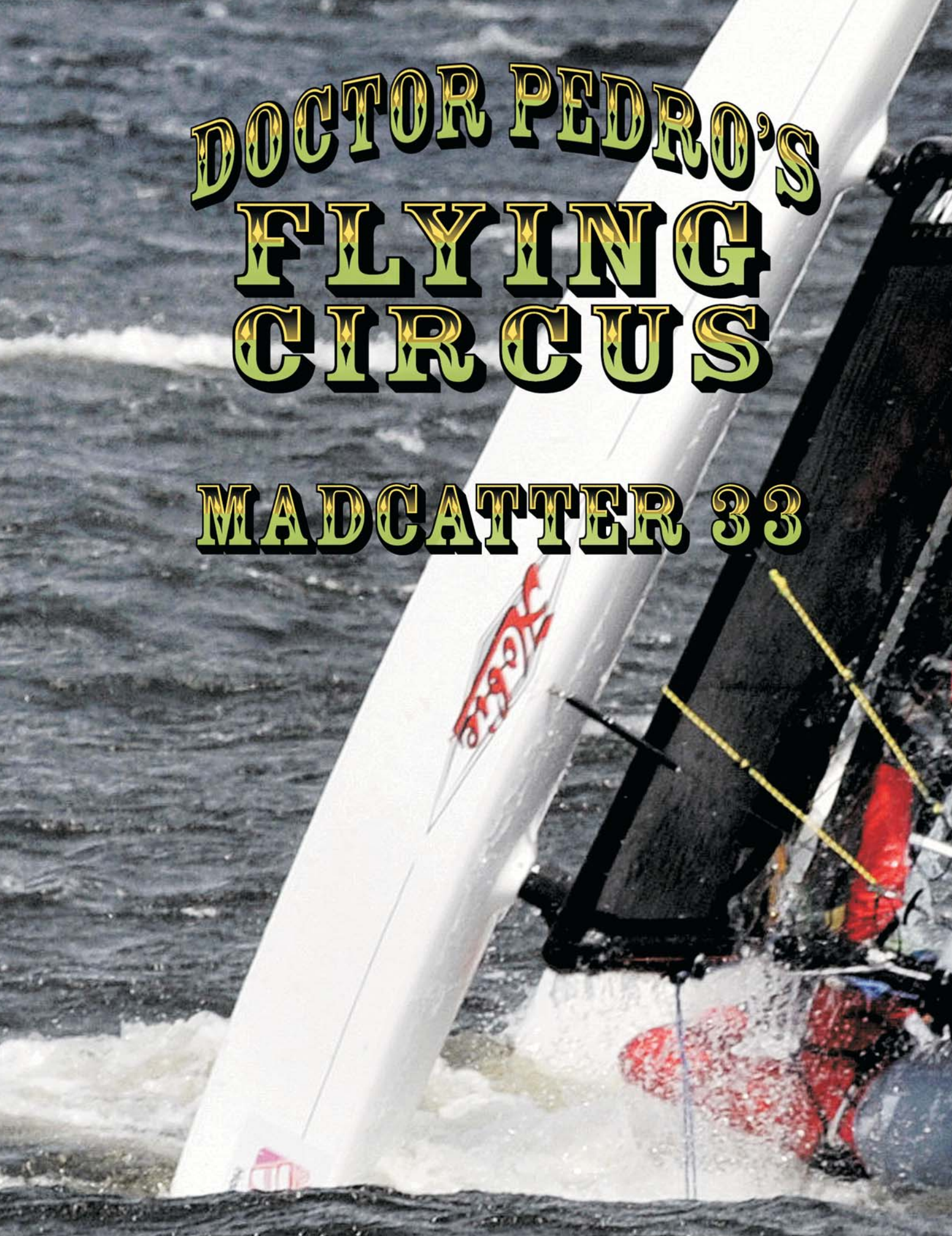
Shafer's Hobie 14. Note the curve cuts on the corners of these. This is done to accommodate the internal shape of the bonding seam found on both the 14 & 16. Photo **10** shows the new bulkheads positioned under the deck of the 18, ready for installation.

Once the bulkhead pieces are made and fit checked, they are glassed into place on both sides using the same dual bias fiberglass and resin. The fiberglass is cut to overlap the seams made by the new supports approximately 2" on both sides, and on both ends also (photo **11**).

With the deck reinforcing in place the windows can now be sealed up. The way this is done is to treat them as a "Blind Hole Repair" (photo **12**) covered in the May / June issue of the *HOTLINE*. The difference with this repair is we use the original pieces of glass cut from the hull in making the windows to finish the structural part of this repair. Once the internal fiberglass backing for the window repair is cured, the original pieces are glassed back in place using several layers of 2 oz. mat. This may appear structurally weak at first glance but the original piece of glass, if cut correctly, will not fall through the hole because of its shape. The final cosmetic part of the repair is to re-gelcoat the cut line made by the scroll saw.

Looking back into the hull with the camera, (photo **13**) you can now see the new deck reinforcing partial bulkheads glassed in place. When you finish this repair the boat has a rock solid deck. And, the block of Styrofoam can be re-bagged & sealed. You didn't think I'd forget about that did you?



A photograph of a sailboat's mast and boom on a choppy sea. The mast is white and has a red logo that reads 'MADCATTER'. The boom is black and has yellow ropes attached to it. The sea is dark and has white foam from the boat's wake. The text 'DOCTOR PEDRO'S FLYING CIRCUS' is overlaid on the image in a stylized, green, outlined font.

DOCTOR PEDRO'S FLYING CIRCUS

MADCATTER 33

A person in a white and red jumpsuit is hanging from a trapeze bar, performing a stunt over a body of water. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with red accents and red pants. They are holding onto a black trapeze bar with both hands. Below them, a blue and yellow sail is visible, with the number '10' printed on the yellow section. The background shows a dark, choppy sea with white foam from the waves.

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JUGGLERS!

CLOWNS!

STORY BY TOM KORZ / RICO QUATRONE / MATT BOUNDS / LAURIE BOUNDS
PHOTO BY MIKE WALKER

STEP RIGHT UP!

SEE THE AMAZING ACROBATIC HOBIE CATS!

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**SEE OTHERS COWER IN FEAR AT
A DISPLAY OF THE CANADIAN
OLYMPIC RAIL DANCING TEAM!**

**WATCH BROTHER JOHN AND
THE LADY GISELLE TAME THE
SAVAGE TIGER!**

**AND FINALLY! WATCH DOCTOR PEDRO PERFORM
HIS MIND-NUMBING HIGH-WIRE ACROBATICS!**



ALL PHOTOS THIS PAGE BY STUART CRABBE

“The circus is coming! The circus is coming!” However, this wasn’t any ordinary circus – this was Doctor Pedro’s Flying Circus of Acrobatic

Hobie Cats! Doctor Pedro gathered sailors from the East Coast, the Great Lakes, the Great White North and the exotic island of Puerto Rico to perform in his show. This was the great annual get-together in up-state New York known as the Madcatter Regatta.

It started inconspicuously on Thursday evening, opening night. The parade began with one, then two, and eventually fifteen Hobie Cats arriving on the beach at Oneida Shores Park in Brewerton, NY – the site of Madcatter for over thirty years. Other boats and performers arrived by land. A big trailer with mysterious equipment inside and “Boat Works Ltd.” on the side, a beer truck, a giant inflatable Dunkin Donuts coffee mug, and two guys with funny accents showed up as well. Could these guys be part of Doctor Pedro’s entourage? In all there were 59 Hobie Cats representing eleven different states/provinces and three different countries. This would be a performance for the ages!

The festivities started Friday morning with a Guest Expert Program from Francisco Figueroa, the 2008 Hobie 16 North American Champion and a star performer in Doctor Pedro’s troupe. Francisco imparted his knowledge to many eager listeners. I would describe his talk, but you should have been there!

There was a brief break in the action as people rigged and prepared for the first show called “The First Annual Stanley’s Cup.” This was a long distance race named in memory of Stanley Korzeniewski, one of Hobie Fleet 204’s founding fathers (literally) who passed away this past winter. About twenty teams were racing towards Frenchman’s and Dunham’s Island. Unfortunately, the performance was somewhat dull and was mercifully shortened at the green channel marker. The winners were Matt Bounds singlehanded on a Hobie 16 first overall, John Bauldry with Giselle Vaziri on a Hobie Tiger, and Herb and Sharon James first for the class legal Hobie 16s.

The performers and spectators alike enjoyed free Heineken and Amstel Light from the afore mentioned beer truck. They also took time to register and prepare for the Friday night party. The party had more beverage consumption, great Italian themed food, and

many tall tales of sailing the ocean’s blue (some stories may have even been true or at least based on the truth) and general catching up with friends that haven’t been seen since last year. For the new sailors, there was also a “C-fleet” chalk talk to help prepare them for the racing that lay ahead.

Saturday’s forecast was sunny with the promise of good winds and thunder storms possible by late afternoon – a perfect day for the Flying Circus! After a briefing by the Ringmaster, Mike Walker, the performers left the beach for a great day of acrobatic sailing. The first race was in 10 to 15 knots and the trapeze artists were up to the task.

Then the train came off the tracks. Thunder and lightning! “Back to the shore!” the competitors were told. They waited with their sails down for an opportunity to return to the water and continue racing. However, the storms remained for the afternoon and



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What’s the circus without a few clowns? The Lady Giselle Vaziri, Dr. Fluffy White and ... Cheppo

racing was postponed until Sunday. The show must go on, so the performers headed off to the big top, where Doctor Pedro’s associates would demonstrate their mixology skills.

After a satiating meal of barbecued chicken, ribs, pulled pork, and homemade desserts, a hush fell over the crowd. The tables were pushed to the side and the “Bear Boat” Hobie 16 hull bar was assembled. Out came Dr. Pedro’s Crew! We were immediately awed by their juggling act! This year’s party was sponsored by Rums of Puerto Rico. Sailors were able to sample different rums from a variety of Puerto Rican distilleries. Music was provided by our in house DJ Steve Oad (both Friday and Saturday). The spectators were even mesmerized by the dance stylings of Cliff and Dorothy McCarty who won the meringue contest.



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Sunday, the sailor acrobats awoke to significantly cooler temperatures and good winds. The Ringmaster pushed for a 10 AM start and most of the sailors were on the water and ready to go. What started out as fair winds quickly built to extreme conditions, and combined with the cold temperatures many sailors returned to the safety of the beach.

The acrobats were certainly put to the test, flipping and flying all over the center ring. Few witnessed the

spectacular feat of daring as Dr. Pedro and his lovely assistant, Monica, pitchpoled by the gate during the race. However, the act of bravery was captured on film for all to see! John Bauldry and Gisele Vaziri also showed their prowess in their aerial act of pirouettes by the finish. Their Tiger-taming act came to an unexpected end as the Tiger turned on both of them. How horrible! Fortunately, no one was hurt in the melee.

By the end of the show only nine boats crossed the finish. Bruce Krupke, expert 16B fleet stuntman, stayed out with the die-hard 16A competitors. With only one race, the sailors were sent to the beach for the finale.

Once on shore the concessions were open. The Bisesi clan led by their matriarch, Margaret, cooked up a grand lunch with chicken, hot dogs, salads, chips, and leftovers.

The finale began with a big thank you to Hobie Fleet 204 volunteers and sponsors whose production of this year's circus was stupendous! The awards for top finishers were given to Mark Modderman and Sandra Tartalino in 16A, Bruce Krupke and Kelly

(clockwise, from above left):

Oliver and Marc-Andre Pilon were fa

However, it didn't take long for the w breeze. This did not end well.

Mark Modderman and Sandra Tartalino. This also did not end well.

Most sailors venturing out on Sunday techniques.

Herb and Sharon James show how it blowing a cold and gusty 25 knots.



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Hazard in 16B, and John Bauldry and Gisele Visari in the Tiger class.

Well now the show was over. The grease paint was removed, the grounds swept, the lights dimmed and tent was packed away. The train was loaded and on its way. Dr. Pedro's Flying Circus of Acrobatic Hobie Cats was sure to entertain another crowd in the next town ...



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THELMA & LOUISE

RIDE ... A HOBIE 16?

Story and photos by Naomi Sarasola

“What the hell is that thing off in the distance rising from the flats?” Louise asks Thelma as they sailed their Hobie 16 S/V *Sandbarhopper* in Biscayne Bay. Drawn to this strange find, they had to investigate. So they changed their original heading to Elliott Key and attempted an approach but were unable to tack in the shallows. They were further discouraged by the presence of

black – tipped sharks circling in an intimidating style just forward of their new heading.



They were running late to meet some friends since the wind had been 5 to 10 knots from the Southeast.

Thelma and Louise decided to turn back to their original course and return the following day to explore the ominous-looking sailboat that was ship-wrecked somewhere between Soldier Key and Ragged Key. Immediately after their tack, for some unexplained reason, the two well-seasoned Hobie 16

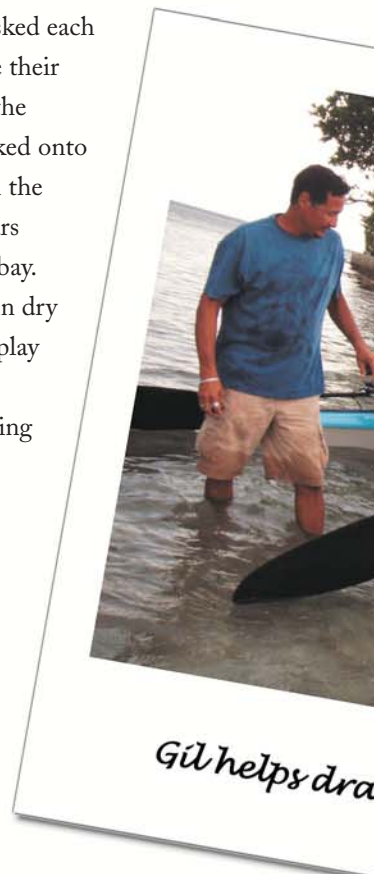
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suddenly pitch poled.

There was no gust. There were no waves. They had been enjoying a pleasant cruise, yet they catapulted into the water with such force that they lost half of their belongings. Bewildered and stunned, they surfaced and stared at each other in disbelief.

“What the hell just happened?” they asked each other as they rushed to grab and secure their things which were floating away with the current. One cell phone remained hooked onto a seahorse charm dangling inches from the surface. Louise’s phone, after many years without mishap, ended up deep in the bay. They always stashed their cell phones in dry bags but this time were using them to play music and make calls.

After what seemed like hours of trying to right the boat, it proved to be IMPOSSIBLE. The starboard hull submerged and filled with water due to a loose porthole cap. Every attempt to right the boat was met with a huge shift of water in the hull which would knock them off sliding either forward or backward right into the water. Their unsuccessful attempts left them exhausted and drifting with the current. Finally they placed an emergency call to their friend Angela who was anxiously waiting for them on her 64’ Hatteras M/Y *Sanctuary*. She in turn sent out a radio “*pan, pan, pan*” call to any nearby vessel



when she heard over the line that Thelma was going to hit a shark in the nose with her oar to protect themselves.

Fortunately, another friend who was anchored just off the Ragged Keys heard the radio call and with his binoculars spotted the port hull of the Hobie in midair. Thelma & Louise were so relieved when they saw a dinghy approaching from the distance. They were so happy to see a familiar face wearing a wide blue hat. "It's Gil!" they screamed. They threw Gil a line over the port hull, pointed into the wind, and lifted the tip of the mast out of the water. With a firm tug from the tender, the boat righted.

The starboard hull was now even with the water line and completely water-logged. After three attempts the boat finally was on a reach to the nearest islands known as Ragged Keys—ragged because there is no sand, no beach, no sandbars, nothing other than coral rock and jagged limestone surrounding these tiny islands.

With their friend's help, they lifted and rolled the bows onto the rough coral wall using lifejackets and fenders to protect the hulls. They drained the hulls and replaced the plug. Now they were off to the mother ship!

Memorial Day afternoon arrived and it was now time to depart with clear skies ahead and storms approaching both from the South and building over land. Although Angela and friends wanted to return keeping the trouble-makers in tow, the free spirit of Thelma & Louise cannot be tied or towed. Thelma & Louise decided to follow along the shoreline of the islands at a beam reach instead of a downwind course right to the marina. Being a native of these waters, they were savvy to thunderstorms in South Florida which are a way of life here. Very frequently squalls materialize out of thin air. Yet, they were drawn once again to "Ominous". Once clear of the last piece



We found a gigantic conch shell!



We boarded the Ominous!



in the hull

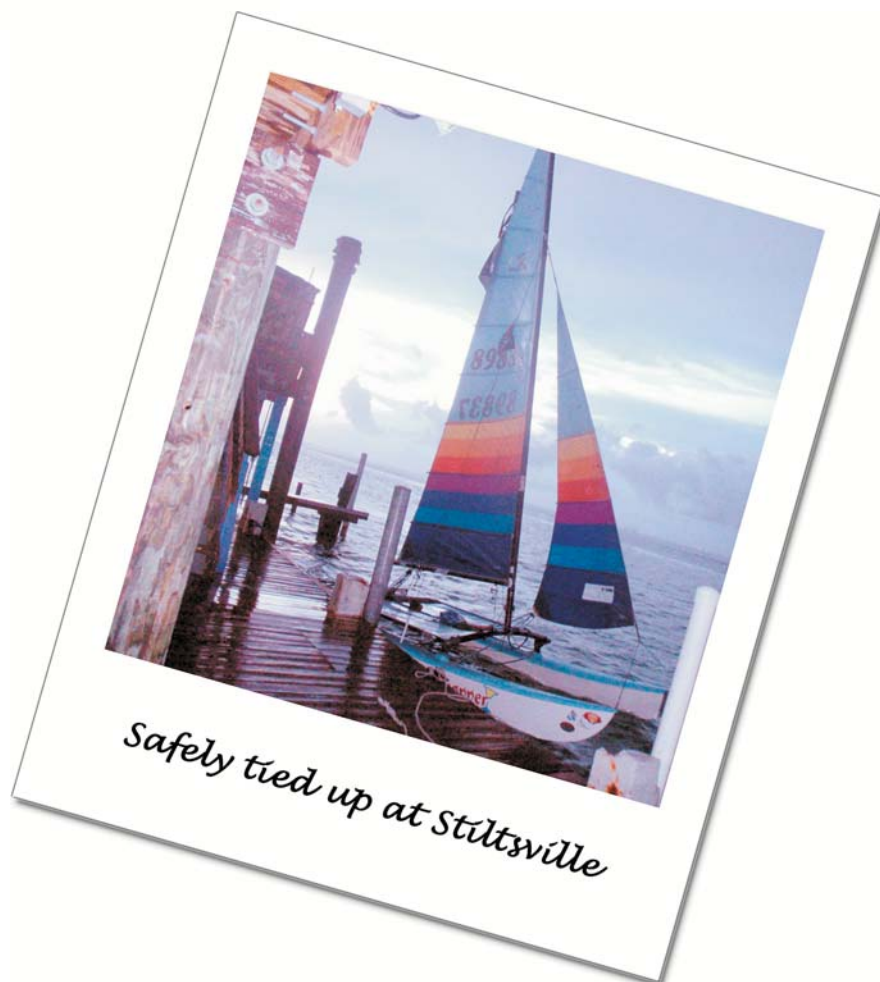


of land, Louise shouts “There it is”! *Ominous* was looming off in the distance. It’s dark silhouette resembling a small, semi-submerged pirate ship...no fiberglass, no white, no gloss, just heavy, bulky wood, wide, dark, and sitting alone, lurking way out in the distance.

They went against their better judgment. They knew that they should cross the bay and get back to shore before the storms catch up with them. However they were drawn to this austere ship, their fascination growing more intense the closer it came into sight. So many questions were running through their minds. They wondered “Where was this ship built?”, “How did it get shipwrecked here?”, “How severe was the hopelessness of those on it?”, “Where did they come from?”, and “What happened to them?” As they got closer, the black-tipped sharks they had seen the day before arrived again, guarding the waters around *Ominous* like gargoyles protecting a castle. Paying no attention to what were now considered to be past acquaintances, Louise jumped into the water with a line to

tie up to *Ominous*. Thelma followed just behind taking lots of pictures before the sun tucked away for the day, and the gray thunderclouds closed in on them.

While crawling around the sharply-angled deck and snapping as many pictures as possible, they took a moment and stood in somber awe at the sailboat’s shabby construction. The mast resembled a short telephone utility pole and was wedged into the deck with wood shims, the decks were jagged, random-sized planks nailed together. Both the booms of the gaff rig looked like long caveman’s clubs bluntly carved from the wavy trunks of skinny trees. They were mystified at how a boat could be put together in this Spartan manner. Sails made from tattered scraps of rags sewn together, bordered and stitched to a thick rope for strength. Frayed rigging made from every piece of scrap rope and colorful nylon. They came to the conclusion that this must have been a Haitian built vessel used to leave their island and come to our shores.





*A beautiful sunset over
Biscayne Bay from Stiltsville*



The long tow home

Suddenly, a loud clap of thunder loomed behind them. “Let’s get outta here!” they yelled at each other as they scrambled to the Hobie. Unfortunately, these storms in the bay can suck the energy out of the wind. As they slowly approached the last little island in the chain, Soldier Key, they wondered if they should seek shelter on this barren, scrap of evil-rock in the middle of nowhere

With lightning crackling in the distance they opted to make it to Stiltsville, a group of seven colorful houses up high on piles that date back to the prohibition days. This took longer than expected as they watched lightning streaking horizontally across the sky. Finally they approached the nearest Stiltsville house and spotted a man peering out a window, “Can we seek shelter?!” Louise shouted. Welcoming them in, he helped with the lines. They were cold, wet and still reeling from the visit with *Ominous*.

Once the storm passed, Thelma & Louise set sail again across the bay to Dinner Key Marina where their trailer awaited. For the moment there was a breeze, but this was short lived and soon darkness was upon them, and the air was totally still.

They rowed in complete darkness with their one telescoping oar and lit up the mainsail with a small but powerful LED flashlight in hopes of attracting attention. After an hour, they finally heard an engine change course in their direction! “It’s a Hobie” one of the boaters shouts to the other. “I told you it was a Hobie 16!”

Thelma threw them a line and Louise steered the rudders while being towed across the entire Bay to the marina. It took about 45 minutes to get to shore.

Thelma & Louise (aka: Naomi & Susan) were so grateful that they offered to meet Mike and Shane, the two men who towed them to shore, the following day to buy them dinner at Flannigan’s in Coconut Grove. This ended their Hobie Cat saga with *Ominous* in Biscayne Bay.

*Somewhere at Flannigan’s is a photo of this expedition illicitly placed on the wall!

*A US Coast Guard article and short video of *Ominous* showing 73 Haitians aboard, can be seen at:

<http://www.d7publicaffairs.com/go/doc/586/269061/>



Mike Levesque, HCA Membership Chair

More Membership Incentives

The Divisional Contest is On!

Congratulations to Bill George of Paradise Valley, AZ! Bill was the winner of the third and final membership drawing for a Hobie trap harness.

The other two winners were Nicholas Bostic of Jacksonville, FL (second drawing in February) and Jeff Griffin of Ventura, IA (first drawing in January).

Thank you all for helping us get to a tremendous start for 2009. By January 31, we had 268 members; February 28 – 380 members; and March 31 – 446 members had

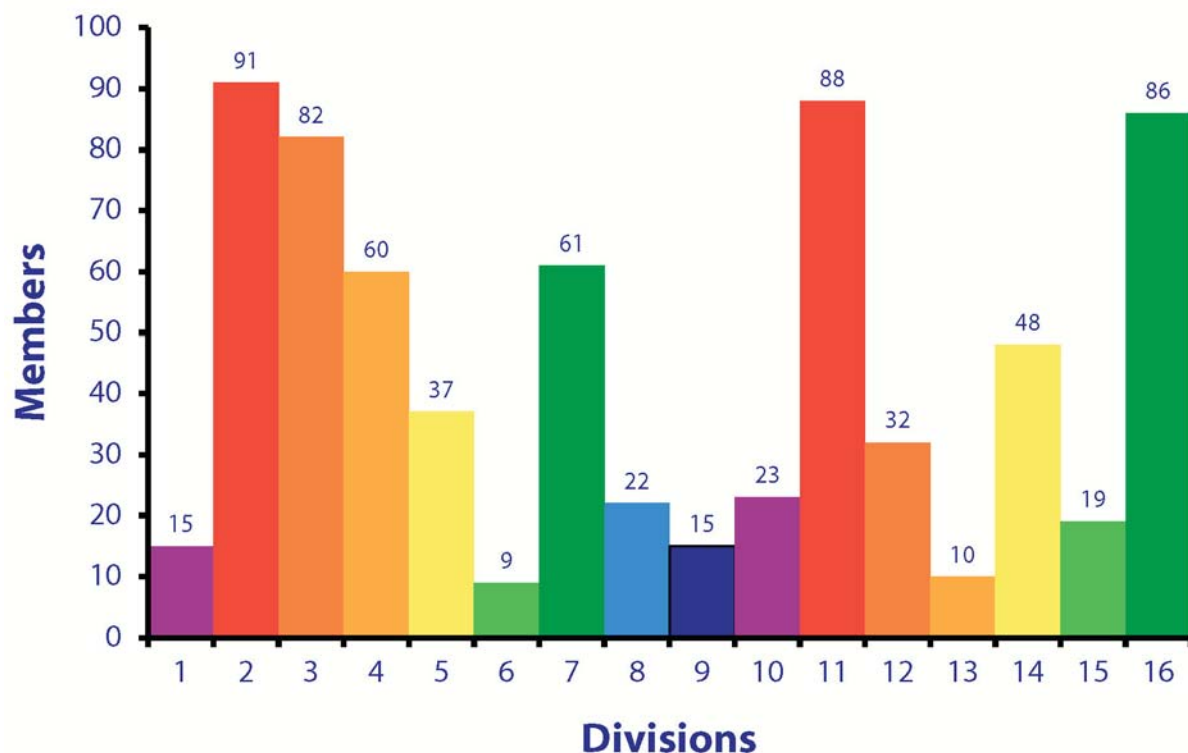
renewed or joined for 2009. We're now in the early part of July, and we're just under 700 members, so we're well on our way to growing beyond our total for 2008.

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 your division can win is to renew your membership, and get lots of others to do the same! To join, go to www.hcanamembers.com

Shown below is a graph of the breakdown of how the Divisions are doing at mid-year. Division 2 has a narrow lead! Divisions 11, 3 and 16 continue to be our membership powerhouses.

Remember, only YOU can help us grow the class. Help us shake the trees and get some new members, or get some old members to come out of hibernation and join us on the water!

Mike



classaction

Reports from the Class Representatives

Hobie 20

Paul Bommersbach



The Hobie 20 social networking site has had continued growth through the early spring and summer. We are up to 93 members now, and there are a lot of new members who haven't been HCA members or sailed in HCA events in the past. I believe this website is working well to attract new H20 sailors who are out there, but who haven't had any previous contact with the HCA. H20 sailors from all over the country are getting to know each other now, by sharing pictures and stories on this site. There has been good activity on buying and selling both parts, and entire boats. The hope is that these new members of the H20 site will become HCA members, and learn about HCA events across the country that they might participate in. I'm planning on using the site to really promote the Havasu Megas, and get a very strong showing of Hobie 20's there this fall 2009.

<http://hobie-20.ning.com>

Hobie Tiger

Rob Jerry



The future of the Tiger is at a turning point. With the introduction of the Wildcat, Hobie Cat Europe has really muddled the waters. The Tiger sailors and the class need to discuss how they want to deal with the Wildcat and the Tiger. Do we want to "freeze" the Tiger's development and make it a strict one-design and leave the Wildcat to sail F18's only; or do we want a Hobie F18 fleet with the Tiger and Wildcat; and lastly do we want to have a F18 fleet with all manufacturers at Hobie events. This could be a very sensitive subject, because the last point of discussion goes against the Hobie One-design policy initiated a few years ago, and people have strong opinions. To keep this discussion as civil as possible, please email me with your ideas and opinions. I will sort through them and put together a report for the board of directors.

rob@boatworksltd.com

Hobie 17

Matt Bounds



The Hobie 17 social networking site is up to 71 members, however, regatta attendance has been down all over this year. There was no 17 fleet at Madcatter this year and fleet sizes at other regattas have been in the five to eight boat range. Divisions 4 (Pacific Northwest), 5 Mountain States) and 11 (Mid-Atlantic) continue to be the strongholds of Hobie 17 racing.

Calling all 17s to the Rock Hall Maryland Regatta / Division 11 Hobie 17 Divisionals! This promises to be the largest 17 fleet on the east coast this year!

HAVAMEGA Update: there are thirteen 17s that have RSVP'd for the event. I'll be the race officer for the 17 / 18 / Wave course circle, so my boat is available for charter. You'll need to arrange transportation of the boat to / from the event, but otherwise, the charter is free. Contact me at mbounds@comcast.net for more info.



STEVE BRUNSDEN

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 *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Hobie 16 Trapseat Class shall use Appendix A of the IHCA Class Rules, excluding Rule 2.2. For all classes, 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.

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.

Schedule, Entries & Registration

Sunday, Nov 8 Registration / Weigh-in - 10 AM - 5 PM
Practice Races - 1st Warning Signal - 1 PM
Monday, Nov 9 Registration / Weigh-in - 8 AM - 10 AM
Competitors' Meeting - 11 AM
1st Warning Signal - 12:30 PM
Tues, Nov 10 - Fri, Nov 13 - 1st Warning Signal - 11 AM

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.

www.havamega.com for the most current information

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2009 Membership Application

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

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Division # _____ Fleet # _____ Member # _____

Primary Member Name: _____ ☐ M ☐ F

Email Address: _____

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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
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☐ Hobie 16 ☐ Hobie 20
☐ Hobie 17 ☐ Other Hobie: _____

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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)

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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

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

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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)

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- \$ _____ \$ @ 50 **Individual** Includes individual foreign
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- \$ _____ \$ 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

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If questions or problems, please email john.e.williams@charter.net

US SAILING is the national governing body for the sport of sailing and merits support through direct membership. USSA's mission is to encourage participation and promote excellence in sailing and racing in the United States. Here's what you get:

- A **\$10 discount** on annual membership dues.
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HOBIE'S PROFILES:

NAME: Katherine (Kat) Porter

HOME FLEET: Santa Cruz Hobie Fleet 240

AGE: 11

PROFESSION: Sixth Grader

HOBBIES: Sailing (duh!), playing my flute and saxophone, 4H, reading, annoying my older brother.

LAST BOOK READ: Pendragon series by D.J. Machale

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Winning a gold medal in 4H presentation at the State level.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "I'm hungry, you're hungry, we're all hungry. SO, LET'S EAT!!!"

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: I enjoy what I do because I find fun and enjoyment in my hobbies and they bring out the best in me.

PROFILE: I went to my first Hobie regatta when I was three weeks old. Since then I have grown up going to them and riding on my parent's 16. I then started liking sailing and I raced in my first regatta in June.

HIS BOAT: Dad.....(My photo is of me and my dog Niki.)

NAME: Karen Grisko

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 119, Buffalo, NY

AGE: 38

PROFESSION: Pharmacist

HOBBIES: Scuba, Snowmobiling, Skiing, Waterskiing, Horsebackriding.

LAST BOOK READ: Fearless Fourteen, by Janet Evanovich

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Giving birth to my son, Jake!

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: It's the adrenalin rush, being out on the wire downwind, pumping the spinnaker - it's about the most fun you can have! Bringing up our kids to appreciate the Hobie Way of Life.

QUOTE: "Happiness is being married to your best friend"

PROFILE: My husband Mike put me on a Hobie 16 for the first time in about 18 knots of wind. I got out on the wire immediately and was hooked, he said he wouldn't have taken me out in anything less. Since then we have owned his and hers Hobie 16's, a Hobie Tiger and a J-27 (all at the same time). We finished first on points overall in North America on the Hobie Tiger our first year sailing the boat. I have skippered the women's three times and I do foredeck in our weekly J-27 races where over 100 boats sail out of Buffalo Harbor. Sailing and the people involved are the best way to bring up a family.

HER BOAT: 2001 Hobie Tiger





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