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VENUE: Singing River Yacht Club, 3900 Beach Blvd. Pascagoula, MS www..singingriveryc.com Sailing will be on the Mississippi Sound

RULES: The event will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS 44.1 Part 2 rule. Sailing Instructions will be made available at

CLASSES: Classes will be determined after all registra-

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY / ELIGIBILITY: The regatta is ENTRY FEES: open to all Hobie One-Design Classes. Each skipper must Double-handed boat: \$60, Youth: \$30 be a member of the HCA. Proof of current liability insur-

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, March 19, 2010

7:00 PM Welcome Party Saturday, March 20, 2010

10:00 AM Competitors' Meeting 1st Race Warning Signal

Warning Signal

Trophy presentation ASAP after last race on March 21.

Single-handed boat: \$45, Youth: \$20

REGISTRATION: Register using the official form available at www..singingriveryc.com or on-line at www.hcamembers.com.
After March 1, 2010 entries will be subject to a \$20 late fee.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Self-contained RVs and camping on site.

Super 8 Motel Pascagoula, 4919 Denny Avenue

Studio 6 Extended Stay Pascagoula 4419 Denny Ave (228) 696-9011

La Font Inn Pascagoula, 2703 Denny Avenue

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ince many of you were not able to come to the HAVAMEGA Championships, I thought I would use my space in this issue to share my experiences there. We travelled in our usual Division 7 style; ten people crammed into a van with a humungous trailer carrying six boats and driving 25 hours straight through Nebraska, Kansas and

New Mexico to reach our final destination ... Lake Havasu, Arizona. The trip out was uneventful however, we were glad to reach the house rental and take full advantage of the salt water pool and hot tub.

The town of Lake Havasu City was welcoming to all the Hobie sailors. I wish I had the cash to retire and live the life of a "snowbird" at 43 years old, but I'll have to work a few more decades first! If you ever are in the area, make sure to visit Sara Park Wash -Crack in the Wall. It is an awesome three mile hike, at points it was treacherous, in an area that is like a small version of the Grand Canyon.

People came from all over the country. There was a Puerto Rican contingent at the regatta as well. I had an unusual experience with them. Pedro and Francisco drove my daughter, Jordon, and I to a bowling alley in their rented Jeep. They apparently have diplomatic immunity because they don't obey US traffic laws. We ran every stop sign, and broke every speeding, lane change and parking law Arizona has. They were arguing about something in Spanish. Since Jordon and I don't speak Spanish, I pretended to interpret what they were saying. They didn't appreciate my humor as I depicted them in a lover's quarrel.

I raced my youngest son's Hobie Wave on Charlie course. Everyone seemed to have a great time on all of the courses even though the wind was not cooperative. Some days, Frisbee or bike riding kept us entertained. Mimi Appel's years of experience paid off and she left with the big trophy for the Wave fleet. I applaud her (golf clap). Slim Johnson, from my division, won the 16s on Charlie course. That was an accomplishment considering the depth of talent in the 16 fleet.

The HAVAMEGA crew did a great job managing two completely separate locations for races. The meals and parties were outstanding. Thank you to all that were involved in organizing this event!

Regattas like HAVAMEGA and the upcoming Mississippi Mini Mega are a great way to team quality racing with fabulous social events. They definitely are worth the trip.

I hope to see a bunch of you at MMM in June and again in Ft. Walton Beach in October for the 16s and 20s.

Have a great winter!

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Havasu Sunset – A late afternoon breeze kept competitors on the water until nearly dark. Photo by Ellie Martin

2010 regattaschedule

North American Championships www.hca-na.org

Hobie 14 / Wave Hobie 17 / 18 Hobie 16 Youths Hobie 16 / 20 June 4–6 June 7–11 August 2–6 October 10–15 Ocean Springs, MS Ocean Springs, MS Lake Arrowhead, CA Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Area Championships

Midwinters EastMar 19–21,2010Midwinters WestMar 26–28,2010Northeast AreasAugust 7–8

Pascagoula, MS San Felipe, MEX Rochester, NY

HCA Division Regattas (shaded events are non-points, reverse are Area Champs, Boxed are YC OD points or F18)

Division 1—Hawai'i

Contact: Dan Williams – 808•235•3507, Rollerskate-hi@clearwire.net **Round The Buoys,** Hobie 20s only; the second Sunday of each month, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
Div 1	April 24–25	Spring Fever Regatta Kaneohe Bay, Kokokahi Sailing Club (KSC)	Dan Williams	808-235-3507 rollerskate-hi@clearwire.net
Div 1	Sept 18-19	Sand Bar Regatta Kaneohe Bay, Kokokahi Sailing Club (KSC)	Dan Williams	808•235•3507 rollerskate-hi@clearwire.net

Division 2—Southern CA / AZ / NV

www.hobiedivision2.com

FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
ABYC	Mar 7-8	ABYC Manning Regatta Long Beach, CA	Alamitos Bay YC	abyc.org
88	Mar 12–14	London Bridge Regatta Lake Havasu, AZ	Gordo Bagley	702•427•7328 gnbil@msn.com
465	Mar 19-21	Mid-Winter's West San Felipe, MEX	Rick Buchanan	760•722•0909 MidwintersWest@cox.net
51	April 10-11	The "Way of Life" Regatta Lake Mojave NV	Clay Ostrom	Commodoreclay@ hobiefleet51.com
MBYC	April 10-11	Area J Alter Cup Qualifier Catfight I San Diego, CA	Mission Bay YC	mbyc.org
66	May 8-9	Cinco de Mayo Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Roger Hensler	two henslers@aol.com
ABYC	May 30-31	ABYC Memorial Day Regatta Long Beach, CA	Alamitos Bay YC	abyc.org
4	June 5–6	San Diego Classic San Diego, CA	John Ziolkowski	619•869•5326 johnzvons@yahoo.con
RYC	June 12–13	Delta Ditch Run Richmond YC, Richmond, CA	Richmond YC	www.richmondyc.org
434	June 19-20	Big Bear Lake Big Bear, CA	Chris Dunn	909•336•7679 dunndl@charter.net
PBYC	July 17–18	Milt Ingram Regatta Ventura, CA	Pierpont Bay YC	www.pbyc.org
ABYC	July 24–25	ABYC Multihull Regatta Long Beach, CA	Alamitos Bay YC	abyc.org
434	Aug 2-6	Hobie 16 Youth North Americans Lake Arrowhead, CA	Gordo Bagley	702•427•7328 gnbii@msn.com
SBYC	Aug 21–22	Wine & Roses Regatta Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805•965•8112 ext 14 racing@sbyc.org
ABYC	Sept 4-5	Labor Day Regatta Long Beach, CA	Alamitos Bay YC	abyc.org
434	Sept 11–12	Lake Arrowhead Regatta Lake Arrowhead, CA	Chris Dunn	909•336•6769 dunndl@charter.net
514	Oct 2-3	Piñata Regatta Puerto Peñasco, MEX	Barb Perlmutter	Skipperbarb36@ hotmail.com
MBYC	Oct 9-10	Catfight II San Diego, CA	Mission Bay YC	mbyc.org
SBYC	Oct 30-31	Goblin Regatta Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805+965+8112 ext 14 racing@sbyc.org
ABYC	Nov 20-21	Turkey Regatta Long Beach, CA	Alamitos Bay YC	abyc.org

Division 3—Northern CA

www.div3.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
SCYC	May 1-2	Kick-Off Santa Cruz, CA	Jeremy Leonard	831•475•SAIL Jeremy@ surfcitycatamarans.com
20	May 15-16	Wet & Wild Regatta Woodward Reservoir, CA	Rich Vilvens	707•832•6865 hobie18rich@sbcglobal.net
FYC	June 26-27	Commodores Classic Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Sean Tomlinson	559•284•0165 h16@sbcglobal.net
20	July 10-11	Round Treasure Island Regatta Alameda, CA	Kent Bliven	510-427-3341 k.bliven@comcast.net
SCYC	July 24-25	SCYC Summer Open Santa Cruz, CA	Jeremy Leonard	831•475•SAIL jeremy@ surfcitycatamarans.com
62	Aug 7-8	Mile High Regatta North / South Challenge Huntington Lake, CA	Sean Tomlinson	559•284•0165 h16@sbcglobal.net
SBYC	Aug 21-22	Wine & Roses Regatta Santa Barbara, CA	Dana Jones	805-965-8112 ext 14 racing@sbyc.org
RYC	Sept 18-19	Alter Cup Area G Qualifier Richmond, CA	Gene Harris	510•612•2036 gene@pedrick.org
281	Sept 25-26	Shark Feed Bodega Bay, CA	Andy Pollock	707•332•0971 sharkfeed2000@aol.com
MPYC	Oct 23-24	Turkey Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Jason Moore	559+906+5336 hoble.20@comcast.net

Division 4—Pacific Northwest

www.div4.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME/LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
72	March 27	Tune Up Yale Lk, Cougar, WA	Monica Fetzer	503•642•7475 Commodore@ hobiefleet72.com
CYC /	May 14–16	Seattle NOOD Regatta Shilshoe, Seattle, WA	www.sailingworld.co	om/nood_regatta
72	May 14–16	Hobie 101 Sailing Clinic Portland, OR	Jerry Valeske	425•432•7749 Gvaleske@q.com
EYC	June 5-6	Live on the Edge Fern Ridge, OR	Roeland Kapsenberg	www.eugeneyachtclub.org
214	July 3-4	Jericho Classic Vancouver, BC	Benj Rummen	Commodore@ hobiefleet214.com
95	July 17–18 TENTATIVE	Oak Harbor Regatta Whidbey Island, WA	Gary Stuntz	TENTATIVE
214	July 24-25	Women on the Water Vancouver, BC	Benj Rummen	Commodore@ hobiefleet214.com
95	July 31– Aug 1	Lake Quinault Regatta Lake Quinalt, WA	Al Jones	360•249•3388 atkjones@techline.net
72	Aug 7-8	Smoke on the Water Skamokawa, WA	Monica Fetzer	503•642•7475 Commodore@ hobiefleet72.com
Div 4	Sept 4–5	Harrison Regatta Division 4 Championships Harrison Hot Springs, BC	Benj Rummen	Commodore@ hobiefleet214.com
вус	Sept 18-19	Alter Cup Area L Qualifier Bellingham YC, Bellingham, WA	Mike Hensel	206+396+1839 mikehensel220@msn.com

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Division 5—Mountain States

www.division-5.ning.com

DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
May 15–16	Three Peaks to the Wind Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO	John Cox	abctherapy@aol.com www.HobieFleet61.org
May 30–31	Memorial Day Weekend Pirate Treasure Hunt, Heron Lake, NM La Laja boat ramp area.	Dave Myers	505•797•8909 trtldave@aol.com
June 5–6	Prairie Winds Boyd Lake, Loveland, CO	Sean Tracy	seant@frii.com
June 19-20	Wyoming Governors Cup Lake Alcova, WY	Casper Boat Club Sonya Gruner	gruner@casperboatclub.org
July 10-11	Tropical Dreams Regatta Lake McConaughy, NE	John Cox	abctherapy@aol.com www.HobieFleet61.org
July 30	Hobie Fun Day W/Craig Hospital Cherry Creek Res, Denver, CO	Max Hinneberg	Hinneber@JM.com
Aug 21-22	Division 5 Championships Angostura Reservoir, SD	Paul McQuilkin	605•342•4549 fleet198@hotmail.com
Sept 4-5	Mac Attack Lake McConaughy, NE	John Cox	abctherapy@aol.com www.HobieFleet61.org
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Division 6—South Texas, Louisiana

Contact: Chris Green – 281•352•1325, greencj@bp.com No schedule at press time.

Division 7—Prairie States

www.hobied7.ning.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
475	June 19-20	Storm Lake Regatta Storm Lake, IA	Andy Larson	712•732•1532 larsona@iwnet.net
52	July 10-11	Green Lake Regatta Green Lake, MN	Kevin Chase	651•429•7971 kcchase@comcast.net
291	July 24–25	Lewis & Clark Lake Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402•558•6568 david.rice @bankofthewest.com
291	Aug 6	Wave Youth Regatta Big Creek, Des Moines, IA	Jim Sohn	515•554•0680 sailinghobie@dwx.com
84	Aug 7-8	Des Moines Regatta Saylorville Res., IA	Roger Taha	515•262•9497 rtaha@mchsi.com
444	Aug 14-15	Leech Lake Regatta Leech Lake, MN	Reb Blanchard	952•240•2603 rebcat@frontiernet.net

Division 8—South Florida

Contact: Arie van Duijn - 239•770•7248, ariejacqpt@comcast.net

FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
GYC	April 10-11	GYC Multihull regatta Gulfport, FL	Bob Feckner	fleetcaptain@ gulfportyachtclub.com
45	May 29–31	Kelly Park River Regatta (KPRR) Cocoa Beach, FL	Gina McDonald	321•452•1833 mattgina@cfl.rr.com
FWYC	Nov 13-14	Alter Cup Area D-South Qualifier Ft. Walton YC, Ft. Walton Beach, FL	FWYC	www.fwyc.org
IWCA	Dec 2-5	IWCA Open, Women, Masters and Silver Fleet Nationals Islamorada, FL	Rick White	305•451•3287 rick@catsailor.com

Division 9—South Atlantic

Division 9 needs a contact!

EMSA A	pril 2–4	Spring Fever Regatta Lake Hartwell, GA	Mr. Ernie•Nigel Pitt	Mr.Ernie@Hartcom.net
FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL

Division 10—Great Lakes

Contact: Gail Stiemsma – 269•760•2666, gtinker@flowserve.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME/LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
ECSC	May 15-16	Mayor's Cup Regatta Eagle Creek, Indianapolis, IN	Kenny Chapman	www.ecsail.org
519	June 12-13	Sail 'n Soak Regatta Austin Lake, MI	Dave Dunlap	269•330•5496 dadworks@chartermi.net
PCYC	July 17-18	Stray Cat Regatta Port Clinton, OH	Port Clinton YC Kathy Clark	216•403•5103

Division 11—Mid-Atlantic

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
54	May 1-2	Gunpowder Regatta / 14 Divisionals Gunpowder, MD	Dan Flanigan	410·821·6761 dfp135@msn.com
106	May 15-16	Rehoboth Regatta Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302•475•9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net
250	June 19–20	Sandy Hook / Wave Divisionals Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732•787•4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
267	June 26–27	Spray Beach Spray Beach, NJ	Ron LaPorta	610•384•8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
	July 3-4	Statue of Liberty Race Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732•787•4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
RHYC	July 10-11	Rock Hall YC Junior Olympics Youth Divisionals Rock Hall, MD	Ron LaPorta	610•384•8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
416	July 17-18	Barnegat Breezer Barnegat Bay, NJ	Fred Myer	215·646·4193 hobnut@aol.com
	July 31– Aug 1	Area C Alter Cup Qualifyer Location TBD	Mark Santorelli	mark@hobiebrat1.com
443	Aug 21-22	Wildwood Classic Cup / 16 Divisional Championships Wildwood, NJ	Rob Wagner	609•923•1355 Rob.Wagner@verizon.net
Div 11	Sept 11-12	Shore Acres YC Hobie Regatta Shore Acres, NJ	Rob Wingender	732•673•1772 rawingender@comcast.net
54	Sept 25-26	Rock Hall YC Regatta / 18 Div'ls Rock Hall, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 dfp135@msn.com
106	Oct 2-3	Sharkey's Cup Regatta / 17 Div'ls Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302•475•9083 hobie106@verizon.net

Division 12—New England

Contact: Dave Heroux – 401-647-3203, davebarbara448@msn.com **No schedule at press time.**

Division 13—Mexico/Caribbean/Central America

Contact: Pedro Colon – 787•744•3246, kcrio@caribe.net **No schedule at press time.**

Division 14—N.TX, OK, AR, S. KS

Contact:Tom Page –918•232•2598,Tom.Page@hilti.com **No schedule at press time.**

Division 15—FL Panhandle, MS, AL

Contact: Brad Stephens – 850•235•2281, brad@sunjammers.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
68	March 19-21	MidWinters East Pascagoula, MS	Caleb Williford	caleb.williford @earthlink.net
70 OSYC	June 4-6	Hobie Wave and Hobie 14 North American Championships Ocean Springs, MS	Ken Altman OSYC	goclaw@yahoo.com 2010nationals.ning.com
70 OSYC	June 7-11	Hobie 17 and Hobie 18 North American Championships Ocean Springs, MS	Ken Altman OSYC	goclaw@yahoo.com 2010nationals.ning.com
173 FWYC	Oct 10-15	Hobie 16 and Hobie 20 North American Championships Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Denise McNeir	mcneir080605 @embarqmail.com 850-585-3210

Division 16—Upstate NY, Ontario

www.nahca-div16.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
204 NAF18	May 21–23	34th Madcatter Northeast Area Championships Syracuse, NY	Barb Caster	315•438•8915 barb@boatworks-ltd.com
183 NAF18	June 26-27	Flying High Regatta Toronto, Ontario	Neil McNeil	416•806•5025 mcneill_n@sympatico.ca
119 NAF18	July 9–11 TENTATIVE	Hobie Kenobie Angola, NY	Bob Burns	716•759•1908 burnsmeup@verizon.net
295	Aug 7–8	Rohrbach Ontario Hobie Regatta Northeast Area Championships Hamlin Beach Park, NY	Mark Gibson	585•533•1531 Gibson@xelic.com
238	Aug 21-22	Beachin' Cats at Sacandaga Sacandaga, NY	Kim Roberts	518•522•6811 hobiekim@aol.com
CYC	Sept 18-19	Canandaigua Multihull Open Canandaigua, NY	Sue Bennett	585•469•6161 sharkoops5@aol.com

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HOBIE CAT CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA NOTICE OF RACE

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REGISTRATION CHECK-IN: EL CORTEZ HOTEL - ROOM 134

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MARCH 26TH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM REGISTRATION ROOM 134

6:00 ~

WELCOME PARTY
ON THE BEACH AT CASEY'S PLACE

SATURDAY MARCH 27TH

7:00 - 9:30 AM REGATTA REGISTRATION
10:00 AM COMPETITORS' MEETING

11:00 AM FIRST SIGNAL (WIND PERMITTING)

6:00 PM FIESTA - POOL SIDE

SUNDAY MARCH 28TH

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
COMPETITORS' MEETING
11:00 AM
FIRST SIGNAL (WIND PERMITTING)
TROPHY PRESENTATION ASAP

OTHER ACTIVITIES, SCHEDULE CHANGES, OR GENERAL INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD.

RULES

THIS REGATTA WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE 2009-2012 RACING RULES OF SAILING, THIS NOR (EXCEPT AS ALTERED BY THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS), AND THE CLASS RULES OF THE IHCA. SIS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-SITE AT REGATTA REGISTRATION.

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WWW.MEMBERS.COX.NET/MIDWINTERSWEST

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2010 HCA MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. COMP TIPS ARE MANDATORY TO COMPETE. FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES, THIS REGATTA IS A CATEGORY C EVENT (ISAF APPENDIX G). TWO SHIRTS INCLUDED WITH \$55.00 PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRIES, ONE SHIRT FOR \$45.00 PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRIES RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 27, 2010. YOU MAY PRE-ORDER EXTRA SHIRTS FOR \$15.00 EACH. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MIDWINTERS WEST. DONATIONS OF CLOTHING AND CANNED GOODS WILL BE COLLECTED AT REGATTA REGISTRATION AREA FOR LOCAL FISHERMAN.

TROPHIES

TROPHIES WILL BE BASED ON PRE-REGISTRATION. FIVE OR MORE PRE-REGISTERED BOATS CONSTITUTE A CLASS, ONE TROPHY PER FIVE BOATS WITH A MAXIMUM OF FIVE TROPHIES PER CLASS.

INFORMATION: HOTELS, RV PARKS, CAMPING
EVENT WEBSITE:

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OR

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IF YOU NEVER HAD ONE

HTTP://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/ First_832.html If you are RENEWING an old one: HTTP://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/ RENEW_833.html

THERE IS NO TRAVEL VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER OR LEAVE BAJA CALIF. WHEN TRAVELING TO SAN FELIPE. FOR THOSE SAILORS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN TO SAN FELIPE BEFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS SOME INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL.

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2010 Hobie Wave, 14, 17 & 18 HCA North American Championships

June 3-11, 2010 at Ocean Springs Yacht Club

Ocean Springs, Mississippi

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA)in conjunction with the Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

Venue & Dates

The venue for all classes will be the Ocean Springs Yacht Club, located at the north east side of the Rt. 90 bridge over Biloxi Bay. Hobie Waves and 14s will race from June 4 to June 6. Hobie 17s and 18s will race from June 7 to June 11.

Rules

The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). 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.

Eliaibility

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.

Schedule

Hobie Waves / Hobie 14s

Thursday, Jun 3 Registration / Weigh-in - 1 PM - 6 PM
Friday, Jun 4 Registration / Weigh-in - 8 AM - 10 AM
Competitors' Meeting - 10 AM
1st Warning Signal - 11:00 AM

Saturday, Jun 5 and Sunday, Jun 6 - 1st Warning Signal - 10 AM

Hobie 17s / Hobie 18s

Sunday, Jun 6 Registration / Weigh-in - 1 PM - 6 PM
Monday, Jun 7 Registration / Weigh-in - 8 AM - 10 AM
Competitors' Meeting - 10 AM
1st Warning Signal - 11:00 AM

Tuesday, Jun 8 - Friday, Jun 11 - 1st Warning Signal - 10 AM

Entry Fees

Hobie Wave / 14 - \$125 Hobie 17 - \$275 Hobie 18 - \$375

\$50 discount if you register for both events

\$25 late fee after April 30, 2010 Enter on-line at www.hcspace.org





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.

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 Southern 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

Knights Inn Ocean Springs - (228) 872-188
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ocean Springs - (228) 872-7255
Isle of Capri Casino Resort Biloxi - (228) 435-5400
Limited RV parking and camping on-site for a modest fee.
Primitive - no hookups.

Air Transportation

Available by all major carriers through Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT), approximately 30 minute drive to OSYC. Directions available upon request.

Event Chair

Ken Altman (goclaw@yahoo.com)

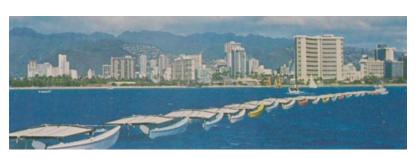
Additional Information Available at http://2010nationals.ning.com/





hobiehistory

13, 23 & 33 Years Ago



1977 issue of the **HOTLINE** featured the first Hobie 16 Worlds in Hawai'i. The provided boats, with their strikina solid color sails, made for many memorable images.





1977

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final assembly. A statistical analysis after the event proved the boat rotation concept. No one boat was significantly faster than the others. Thus, the boat rotation concept became standard practice at Hobie national and world events

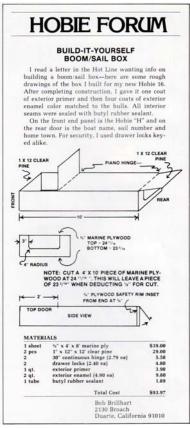
The boats for the Hawai'ian 16 Worlds are towed to the beach launching area for

This tool looks like something a longshoreman would use to handle cargo. It looks like a pretty scary thing to keep around the

The iconic photo from the Hawai'i Worlds, Jeff Canepa and Rich Loufek jump waves off Diamond Head.



When it comes to sail boxes, everyone thinks they can build a better mouse trap. Over the years, people have used plywood, sheet metal, sewer pipe, PVC pipe and combinations of these materials to construct their own boxes.There are reports of an old, upside down, aluminum Jon boat used to protect sails and gear. This was the **HOTLINE**'s example of a DIY sailbox in 1977.



1987

The HOTLINE ran a photo essay on how people used their Hobies - other than racing. Predictably, some pretty weird things came up. A cat in a PFD?







(h) Bob Curry, going upwind the old-school way on a 14. That has to be one of the more uncomfortable positions ever invented. Try moving out of that position quickly for a tack. Can't be done.



The Jan/Feb 1987 HOTLINE reported on the Hobie 16 Nationals held the previous fall in Cape May, NJ. Lots of memories of this event - people getting banged up, boats nearly destroyed, an encounter with the Coast Guard gunnery range, finishing a race after dark, taking over the Rusty Rudder bar-Good Times!

1997

Midwinters East An Open Affair

• As controversial as it was then, Midwinters East was the only area championship with other brands of catamarans competing in their own one-design classes. The 2010 version of MWE has a new venue and will have races for all the Hobie classes. Check out the NOR on the inside front cover.

HCA Race Director Paul Ulibarri sports his "Mo' buttah" physique at an event in 1997.

PU is looking much trimmer these days.



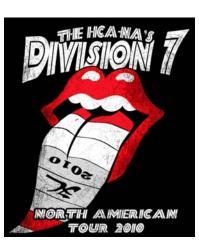
justinoffthewire News and Notes

Hobie Cat to make new Hobie 18 Hulls

Following up on their offer to produce replacement Hobie 18 hulls if they had ten advance orders, Hobie Cat will be producing ten sets of Hobie 18 hulls. Nine orders were received, including one from Australia. The hulls will be produced by Hobie Cat Australia. If you are interested in adding to the order, contact Matt Miller at Hobie Cat as soon as possible - mmiller@hobieco.com.

Division 7 Tour Shirts

Division 7 and Hobie Fleet 10 have come up with a solution for "what do we do with all the t-



shirts?" In a play off a Rolling
Stones tour shirt, they've created a single t-shirt that works for all their regattas. A great idea for reducing costs at regattas!

www.hobie fleet10.com

March 19-20 Midwinters East, Pascagoula, MS May 8-9 May 15-16 June 4-11 June 4-11 June 19-20 May 19-20 May

Bylaws Amendment Passed by HCA Board

In an effort to streamline operations, the HCA-NA board has approved a bylaw change that combines the Event Coordinator and Guest Expert Program Coordinator functions. Thanks go to Kim Edmonds, who has served as the GEP Coordinator for several years! Bridget Quatrone will handle any requests for Guest Experts - bgfaces@netzero.com

Gulf Coast Events Calendar

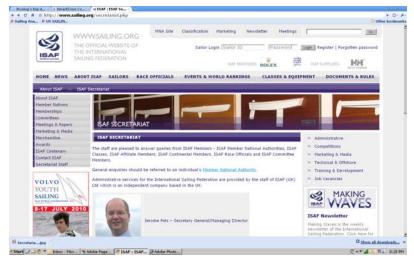
If you are headed down to Midwinters East (Pascagoula, MS), the Hobie 14/Wave/17/18 North Americans (Ocean Springs, MS) or the Hobie 16/20 North Americans (Ft. Walton Beach, FL), you should check out this website:

www.gulfcoast.org/visitors/events/

There's a ton of information about what's going on in the

Hobie 17 Spotted on the ISAF Web Site

Most people know that the Hobie 14, Hobie 16, Hobie 17, Hobie 18 and Hobie Tiger are ISAF (International Sailing Federation) International Classes. What you probably *don't* know – displayed in the ISAF offices is a half-hull model of every International Class. A recent visit to the ISAF website led us to the Secretariat page:



Hey! Isn't that the best boat Hobie's ever built – a Hobie 17 – sandwiched between the Tornado (center) and what looks like an El Toro on the far left? The pie-shaped centerboard is a dead giveaway. It really looks plain without the wings, but it's definitely a 17.

Oh, yeah, the Hobie 18's on the far right, too. http://www.sailing.org/secretariat.php

F18s Invited to Select Hobie One-Design Events

After much debate, the HCA-NA Board of Directors has approved a mechanism to allow F18 fleets at Hobie One-Design Regattas. In order to qualify, the following conditions must be met:

- A request for F18 inclusion must approved by the HCA-NA Chairman and Race Director prior to NOR publication.
- 2) There shall be separate organizing authorities (OA):
 a. An HCA Fleet or Division shall be the organizing authority for all Hobie One-Design fleets.
 b. A separate organizing authority will be required for the F18 fleet. That organizing

- authority shall be a US Sailing / Canadian Yachting Association member class association or yacht club.
- 3) There must be a minimum of two (2) Hobie manufactured boats in the F18 start and the Hobie Cat manufactured entries shall comply with IHCA membership requirements.

Administrative Requirements:

- There will be no restrictions to the number of events held under this policy
- 2) F18 start shall be conducted under F18 class rules.
- Hobie manufactured F18s shall be split out and awarded HCA points based on their finish. For

- the purposes of North American points scoring, the number of boats in the event shall be the number of Hobie Cat manufactured F18s registered in the event.
- Regattas funded directly or indirectly by the HCA (National, North American or Area Championships) will not qualify under this policy.
- Protests and/or measurement qualifications of the F18s shall be the responsibility of the F18 organizing authority.

Regattas including all F18 brands are listed in the schedule with "NAF18" in the host fleet



feature

2 Hobie Cats gathered for a superb regatta ... good sailing, good racing, good food, and good fun. Ahhh ... summer, it's great to think about now that there's snow on the ground. Sailors came from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas and Canada.

We had skippers from age 14 to 68. It was definitely a "family affair."

Friday evening started with a tune-up talk from Wally Myers on the beach. Wally used Dean's old 1989 H16 to show those in attendance the right way

to set up your boat. It must have been a good tune-up because Dean and his son Ben (18) won B-Fleet. Ben had so much fun that he is hooked on regattas. Guest Expert Wally graciously accepted our invitation last winter to come out to the regatta. We assured him the

ice would be off the lake by July. Mike Madge was instrumental in getting him to come. Our thanks to the HCA-NA for \$ending Wally our way.

Imagine what the weekend is like for the guest expert — it's a strange commitment; you go to a regatta with nothing in your control, don't know a lot of people, with no boat, no crew, no transportation, no schedule. We covered most of those bases for Wally. I think his only complaint was we slowed down after midnight. Kristen King wholeheartedly volunteered to crew for Wally. A worn but not beat 2006 H16 to race, good competition on the course, food, beverages, good accommodations and a whole lot of appreciative sailors. Wally, we thank you again!

Five Hobie 14s, seventeen H16As, Four H16Bs, Five H20s, and an FX-1 really sparkled color on Green Lake in Spicer, Minnesota. Spicer is on the



Bald Eagle Regatta 2009
Division 7 Championships
Green Lake, MN

story and photos by Ted Jagger

shores of Green Lake, 100 miles west of Minneapolis. Green Lake is a beautiful clear and clean lake with 5,406 acres of water perfect for catamaran sailing. The lake is five miles wide and three and a half miles North to South. The town of Spicer only has a population of 1,164. It's a tiny place. We're big.

Saturday's events consisted of two races in the morning, a lunch break and two races in the afternoon. The conditions were sunny and the wind was light — mostly 5-10 mph from the west. The Bald Eagle Regatta has a long history; it has been in existence

since 1975. Throughout the years, our fleet's basic premise is regattas must be fun first, racing comes second. Therefore, we have lunch breaks and promote that we are a social group with a sailing problem.

Competition was tight in all of the classes. At the end of the day

in the H16A fleet, five boats had a shot at first going into Sunday's racing. The H20 class had young Jake Larson and superb crew Wendy (his mom) showing the old guys how to do it. In the H16B class team Jordan and team Williams were tied. HCA Chairman Chris Wessels led the H14 class in the standing but it was a much closer competition on the water. There is nothing like an evening break in the action to bring on anticipation for the next day's races. How many "if this...then that" can you think of? Burgers, brats, beans and salad were cooked up at the park followed later by a sailboat race tactics talk by Wally. The evening activities ranged from a hot tub party to board games to dancing at the night club, go-karts, camping out, biking, Dairy Queen, sleeping (how can I get so tired, I

only sailed today?), s'mores and bonfires. What a great

way to spend a summer evening.

The object of the game is to win, but that is not why we race.



Bring on the Youth: Out of 32 boats there were six youth skippers (almost 20%) and 25 youth involved in skippering or crewing (42% of the racers). With so many competing activities, sailing is hard for young people to get into and remain involved. Let's give a hearty cheer to the next generation for being there!

Sunday brought more beautiful sunny weather and light winds from the SE. At least there was wind again (5-10 mph), light but always there. After the first race in the H16A, H16B and H20 classes competition remained stiff. It was down to whoever won the last race, now that's tight racing! After the two races were sailed, we headed back to the beach for lunch. We packed up and handed out the awards.

Thanks go out to our race committee Frank & Sue Grover and Brad & Deb Nelson. We want to give a big hand to our mark boats, and the many volunteers ↑ Matt and Carly Madge

The next
generation of Hobie
sailors: Linsi &
Andrew Jagger

The Old Man of the Sea - Guest Expert Wally Myers



from around Green Lake and the Bald Eagle Yacht Club. Finally, thank you to the city of Spicer for allowing us to play in their area and on their lake.

Our sponsors this year were: Hi-Tempo Ski & Sail; Spicer Marine and Water Sports, Hobie Cat, HCANA, Cat Sailor Magazine. Bald Eagle Hobie Fleet 52 thanks all participants and helpers! Another next generation: this time the Hobie women sailors: Jordyn Daubman, Erin Bommersbach, Jordon Wessels.









ike swallows to Capistrano, Hobie Cats retuned to Lake Havasu, Arizona in November for the much ballyhooed HAVAMEGA North American Championships. Over 120 competitors travelled from as far away as Australia, Fiji, Puerto Rico and Minnesota to bask for a week in the desert sunshine and get in some hot Hobie racing. Many remembered travelling to Lake Havasu City in years past and how much fun they had while waiting for the wind to show up. However, this event was unlike those prior years. The organizers promised wind and to give the competitors more elbow room, the boats sailed off the opposite sides of the island that nearly divides Lake Havasu in half. The 16s, Waves and TrapSeats sailed off the southern shore in front of the Nautical Inn -Charlie Course. The 17s and 18s (Bravo Course) and the 20s and Tigers (Alpha Course) competed off the northern shore at the Crazyhorse Campground.

boats competing in the North American Championships. Back at the Islander Hotel, the highly organized team of Sue Lindley, Rick and Barbara Buchanan processed the registrations and sent the competitors back to their boats. Practice races scheduled for the afternoon were abandoned for lack of wind. The locals from the Lake Havasu Yacht Club were reassuring, "It's never like this (no wind) at this time of year." Riiiight.

Monday morning, the sun smiled down on Hobie sailors eagerly tuning their boats for a week of racing and camaraderie. All 16s were lined up on the beach and ready for action on the Charlie course, about a mile or two from the main campground. Likewise, over at the Alpha and Bravo beach, boats were all dressed up with no place to go. The race committees went out, set courses and ran practice starts with their teams and waited for the wind to materialize. Dreams



Saturday, November 7, was a day from distant memories of Lake Havasu. The mirror smooth lake surface stared back at the competitors, taunting them. However, the week was early, and there was still plenty of catching up to do with old friends. The crew from Hobie Cat was assembling the chartered Waves in the parking lot at the Nautical and there were a steady stream of trailers and boats headed to both sides of the island. The party officially started when Jeremy Leonard turned the Surf City Catamaran parts trailer into a beach bar. The gathered crowd made quick work of the keg and laughter, guitar music and singing went late into the evening. Spirits were high since there were forecasts of big wind later in the week.

Sunday dawned sparkling bright – and windless. The weigh masters labored though boat after boat on the scales, assessing the class legality of nearly 100 of the day's races fizzled like a water-drenched campfire as the wind stayed in hiding. Happy hour at 3:30 PM was the unwanted, but pleasant result.

A flicker of hope buoyed spirits on Tuesday. Tiny ripples on the water taunted eager sailors as they waited for the ensuing "blow". Some people tinkered and fine-tuned, others chatted with friends, watching the water for any glimmer of an increase in the wind. Some sailors took naps and others read books while the rest kept watch. On the north side of the lake, boats left the beach to glide slowly out to their course circles. Then, the strangest thing happened – a northerly breeze developed at the extreme northern end of the lake. Alpha course Race Officer Jeff Johnson seized the opportunity and managed to get off two races in a nice seven to ten knot breeze before it died completely again.

However, at the same time on Bravo course – just a couple of miles away - Race Officer Matt Bounds was getting three to four knots from the south. The wind was patchy and not quite race-worthy, so the 17s and 18s waited. And waited. The wind died, and all sailors and RC personnel looked enviously to the north, where they could see the northerly breeze on the water (and the Tigers and 20s racing) while they sat in nothing. The breeze mocked them as the course was shifted to the north, moving away from them as fast as they could get to it, which wasn't very fast. Finally, Matt muttered, "Screw this!" under his breath and shouted out to the assembled competitors, "Rum Race! First one to the beach wins!" Then, "17s will get a sixminute head start!" Boom! The racers were off, glad to have something purposeful in their lives. Billy Whitehurst (on a 17) won the bottle of Don Q rum Matt had scored from the Puerto Ricans. Likewise, on the Charlie Course, Race Officer John Williams conducted an ersatz "race" that involved paddling, capsizing and pirate takeovers of the Hobie Wave charter boats. It was OK, since Hobie Cat president Doug Skidmore was one of the pirates.

Again, the watch ended with sails quietly being rolled up and tied to their tramps. The general consensus was that breezes will surely whistle tomorrow. Another lazy day was quelled by liquid refreshments, snacks and high hopes for the next day. The Alpha course sailors were a bit smug, with two races in the bag, where Bravo and Charlie had none.

Early Wednesday, it was clear that the sun was taking its own respite behind a gloomy sky. The grey lake water was still and smooth as glass. While in "hurry up and wait mode," lots of typical Hobie Way stuff was going on. Tuning seminars ruled the day! California hot dog 16 sailor Mike Montague spent the

The Doctor prescribes tuning advice



entire morning rigging novices' 16s. He is very mild mannered and shares his 30+ years of experience freely. At 1:00ish, Pedro "The Doctor" Colon took a turn with a more formal group session. Pedro is from Puerto Rico, and is a high energy, party animal with a super outgoing attitude that people flock to. He spoke to a group of about 40 sailors for well over an hour. His clinic was excellent. Pedrin



Greg Thomas and Jacques Bernie

was not only full of wonderful go-fast-tips, but the sharing from the high caliber crowd was sweet.

On the Alpha / Bravo side, Greg Thomas did likewise with the Tigers, while Phil Collins gathered a group around a Hobie 20. Multiple-time North American Champion Jim Sohn and Mr. Second Place (Stephen Cooley) worked over an 18 and Hobie 17 World Champion Aaron Worral demonstrated on Todd Wilson's newly purchased used 17. What a great way to spend a no wind day! The wind never did fill in but after the chalk talks there was a ton of re-tuning of boats going on! The Surf City parts trailer was doing a land-office business as people tinkered with their boats all afternoon. During all of this, Jeremy Leonard managed to interview HCA Women's Rep. Christina Bradshaw, who was skippering an 18. It turned out so well that Chris was made the "Sailing Anarchy Sailor

Chick of the Week." You rock, girl!

We were beginning to wonder if the Lake Havasu shops and restaurants had conspired with Mr. Wind to capture our attention. The prediction of big air earlier in the week fizzled, as the frontal system stalled out. The RCs on Bravo and Charlie were getting nervous, since they had yet to have a race, and there were only two days left in the event. We decided to start two hours early Thursday – 9:00 AM.

It was Thursday! Surely the wind would finally wake up! Event Principal Race Officer Matt Bounds peered through sticky eyelids out his hotel room window



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er show how it's done on the Tiger

at the glittering reflection of lights on the lake in the predawn blackness. Reflections on the water are bad – no wind. Realizing he was in deep doo doo for moving the start time up, he made a 6:30 AM call to the local doughnut shop. "Could I get 15 dozen assorted donuts and coffee for 120 people – as soon as possible?" The still-warm confections and hot coffee went a long way towards making the grumpy sailors on the north beach a bit more human. But the wind was still a no-show.

Optimism was high, so many sailors busied themselves on the Charlie course beach. The glassy lake said no. By noon the hungries joined boredom and the Tiki huts at the nearby restaurant filled with chatty, hopeful sailors. On Bravo, the wind made a brief appearance, just enough to get the boats to the course before it quit again. Long trains of boats were towed back to the beach to start the waiting again.



Alpha boats never left the beach.

While munching and drinking, palm fronds above our heads began to twitter. The excitement level ramped up considerably. On Charlie course, the "off the beach" horn sounded and the waitress was bombarded with cash and credit cards from everyone as they scrambled to gulp down a few bites before running to the boats. Sails were hoisted and boats bounced to the start-line in 5 knot winds. The first ones out managed to start the race and get around A-mark; the ones who didn't, found themselves swirling in the "holes". Mr. Wind mustered what little bit of air he

had and let us finish the race. By race number 2, the wind got lethargic enough to make you feel good if you actually finished.

On Alpha and Bravo, things went much better. At 2:30 PM, the first race started for the 17s and 18s in about 7 to 10 knots. The RC skillfully executed three races – and almost a fourth – before the setting sun shut things down. Alpha squeezed in two races. Sails were dropped and boats put away in the orange glow of a spectacular desert sunset. We had a regatta!

Friday, our last day to make our mark, dawned with a few hopeful ripples on the water. Again, the sailors were rousted out for a 9:00 AM start. On the north side of the lake, there was a nice westerly breeze of five to seven knots. Both Bravo and Alpha managed to squeak in another two races before everything shut down again. Another monster towing session was arranged to get everyone back to the beach.

Charlie was not as lucky. Watchful eyes took turns spotting different wind-spots, some building but ultimately ebbing into smoothness. By noon, it was another party under the Tiki huts. Mr. Wind must not have liked our insouciance because he let go before some sailors got the food they ordered. "Off the beach!" blared the horn. Sailors once again struggled to get to the start line. Charlie Race 3 was eventually finished in the fluky puffs as boats inched so painfully slow to the line.

The final party was awesome thanks to regatta chair Gordo Bagley and his hard working crew from the

Lake Havasu Yacht Club. Dinner, libations and camaraderie flowed the entire evening as all three courses were brought together for one party. Winners were recognized and awards were handed out. A common comment from the locals was, "It'll be better next year, we promise!" Ah, if only we could do a Mega every year. Hobie Mega events happen only rarely, we explained. There would be no "next year." It's unfortunate, since the venue and the people are superb. With one exception. Next time, let's invite the wind.

Full results and the event program can be found at www.havamega.com

Shenanigans on the Charlie Course





Junior Olympic Sailing Festival July 9-11, 2010 at The Rock Hall Yacht Club

FRIDAY, July 9

- Afternoon clinics
- Check-in 1—9 pm
- Lounge & Pool open at RHYC

SATURDAY, July 10

- Opening Ceremony 9 am
- Skippers Meeting 9:30 am
- Harbor gun 10:30 am
- Racing to follow
- RHYC Pool, Lounge, and grounds open for families all day
- Dinner 5 pm
- Dance 6:30 10 pm

SUNDAY, July 11

- Harbor Gun 9 am
- Races until 1 pm
- RHYC Pool, Lounge, and grounds open for families all day
- Lunch onshore
- Awards & Closing Ceremony 3pm

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The Junior Olympics at RHYC will feature two full days of regatta competition and fun for beginners through Olympic contenders ages 8-18. After a full day of sailing Optimist, Laser Radial, Club 420s, Hobie 16 and Board sailors on Saturday, the young

participating sailors and their families will unwind with a traditional Eastern Shore Dinner and a DJ Dance Party. Sunday's racing will conclude with an official awards ceremony similar to the Olympic Games.

66 Rock Hall Yacht Club will continue the tradition of the JOs in the Chesapeake Bay region. 99

- Lee Parks, Inshore Director of US Sailing .

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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



The Reward of a Lifetime

Ted and Sue Lindley Honored with the Carlton Tucker Award

Story by John Eger, Barb Perlmutter and Rick Buchanan

Tucker Sportsmanship Award for a variety of reasons. When talking of Ted and Sue Lindley we could almost call it a lifetime achievement award.

Ted and Sue started their sailing career on a monohull in California before moving to Phoenix, Arizona in the mid 1970s. Once in Arizona they discovered the Hobie Cat. They quickly sold their mono, and bought a Hobie 16. Ted and Sue became

commodore and secretary of Hobie Fleet 66 in Phoenix, just one year after the fleet was incorporated. They sailed the Hobie 16 for a few years and then moved up to the just introduced Hobie 18. Over the next 30+ years they acquired a total of five Hobie 18s and then their Hobie Miracle 20. Ted has said that of all the boats

they have sailed over the past 35 years, they really loved their Hobie 20.

The Hobie 20 in particular allowed Sue to contribute more to how well they sailed and elevated the importance of her position as crew. They competed on the Hobie 20 platform well into their mid seventies.

I first met Ted and Sue Lindley in Rocky Point at the Ides of March Regatta in 1985. It was my first full year to sail our first H18 and race in a Hobie Regatta. As novices, my wife and I were inspired by how consistently a H18 with pirate sails performed in the regatta. Afterwards, to receive assistance from Team Lindley in setting up and tuning our boat was just awesome. Over the next many years Ted and Sue would help us and many other new sailors who dreamed of racing in A-Fleet. In many regattas to come I would just try to keep their boat in sight to enable us to study their sailing techniques. On the beach after the race, Ted and Sue would review how we were doing and give us valuable advice. When talking with Ted and Sue, there was no such thing as a stupid question.

Commodore John Mulay of the Tucson Hobie Fleet 514, a C-Fleeter, volunteered to be our first Race

Commodore and run the first Assault on Rocky Point, (to be renamed "Piñata Regatta" at the request of the Mexican government). Since our entire fleet was mostly composed of novices and C-Fleeters, it was a very big deal to put on our first regatta. Ted and Sue volunteered to help us on the water by offering much needed advice to the race

committee and even helping to move around some of the marks between races using their Hobie Cat. This was one time that the race committee would talk to participants since we desperately needed the help. After a 180-degree wind shift it was the Lindley's who suggested we use the option of a reverse course.

In order to inspire and encourage sportsmanship and competition within the state of Arizona and help grow our young fleets, Ted and Sue created three state champion trophies, one each for the Hobie 16 and 18 and one for the Fleet State Championship. They had made 3 large and elaborate wood trophies, and plaques to span 25+ years of sportsmanship and competition. Based upon the Cinco de Mayo and Piñata Regattas.

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At our award banquets held at the end of each year the trophies are awarded to the best sailors within Arizona, and the fleet with the best sailing record. We continue to add names to those beautiful trophies Ted made so many years ago.

Ted and Sue raced the Miracle 20 for several years in the late 1990s and early 2000s. One year, at the Cinco de Mayo and Piñata Regattas, the H20 and H18 fleets were combined into one fleet due to the small number of participants. Much to our delight, Ted and Sue, in a true display of sportsmanship, would always stay clear of the H18s on the racecourse. They would start slightly behind us and always tack away after crossing the start line to stay clear of the H18s. Also, I cannot remember a single occasion in over 24 years of sailing with Ted and Sue that they have used their knowledge of the rules to take advantage of a less experienced sailor.

Starting with the first Tucson Hobie Fleet 514 Piñata Regatta in 1985, and for most of the last 24 regattas that we have held, Ted has volunteered to be on our protest committee. He initially helped us understand the rule book, and in the early days the "appeals rulings". He brought a certain sense of

formality, respect and authority to our protest hearings. He would help guide us to the proper decisions by helping us understand the rules as opposed to directing us what to do.

With the membership of Phoenix Fleet 66 declining in the last few years, the fleet was extremely short handed last year in putting on the Cinco de Mayo Regatta. Ted and Sue stepped up big-time and designed the T-Shirts, made the trophies, and served as the race committee. They practically put on a two-person show, and let me tell you, for two people in their late seventies, it was quite a show.

(From Barb Perlmutter): We have known the Lindleys for over 26 years of Hobie Cat Racing and I have never known a kinder and more sincere couple. I've often heard them referred to as Sir Ted and Lady Susan, which seems fitting for such a gracious couple. Ted has always put great care into showing others the important steps of boat setup, tuning, maintenance, and storage. He has become a Division 2 idol. His tips and grins on the water have been priceless. Knowing that he and Sue can be winning races and State Championships in their seventies is certainly encouraging for sailors of any age. I often say I'd like

The Reward of a Lifetime

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to be sailing in my seventies with as big of a grin on my face as Sue and Ted often display. Their love for the sport is obvious, and we love them for being a part of our sport.

Ted and Sue have driven their RV, pulling eight different Hobie Cats all over the United States attending North America Championship Regattas from coast to coast. In addition to participating in the main event, Sue has also participated in the Women's Regatta at some of these events.

Many remember one race in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, on a particularly windy / stormy day in which the race course was moved inside the bay, Ted and Sue finished upside down on their H20. Apparently there

is no rule specifying whether you finish right side up or upside down as long as your boat crosses the finish line.

(From Rick Buchanan) My wife, Barbara, and I have known Ted and Sue for at least 25 years of sailing Hobie Cats. During this time we've seen them compete on a 16, an 18, and eventually a 20 (with their dogs onboard - and yes, they still beat us).

Several years ago at a Nationals event there was a delivery problem with a local caterer providing the RC with lunches, once again, Ted and Sue saved the day by taking on the lunch task. They have both been active in local fleet events serving as, among other things, PRO, Beach Captain and even as a "Taste Tester" for salsa contests. Ted and Sue have been active with the "Canine Companions" program to benefit others in need. I don't think I've ever seen them without two dogs on a leash. Their persistence with these dogs in training is typical of Ted and Sue who have never been anything less than the best of friends to all they come in contact with.

In addition to the local, state, divisional and national events, Ted and Sue have attended many World Championships including events in Australia, Toronto, Canada, and San Francisco. In Australia their luggage was lost and didn't arrive until 2 AM on

race day. It was so windy the night before the event started that the course had been moved up River away from the ocean. The time change also cut into their sleep time only allowing for 1 hour of sleep before the qualification round of racing. Even though they hadn't pre-qualified in the US they handled the adverse circumstances with their usual grace and good humor, and did well enough on the first day of racing to qualify for the main event.

Ted and Sue have retired from active racing with the Pinata Regatta in 2009 being their last regatta. They will not be retiring from sailing or the Hobie way of life. Their schedule is still full of Hobie events.

This past February at Lake Havasu Ted served as

the Beach Captain, a role he will once again fulfill at the HAVAMEGA in November. In addition, Ted and Sue have also volunteered to be the Race Committee for the 2010 Phoenix Fleet 66's Division 2 Cinco de Mayo Regatta. Their plans also include attending future Cinco de Mayo and Pinata Regattas in Puerto

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Over the last 35 years, Ted and Sue Lindley have strongly promoted Hobie sailing and the Hobie way of life. They have consistently practiced exemplary sportsmanship. They have inspired sailors to join the Hobie family, provided training, leadership, and support to sailors old and new. Leading by example, Ted and Sue have enabled others to increase their skill levels and encouraged and enhanced the spirit of sportsmanlike competition. They have strongly supported the HCA, IHCA, and the Hobie One Design Philosophy. Ted and Sue are a perfect example of the kind of people that make sailing and racing a Hobie Cat one of life's truly outstanding experiences.

Some of you may remember that Ted and Sue were two of the original committee members tasked with creating the Sportsmanship Award. As they retire from actively racing this year it is only fitting that, they are awarded the Carlton Tucker Sportsmanship award.

HOBIE 16 AND HOBIE 20 ANERICAN ANISHIPS







FORT WALTON BEACH FLORIDA OCTOBER 10-15 2010

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Hobie Class Assoc. of North America in conjunction with the Ft. Walton Yacht Club and Hobie Fleet 178

VENUE: The Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, Ft. Walton Beach, FL www.ramadafwb.com. Racing will be in the Gulf of Mexico. Alternate racing venue in the event of high surf shall be Choctawhatchee Bay.

RULES: The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). 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).

ENTRY FEE:

\$375 if paid by August 15, 2010, \$400 thereafter. Register on-line at www.2010hobienas.net

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, October 10, 2010 1000-1700 Registration **Practice Races** 1300

Monday, October 11, 2010 0800-1000 Registration 1000 Competitors' Meeting 1200 1st Warning Signal

Tuesday - Friday, Oct 12-15, 2010 1st Warning Signal

Full event schedule and other information is available via www.2010hobienas.net or www.fwyc.org

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 Measurer.

COMPETITOR'S INSURANCE: Each Competitor must show proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD). 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.

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ACCOMMODATIONS: Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, 1500 Miracle Strip Parkway, SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 800-874-8962 or 850-243-9161 www.ramadafwb.com

ALTERNATE ACCOMODATIONS:

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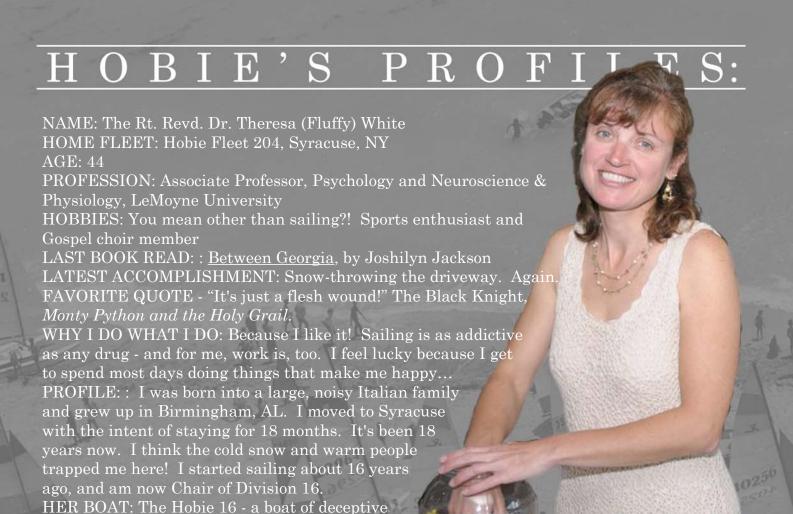
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HOBBIES: Sailing, softball, and reading

LAST BOOKS READ: Southern Lights, by Danielle Steel

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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO: Who wouldn't wanna do it?! It's the Hobie Way of Life that keeps me coming back for more. Great racing and great people, I couldn't ask

for anything more than that.

PROFILE: I grew up around racing and watching my dad and his buddy sail during regattas. When my dad's friend moved away, my dad put my brother Alex and I on the Hobie 18 with him. He got a Hobie 20 in 2000 when I started racing with him by myself. I remember being 11 years old and probably 80 pounds on this big bad boat and scared for my life! But now, 9 years later I absolutely love it! I love that racing is such a family sport and it's something my family and I can all do together.

HER BOAT: The Hobie 20 - it's an angry boat.

