



H O B I E

HOTLINE

MAY / JUNE 2006

VOLUME 35 NO. 3



THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE
HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA



SALSA LINE: HIGH TECH BRAID FROM NEW ENGLAND ROPES

WINNING EDGE!

BECAUSE SECONDS COUNT

Superb handling. Lightweight. Low Stretch.
Excellent flexibility through block and tackle systems.

These are just some of the desired characteristics in a winning control line or sheet. At New England Ropes, we have combined the lightweight, low stretch, and high strength properties of Dyneema SK75 with the soft durable spun and filament polyester to create SALSA LINE, the ultimate high performance sheet for competitive dinghy and one design sailors.

See for yourself why the United States Sailing Teams turn to New England Ropes for their performance advantage. Whether you are headed for an Olympic trial, the world championships, or just racing friends around the cans on the weekend, you can trust New England Ropes for all your running rigging needs.

For the complete story, visit www.neropes.com.
Others make line. We make line perform.



Official Sponsor of
the 2005-2008
US Sailing Teams

Performance Guaranteed.



NEW ENGLAND ROPES



The Official Publication of the Hobie Class Association of North America

MAY-JUNE 2006
VOLUME 35, NUMBER 3

Officers

Chair	Membership Chair
Ed Muns	Diane Bisesi
1st Vice Chair	Secretary
Bob Merrick	Kathy Ward
2nd Vice Chair	Treasurer
Rob Jerry	Kathleen Tracy
Youth Program Dir.	Race Director
Mimi Appel	Paul Ulibarri

HOTLINE Staff

Editor	Contributors
Matt Bounds	Mimi Appel
	Jacques Bernier
Cover	Diane Bisesi
Photo by	Rick Buchanan
Brian Joder	Ed Muns
	Peter Nelson

Review Committee

Laurie Bounds
Theresa White
Liza Cleveland
Cindy Phipps
Matt Miller
Chris Wessels

The Hobie Class Association HOTLINE is the official publication of the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA). Contents © 2006 HCANA. All rights reserved: reproduction in whole or in part without permission is prohibited. It is distributed six times a year to HCANA Members. Its goal is to keep the North American Region informed of the business of the Class Association. Questions and suggestions should be directed to the address below. The HCANA is proud to be a member of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING).

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

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION HOTLINE
Matthew P. Bounds, Editor
3798 Damas Dr.
Commerce Township, MI 48382
hcanews@comcast.net

The name Hobie Cat® and the "flying H" logo are used by permission and are registered and licensed trademarks of the Hobie Cat Company, P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, CA 92051.

cleanairflatwater

HCA Bylaws



In preparation for the next Hobie Class Association Annual General Meeting, Rob Jerry is chairing the Bylaws committee to review our governance and determine what improvements and enhancements might be advantageous. Certainly, we'd all rather be sailing and not spending our scarce time on the seemingly boring topic of organizational bylaws.

In practice, the bylaws or constitution of most associations such as the HCA go unread and largely unheeded as long as things run smoothly. This is often an invisible issue because one of two things can happen. First, the organization can slowly evolve away from their intended purpose. Second, if an issue does come up and the Bylaws are then consulted, surprises can surface. We may discover out-of-date bylaws or bylaws rightly protecting the organization, but going unheeded.

Periodically reviewing bylaws and keeping them up-to-date can actually reduce the amount of time that officers and others must spend in support of the HCA. It allows us to examine such things as the governance structure of our officers and Board of Directors. Currently, only the sixteen Division Chairs and the Women's Representative have voting privileges on the HCA Board of Directors. Myself and the other elected and appointed officers have duties and tasks specified in the Bylaws, but must obtain Board approval for anything else. I think it works well for us, but it is always healthy to reexamine. Should we put a bit more responsibility on the officers to improve efficiency? Or, should we put more authority with the voting Board members to insure broad governance?

These and other questions are being studied by Rob and the committee. However, anyone can offer input. The committee welcomes ideas from the membership. In fact, the Bylaws Committee's biggest challenge may be just that ... understanding the wishes of the members they serve. I encourage you to send your ideas to Rob.

I'd like to wish us all a great sailing season coming up. However, my sailing mood is a bit "dampened" by the lingering winter weather we're having here on the West Coast. California is reputed to be a sunny location, I tell myself, as I sit here watching more rain fall. Just a few weeks ago, Santa Cruz Hobie Fleet 240 members were snowboarding on the *beach!* Surely this will break soon and we'll all be back out on the water.

Ed Muns
HCA Chair

HCA Bylaws Committee

Rob Jerry, Chair (Division 16) - rastahobie@earthlink.net
Adam Borcharding (Division 3) - adamh16@yahoo.com
Dave Dixon (Division 2) - davedixon@hotmail.com

may /jun 2006

contents

- features**
- 16 Riding the Tiger**
The Crew's Perspective
 - 18 East and West**
A Tale of Two MidWinter Championships
 - 26 Recharging Megawatt**
Bringing an Old 17 Back to Life
 - 30 HCA Division 4 Youth Programs Lead the Way**
Five Programs in the Pacific Northwest Show How It's Done



photo / illustration

credits

Cover – **BrianJoder.com**
 Clean Air Flat Water – **Teri McKenna**
 Contents – **Bill Touchstone, Brian Joder, Means Davis, Morgan Collins**
 Hobie History – **Hobie Cat USA / Hobie HOTLINE**
 Just in Off the Wire – **US SAILING**
 Youth Program – **Hobie Cat Australasia**
 Riding the Tiger – **Bill Touchstone**
 MidWinter's – **Brian Joder / Bill Touchstone / Victor Rodriguez**
 Recharging Megawatt – **bigfoto.com, Ken Hilk, Matt Bounds**
 Division 4 Youth – **Morgan Collins, James Robinson**

columns

- 6 Hobie History**
10, 20 and 30 Years Ago
- 8 Just In Off the Wire**
Late Breaking News and Notes
- 10 Youth Program**
Gearing Up for 2006
- 12 Membership Matters**
A Big Thank-you!



resources

- 4 2006 Regatta Schedule**
- 34 HCANA Officers and Council Members**
- 35 2006 HCA / US Sailing Membership Applications**

on the cover

MidWinter's West - 2006
Photo by Brian Joder

2006 regattaschedule

World Championships www.hobieworlds.com

5th Tiger & 2nd Dragoon **Jul 24-28** Cangas, ESP

North American Championships www.hca-na.org

Hobie 16 Women/Youth **July 21-23** Atlantic Highlands, NJ
 Hobie Tiger / 17 **Aug 7-11** San Francisco, CA
 Hobie 16 Open **Sept 11-15** Narragansett, RI
 Hobie 14 **Sept 23-24** Clear Lake, IA
 Hobie 18 / 20 **Sept 25-29** Lake Texoma, TX

HCA Area Championships

North East **May 19-21** Syracuse, NY www.fleet204.com
MidAmerica's **June 3-4** Lk. Texoma, TX www.fleet23.com
North Central **Aug 5-6** Yankton, SD www.hobiecatdivision7.org
North West **Aug 19-20** Lake Quinalt, WA www.div4.hobieclass.com

Other Events

F-18 North Americans Sep 18-22 Lake Carlyle, IL www.naf18.com

HCA Sanctioned Division Regattas

Division 2—Southern CA / AZ / NV
www.hobiedivision2.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
66	May 6-7	Cinco de Mayo Peurto Peñasco, MEX	Bill Feil	480-706-5898 Bfeil81598@aol.com
434	June 10-11	Lake Arrowhead Regatta Lake Arrowhead, CA	Chris Dunn	909-336-6769 dunndl@charter.net
51	June 17-18	Big Bear Lake Big Bear, CA	Dave Martin	702-914-8099
3	July 8-9	Bluewater Ventura, CA	Jeff Petron	805-388-9759 Luv2roost@earthlink.net
240	Aug 5-6	Mile High Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Dave Koop	davekoop@comcast.net
4	Sept 9-10	San Diego Classic Division 2 Championships San Diego, CA	Scott Wentworth	scottwentworth@ sbcglobal.net
66	Oct 7-8	Piñata Regatta Peurto Peñasco, MEX	Barb Perlmutter	Skipperbarb36@ hotmail.com

Division 3—Northern CA
www.hobie3.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
2	May 6-7	Viento Fiesta Lake Comanche, CA	Dave Atwater	530-582-6831 dcatwater@usamedia.tv
20	May 20-21	Wet & Wild Regatta Woodward Reservoir, CA	Mike Wooldridge	smwooldridge@ sbcglobal.net
Div 3	June 3-4	Round Treasure Island Regatta Alameda, CA	Adam Borcherding	831-818-7117 adamh16@yahoo.com
17	July 8-9	Whitecaps Regatta Union Valley Res., CA	Brent Chartrand	916-337-5603 bcf2web@ whitknucklesailing.com
240	July 22-23	Otter Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Steve Boese	steve@ k9trainingsolutions.com
62	Aug 5-6	Mile High Regatta Huntington Lake, CA	Dave Koop	davekoop@comcast.net
240	Aug 26-27	Moss Landing Challenge Santa Cruz / Moss Landing, CA	Adam Borcherding	831-818-7117 adamh16@yahoo.com
281	Sept 16-17	Shark Feed Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	mike@teevax.com
240	Oct 14-15	Turkey Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Adam Borcherding	831-818-7117 adamh16@yahoo.com

Division 4—Pacific Northwest
www.hobiedivision4.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
95	May 27-28	Splash Regatta Kirkland, WA	Bob Johnson Dan Carpenter	206-604-8686 rgjohnson@seanet.com
214	June 17-18	Jericho Classic Vancouver, BC	Mark Jones	604-983-2319 fleet214markjones@ hotmail.com
95	July 22-23	Sudden Valley Points Regatta Bellingham, WA	Bob Johnson	206-604-8686 rgjohnson@seanet.com
95	Aug 5-6	Smoke on the Water Skamokawa, WA	Chris Kelsey	360-256-3809 ckelsey@pru-nw.com
Div 4	Aug 19-20	NorthWest Area Championships Lake Quinalt, WA	Al Jones	360-249-3388 alan@techline.com
214	Sept 2-3	Division 4 Championships Harrison Hot Springs, BC	Mark Jones	604-983-2319 fleet214markjones@ hotmail.com
95	Sept 9-10	Bellingham Bay One Design Bellingham, WA	Laura Sullivan	425-432-7749 mslauras@earthlink.net
95	Sept 23-24	Westport Points Regatta Westport, WA	Peter Nelson	206-772-2662 nelson.peter@comcast.net

Division 5—Mountain States
www.hobiediv5.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
61	May 20-21	Three Peaks to the Wind Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO	Deb Olsen	debolsen@msn.net
50	June 10-11	Prairie Winds Boyd Lake, Loveland, CO	Sean Tracy	seant@frii.com
61	June 24-25	Tropical Dreams Regatta Lake McConaughy, NE	Steve Titus	sttitus99@yahoo.com
156	July 22-23	That One Particular Regatta Glendo Reservoir, Alcova, WY	Nick Hopkins	wyfleet156@hotmail.com
198	Aug 5-6	Angostura Regatta Angostura Reservoir, SD		fleet198@hotmail.com
67	Aug 18-20	Wild Bill Thrill Flaming Gorge, Reservoir, WY	Jarrod Marx	Marx5461@msn.com
51	Sept 1-3	Mac Attack Lake McConaughy, NE	Steve Titus	sttitus99@yahoo.com

Regatta Scorers - Remember to send your results to:
hobiescores@yahoo.com



Division 7—Prairie States
www.hobiecatdivision7.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
10	May 20-21	Don Coe Memorial Clear Lake, IA	Chris Wessels	641-425-8720 xanderwess@yahoo.com
192	June 10-11	Bent Mast Regatta Lincoln, NE	Mike Brindisi	402-339-4618 mike@selectsail.com
475	June 24-25	Field of Dreams Regatta Storm Lake, IA	Andy Larson	712-732-1532 larsona@iwnet.net
52	July 15-16	Spirit Lake Regatta Spirit Lake, IA	Dale Dorschner	651-799-6806 dale.dorschner@health.state.mn.us
291	Aug 5-6	North Central Area Champs Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	403-558-6568 david.rice@mutualofomaha.com
84	Aug 18	Division 7 Youth Regatta (Wave provided) Des Moines, IA	Jim Sohn	515-544-0680 sailinghobie@dw.com
84	Aug 19-20	Division 7 Championships Des Moines, IA	Angie Wilson	515-967-3561 tarhem@aol.com

Division 10—Great Lakes / Midwest
www.HCADivision10.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
519	June 10-11	Sail 'n Soak Regatta Austin Lake, MI	Win Larsen	269-838-4267 wlarsen@mdecorp.com
276	June 17-18	Regata de Gatos Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net

Division 11—Mid-Atlantic
www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
106	May 13-14	Delaware State Hobie Champs Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net
250	June 3-4	Sandy Hook Sandy Hook, NJ	Jacques Pierret	908-583-6558 PierretJ@coned.com
267	June 10-11	Spray Beach Spray Beach, NJ	Andrew Keller	609-492-1713 amk5@columbia.edu
416	July 15-16	Barnegat Breezer Barnegat Bay, NJ	Dan Ward	609-439-2762 danward@aol.com
443	Aug 26-27	Wildwood Classic Wildwood, NJ	John Shaw	609-898-2150 jhshaw3@comcast.net
416	Sept 23-24	Fall Winds Regatta (16 Div's) Shore Acres, NJ	Randy MacConnell	732-864-1841 rmac5737@comcast.net
106	Sept 30-Oct 1	Sharkey's Cup Regatta Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@speakeasy.net

The following divisions do not have sanctioned regattas or have not submitted their schedules for 2006:

Division 6—South TX, Eastern LA
Contact: Chris Green-281-352-1325, greencj@bp.com

Division 8—South Florida
Contact: Bob Johnson -813-960-1937, hobiebob@aol.com

Division 9—Southern Atlantic
www.hobiediv9.org
Contact: Loyd Graves-919-787-0222, lwgraves@mindspring.com

Division 12—New England
www.hobie-div12.org
Contact: Dave Heroux -401-647-3203, davebarbara448@msn.com

Division 15—Gulf Coast, LA, MS, AL, AR
Contact: Brad Stephens- 850-235-2281, sunjammerspcb@aol.com

Division 13—Mexico/Carribbean/Central America
Contact: Alfredo Figueroa-vientoyvela@gmail.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
138	May 6-7	Regata Castillo / Quesada / López Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecun.net.gt
236	May 13-14	Regatas Nacionales Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
138	May 20-21	Copa Maegli Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecun.net.gt
133	May 26-29	Series III PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Pedrin Colon	kcario@caribe.net
138	June 3-4	Copa Topke Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecun.net.gt
236	June 3-4	Regata de la Marina Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
133	June 10-11	Festival Olimpico Puerto del Rey Marina, Ceila, PR	Pedrin Colon	kcario@caribe.net
138	June 16-18	H16 Campeonato Nacional Atitlán, GUA	Juan E. Maegli	jemaegli@tecun.net.gt
133	June 24-25	Series IV PRHCA Isla Verde Beach, Isla Verde, PR	Pedrin Colon	kcario@caribe.net
236	June 24-25	Regata Mensual Puerto Vallarta, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
904	July 8-9	Copa Cummins Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamak.com.mx
133	July 21-24	Around Culebra Race Culebra Island, PR	Pedrin Colon	kcario@caribe.net
904	Aug 12-13	Multisur Progreso, MEX	Gerardo Diaz Andrea Mier y Teran	52-969-935-1680 gdiaz@grunape.com.mx

Division 14—N. TX, OK, AR, S. KS
www.division14.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
241	May 27-28	Sand Snakes Lake Maumelle, AR	Bob Edmonds	501-868-8801 sales@littlerockweb.com
23	June 3-4	Mid America's Area Champs Lake Texoma, OK	John Webster Rob Kollman	972-250-1152 websterajohn@cs.com 214-226-8698 r-kollman@tci.com
25	June 24-25	Tulsa Cat Fight Keystone Lake, OK	Donna McIntosh	918-224-6573 DLmcintosh@directv.com
27	July 15-16	Prairie Regatta Lake Cheney, KS	Ron Knak	316-722-2949 rik3k@cox.net
27	Aug 26-27	Catchase Lake Cheney, KS	Ron Knak	316-722-2949 rik3k@cox.net
241	Sept 2-3	Arkansas State Champs Lake Maumelle, AR	Bob Edmonds	501-868-8801 sales@littlerockweb.com
251	Sept 9-10	Okie Champs Lake Lawtonka, OK	Briggs Sage	580-248-6396 18hobie@sbcglobal.net
23	Sept 30-Oct 1	Dallas Regatta Lake Texoma, TX	John Webster Rob Kollman	972-250-1152 websterajohn@cs.com 214-226-8698 r-kollman@tci.com

Division 16—Upstate NY, Ontario
www.nahca-div16.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
204	May 19-21	30th MadCatter / NE Areas Syracuse, NY	Barb Caster	315-438-8915 barb@boatworks-ltd.com
183	June 3-4	Ontario Hobie EYC Regatta Toronto, Ontario	Dan Borg	Dan_Borg@toyota.ca
276	June 17-18	Regata de Gatos Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net
119	July 15-16	Hobie Kenobie Angola, NY	Bob Burns	burnsmeup@verizon.net
295	Aug 5-6	Rohrbach Ontario Hobie Regatta Hamlin Beach Park, NY	Marie Gibson	585-234-2453 regatta@fleet295.com
238	Aug 12-13	The Great Sacandaga Regatta Albany, NY	Mike Hands	handsondeck@msn.com

hobiehistory

10, 20 & 30 Years Ago



🕒 In 1976, MidWinters East had over 300 boats – 90% H-16's and H-14's. There were over 50 boats in 16A Fleet alone. This year's event may have been smaller, yet just as fun—the fleets were 90% H-16's and Hobie Tigers.

Hobie Cat Tie Downs

Hobie Cat Tie Downs

- Three or Four" strap system works on 14" or 19" handle without FULL CONTACT.
- Just a few seconds ON or OFF secures boat to any trailer.
- Full 1 year warranty against any defects.
- Leverage applied by a patented over center cam action lock, coupled with 2,000 lb. test strap and hook.
- Order today - 3 strap \$18.95, 4 strap \$22.95 for complete set and instructions. Postage paid in the U.S.A.
- *Required for van top carriers or trailers with towed load.

THE FINEST TIE DOWNS AVAILABLE!



MAG Products

P.O. BOX 36095
DENVER, COLORADO 80238

🕒 Two innovations of 1976: the crotch less trapeze harness and the single axle beach dolly. Both would be refined considerably in the coming years — that harness looks very uncomfortable.



CAT-A-PULLER

Roll your boat over sand, rocks and coral. These tough vinyl rollers will roll here and roll easily on any terrain.

SAVE YOUR SKIN!

Stop dragging the bottom off your boat. LAUNCH RIGHT INTO THE WATER! Salt water won't hurt the most durable rolls or the vinyl rollers and bearings.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE!

\$99.50

Regular price \$127.50.
Save \$28.00 ORDER DIRECT NOW! Includes shipping in U.S. on pre-paid orders.

FLORIDA CATAMARANS

4034 N.E. 5th Ave., FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33334
(305) 565-6955

Florida residents add 4% sales tax.

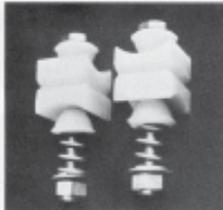
1976

WIND TROLLERS

STRIKE AGAIN



🕒 1976 witnessed a number of innovative add-ons to Hobie's original design. Does anybody remember "Wind Trollers"?

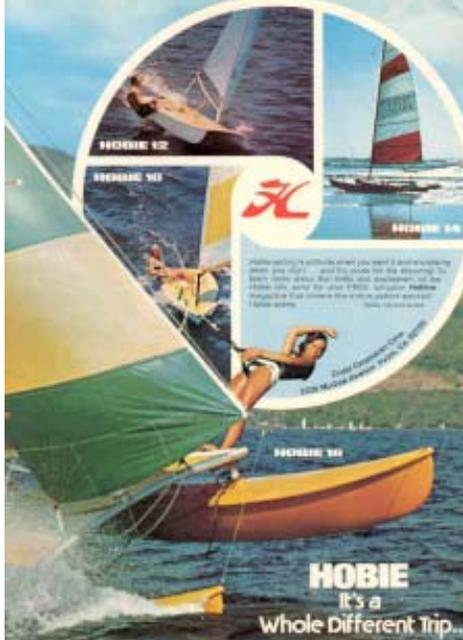


B. H. Teflon Tiller Connectors - \$9.95 set.
Add \$1.00 postage/handling

B. H. Aluminum Mast Holder for trailering.
Will not damage track.
14's - \$15.95 16's - \$16.95
Add \$1.50 postage/handling

B. H. Mast Chips 3/\$1.50
Stainless Steel Nylock Rudder Nuts 4/\$2.25

HOBIE CAT SALES
908 Avenel Road, Joppatowne, MD 21085
Phone: (301) 679-6704



HOBIE
It's a Whole Different Trip...

🕒 The 1976 full product line — the H-10, H-12, H-14 and H-16 is advertised in this magazine ad. You could "send for your FREE full-color **Hotline** magazine that covers the entire action-packed Hobie scene." You can still do that today.

"RUDDER-TRIM" GIVES YOU PERFECTLY ALIGNED RUDDERS WITH A TWIST OF YOUR WRIST.

- LEGAL FOR RACING
- MORE BOAT SPEED
- BETTER PERFORMANCE
- EASY TO INSTALL
- FITS 14 & 16'

© Copyright 1976, Hobie Cat, Inc. Send for "RUDDER-TRIM" today! Send complete check or money order for just \$19.95 to: A&M Enterprises, 3188 Orange Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. California residents add 6% sales tax.

FINALLY!!!



Endorsed by:
Dick Deschamps
Bob Deschamps
Jerry King
Russ Edgington
Rick Edgington

🕒 The tiller connector / crossbar adjustment (or lack thereof) was a significant problem with early Hobie Cats. After a few years, Hobie Cat adopted the B.H. Tiller Connector as a stock item and devised a simpler, lighter version of the "Rudder Trim." Eventually, both would be obsolete by the introduction of the "H-20-style" tiller connectors, introduced 20 years later.

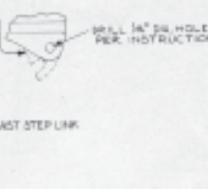
🕒 Not all the changes to Hobie's original design were aftermarket. Hobie Cat introduced the mast step link when the original hook design of the H-16 mast proved inadequate.

NEW MAST STEP LINK FOR THE HOBIE CAT 16

MODIFY MAST BASE



WILL 1/4" DIA. HOLE PER INSTRUCTIONS



A new mast step link has recently been designed by Coast Catamaran which will help eliminate the difficulty of raising the Hobie 16 mast and make it a much safer operation. The new link can easily be converted to the existing mast step and mast base with minor modifications.

This newly designed mast step link can be purchased from your Hobie dealer for under \$3.00 (specify part #2138-050). Before installing it be sure to read the accompanying instructions, noting that the mast step link should be dismantled before hoisting the sail.

ISAF World Sailing Games, May 10–20 in Austria

Tornado Olympic Champions Roman Hagara and Hans Peter Steinacher (AUT) are switching boats, and coming back to Hobie sailing, as they line up for the ISAF World Sailing Games in Lake Neusiedl, Austria from 10-20 May. With very few days remaining until the start in Austria, the numbers continue to swell with Hagara and Steinacher joined by a host of other Olympic, World and Continental Champions, along with some of the top stars from the ISAF World Sailing Rankings. It will be exciting to see the Hobie color on Lake Neusiedl with the men sailing on the Hobie Tiger and the women sailing Hobie 16.



Special Olympics Mississippi Needs Your Help

Greetings:

I am the coach of the **Special Olympics Mississippi Sailing Team**. As you may know, the Hobie 16 is the official sailboat of the Special Olympics USA. Our team from South Mississippi represented Team USA at the 2003 Dublin World Games. South Mississippi's sailors took home for Team USA three medals: Gold and Silver in class A, Bronze in Class B. This was out of a field of seventy teams from around the world. We are currently training and competing for positions on Team USA 2007 for the upcoming World Games in China.

Recently, **Hurricane Katrina took a toll on our sailing program**. The Ocean Springs Yacht Club (host of 2004 Hobie MidWinter's East Championship), our team's home, was blown away. Locked in the OSYC sail lockers were our sails, booms, hotsticks, lines and blocks. Seven sets, for seven Hobie 16's, blown away with the wind. (Imagine—what a great final ride!!) Fortunately, we were able to store the hulls, masts, etc. in a safe place. After hearing of our plight, Special Olympics International has offered us some funds to replace these items along with our marks, flags and life vests. Yet, the grant from the International office will not

cover our replacement costs for new sails and equipment. We are looking to you for support. By offering any replacement parts and /or discounts, this will enable our team to continue to train and educate other Special Olympic Sailors.

In 2003, Harken sponsored Team USA in Ireland and received worldwide recognition for supporting this special program for extraordinary sailors. **We are furthering the Hobie spirit by exclusively using Hobie 16's for Special Olympic USA's Sailing training and competitions. We are hoping that Hobie International will find it possible to support us in our special time of need.** Promotional considerations need to be approved by the Special Olympic Board of Directors. (Something which I do not see as a problem since we did it for Harken in 2003.)

Thanks for your consideration,

Stacey J. Perry
Coach and Unified Partner
Special Olympics Mississippi Sailing Team
(228) 437-1961

North American Multihull Teams at the ISAF World Sailing Games

Women's Multihull (Hobie 16 w/spin)

MEX1
Noriega, Pamela
Mier y Teran, Andrea

USA1
Nelson, Annie
Korzeniewski, Susan

USA2
Tartaglino, Sandra
McKenna, Teri

USA3
Taylor, Elaine
Sheehan, Yvonne

Men's Multihull (Tiger)

CAN2
Carignan, Sylvain
Nadeau, Christian

CAN3
Johansson, Oskar
Stittle, Kevin

MEX1
Noriega, Armando
Cabildo, Javier

PUR1
Figueroa, Enrique
Hernandez, Jorge

PUR2
Mustafa, Ibrahim

PUR3
Colon, Pedro

USA1
Thomas, Greg
Bernier, Jacques

USA2
Jason, Ollie
Jason, Kelli

Robbie Daniel and Hunter Stunzi Win US SAILING Multihull Championship

Pensacola Beach, Fla. (3/23/06)

Robbie Daniel (Clearwater, Fla.) and Hunter Stunzi (Marblehead, Mass.) won the 2006 U.S. Multihull Championship for US SAILING's Hobie Alter Cup, on the final day of racing. Competition was close throughout the five-day event and the team fought vigorously for its win. With the top three finishers posting consistently solid results, second place finishers Nigel Pitt (Harwell, Ga.) and Alex Shafer (Eustis, Fla.) had been in contention for the top spot from the beginning of the regatta. Last year's winners Greg Thomas and Jacques Bernier finished third overall. After 18 heats in varying weather conditions, new champions Robbie Daniel and Hunter Stunzi showed conclusively that consistency is the key to getting to

the podium. "We were careful not to be tricked into going for the big gains when we found ourselves behind," said Daniel, who has been competing in the Olympic Tornado class for the over a decade. "The key was to go for the small gains to avoid the risk of big losses." The winners clearly enjoyed sailing the Nacra 20, a powerful jib, main and spinnaker platform they felt was similar to the Tornado in many respects. Like the rest of the fleet, they also expressed an appreciation for the rotation format that has been developed to self-seed the competitors from heat to heat. This modified round-robin keeps the top sailors sailing head to head as they rotate through each one of the provided boats. For complete results and photos from the U.S. Multihull Championship, please visit the event web site at www.ussailing.org/championships/adult/usmbc. The U.S. Multihull



Championship is sponsored by Rolex Watch U.S.A., which sponsors all of US SAILING's National Adult Championships. For more information about US SAILING's National Championships, visit www.ussailing.org/championships or contact US SAILING's Championships Manager Liz Walker at championships@ussailing.org.

Women on the Water Workshops Update

Some WOW workshops are planned for you this summer. Take a look!

- May 27-Splash Regatta, Kirkland, WA
- June 24-Tulsa Catfight, Keystone Lake, OK
- July 14-Hobie Kenobie, Buffalo, NY

Check out our web site (www.hca-na.org) for more details.

Other Women's events:

- Hobie 16 Women's North American Championships-July 21-23, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

(They are also planning a Guest Expert Program-so don't miss it!)

Get out there and go sailing!!

See you on the start line!

Heather Morrison HCA

Women's Rep

Hobie Tiger Featured in Men's Health

The South African edition of Men's Health magazine had a four-page spread about a writer's first ride on a Hobie Tiger in the April 2006 issue. "MH Challenge - We dare you to try this" challenged readers to try sailing "at its most revealingly raw level."



youthprogram



by Mimi Appel, HCA Youth Program Chair

Is everybody ready for the 2006 Youth Hobie racing season? We are psyched that there are so many opportunities available for our “youts” to show their stuff!

The event to make sure that you attend this summer is the Hobie 16 Youth and Hobie 16 Women’s North American Championships in Sandy Hook Bay, NJ. Mark your calendar for July 21 thru 23. Fleet 250 and the Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club are *thrilled* to be our hosts! The social program is already shaping up to be a blast, with a luau planned for Saturday night’s party. This exciting event will also host a Guest Expert Program (GEP) seminar on July 20, from 1–4 PM.

Gearing Up for 2006!

Events and happenings coming up this season

Dan and Kathy Kulkoski will be presenting the GEP seminar at the Youth and Women’s North American Championships. They have been involved in the Guest Expert Program since 2003. Their classroom instruction is very straightforward and followed by concept matching drills that drive home the fundamental points needed to win races. Dan has placed second in the 2004 and 2005 Hobie 17 Worlds, is the 2000 Hobie 17 Class National Champion and Hobie Wave National Champion in 2003. He is also a U.S. SAILING Certified Instructor Trainer, which means he’s entrusted with teaching the teachers of sailing programs. Kathy is a six-time Women’s Hobie Wave Champion, and she won the Open Hobie Wave National Championship in 2004 as a skipper. As a crew, Kathy was also part of the 2005 Women’s Hobie 16 North American Championship team. You will enjoy learning from the decades of racing, seminar and teaching experience that this GEP team has to offer.

In other Youth news, the U. S. SAILING Youth Multihull Championships for the Arthur J. Stevens trophy will be held in Miami on July 13–16th. Hobie

16’s have been used for the past three years and is again the boat of choice for this year’s event. It is a “bring your own boat” regatta. The event qualifies sailors to participate in the 2007 ISAF Youth Worlds that will be held in Canada. Jami Livingston and his sister Andrea are gearing up to make it a great event. Linda Evans is chairwoman for Miami Yacht Club. Information can be found on line at www.ussailing.com/multihull/stevens/index.htm

HCA Youth Grants are available for both of these events. You may apply for one Grant per season. Please see the HCA web site for details. If you have questions or need help applying, drop me (Mimi) an e-mail or a quick phone call.

I am looking for Youth volunteers that will help send information, past scores and current events to the Hobie Class Web master. If you are interested, please e-mail me pronto. This is the kind of stuff that looks great on a college application.

Let’s get out there and sail this summer! Don’t forget the golden rules...

- 1.) HAVE FUN!
- 2.) Keep the pointy end up.
- 3.) Stay on the boat.



MADCATTER

FRIDAY'S GUEST EXPERT PANEL

MATT BOUNDS, KATHRYN GARLICK, BOB MERRICK, WALLY MYERS, JOHN TOMKO

Registration:

2 person Hobie \$40

1 person Hobie \$30

Youths \$Free\$

Oneida Shores Park

Brewerton, NY

www.fleet204.com

Barb Caster - bcaster@twcny.rr.com

Rules:

The event will be governed by the 2005-2008 ISAF RRS and the IHCA class rules.

Eligibility: Current HCA membership required.
\$100,000.00 (USF) Liability insurance required.

Hotel:

For those who do not wish to camp, contact the Holiday Inn Express at (315) 676-3222.

- o On-site Camping @ Park Campgrounds only
- o Park Usage Fee - \$10 per boat.
- o Friday night hor'dourves & live band
- o Saturday Night Rum Squall
- o Friday: GEP panel, Long Distance Race
- o Saturday Night: Famous Dinosaur dinner \$10
- o Saturday and Sunday Continental Breakfast
- o Sunday Lunch
- o Skipper and Crew T-Shirts Included

Friday, May 19th

10:00 Guest Expert Panel

12:00 Long Distance Race

5:00 - 7:30pm: Registration

7:30pm - 11:30pm: Welcome Party

8:00pm: C Fleet Chalk Talk

Saturday, May 20th

7:00am: Coffee & Donuts

7:00am - 9:00am: Registration

9:30am: Skippers Meeting

11:00am: Warning Flag

6:00pm - 7:30pm: Dinner

8:00pm - 11:30pm: Party

Sunday, May 21st

7:00am: Coffee & Donuts

9:30am: Skippers Meeting (if needed)

10:30am Warning Flag



BOAT WORKS, LTD



Oneida Shores

A HOBIE ONE DESIGN EVENT



by Diane Bisesi, HCA Membership Chair

Spring is here, and I hope everyone is getting ready for the 2006 sailing season! (Or, if you live in Mexico, Guatemala or Puerto Rico, you may have already started racing!) For those of you that have been in the snow all year (like me in Syracuse), now is the time to pay your dues – sailing season is right around the corner.

I would like to thank all of you that have sent in your membership fees for 2006. Our goal is to exceed the number of 2005 members (1,010). We had only reached 70% of that goal by the beginning of April. You don't want to miss any of our great *HOTLINE* magazines! Getting your dues in early will not only help event organizers with registration, but will also eliminate the last minute rush to pay before an event.

We would like to especially thank those folks who support the class with a TopCat Membership. There are twenty so far this year! Thank you very much!

As you all know, our youth are the future of keeping this wonderful sport alive. Thanks to all of those that have donated to the HCA-NA Youth Fund. Youth participation in this sport is so worthwhile. Your support is very

A Big Thank-you!

We recognize our Top Cat Members

much appreciated. Donations to the HCA-NA Youth Fund can still be sent to the HCA Membership Address. Money from Youth Fund goes towards the Youth Grants Program.

When setting my 2006 goals, I looked at my life and how important Hobie sailing and the HCA-NA is to me and my family. My ten year old daughter Sarah has already raced in two Hobie 16 Continentals and has made friends around the country. It is great to be a part of this extended family that enjoys this sport and works at improving their sailing throughout the year to get to the next level of racing. While I was in South Africa for the 2005 Hobie 16 Worlds, I lost my front teeth in a violent capsizing. I received e-mails and phone calls from sailors all over the world that I may only see two or three times a year! It's great to have such support and people that care. I am personally happy to be a part of this and look forward to another wonderful year of enjoying great friends, great parties, competition and fun on the water.

Get those 2006 memberships in!

Fair Winds,
Diane Bisesi

2006 TOPCAT MEMBERS (so far)

Gordon Bagley
Stephen M. Murray
Bill Bone
Ibrahim Mustafa
Adam P. Borcharding
Jeffrey Newsome
Pedro Colon
John S. O'Leary
Daniel P. Flanigan
Paul Parizeau
Jim Glanden
Ed Romo
Ted Lindley
James Sohn
Mick Minette
Brad Stephens
Alan Mohill
Gerald A. Valeske
Mike Montague
Todd Wilson





2006 SOUTH CENTRAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS
HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

June 3 & 4, 2006

Regatta Highlights:

- One of the largest one-design regattas
- Sandy beaches/shaded camping
- Hot showers
- RV sites available
- 5-15 minutes to hotels
- Circus tent for regatta functions
- Intro to racing seminar for new racers

Location:

Lakeside Rec Area D, Lake Texoma, OK

From US-75 near Durant, go west on SH-70 approx 9 miles. Turn LEFT on Streetman at sign to Lakeside. Go 4 miles to park entrance. Tell attendant that you are with the "Hobie Regatta" and you should not have to pay camping. You should receive a free Vehicle Permit

Rules:

This event will be governed by the 2005-2008 ISAF RRS with US Sailing prescriptions, the IHCA Class Rules except as altered by the Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than registration.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to all boats of the Hobie One-design Classes. Skipper or crew must be a Hobie Class Association or IHCA member. Proof of current liability insurance is required.

Classes:

Classes will be determined after all registrations have been received.

Contact Information

General: Rob Kollman 214-226-8698 r-kollman@ti.com

RV's/Registration: Lisa Kizer 940-726-5038/940-902-4404 lakkiz@speednet.com

Park Attendant: 580-920-0176

Check www.fleet23.com for further info

Hosted by:

Dallas Hobie Fleet 23
HCA Division 14



2006 Hobie 16 Youth & Women's North American Championship

July 21, 22, & 23



Hosted By The Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club
Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Eligibility: Current member of HCA of North America or IHCA in good standing. Both members of the Youth Crew shall be under 19 years of age at the start of the event on July 21, 2006. (This modifies IHCA rule 17.7)

Governing rules: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, the current ClassRules, and this Notice of Race, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions.

Weigh-in: Boats and teams may be weighed at any time during the event.

Boats: This is a Bring Your Own Boat event.

Insurance: All competitors must show proof of liability insurance of at least \$100,000.

Advertising: Category C as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Scoring: The low point scoring system will be used.

Accommodations: Check www.fleet250.org for a comprehensive list of local hotels. A limited number of RV sites are available at SHBCC. Tent camping spots are also available.

Entry fees: Youth: \$125 Women: \$175

Schedule:

GEP Seminar: July 20 1-4pm

Registration/weigh-in: July 20 4:30-5:30pm, July 21 9-11am

Skipper's Meeting: July 21 11am

First Flag: July 21 noon

More Information:
Kathy Kulkoski
kkulkoski@aol.com
732-787-4313



**No Gas.
No Motor.
No Problems!**

Everyone has a different idea of what a day on a cat should be. Sunjammers will make it possible!

Visit our site
Sunjammers.com

Sunjammers will have what you need when you need it - for the best price!




SUNJAMMERS
850-235-2281
Authorized Hobie Dealer

Riding the Tiger

The Crew's Perspective

by Jacques Bernier

Matt Miller, Hobie USA: Jacques Bernier and skipper Greg Thomas are the 2005 Alter Cup Champions, 2005 North American F18 Champions, placed 2nd at the Tiger Worlds in Singapore and were the top-placed Americans at the 2005 Tiger Worlds in Santa Barbara. They are four time Tiger North American champions and former Hobie 20 North American Champions among others...

They know their stuff.

Mast and Sail Shape

Greg and I set up our mast with 1 3/4" of spreader sweep and the same amount in prebend. This gives a great sail shape and it is powered up enough in lightish stuff, but will flatten out nicely in a breeze. As the wind picks up, we'll pull more downhaul on and once that is maxed out, start sheeting softer. Only in super extreme conditions will we ever dump the traveler—and even then its just a couple inches max!

Jib shape is kind of built into the design of the sail and there's not much you can do to change it. You can pull tighter on the luff which will flatten it. That's good for flat water and it gives you a higher angle upwind, but this still needs to be balanced with main shape - i.e. too full a main with a flat jib won't be good and vice versa. A slightly fuller jib shape might be a little better in waves.

Crew Weight

A target weight is from the light side around 320 lbs. to 350 lbs. on the high end. No change of prebend or mainsail draft will account for an extra 30-60 lbs. Plus, just going fuller (adding draft) on the main doesn't necessarily mean fast or more power; it also changes the angle of attack, pointing ability and creates back winding problems between the main and jib. The windier it is, the better the extra weight is - upwind that is. Downwind, you'll suffer speed and angle to lighter teams. All of this doesn't really mean much. The most important thing is boat speed and getting a good start.

Sail Trim

Upwind, the biggest thing is just having the downhaul on (tight)—and early. If a puff hits you and the downhaul is pulled on too late, you miss the opportunity to squirt forward. You'll just fly a hull and be forced to steer up, then crash down and bear away. That technique is really slow. You want to maintain a constant heel without much steering input. We find that getting the downhaul on early before the puff hits, and if you see if it's going to be a header or a lift, that it will help you steer accordingly.

If you aren't trapping, and you are sailing in mild winds, look to the main leech tell tales for guidance. You want them disappearing 50% of the time and flowing back 50% - kind of flopping. Too much straight back and your sail is too open; if they are always hiding behind the sail, you are too tight. Keep the jib tails both flowing back straight. Once you are on the trapeze, the visual aids aren't really as important; heel angle is. The tell tails will point slightly upwards on the windward side; that is normal trim.

The square top main is fairly full at the head with light downhaul settings. In lighter air, this helps you fly a hull sooner. However, once you increase the downhaul tension, the top will flatten and twist off. This benefits in heavier air as you lose much of the top forces which cause you to heel. Make sure you are using the soft battens for the top two. You may have to sand down the battens or find some softer ones.

The jib trim is such a minor thing I wouldn't worry about it. The Tiger jib is small, and does not overlap. We usually run our jib traveler car to the inside post - normally just straddling it (not sure how many inches out that is - Greg says it's four fingers width in from the outside). That's about how accurate we get . . . It's not a big deal.



Top: 1520 has a good start in the middle of the line, with lots of room to foot off. 1799 seems to have won the signal boat end of the line, but only time will tell if the boat to weather will be able to roll over them. 1897 and 1149 are buried and will need to tack to clear their air.

Top Right: Enrique Figueroa and Jorge Hernandez show winning upwind trapezing form – toes pointed forward for less water drag and more contact surface with the hull, crew slightly lower than the skipper.

Right: Robbie Daniel and Hunter Stunzi display perfect downwind form – crew strapped in behind the skipper, who drives with the tiller crossbar (letting the Hotstick trail behind the boat). Notice that Hunter is using the aft trapeze wire, normally used by the skipper.



Steering

A still helm is good in light winds and super flat water. In chop you'll need to steer a bit more. Keep in mind, upwind you are trying to sail to weather. This means in puffs you'll need to steer the boat and keep the main tight. Only sheet out once you've maxed the downhaul. Keeping a tight main is super critical to upwind performance. Once you get into winds where you are sheeting out in puffs (around 15 - 18 kts), it is better to keep the helm still and sheet more instead of trying to get higher upwind in the puffs.

Weight Position

In lighter winds our weight is further forward on the boat. The crew is sitting on, or in front of, the main beam and the skipper just at, or in front of, the shroud. While sailing trapped upwind, I'll be at the shroud and skipper behind—and move back from there. I sometimes see people trapping at the front beam—that is too far forward. At low speeds you want the sterns up, at higher speeds you want the bow up.

The skipper sitting at the back of the tramp area before the start allows more control of the rudders. The driver has a better angle to turn the rudders quickly and sharply. Also, with more weight in the back of the boat, more of the rudder is in the water giving more bite to the rudder when steering. We'll

stay in this position until our last acceleration at the gun where I'll immediately move forward (light wind) or trap out to properly balance the boat heel and balance (front to back).

Practice and Tuning

Two boat tuning is great if both teams are equal in speed and weigh about the same. One boat stays rigged the same while the other does a change then tries again. We always train harder upwind to find speed as this is where most of the race is won (or lost). You must be fast uphill so as to be towards the top of the fleet at the first rounding. Then you can cover from the front; much easier than trying to come through the fleet from behind.

Try and sail with other boats for practice. The best way to progress in sailing is to sail against faster teams and watch what they do.

Racing

The main objectives for good starts are a clear lane, being on the favored side of the line and going to the favored side of the course. Accelerating from a standstill at the start requires maintaining a proper boat angle to the wind and position prior to the gun. Rarely are we speeding down a line without traffic. We are normally parked still at the line with more than a

feature

EAST — AND — WEST



A Tale of Two MidWinter Championships



*Tigers work upwind on St. Andrew Bay,
Panama city, Florida during MWE
Photo by Bill Touchstone*



BRIANJODER.COM



VICTOR RODRIGUEZ



BILL TOUCHSTONE



BRIANJODER.COM



BRIANJODER.COM

WEST

MidWinters West 2006, San Felipe, BC, Mexico

February 24, 25, & 26

Rick Buchanan

Light winds and flat seas challenged those attending MidWinters West. The following is from the eyes of the Chairman . . .

Regatta Planning 101 ...

We arrived early in the week to gusting winds causing the entire Bahia de San Felipe to be blanketed in white caps. Stopping by the office of the Hotel El Cortez to check on our rooms with Victor Rodriguez, the hotel manager, we asked if they had any weather forecast for the weekend. Victor assured us there would not be any chubascos (a strong, sudden wind storm), and the wind would calm down, with the air

temperature getting warmer each day. He called it to a "T".

Next, we paid a visit to Ruben de la Peña, the General Manager of the tourism department for San Felipe. Ruben was fantastic in his support of Midwinters West and went out of his way (several times) to arrange our meetings with the Port Captain. Ruben has been around for many years and reminisced about working with Sandy Banks in the 80's.

From there, we reviewed our preparations for the regatta, the Fiesta and the boats that would be available for the RC. The latter proved to be our biggest headache, as the boat we had intended to use as the start boat, a 23' Mako, had developed a water pump problem. The second boat, a Panga, needed to be hooked up to a battery charger for a couple of hours before we could use it. (Not a good thing.) This proved to be our next obstacle since the boat lacked maintenance. The steering shafts and linkage were in dire need of some grease with the motor frozen in place. It was time to go to "Plan B".

We scratched our heads a bit, took a quick inventory of the boats we brought with us, and then took a walk down the Malecon for lunch. Fish tacos of course! Our PRO, Tom Manok, came upon Rene Alvarez, a local Panga owner who came to our aid.

Rene and I met after Tom called me on the VHF radio. With a handshake and a \$20 deposit we had a start boat. However, we still needed a finish boat. Dan and Anne Ketterman graciously offered. Normally the Kettermans use their boat as a mark boat. This left our power boat as the main mark boat. Kim Kymlicka and Ken Frost (our Judges/protest committee) drove Mike Montague's Hobie skiff as one of the pin boats. The other was Tim Gallagher's inflatable from the Oceanside Yacht Club. With the RC boats coordinated, it was time to move on to some fun stuff.

Fiesta Time ...

I had a meeting with Victor who told me that the taco vendor we hired for our Saturday night Fiesta wanted more money than in the original agreement. I was sooo surprised. However, this turned out to be to our advantage, as I had originally contracted with them for 175 people and "finger food." Now, we were told it would be "all you can eat"... until they ran out of food. Hey, this is Mexico, what can I say. I found out later that night during the Fiesta this was definitely in our favor when Victor pulled me aside saying they had run out of food, but not until after serving over 300 plates. WOW! The Fiesta was fantastic. With tacos made to order and margaritas to remember. I recall having two ... That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Racing Recap ...

Saturday's racing proved a test of patience in light winds barely reaching 6 knots. Sunday's wasn't any better (remember Victor's forecast?). In fact, during the one race on Sunday, the RC boats put their wind speed indicators put to use, searching for the 5 knots of wind needed to start a race. The course had to be shortened as the wind kept fading away. Maybe water-skis should be required equipment on the support boats.

In the 16A fleet, (28 boats) Hobie and Scotty Alter were in first place holding off Armando Noriega Jr. and Rodrigo Achach with John Hauser and Becky Campana close behind. They held the lead until

(Clockwise, from top)

Wind was in short supply at MWW.

H-16 Start at MWE, where the wind was much more cooperative than MWW.

Low tide in San Felipe.

Hobies from the air at MWW.

Spectators of a different kind on the beach at the El Cortez Hotel watch the slow motion action on the Sea of Cortez.

EAST

Sunday, when Armando and Rodrigo proved to be the wizards of light air, capturing the top spot.

In the Tiger fleet, Greg Thomas and Jacques Bernier continued to dominate the class by taking first place in every race. Following them around the course in second was Jeff Newsome and Peter Nay. Moving up in the Tiger standings from 2005, Dan Delave and Eileen Haubl finished third.

The 20 fleet had its own battle brewing between the Bartons (Tucker & Carolyn) and Michael Howser and Fei Ren. The two teams swapped 1st and 2nd place finishes, with the Bartons ultimately winning.

16B fleet grew in size from last year with 11 boats. Taking 1st was Wendell and Barbara Maberry followed closely by Paul & Jena Boles. Until the Boles finished 2nd in Sunday's race, they were in 3rd place, four points behind Mark Ashburn and Linda Arbuckle.

In 16C, Clay Ostrom and daughter Sabi, sailed well. At one point, Clay somehow put the boat into irons during one of the races. It was then he discovered that Sabi is a good sailor. Taking the helm, she got the boat moving again in a manner of seconds. Way to go Sabi! ... Clay, get used to crewing!

Denny & Susan Osburn won the 18A Fleet while regatta cosponsor, Chris Jernigan and Karen Richter (The Cat House) came in 2nd. In 18B, regatta cosponsor, Jim Stohlquist (Stohlquist Water Wear) and Christie Schmidt took all "bullets" for a total of 3 points. Jeff Campana, for the second year in a row, took 1st in the H-14 Turbo fleet.

The regatta saw 70 boats registered to race with 63 competing in 8 different classes. The town of San Felipe welcomed us with open arms and beautiful beaches for another fantastic regatta. Sunday night MidWinters West came to a close beneath a gorgeous Baja California sunset.

To everyone who helped with this years MidWinters West ... Muchas Gracias. We could not have had such a great event without you. See you all at MidWinters West 2007! Hasta la vista mi amigos!

Complete MWW results and photos are at www.members.cox.net/midwinterswest

MidWinters East 2006

St. Andrew Bay YC, Panama City, FL

March 11-13, 2006

Matt Bounds

MidWinters East was the event that almost didn't happen. Hurricanes had destroyed our prior two years' venues.

A New Home ...

St. Andrew Bay Yacht Club hosted the 2005 US Sailing Multihull Championships (Hobie 16's) and was receptive to organizing another catamaran event. They may not have realized what they were in for when they invited the Hobie Cats to come visit that second weekend in March. You see, winter-starved sailors of the north need a MidWinters East to give them a little boost until their own sailing season begins. By the time March rolls around, people get a little irrational. They start thinking those twenty hours in a vehicle "aren't *that* bad."

What would the venue be like? Not many of us from up north had been there before. Google Earth showed a small beach, a couple of docks, a boat ramp and a fairly large parking lot. It's hard to judge a facility from a satellite photo. Those that planned to camp wondered exactly where they would be living for the next couple of days.



Bob Curry & Bret Moss, big pointy side down

Hobies Invade Panama City ...

A few boats started arriving Wednesday. By Thursday afternoon, the club's front lawn was a sea of boats and boat parts as sailors de-trailerred, washed, assembled and tinkered with their Hobie Cats. Nobody even thought of going sailing since it was blowing a very gusty 25+ knots.

Fortunately, this would be a more intimate event than in years past. It's unlikely the club could have handled much more than the 27 Hobie Cats sprouting masts on the front lawn. Tents began to emerge like mushrooms in the grassy areas of the boat storage lot. The Fleet 204 motor home was parked in the back corner. The Hobie Way of Life had arrived in Panama City, Florida.

A MidWinters (East or West) would not be complete without a Wrinkly moment. Bruce Fields (Wrinkly) showed up in his huge motor home, towing

his H-17 – then realized he left the wings at home in Arkansas. Bruce was nice enough to hang around with us on Thursday night, though.

Friday morning was sunny, cool and very breezy. By late morning, Mimi Appel and I were itching to go Tigering and spent two hours zooming around the bay. My GPS recorded 21 kts max speed—without flying the spinnaker. The gusty conditions warranted respect.

The wind laid down a bit in the afternoon, and most sailors went out to play in the moderately challenging conditions. A few sails got wet along the way, but there was no serious damage. Afterwards, people were hanging out on the front lawn, socializing and waiting for the oyster roast to begin. Once it did, Kenny Hilck settled in for dinner. You don't want to know how many oysters Kenny can eat at one sitting.

The Racing Begins ...

Saturday morning dawned cool and . . . stinky. The wind had shifted to the northeast, and we were downwind of the local paper mill. Fortunately, by the skippers' meeting, the wind had settled back to the southeast and built to a steady 15 kts. with gusts into the mid-20's. The two-mile reach out to the course was challenging, to say the least.

Mark Santorelli started on time and we embarked upon a long and exhausting day of racing. Five races, each about 40 to 45 minutes, with very little wait in-between. We had to wait on a ship leaving the bay – the captain seemed to think we were too close to his channel and gave us the international signal for “Get out of my way!” (multiple horn blasts)

It didn't take long for the leaders to become apparent in the two major classes. Robbie Daniel / Hunter Stunzi were in charge of the Tigers; likewise, Bill / Sandy Jeffers had all bullets in the 16's. Olli and Kelly Jason were comfortably second in the Tigers; Ken Hilck and Erin LaPorta were second in the 16's.

Some people were not taking the gusts seriously enough. Bob Curry was seen sitting on a Tiger with the pointy end down. Mimi and I demonstrated advanced Tiger pitch-poling techniques. There was a slow trickle of the boats back to the beach as the wounded returned from battle.

Saturday night was rather subdued. People were tired. The yacht club served burgers off the grill at the sailing center and sailors did what they do best—tell stories. The Tiger sailors closed down the house with a



BILL TOUCHSTONE

The lawn at St. Andrew Bay YC was filled with Hobie Cats

break dancing demonstration by Hunter, who reaffirmed our memory that rubbing your face on concrete hurts—a lot.

Sunday was more relaxed than Saturday. The wind was from the same direction, but blowing a more manageable 10 kts, with the gusts to about 15. The results were much the same as Saturday, although Ken/Erin did manage to overtake Bill/Sandy in a race and Olli/Kelly did the same with Robbie/Hunter.

Another MidWinters East was added to the history books. This will go down as one of the good ones. Fantastic conditions, great people, top-notch race management. Thanks to the St. Andrew Bay Yacht Club, their boat owners and volunteers for making this event happen. We could not have done it without your support. We will be back.

2006 MWE - Final Results

HOBIE TIGER											
Place	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Points
1	Daniel, Robbie	Stunzi, Hunter	1	1	1	1	1	2*	1	1	7
2	Jason, Ollie	Jason, Kelly	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	9 DNF	14
3	Hilck, Mike	Conklin, Holly	7*	3	4	5	3	3	3	5	23
4	Grisio, Mike	Grisio, Karen	6	5	5	4	5	4	7*	4	33
5	Jenny, Rob	Sinnett, Darcie	5	6	3	6	6	7*	5	5	36
6	Bourds, Matt	Appel, Mimi	3	4	9 DNF	9 DNF	9 DNF	5	4	3	37
7	Curry, Bob	Moss, Betsy	4	9 DNF	9 DNF	2	4	6	6	9 DNF	40
8	Danigan, Timothy	Danigan, Marie	9 DNF	8	8	6	58				

HOBIE 16A											
Place	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Points
1	Jeffers, William	Jeffers, Sandy	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	19 DNF	8
2	Hilck, Ken	LaPorta, Erin	3	3	2	3	2	1	10*	1	15
3	Gardner, Jim	Stewart, Alexander	2	2	4	2	3	9*	2	3	16
4	Hilck, Steve	Hilck, Carol	4	6	8*	5	5	3	5	7	35
5	Burns, Bob	Burns, Danielle	6	4	12*	4	6	9	3	11	43
6	Blizell, John	Quintana, Alex	8	9	8	7	7	10 DNF	6	4	47
7	Keenan, Mike	James, Tricia	9	8	5	6	16 DNF	4	16 DCS	5	53
8	Stashers, Brad	Hart, Kern	7	12	9	10 DNF	16 DNF	5	7	8	62
9	James, Mike	Hilck, Gabi	10	10	11	10	16 DNF	6	8	9	64
10	Grady, William "Shady"	Stewart, Georgia	5	5	7	9	8	10 DNF	16 DNF	16 DNF	66
11	Remelt, Karl	Preisce, Bridget	12*	11	10	8	9	11	9	10	66
12	Miller, Esan	Hart, Tyler	16 DNF	7	4	2	77				
13	Miller, Steve	Fauzi, Tyler	16 DNF	7	3	16 DNF	4	16 DNF	16 DNF	16 DNF	78
14	Vaughan, Jerome	Vaughan, Daniel	11	13	13	16 DNF	16 DNF	18	16 DCS	8	87
15	Engleke, Ryan	Brown, Timmy	16 DNF	112							

HOBIE 20											
Place	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Points
1	Wyers, Mike	Vanzardi, Kirk	1*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
2	Beach, Scott	Vaders, Rob	2*	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	14

HOBIE 17											
Place	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Points
1	Acquart, Stephen		1*	0 DNF	1	1	1	0 DNF	1	1	5
2	Fields, Bruce		3 DNF	0 DNF	3 DNF	3 DNF	3 DNF	0 DNF	3 DNF	3 DNF	15



If it's
200 Miles
"Upwind"
to the Closest
Hobie Dealer

Let US Be
Your Dealer !

Click and Buy
or
Order by Phone

Thousands of
Replacement
Parts and
Accessories
IN STOCK



Harnesses
Life Vests
Rigging
Righting
Trailing
Gloves
Wetsuits
and
Lots
More


14
16
17
18
20
Tiger
Bravo
Wave
Getaway
Kayaks

fax
972-241-1528

Ask about
our
Fleet Reward
Program

Fleet Member
Purchases
Earn
Sponsorship
Support !



Riding the Tiger

continues from page 17

minute to go. In a World Championships, or larger fleets, if you aren't able to control your position and still point the bows down at the signal, you'll be second or even third row.

Creating some space to leeward and forcing the windward boat up will give you room to maneuver after the gun. You must have some space directly to leeward to foot if you need to. If a boat is directly to leeward, it will be impossible to hold your lane and likely you'll be forced to tack straight away to get clear. If a windward boat is very close, they will go slow too, but be sure that you foot out ahead of him or he will roll over the top of you. It kind of depends on who you start next to. If you find a nice cushy spot on the line next to a slower team—that's a great way to maximize your chances of getting off the line cleanly and holding your lane longer. If you start next to a faster team you'll likely be toast sooner. Look at where you are on the line with relation to the other racers.

Sailing on lakes, you should probably sail lifts on the beats upwind. Since on lakes the winds shift more - when you get a decent header (over 5 to 10 degrees) you might think about a tack. Since these boats tack so quickly, you don't lose much time.

We normally don't outpoint anyone in the fleet. I always think that we are footing, but because our speed is higher we can then use the foils for lift. If you are watching us go upwind from another boat you might think we are sailing higher - but trust me, we are trying to point the boat further down for speed and getting a higher angle from the lift in the foils instead. The thing that people do that is a mistake is to just point the boat higher upwind, by having a flatter jib and so on, but that will just limit your speed. If you foot slightly you'll generate the speed to get a higher angle - kind of like steering up slightly downwind to increase apparent wind to go faster and deeper.

These are my opinions, just giving you what I have experienced in my years of sailing the Tiger. Hopefully something in here will be of help, sometimes too much information is a bad thing. It really is just a matter of practice. Racing as much as possible with faster teams to push you to a higher level. Beyond that, it is all theory.

Hobie Tiger / Hobie 17

North American Championships

August 7-11, 2006

St. Francis Yacht Club

San Francisco, California



St. Francis Yacht Club is a world-class yacht club with excellent facilities and immediate access to some of the most incredible sailing in the country. The club is located adjacent to Crissy Field - a long public beach directly east of the Golden Gate Bridge. The races will be run off the sandy beach at Crissy Field, with easy access to the water and an excellent venue for spectators. Winds in the summer are extremely reliable starting light in the morning and reaching peak speeds typically around 22-25 knots in the afternoon.



Information:

Race Office, St. Francis YC, On the Marina, San Francisco, CA 94123; (415) 563-6363 email: raceoffice@stfyc.com
Website: www.stfyc.com

Accommodations:

www.stfyc.com. Go to "Just Visiting?" and click on "Local Lodging."

Official Notice of Race:

Available at www.stfyc.com or www.hca-na.org



ISAF
International
Classes



RECHARGING MEGAWATT

Bringing an Old Hobie 17 Back to Life

By Matt Bounds

 Wally Myers and I were talking about the upcoming 2005 Hobie 17 North Americans in Rehoboth, Delaware – practically in Wally's back yard. He was lamenting not having enough vacation time to do the event. I was regretting having sold my H-17 a year earlier. The seeds of a scheme were germinating that would benefit us both.

So, I picked up Wally's #1 Hobie 17, "Megawatt". Wally's other H-17 had been struck by lightning and was named "Gigawatt" because of the charge she took. Megawatt was Giga's younger sister—but still a very mature 18 years old. Megawatt's claim to fame was winning the 1997 H-17 Continentals. I found her in Wally's vegetable garden—she had been there for a while and was very dirty. The North Americans were in four very short weeks.

My goal in preparing Megawatt for the Hobie 17 North Americans was to clean her thoroughly, replace anything that was broken or suspect and upgrade as necessary. The keys to winning a five-day event are: keep it clean, make sure everything works and try to keep anything from breaking. These same goals can apply to restoring any used Hobie that's been sitting in your backyard for years.

Cleaning / Assessment

As soon as I got Megawatt home and unloaded from the double-stack, she had a good bath with a scrub brush. The decks were cleaned with non-skid cleaner. Everything was stripped down—all lines were removed from the mast and the platform. I left the tramp on for the time being. After the thorough bath, it was easier to tell what needed attention. The wing sockets on the port hull that wouldn't

hold water would be one thing that needed attention. Wally had hinted there "might be a leak in the wing tubes." Only a big deal if it wasn't fixed.

Mast and Rig

There was a split in the Comptip sail track just below the halyard hook. This allowed the sail's bolt rope to pull out of the track at the top of the mast. Fortunately, Hobie makes an aluminum track piece that replaced the split section and prevents the sail from pulling out. That, and wet sanding / buffing the Comptip, took care of restoring the upper part of the mast. The lower part absorbed a lot of metal polish (silicone spray), but it made the black aluminum shiny and slippery. A few spare parts repaired and upgraded the downhaul to 7:1. The main halyard was replaced and the halyard hook inspected for bending and / or cracking. No problems there.

After watching Wally break a bridle wire on his H-16 at Wildwood, I didn't trust the wire rigging on Megawatt. This boat had lived in salt water and all the wires were original. If I was going to use this boat for more than five days, I would have bought new wires. Instead, I stripped the plastic coating off, thoroughly inspected the wires from end-to-end and wiped them down with silicone lubricant.

They looked OK – no fish hooks. Nevertheless, I used the trapezes off my H-16, since they are the same length as the H-17 and a lot newer than 18 years.

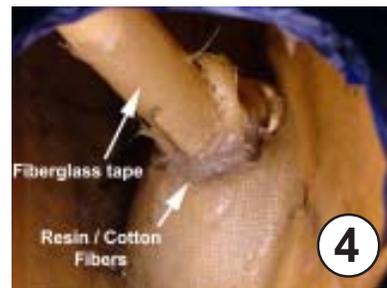
Hobie 17 Wing Tube Repair

1 A shelf paper drape made cleanup easy. A piece of fiberglass tape is draped across the hull at the location where an access port will be installed. The gel coat must be sanded off inside the tube to provide clearance for the tape.

2 Sanding is done with an electric drill, a 1" drum sander and an extension. A homemade swab is used with acetone after sanding and vacuuming. A piece of 2" PVC pipe is used to make sure the wing will fit after the repair.

3 The split before—view through the access port. You can see the black line of the split running up from the support "cone".

4 The split after - a piece of fiberglass tape / polyester resin has been laid down both inside outside of the tube. The joint between the tube and the cone has been filled with resin thickened with cotton fibers to further reinforce the repair. The inside of the tube was lightly sanded to remove burrs and sprayed with a good coating of dry lubricant before the wings were reinstalled.



Hull Refinishing

I spent an entire weekend stripping the old hull stripes off, filling scratches and dings, wet sanding, machine buffing and waxing. The hull stripes came off with a heat gun, a plastic scraper and a lot of elbow grease. The final bits of adhesive were removed with acetone. Bottom scratches were filled with Formula 27 filler. Visible scratches were filled with white gel coat thickened with fumed silica. The repaired areas were sanded with 220 grit wet, then 320, 400 and 600 (all wet) in ever increasing areas around the repairs. The entire hull (not deck) was sanded with 800 and 1000 grits wet, then machine buffed with 3M Rubbing Compound and then 3M Finesse-it II. A final coat of wax and Megawatt looked like she had just been popped out of the mold! The decks were just machine buffed to take off some of the oxidation, but not to reduce the non-skid.

Wing Tube Repair

Once I had figured out that the wing tubes leaked, I needed to find the exact source of the leaks. A soapy water spray down the tube while slightly pressurizing the hull with a small shop vac identified them quickly. Bubbles came from the splits in both tubes on the port hull, both near the bottom of the tube (see the sidebar which explains in detail how to perform this easy repair). The leak in the front tube was much worse, so I cut an access port in the deck so I could reach the inside, too.

Trampoline & Rigging

Fortunately, the 17 has very few sail controls. The boom was stripped down, both the wire and line portions of the outhaul were replaced, and a new in-haul bungee installed. The goose-neck was replaced with the newer version, since the old style has a bad habit of breaking. The tramp was re-laced with bright red

1/4" line. The downhaul was upgraded to 7:1; the line was 37' of 3/16" pre-stretched polyester. The mast rotation control came from my old H-17—a ceremonial piece of the boat that always tried to win a continental, but always came up short. It's nothing more than a three foot piece of 1/4" line, marked where it is set with the rotator pointed at the shroud.

Foils

There was not much to be done here. Megawatt may have been dirty, but the EPO rudders and centerboards only needed a little wet sanding and not much else. The centerboard lines were replaced. Hobie 20 style tiller connectors were already installed, so the rudders were easy to align. The rudder lock-down mechanism needed a little adjustment and lubrication. I bought sister screws and a couple of extra cams just in case. I never needed them.

Final Assembly

I put the entire boat together in the backyard to make sure I had all the bits and pieces. The frame bolts were tightened up with a T-handle hex wrench after using non-seize lubricant on them. The trampoline was laced as tight as I could get it. The re-rigged mast was stepped and the trapezes connected.

The rudder system was fully assembled for the first time. I tested the rudder alignment and lock down mechanisms. Only a few minor adjustments were required, thanks to Wally's tuning.

I would be using my own sail for the event, so I transferred battens, rigged the sail and tweaked the batten tension to get a consistent shape from top to bottom.

A final, finishing touch was provided by Matt Miller at Hobie Cat—brand-new "Hobie 17" stickers for the aft corners of the hulls—just like the new boats!

"New York's largest Hobie dealer"

Over 100 years combined Hobie/sailing experience

Everything you need . . . just add water!



Boat Works Ltd.

230 Bridge St. East Syracuse, NY 315.438.8915 www.boatworks-ltd.com

RECHARGING MEGAWATT

Continues

Testing

When I got to Rehoboth, the scales awaited. The only thing I couldn't fix on Megawatt was how much she weighed. She tipped the scales at 348 pounds; a little on the heavy side, but still very competitive. The new boats were at or below minimum (340 #).

It was important to get out on the water and test everything out before the racing. An evening sail later, I had rediscovered how easy it was to blow out an old style main traveller on the H-17. Again, if this was my own boat, I would have upgraded to the deep profile track or even a new crossbar with the integrated track. Fortunately, I had several spare travellers. I had previously removed the traveller end cap off the track so that the car could be replaced on the water (a knot in the traveller line keeps the car from running out the end). A couple of trips back and forth to the beach to make minor adjustments, check for leaks (none serious) and this project was done.

Megawatt was ready to take on the continent!



Hobiecangas2006

5th Hobie Tiger Worlds 2nd Dragoon Worlds Cangas, Galicia, Spain - July 22-28, 2006

Hobiecangas2006
w Cangas, Pontevedra, España
Email: info@hobiecangas2006.com
Web site: <http://www.hobiecangas2006.com>

OLD TIMERS REGATTA

HOBIE CAT NORTH CENTRAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 4-6, 2006 - Yankton, South Dakota

Friday 4th

9:00 – 12:00

Guest Expert Program Featuring Heather Morrison

1:00 – 5:00

LONG SHOT – 25 MILE ROUND TRIP! Portsmouth numbers used

Saturday 5th

8:30 – 9:30

Registration

9:00

Racing Basics at Beach Shelter

10:00

Skippers Meeting

11:00

First Flag (Early pm break tba)

5:30

Youth Air Mattress Buoy Race

7:00

Dinner and Margarita Tasting Contest! *XXX-To enter bring 1 gallon of your elixir-XXX*

Hosted by Hobie Fleet 291
and HCA Division 7



Sunday 6th

10:00

First Flag

Awards ASAP after races

Registration:

(Rates do NOT include park entry permits which are required.)

Double Handed - \$60.00

Single Handed - \$40.00

Youth (18 – Under) - \$30.00



Directions: Hobie Cat beach is located west of the Lewis and Clark boat marina, 4 miles west of Yankton on highway 52

Accommodations: Tenting: Unlimited availability east of Gavins Point Dam. (No reservation needed)

RV's and pads w/ electricity. Reservations are a MUST. Call 800-710-CAMP or go to www.CampSD.com

Rules: Governed by the 2005-2006 ISAF RRS and the IHCA class rules. HCA membership is required. Liability insurance is required

Contact Information:

Event Chairs: David Rice

402-558-6568

E-mail – mdrice3@cox.net

Tom Wadsworth

605-357-9023

E-mail – tkwadsworth@sio.midco.net

HCA Division 4 Youth Programs Lead the Way

Five Programs in the Pacific Northwest Show How It's Done

By Peter Nelson with contributions from
James Robinson, Gillian Thomson, Mark Jones & Chris Kelsey

The HCA has recently increased its efforts to promote youth sailing. With a resurgence of interest in Hobie Cats amongst the younger set, it seemed only a matter of time before the idea caught on in the chilly Pacific Northwest. Well, if the HCA caught the flu bug with youth sailing, Division 4 has a full case of pneumonia! What started out as a small, but highly successful, junior program on upper Vancouver Island has caught on throughout the Division like wildfire! Here is a report of youth activity in Div. 4. It's really pretty exciting!

Comox

This is the grand daddy of youth sailing programs in the Great Pacific Northwest—not so much in size as much as in heart. It started out meekly a few years ago when James Robinson and his wife decided to involve their two sons, Stuart and Andrew, in Hobie Cats. One thing led to another, and before long they

started a small school. When the public school system showed interest, things went big time, even for this quiet community a two and a half hour drive north of Victoria, BC. It didn't hurt that James and his family are 100% excited and committed to Hobie Cat sailing, or that they live and breathe Hobie Catting!

Now the school boasts seven Hobie 16's, with the latest being added just this past February. They are increasing their fleet by about two boats per year! With no clubhouse and a sailboat yard big enough to fit about 10 boats, what the school lacks in hard assets, it more than makes up for with energy and results. So if you think you need to live in a metropolitan area and have a \$50,000 budget to get a Hobie school going, think again! These people started out on a shoestring in a population of 30,000! If you are looking for a model to copy, this would be it.

And how are the students faring? In 2004, his first year competing, Andrew Robinson placed sixth at the Hobie 16 Youth North Americans. Last year he finished third to Jason Hess and Michael Siau!! This year they may bring five teams to the Youth North Americans.

Kelowna

This vacation resort in central British Columbia boasts one of the most beautiful lakes on the continent. Half way between Vancouver and Calgary, the idyllic waters of Lake Okanagan have a well-established youth program anchored in Hobie Cat sailing through the efforts of Gillian Thomson and Devin & Ron Rubadeau. The Central Okanagan Sailing Association has incredible facilities that would 'wow' any sailor and wannabe youth trainer; including a two-story clubhouse, pier, ramp, and a boat yard that can handle over 130 boats (with 30 of them Hobie Cats).

Kids on the Waves at Sail Sandpoint, Kelowna, BC



MORGAN COLLINS

Seattle

Invigorated by Comox's and Kelowna's success, Fleet 95 (Seattle) embarked on an ambitious youth program in partnership with Sail Sandpoint late last year. Sail Sandpoint is a non-profit sailing center with five Hobie Waves (and other monohull dinghies) geared towards youth and teaching. They didn't have any Hobie 16's – until now! Laura Sullivan decided to change all that and within a month of the program concept had two Hobie 16's donated to the cause. A third is on the way. In addition to the popular Hobie 101 class this spring, Sail Sandpoint will host a week long youth camp on Hobie 16's this summer. Following Comox's example, Fleet 95 enlisted one local, private school for after-school sailing instruction for their students this spring. This program is still in its infancy, but the writing is on the wall that 2006 will be a breakout year.

Portland

When Chris Kelsey heard about what was happening up in Seattle, he got a burn—a burn similar to that youth wildfire spreading quickly across the division. Chris' gentleman nature comes naturally to him. So helping kids was not a hard sell for this guy. He heard about what was going on up north and took the ball and ran with it. The awesome activity in Portland has spawned our first Hobie 101 class in the Portland metro area this coming year. To hear him tell it ...

"I now have an entire Scouting and Sea Scout and transitional youth program promoting the May 7 Hobie 101. I predict this will be the most well attended 101 ever. We have two boats being donated this week to the program but still we will need help with boats. It will be grand!

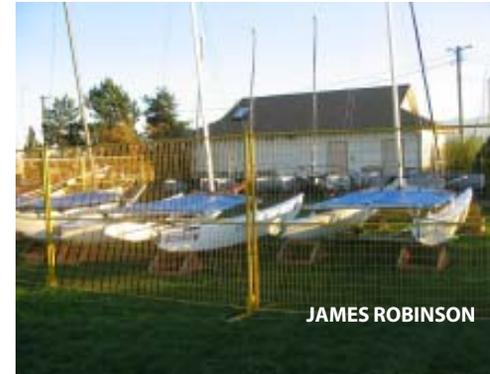
"Too early to tell just yet but it looks like the Sea Scouts are very excited about having several half-way homes provide some more stable youth excited about the Program. I met with one Director of a home this morning and he is really excited about getting involved himself as well as making the youth sailing program available to his kids. He says they will love it and the other homes in Portland will want to get involved as well. Talks are continuing. We will begin running ads for boats and kids soon. We are working on boat storage issues and using the VLSC facilities for the 101."

Vancouver, BC

Unbeknownst to anyone in our division until just recently, a youth prairie fire has been building on the shores of Vancouver, BC. Mark Jones of Hobie Fleet 214 talked the Jericho Sailing Center into cooperating on a youth program. Jericho Sailing Center is another well-established youth and adult sailing site, similar to Kelowna's. Unlike Kelowna, it became a Hobie graveyard during the 90's—housing over 250 mostly derelict Hobie Cats. The past five years have brought about a house cleaning of sorts, and signs of Hobie activity are once again appearing in the compound. Here is Mark Jones' recent report on the status of their youth program ...

"I have started building a youth team here at Jericho. I just came back from buying the fourth Hobie for our youth team. Two more are due this week when the buyers can meet me at Jericho. The Jericho Sailing Center has indicated full support by providing us with an integrated area of Hobie Youth only. They will also provide at no cost the chase boat to give on the water instructions."

Here are five examples to model from—five in one division alone! They have few similarities other than committed people with a heart for helping kids. Big city, small town; big budget, no budget. It doesn't really matter. What matters is the desire! **If you are considering starting a youth program in your area and wish to get more information on any of these programs, e-mail nelson.peter@comcast.net.**



The boat compound at Comox





Don't
mess with
Hobie



2006 Hobie 18 / Hobie 20 North American Championships

October 2-6, 2006
Cedar Mills Marina and Resort, Lake Texoma, Texas

Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority is Hobie Class Association Division 14 in conjunction with the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA).

Rules

The 2006 Hobie 20 and Hobie 18 North American Championships are to be governed by the 2005-2008 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules, the International Hobie Class Association Rules and this Notice of Race, with exceptions as stated in the Sailing Instructions specific to this event. Alternative penalties according to ISAF RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply, except that the IHCA 360 degree Class Rule replaces the 720 degree Turns Penalty. The English text of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions take precedence.

Eligibility

Both skipper and crew must be current and paid member of a National Hobie Class Association in good standing with the IHCA.

Entries

The non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$300US per boat (checks or money orders only) is due by August 31, 2006 and must be mailed to:

Hobie Division 14
8504 NW 88th
Oklahoma City OK 73132 USA

Late entries, if accepted by the Organizing Authority, shall pay a non-refundable fee of \$400US due immediately upon approval of entry.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be posted at Race Headquarters and a copy will be distributed with on-site registration to each entrant.

Accommodations

A limited number of cottage rooms may be reserved by calling 903.523.4222 or online at www.cedarmills.com. The alternate hotel, within 20 minutes drive of the racing site, may be contacted for reservations at 800.761.8111. Recreational vehicle sites are available during the event with full hookups and are located on the Regatta site. Please contact Cedar Mills for reservations. All sites (25) will be held for event participants and staff until August 31, 2006. After which reservations will be awarded first come, first served.

Contact Information

Official Notice of Race available on www.div14.hobieclass.com and www.hca-na.com More detailed information concerning Race Information, Lodging, Directions, Sponsors, Activities, and a warm-up event will be available at the event website beginning March 1, 2006.

Event Chairperson: John Mork
john.mork@dobson.net

Telephone: 405.621.9826 or 405.229.8817

Event Vice-Chairperson: Laurie Cronan
lcronan@evl.net

Telephone: 972.625.4736 or 972.814.7090



Hobie Fleet 10

Sept 22-24, 2006

10am Skippers Meeting

Clear Lake Iowa 50428

Clear Lake Yacht Club

Host Hotel:

Best Western Clear Lake

800-606-3553—\$69.00/night

Registration on-line at
www.hobiecatdivision7.org



Old School Regatta

Hobie 14 North Americans



Hosted by Fleet 10 and ILYA 2005 Yacht Club of the Year CLYC

Clear Lake is located on I-35 in between MSP and Des Moines

HCA Sanctioned Event Rules: RRS & IHCA Class rules 2005-2008 Apply.

Highlights

- \$100 per boat/\$30 youth 18 under
- All meals, trophies tee-shirts included
- 3 days of racing



Hobie Fleet 10

Chris Wessels
5600 Lakeview Drive
Clear Lake, Iowa 50428

Phone: 641-425-8720
Fax: 641-357-6639
Email: xanderwess@yahoo.com

**Lunch on the water every day
Beer on the beach every evening
Sit-down dinner every night
Conveniently located right off I-35**

Life is Good.



2006hcaboardofdirectors



Women's Representative

Heather Morrison
8009 W. Harvest Lane
Wichita, KS 67212
316.729.8417
sail826@sbcglobal.net

elected officers

Chair

Ed Muns
POB 1877
Los Gatos, CA 95031-1877
408.353.1853
w0yk@msn.com

1st Vice Chair

Bob Merrick
141 Short Beach Rd
Branchford, CT 06405
203.488.7820
merrick@egr.uri.edu

2nd Vice Chair

Rob Jerry
118 Stanwood Ln.
Manlius, NY 13104
315.637.7956
rastahobie@earthlink.net

appointed officers

Membership Chair

Diane Bisesi
8763 Weaver Rd.
Brewerton, NY 13029
(T) 315.699.5453
(F) 315.432.5102
hobiemembership@gmail.com

Secretary

Kathy Ward
1331 Robertson Way
Sacramento, CA 95818
916.715.3133
Wardkathy@aol.com

Treasurer

Kathleen Tracy
2625 Jewelstone Court
Ft Collins, CO 80525
970.223.2642
kat@frii.com

Youth Program Director

Mimi Appel
3357 Collins Road
Marcellus, NY 13108-9647
mimiappel@aol.com

Race Director

Paul Ulibarri
3334 Fulton
Victoria, BC V9C 2T9
Canada
250.474.7580
ulibarri@shaw.ca

voting members

DIVISION 1

Bobby Wythes
34 White Sands Place
Kailua, HI 96734-1966
808.261.0294
hhca13@aol.com

DIVISION 2

Dave Dixon
16831 Orchard Bend Road
Poway, CA 82064
858.487.9303
davedixon@hotmail.com

DIVISION 3

Adam Borcharding
522 Columbia Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6511
831.427.1732
adamh16@yahoo.com

DIVISION 4

Jerry Valeski
20831 SE 213th
Maple Valley, WA 98038
425.432.7749
gvaleske@gte.net

DIVISION 5

Dan Brennan
17960 Woodhaven Dr
Colorado Springs, CO 80908
719.337.9389
chairman@hobiediv5.org

DIVISION 6

Chris Green
2220 Brae Lane
League City, TX 77586
281.352.1325
greencj@bp.com

DIVISION 7

Chris Wessels
5600 Lakeview Dr.
Clear Lake, IA 50428
641.357.4577 / 641.423.7638
xanderwess@yahoo.com

DIVISION 8

Bob Johnson
906 Woodcliff Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33613
813.960.1937
hobiebob@aol.com

DIVISION 9

Loyd Graves
4709 Glen Forest Drive
Raleigh, NC 27612
919.787.0222
lwgraves@mindspring.com

DIVISION 10

Jeff Rabidoux
201 N. Squirrel Road #1801
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
248.361.1266
jrabidoux@comcast.net

DIVISION 11

Ron LaPorta
120 Netherwood Dr
Coatesville, PA 19320-1467
610.384.8443
RonLaPorta@comcast.net

DIVISION 12

Dave Heroux
27 Foster Center Rd
Foster, RI 02825-1326
401.647.3203
davebarbara448@msn.com

DIVISION 13

Alfredo Figueroa
921 Verdi St., Reparto Sevilla
San Juan, PR 00924
(787)-607-1381
vientoyvela@gmail.com

DIVISION 14

Mark Bengé
2341 S. Avery Avenue
Midwest City, OK 73130
405.733.0395
RMBenge@aol.com

DIVISION 15

Brad Stephens
17644 Front Beach Road
Panama City Beach, FL 32413
850.235.2281
sunjammerspcb@aol.com

DIVISION 16

Kevin Wilson
8442 Transit Lane
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
315.430.6678
div16@twcny.rr.com



1 HAWAII

on the web

[International Hobie Class Association](http://www.hobieclass.com)

www.hobieclass.com

[Hobie Class Association of North America](http://www.hca-na.org)

www.hca-na.org

[Hobie Cat Company USA](http://www.hobiecat.com)

www.hobiecat.com

[Women's Hobie Cat Racing](http://www.hca-na.org)

www.hca-na.org

[Hobie Product Support](http://www.hobiecat.com/support)

www.hobiecat.com/support

[Guest Expert Program](http://www.hc-na.org)

www.hc-na.org

[Hobie Community Forums](http://www.hobiecat.com/community)

www.hobiecat.com/community

For Local and Country contacts:
hca-na.org

additional resources

Championships Coordinator

Lori Mohney
2812 E Shore Drive
Portage, MI 49002-6581
269.327.4565
hobie01@sbcglobal.net

Guest Expert Program Coordinator

Kim Edmonds
13323 Eagle View Land
Roland, AR 72135
501.868.8801
hobiegep@littlerockweb.com

Sponsorship Director

Steve Leo
268 Quincy Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90803-1637
562.547.9092 (cell)
562.856.7774
steve@infocspromo.com

Scorekeeper

Bill Jeffers
Hobie Feet 204
Syracuse, NY
585.370-9160
hobiescores@yahoo.com

Web Master

Rich McVeigh
14813 Fireside Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20905
301.384.3695
rmcveigh@verizon.net

NAME (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____ Member # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME/CELL PHONE _____ DIVISION _____

WORK PHONE _____ FLEET _____

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

Hobie 14
 Hobie 16
 Hobie 17
 Hobie 18
 Tiger
 Hobie 20
 Wave
 Other Hobie: _____

Please check all that apply

Please send me a new membership card
 This is a renewal I am a new member
 I usually sail as a skipper. I usually sail as a crew.
 I am a Division Chair I am a Fleet Commodore
 Please send me mailings on Hobie-related products
 Put me on the list for the Women's International Class Assn.

Top Cat \$100.00 Patrons and Sponsors
All benefits of Standard Membership, plus your name will be published in the HCA *HOTLINE* \$ _____

U.S. Standard \$35.00 Membership in IHCA, Funding to Hobie Class Association of NA, HCA Membership Card, *HOTLINE* magazine (6 issues) \$ _____

Foreign \$42.00 USD Same as Standard Membership for those sailors not living in the US. The increased cost helps subsidize the expense of mailing outside the U.S. \$ _____

Web \$25.00 Same benefits as Standard but you will not receive magazine. E-mail address required if you want to be notified when HCA *HOTLINE* is on the web. \$ _____

Youth (Independent) \$15.00 Under 21 years of age. Same benefits as Standard. Youth age: _____ \$ _____

Family \$10.00 (Top Cat, Standard or Foreign members may purchase additional memberships for family members at \$10 per card) Same benefits as Standard, but you will not receive the magazine. # _____ cards @ \$10 each \$ _____

Name(s) on Youth/Family card(s): _____ ; _____

Donation to Youth Program: \$10 \$25 \$50 Other \$ _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Release and indemnity agreement:

I acknowledge the risk of injury to my person and property while participating in sailing events. I will rely upon my own judgement and ability while participating in IHCA/HCAofNA sanctioned events and assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of such participation. I will not sue or make any claim whatsoever against the IHCA or HCAof NA, its Division or Fleet organizations or the organizers of events as a result of such participation.

Signature of sailor /Date (Parent's signature if youth is under 18 years old) _____

Payment Enclosed (sus only): check (u.s. banks only) money order
 Charge to: Visa Master Card (check or money order preferred because we have to pay high processing fees for each charge.)

Card Number: _____

Signature of cardholder _____ Expiration date _____

WHAT THE MONEY GOES FOR:
 Class Promotion
 Guest Expert Programs
 Youth Programs
 Standardized Racing
 NAs event support
 Racer support programs
 Regatta Materials for Fleets & Divisions
 Racing Seminars
 Regatta insurance



HCA MEMBERSHIP
 8763 Weaver Rd.
 Brewerton, NY 13029 USA
 Phone 1 315.699.5453
 Fax 1 315.432.5102
 hobiemembership@gmail.com

US SAILING Multihull Council Golden Anchor Membership Form

New Renew Membership ID _____ (if known)

Anniversary Dates are March 31 or September 30

GA memberships paid January 1 thru June 30, 2006, are valid through March 31, 2007
 GA memberships paid July 1 thru December 31, 2006, are valid through September 30, 2007
Golden Anchor Memberships are now accepted for 1, 2 and 3 Years

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

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

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

YES! I want to support sailing's National Governing Body. Count me in at the following level:

- \$ _____ \$ 16 Youth Under 21 or full-time student – birthdate: _____
 - \$ _____ \$ @ 40 Individual Includes individual foreign
 - \$ _____ \$ @ 60 Family For family membership cards, include names and youth birthdate(s)
 - \$ _____ \$ 100 Sustaining – one year (Individual Membership)
 - \$ _____ \$ 125 Sustaining – one year (Family 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 (regularly \$21)*
- Yes, I want to support one or both of these MHC programs:**
- \$ _____ Stevens Youth Multihull Championship Fund
 - \$ _____ Hoyt-Jolley Alter Cup Fund

Please mail with check payable to
 Darline Hobock/MHC - 5373 E. 27th St. – Tulsa, OK 74114
 If questions or problems, please email hobockd@aol.com

All memberships are gratefully acknowledged by US SAILING



WHY JOIN US SAILING?

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

You can become a member of US SAILING, or renew your membership, **at a discount**, while making certain the Multihull Council (MHC) gets credited with your membership as a Multihull sailor. This will help improve the Multihull presence in US SAILING and **save you at least \$10** on your annual dues to boot. All you need to do is send your membership dues to the program administrator who collects them all, consolidates them and sends one check to US SAILING so that the MHC gets credit for them.

Will you support US SAILING with your membership?

Darline Hobock, Program Administrator



Hobie 16 North American Championship Narragansett, Rhode Island September 11-15, 2006

Alexey Sergeev

Venue

Roger Wheeler State Beach, Narragansett, RI USA.

Organizing Authority

Hobie Cat Fleet 448 in conjunction with the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA) and the International Hobie Class Association.

Entries

Entries shall be made on the Official Entry Form only and returned with the non-refundable registration fees to:

2006 Hobie 16 North American Championship
c/o Tina Connor
32-B Eagle Run
East Greenwich, RI 02818 USA

Registration & Fees

Early registration at a reduced rate of \$325.00 (USD) until July 15, 2006. Any registrations received after this date will be subject to the full fee of \$395.00 (USD). All entries received at the event will be charged an entry fee of \$425.00 (USD). Registration fees are non-refundable.

Charter Boats

A limited number of boats will be available for charter through Hobie Cat USA. Please contact Bob Merrick - (203-448-7820), BMerrick@sbcglobal.net - for information.

Competitor's Insurance

Each Competitor must show proof of Liability Insurance with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$100,000.00 (USD) with valid coverage for organized racing in the Northeastern United States. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be received with the Official Entry Form.

Accommodations/Transportation

The host hotel for the event is the newly renovated Lighthouse Inn in Narragansett, RI. Located only 1/2 mile from the race site, this hotel is under new ownership and is currently undergoing a complete renovation for the 2006 season. Rooms are available at a promotional rate of \$89.00 (USD) per night for Sunday through Thursday nights and \$110.00 (USD) per night for Friday and Saturday nights before and after the event. These rates will only be available for a limited time. The hotel is currently closed for renovations and will be reopening in the spring. Please check the event website (www.hca-na.org) for updated information regarding reservations or direct any questions to Joy Nelson at 617-422-4522 or email her at joy.nelson@pioneerinvest.com.

Camping is available at Fishermen's Memorial State Park, approximately 1 mile from the race site. Rates are \$20-\$35 (USD) per night depending upon the services needed. Information can be found at <http://www.riparks.com/fisherma.htm>. Please call (401) 789-8374 for reservations and be sure to mention you are with the 2006 Hobie 16 North American Championships.

Air transportation is available on all major carriers through T.F. Green State Airport (airport code PVD), located approximately 40 minutes from the race site.

Information

THIS IS NOT THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE. Please visit www.hca-na.org for directions, information, and official NOR.

Event Chair: Sean Esten
seanws10@yahoo.com
401-433-2684

Event Coordinator: Barbara Powers
vicecommodore@fleet448.org
401-647-3203



ISAF
International
Class



the *Hobie* TIGER



*Still the
best Ride*

H O B I E

Hobie Cat Company
Oceanside, California U.S.A.
1-800-HOBIE-49 • hobiecat.com

Hobie Cat Australasia
Huskisson, New South Wales Australia
1-800-HOBIE-49 • hobiecat.com.au

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION
of NORTH AMERICA
4925 Oceanside Blvd.
Oceanside, CA 92056
CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 3
Michigan City, IN