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NORTH AMERICAN
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KINGSTON ONTARIO CANADA JULY 17-24



Women & Youth
July 17 - 19

Open Championships
July 20 - 24



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Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), HCA Division 16, Hobie Fleets 183 & 204 in conjunction with CORK / Sail Kingston.

Venue & Dates

The venue for shall be the Portsmouth Olympic Harbor, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. The Hobie 16Y and 16W North American Championships will be held Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19. The Hobie 16 Open North American Championships will be held Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24.

Rules

The event will be governed by the ISAF RRS, the 2009 IHCA Class Rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) will be changed so that only a one turn penalty is required for breaking a RRS Part 2 rule.

Eligibility

The ISAF Competitors' Eligibility Code applies (ISAF Regulation 19). All crew members must be paid members of the HCA-NA (or other National Hobie Class Association). All members of Youth teams shall be under 19 years of age at the start of the event on July 17, 2009. This modifies IHCA Rule 17.7. All members of Women's teams shall be female.

Schedule, Entries & Registration

Women / Youth 1st Warning Signal: 12:00 PM, July 17
Open 1st Warning Signal: 12:00 PM, July 20
Full event schedule, pre-registration discounts and other information is available via www.cork.org or www.hcana.hobieclass.com.

Equipment

All boats will be weighed and inspected prior to competing. It is the responsibility of each skipper to have their boat weighed and inspected at the event site by the Official Weigh Master.



Competitor's Insurance

Each Competitor must show proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) with valid coverage for organized racing in Ontario, Canada. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be available for review at measurement.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the top 20% of pre-registrants in each class at a minimum. 15 minimum for Hobie 16 Open North Americans.

Accommodations

Check www.cork.org for latest information. Camping / RV arrangements TBD

Air transportation

Kingston Airport (YGK) is about 10 minutes away. There are several large international airports within a few hours drive of the site. Check www.cork.org for latest information.

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

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it's all good ...



Just so you know, it's MY fault the Hotline is late. There is a lot happening in the "Hobie World" and it's hard to focus. I have taken way too long to figure out what to write, so blame me!

Let me start by addressing the new rule that was approved at the annual meeting in Iowa regarding accumulating Hobie Points at Non-Hobie regattas. When Bob Merrick and I first started talking about this subject, we were trying to figure out a way to offer areas of the region that may not host many points regattas, the opportunity to earn the ever fun and important Hobie Points. What we came up with was pretty simple: if there is an existing regatta hosted by a non-Hobie entity, that will offer a Hobie class its own start, and there are a minimum of five boats per class they can request approval from the HCA-NA Race Director, the Events Coordinator and the Chairperson. Once approval is granted, the Hobie points will be awarded to those sailors participating according to the current scorekeeping provisions. These events must be sanctioned in advance as there will be no award of points retroactively.

Since the meeting last September, we have had several requests from events and feel that the ones we have approved are in the best interest of their respective areas. But keep this in mind: this is not intended to be a way around the rules regarding open events. There is some subjectivity in the approval process so if the intention and spirit of the rule is not evident, we probably won't approve it. I appreciate all the positive comments and enthusiasm shown regarding this rule.

At this point, we have six approved events scheduled for this year. The Leukemia Cup in Dallas was the first sanctioned Hobie points start. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Division 2 will be hosting a couple of events. Division 3 has the Wine and Roses coming up in August, Division 5 will have an event at Alcova Lake in Wyoming and the Rock Hall YC will have a Hobie 14 start at their June event in Division 11. This is all very exciting, and is a good way to encourage sailing, to promote Hobies to sailors from other one-design classes and make a positive impression.

The other thing I am all giggly about is the Youth changes that were recently approved by our board. The age limit for HCA Youth sailing has been raised to 21 from 19. This brings us in line with the IHCA Rules. Hopefully, this extra time will create lifelong Hobie Sailors. Another exciting development is the addition of the Youth Junior Program, where sailors who are fifteen and under will now be able to compete on Waves if they choose. I think this is great, because there are a lot of young kids not ready for the 16, but are ready to sail in regattas against sailors of like ability. This will give them a great opportunity and build their confidence so that they can progress to a Hobie 16 in time. I know my ten-year-old is jazzed about it. All the details will be outlined in Gordon's report in the near future.

The weather is getting nicer, the water's getting warmer and the summer is almost here! - Chris

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Sunrise at Midwinters West – *The sun comes up on another beautiful day on the Sea of Cortez.*

2009 regattaschedule

North American Championships www.hca-na.org

Hobie 16W/16Y	July 17 -19, 2009	Kingston, ONT, Canada
Hobie 16 Open	July 20 -24, 2009	Kingston, ONT, Canada
Hobie 14	August 21-23, 2009	Toronto, ONT, Canada
HAVAMEGA (Wave/17/18/20/Tiger)	Nov 7-13, 2009	Lake Havasu, AZ

Area Championships

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

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

Division 1

Contact: Dan Williams-808-864-6067, Rollerskate-hi@clearwire.net

Round The Buoy's, Hobie 20s only; the second Sunday of each month, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu

Division 2

www.hobiedivision2.com

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

Division 3

www.div3.hobieclass.com

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

Division 4

www.div4.hobieclass.com

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

Division 5

www.hobiediv5.org

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

Division 6

www.div6.com

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

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Division 7

www.hobiecatdivision7.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
10	May 30-31	Clear Lake Regatta Clear Lake, IA	Todd Wilson	641-691-0203 todd@hollingsworthnfg.com
444	June 6-7	Muddy Waters Regatta Lake City, MN	Karl Brogger	507-301-9019 sogncab@yahoo.com
474	June 20-21	Spirit Lake Regatta Spirit Lake, IA	Division 7	hobiecatdivision7@yahoo.com
475	July 11-12	Division 7 Championships Bald Eagle Lake, MN	Kevin Chase	651-429-7971 kcchase@comcast.net
291	July 25-26	Lewis & Clark Lake Yankton, SD	Dave Rice	402-558-6568 david.rice@bankofthewest.com
84	Aug 15-16	Des Moines Regatta Saylorville Res., IA	Roger Taha	515-262-9497 rtaha@mchsi.com
475	Sept 12-13	Storm Lake Regatta Storm Lake, IA	Andy Larson	712-732-1532 larsona@iwnet.net
Div 7	Sept 25-27	Lake Calamus Regatta Lake Calamus, NE	Chris Wessels	641-357-4577 chriswhobie@yahoo.com

Division 8

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

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
45	June 5-7	Kelly Park River Regatta Merritt Island, FL	Gina McDonald	mattgina@cfl.rr.com
80	June 20-21	Gaulden Reed Memorial Summer Sizzler - Daytona Beach, FL		www.fleet80.com
111	Sept 5-6	Rudder Club Labor Day Regatta Jacksonville, FL	Rudder Club of Jacksonville	904-264-4094 office@rudderclub.com
USSA	Oct 18-19	United States Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup Clearwater, FL	US Sailing	ussailing.org/multihull
	Nov 21-22	Alter Cup Area D-South Qualifier Clearwater, FL		
	Nov 28-30	IWCA Wave Youth Nationals Key Largo, FL	Rick White	305-451-3287 rick@catsailor.com
	Dec 4-7	IWCA Wave Women's Nationals Key Largo, FL	Rick White	305-451-3287 rick@catsailor.com

Division 10

www.HCADivision10.com

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

Division 11

www.div11.hobieclass.com

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
250	June 6-7	Sandy Hook Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
267	June 13-14	Spray Beach Spray Beach, NJ	Ron LaPorta	610-384-8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
RHYC	June 27-28	Rock Hall YC Annual Regatta (Hobie 14 ONLY) Rock Hall, MD	Ron LaPorta	610-384-8443 ronlaporta@verizon.net
	July 4 (alt 7/6)	Statue of Liberty Race Sandy Hook, NJ	Kathy Kulkoski	732-787-4314 kkulkoski@aol.com
443	Aug 15-16	Wildwood Classic Cup / 18 Divisional Championships Wildwood, NJ	Rob Wagner	609-923-1355 Rob.Wagner@verizon.net
416	Aug 29-30	Barnegat Breezer / 16 Divisionals Barnegat Bay, NJ	Fred Myer	215-646-4193 hobnut@aol.com
Div 11	Sept 12-13	Shore Acres YC Hobie Regatta Shore Acres, NJ	Rob Wingender	732-673-1772 rawingender@comcast.net
54	Sept 27-28	Rock Hall YC Regatta / 17 Div's Rock Hall, MD	Dan Flanigan	410-821-6761 dflp135@msn.com
106	Oct 3-4	Sharkey's Cup Regatta Rehoboth Beach, DE	Bill Colgan	302-475-9083 hobie106@verizon.net
	Oct 17-18	Area C Alter Cup Qualifier Berkely Is. Park, Lanoka Harbor, NJ	Mark Santorelli	mark@hobiebrat1.com

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Division 13

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HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
138	May 30-31	Regatas de la Marina Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
904	July 10-12	Copa Cummins Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamak.com.mx
904	Aug 15-16	Copa Alliance Progreso, MEX	Alberto Ponce Andrea Mier y Teran	52-999-930-1300 aponce@megamak.com.mx
236	Aug 22-23	Regata Mensual Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Aug 29-30	Regata Jose Mabarak Veracruz, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Sept 12-13	Regatas de la Independencia Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Oct 3-4	Regata del la Luna Lake Chapala, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Oct 17-18	Copa Marinazul Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Oct 31- Nov 1	Regata Oktoberfest Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com
236	Nov 14-15	Regata de la Revolución Valle de Bravo, MEX	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555 hobiemex@hotmail.com

Division 14

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HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
241	May 23-24	Sand Snakes Lake Maumelle, Little Rock, AR	Chuck Blair	501-680-4299
27	June 13-14	Prairie Regatta Lake Cheney, Cheney, KS	Stu Morrison	316-729-8417 sail826@iscglobal.net
251	June 27-28	Okie Champs Lake Lawtonka, Lawton, OK	Bill & Peggy Coe	580-529-2224 coe4302@aol.com
27	Aug 22-23	Cat Chase Regatta Lake Cheney, Cheney, KS	Stu Morrison	316-729-8417 sail826@iscglobal.net
23	Sept 5-6	Mid America's Area Champs DCYC, Lk Lewisville, Lewisville, TX	Dennis McCredie	940-597-1414 waterman876@yahoo.com
25	Sept 19-20	Tulsa Cat Fight Keystone Lake, OK	Kenny McIntosh	918-232-7919 kmcintosh@fmi.net
23	Oct 3-4	SheGatta (WHCA) Lake Ray Roberts, TX	Sheila Holmes	940-637-7485 sheilaholmes@ntn.net
23	Oct 10-11	Daggerboard Divisionsals Lake Tawakoni, Tawakoni TX	Bob & Sue Mirlitch	903-447-4111 sue_and_bob@verizon.net

Division 16

www.nahca-div16.org

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL
276	June 13-14	Regata de Gatos Port Burwell, Ontario	John Bauldry	248-620-4768 jmbauldry@comcast.net
183	June 27-28	Flying High Regatta Toronto, Ontario	Dan Borg	Dan_Borg@toyota.ca
119	July 10-12	Hobie Kenobie Angola, NY	Bob Burns	burnsmeup@verizon.net
295	Aug 8-9	Rohrbach Ontario Hobie Regatta Hamlin Beach Park, NY	Steph O'Connor	585-654-8493 tiger999@rochester.rr.com

Criteria for Schedule Inclusion

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

hobiehistory

15, 25 & 35 Years Ago

1974



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We are proud to announce the HOBIE 10, the newest addition to our Hobie family. The HOBIE 10, which will make its debut in June, is a fast, high-performance racing hull designed with our younger skippers in mind. She is made of high impact ABS/acrylic plastic, is a light weight boat (approximately 100 lbs.) with a insurance mount, kick-up rudder, self-bailing cockpit and an aluminum centerboard. To give our new little boat an extra "pizzazz" all the metal parts are coated black. The Hobie Class Association welcomes the new HOBIE 10 aboard!



Chris Christensen and his wife Pauline on their way to winning the 4th Annual Culebra Regatta in Puerto Rico. Chris was a driving force in the early development of Hobie Racing in southern Florida. Sadly, Chris passed away in March of this year. RIP, Big Guy.

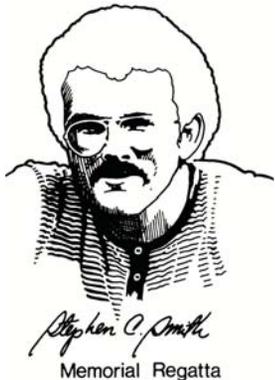


Two new Hobie products were introduced in May of 1974 - the Hobie Hawk RC glider and the Hobie 10 sailboat.

The girls of Coast Catamaran posed with this hot pink Hobie 14 that was awarded to Playboy's 1973 Playmate of the Year. Which current Hobie employee is in this photo?

Steven C. Smith was a Hobie sailor at the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club (Florida Hobie Fleet 43) who passed away from leukemia in early 1974. The first Steven C. Smith Memorial Regatta was held in June of that year.

The 35th Steven C. Smith Regatta was held in April of this year - and the Hobies were still there.



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1984

Despite the glassy calm in this photo, the 1984 Midwinters West did manage to have four races in two days. Attendance? **366** Hobie Cats. John Hauser, who placed 12th in 16A that year won MWW this year.

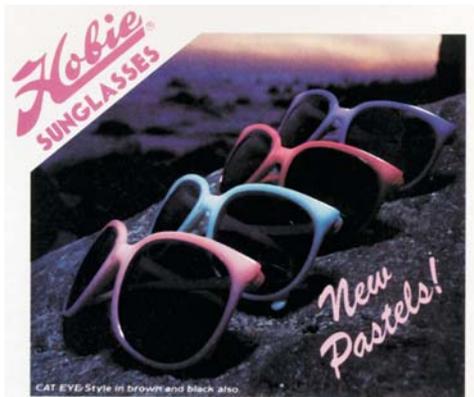
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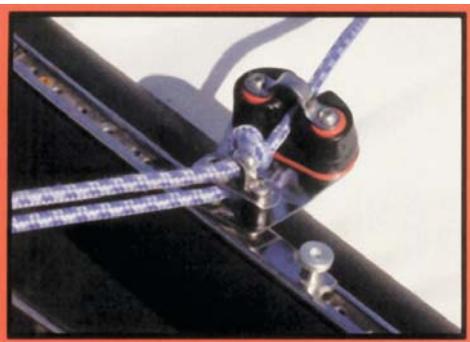
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The "Crew Saver" jib traveller for the Hobie 16 looks remarkably like the Tren-Tec delrin "knuckle" style jib cars, which were not produced for another year. Was this an early prototype?

1994



Hobie Cat introduces an alternative jib traveller / cleat for the 16 that retains the old metal-on-metal slide. In another year, the traveller tracks would be integrated into the crossbar extrusion.

Sweet 16 And Never Been Cleated?



In 1994, ten-year-old Tanya Goversen (circled in the photo above) was tearing up the Hobie 14 Turbo circuit in Florida.

1 S AC F	6 S AC AC F
2 S ABC F	7 S AC ABC AC F
3 S AC ABC F	8 S ABC AC AC F
4 S ABC AC F	9 S ABC AC ABC AC F
5 S ABC ABC F	11 TWICE AROUND
Leave all marks to port	

Does anybody still have one of the "Hotline Beach Chairs" from 1994?



Courses were a lot more simple 15 years ago - no gates, no offset marks - and no passing lanes. Courses may be more complicated now, but the racing is much more interesting.

Notice of Race



HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Schedule of Events:

Friday	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Welcome Party – Location To Be Announced
Saturday	8:30 - 10:30 am	Registration at the WindJammer RV Park
	10:40 am	Skippers Meeting
	12:00 am	First Warning Signal Scheduled
	7:00 pm	Dinner
Sunday	9:30 am	Skippers Meeting (optional)
	11:30 am	First Warning Signal Scheduled
	3:30 pm	No races will start after 3:30 pm.

Registration:

Youth Single Handed (skipper under 19 years of age at time of event)	\$10 US
Youth Double Handed (skipper & crew under 19 years of age at time of event) ...	\$20 US
Single Handed	\$35 US
Double Handed	\$55 US
Unemployed.....	Free

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

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

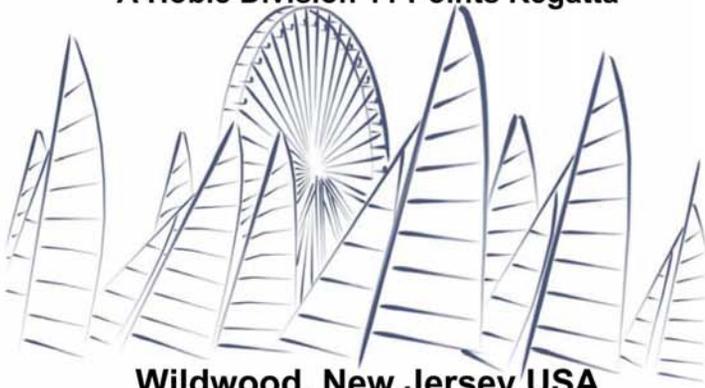
www.oakharbor.org/pages.cfm?id=13&pid=45 - Takes you to the web-site with pictures and prices. Two tents per campsite are allowed. No reservations, first come, first serve. Full service for RVs, nice bathroom for tent campers.

Contacts: Race Organizers Laura Sullivan msslauras@hotmail.com 425-432-7749
Jerry Valeske gvalueske@q.com 425-432-7749

Notice of Race

WILDWOODS CLASSIC CUP XXV

A Hobie Division 11 Points Regatta



Wildwood, New Jersey USA
August 15th & 16th, 2009

Organizing Authority

Hobie Class of North America (HCA-NA), Division 11, and Hobie Fleet 443

Venue

On the beach between Morey's Adventure Pier and Morey's Mariner's Landing Pier, located between Schellenger Avenue and Spencer Avenue in Wildwood, NJ.

Rules

The event will be governed by the ISAF RRS, as prescribed by US Sailing, except as modified by the sailing instructions and the IHCA Class Rules. Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration check-in at the regatta site.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to all Hobie One-design Classes. An entrant must be a member in good standing of HCA-NA (or other International Hobie Class Association).

Registration Fees

	On-Line	On-Site
Double Handed Boats	\$70.00	\$80.00
Single Handed Boats	\$60.00	\$70.00
Youth	\$35.00	\$35.00

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: 3 DAY MULTIDAY DAY PASS FOR MOREY'S AMUSEMENT PIERS, WATER PARK AND T-SHIRT FOR EACH ENTRANT AND SATURDAY'S ENTERTAINMENT.

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Website for Registration and more information:
<http://mysite.verizon.net/HobieFleet443>



<http://www.moreyspiers.com>



<http://www.wildwoods-nj.com>



Schedule

Friday	Registration Open	6 to 8 pm
Saturday	Registration Open	8 to 10 am
	Skippers Meeting	10:15 am
	First Class Flag	11:00 am *
	Dinner and live entertainment	6:00 pm
Sunday	Skippers Meeting	9:00 am
	First Class Flag	9:30 am*
	Awards	TBD
	* Weather permitting	

Accommodations

Website: <http://www.moreyhospitality.com>

The following motels have agreed to give participants a 10% discount:

Blue Palms (800) 242-8386
 Starlux Motel (609) 522-7412

RVs and Tent Camping on the beach at the regatta site no charge. Note: no electric or water hookups available.

Directions

Exit 4B from the Garden State Parkway. Follow Route 47 East into Wildwood. Turn left onto Ocean Avenue. Go 11 blocks, past the Convention Center. Stop at Schellenger Avenue. After 1:00 pm on Friday we will open and will direct you to the staging area. Please don't expect the area to be open before 1:00 pm Friday.

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A Letter Regarding the Hobie 10

Editor's Note: As noted in the Hobie History section of this HOTLINE issue, the Hobie 10 was introduced 35 years ago this month. Coincidentally, we received the following by e-mail a couple of weeks ago:

I was just reading the history of Hobie on your web site and wanted to contribute a detail: The Hobie 10 was produced - for only a short period of time, as the site notes - in the early/mid 1970s - a bit later

than you state. I was a dealer in Peoria, Illinois at the time and purchased 3 boats - and sold 2. I still have the third boat which carries the HIN CCMK08630874. I'm pretty sure that the last 4 digits are the month and year of manufacture - e.g. August 1974, which is the time period when I bought the boats. The boat was fairly unique for the time - and still is to a great extent - insofar as it was manufactured from thermoformed ABS plastic, not fiberglass. Mine has seen me racing it in Illinois, sailing it in Wisconsin, shipping it to France, then to Belgium then teaching my kids to sail it here in Belgium where I live and where it hangs from the ceiling of my garage, waiting for the next generation. It's a great little boat and if you want more information about it, I still have the original documentation and can provide photos. The only thing really missing is the non-skid tape on the deck - the adhesive eventually gave up. Slap on some new nonskid and she'll be like new.

Hoping that this is of interest and wishing you all the best,

Ted Fagerburg
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Belgium

HAVAMEGA Update

The Crazy Horse Campground facility at Lake Havasu is now ***OPEN*** for reservations. If you have the need to place reservations and secure a particular location, then now is the time.

Please be advised that Crazy Horse has a full payment in advance at the time your reservation is made. We tried to find a way around this, but it is a long standing policy with Crazy Horse and is largely because they have something of an exclusive place in the area, with a lot of demand.

If you do not have a special need for a particular space, there will be ample spots available if you should be making reservations nearer to the date of the HAVAMEGA event. Crazy Horse has given us a special rate of \$30/\$35 per day, instead of the \$35/\$40 normal price. This rate will expire on October 15th, 2009, so if you want the savings, then be sure to make reservations before that date.

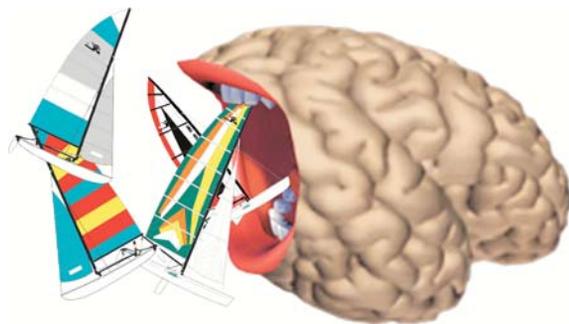
Most all spaces have water and power, and others are full service RV spots. Feel free to relay any further questions to me. I will respond as quickly as possible.

Thank you kindly for your patience,

Gordo Bagley
HAVAMEGA Regatta Chairman



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by Chris Bradshaw, HCA Women's Rep.

There's a New Gal in Town

Introducing the New HCA Women's Representative

Editor's Note: The North American Hobie Class Association officially has a new representative for Women's Sailing. Christina Bradshaw was nominated and has accepted the position as the womens rep. Chris hails from Bucyrus, Kansas (not far from Kansas City). HCA Chairman Chris Wessels interviewed her for the Hotline:

HOTLINE: How long have you been sailing?

BRADSHAW: Twenty some odd years.

HOTLINE: How did you get into sailing?

BRADSHAW: I started sailing at a very young age when my dad decided to find an inexpensive family hobby. His fun "hobby" turned into weekend road trips to nearby (and not so near) regattas. From the moment I stepped foot onto a Hobie I was hooked and now I try to find any excuse I can to get out on the water.

HOTLINE: What are some recent sailing accomplishments?

BRADSHAW: I don't know about accomplishments but I've really enjoyed learning and gaining more experience through the dif-

ferent events I've been fortunate to participate in.

Last year I crewed for Matt Bounds in the 16 open, skippered with Angie Wilson in the Women's and crewed for Jim Sohn during the 18 open. The year before that I was just as busy participating in the same three events as well as local regattas throughout the Midwest, skippering some and crewing during others.

Editor's Note: Chris is quite modest - she has won two Hobie 18 North American Championships crewing for Jim Sohn.

HOTLINE: What have you done to support womens sailing thus far?

BRADSHAW: I believe one of the most important ways to encourage women's sailing is by just doing it! Its important for everyone, but especially for women, to be willing to "try" new things and stretch yourself when the opportunity presents itself. There have been many times when I have been anxious about doing something (or scared out of my mind!) but I just went for it anyway and I've never regretted it!

Before the emphasis on women's sailing was even thought up or before it had even crossed my mind that *most* "girls don't skipper", I was



DORINE LAWRENCE



STUART CRABBE

out in the big blue sea at age 15, with my 100 lb crew, Lacey Quick, fighting the huge swell and trying to control more power in my main sail than I'd ever experienced! We had been sponsored (the old fashion way of passing around a hat) to participating in the NA youth event in Santa Cruz (and for two corn state girls that was one of those opportunities to stretch).

I hope that I also encourage, inspire and challenge other women to realize and go for their "sailing dreams"!

HOTLINE: What do you want to do in the future to help increase womens sailing?

BRADSHAW: My main goal would be to build a community and create an atmosphere within our "Hobie way of life" that is more

open to discussing the challenges women face in regards to sailing. There are many reasons why it can be difficult for women to become more avid sailors, everything from our own fears to raising kids and other life responsibilities. I think recognizing these challenges and sharing ideas and solutions can provide tremendous support.

With that being said, I want to hear your ideas and thoughts on what you would like to see happen. What sort of topics would you like to see addressed? How can I help encourage you and the women you know to get out on the water?

You can reach me at ctaba@hotmail.com

Stretch a Little This Summer!



STEVE BRUNSDEN

This Old Hobie

Gelcoat Chips & Dings

By Rick Buchanan

The weekend's over, and the regatta has come and gone. It's time to put your boat back on the trailer. As you do, you misjudge your aim just enough to slam your Hobie's bow into the metal crossbar or maybe the top of one of the roller guide shafts or brackets. Maybe this isn't what happened at all. Maybe you were rounding a race mark behind another boat and gave them a little push to help them on their way, or you misjudged crossing tacks with your best friend on the race course and you rammed your bows into their rudder castings. Hopefully, you're still friends, but now you have some dings in the gelcoat to repair (photos **1** and **2**).

When the damage is made, check to see if any fiberglass needs immediate repair, or if there is a hole through the hull. With luck, only the gelcoat was chipped.

Fumed silica is the thickening agent of choice to make gelcoat putty.

It's so light, that even though it's a powder, it behaves like a liquid. It's also a desiccant - it will dry out your skin on contact.



Fumed silica is sold under the trade names of Aerosil®, Cab-o-Sil® and WEST System® 406 Colloidal Silica.

It's readily available from West Marine, Jamestown Distributors or any number of other on-line retailers.

So, what do you do now to fix the damage? This type of repair is one of the easiest to make to fiberglass, resin and gelcoat. First clean off the damaged gelcoat and surrounding area with acetone and a clean rag or paper towel. If the damaged area is close to any vinyl registration numbers or graphics, be extra careful not to wipe them with acetone as it may seriously damage them. Remember to wear a good quality filter mask and protective gloves whenever you use any of the chemicals we mention in our repair articles.

Next, using a Dremel tool with a coarse grade sanding drum (photo **3**) carefully sand the perimeter of the chipped gelcoat to smooth it over where there may be sharp angles (photos **4** and **5**).

With the damaged area ready for some new material, it's time to make gelcoat putty. If you don't make repairs all the time you may want to try the factory pre-made putty. Making gelcoat putty is really simple to do; all you need is the correct color gelcoat and some thickening agent. I use a fumed silica product, like Aerosil® or WEST System® 406 Colloidal Silica. A note about fumed silica ... it's extremely lightweight. The lightest breeze will blow it all over, so plan to do your mixing on a windless day or find a good way to block the wind. It's also a respiratory tract irritant, so wear a mask when working with it.

To start, take a piece of wire coat hanger and bend it into an elongated "L" shape to use as a mixer with a cordless drill. It really doesn't make too much difference how long it is, but it does help to have it straight and without bends in the shaft (photos **6** and **7**). The icing container from a Pillsbury cinnamon breakfast roll works perfectly as a vessel in which to mix the gelcoat and fumed silica (photo **7**). Be sure the bottom part of your elongated "L" is slightly



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shorter than half the diameter of the mixing cup. Next, pour off an adequate amount of gelcoat into the container adding some fumed silica. Using a cordless drill, spin the piece of coat hanger. Slowly mix the gelcoat and fumed silica together. The mixture will change to a buttery consistency as seen in photos **8**, **9**, **10** and **11**.

Prior to filling the damaged area with this new filler, take a pencil and put some small squiggle marks around the repair area (undamaged area) (photos **12** and **13**). These marks will be a guide when you sand and shape the new material into the surrounding surfaces.

The next step is to add the correct amount of catalyst (methyl ethyl ketone peroxide or MEKP) to the putty and, using your custom mixing stick, mix thoroughly. The amount of catalyst to use may vary with different colors or brands. I've found darker colors of gelcoat need more catalyst to cure. If you're not sure how much to use, experiment with small batches.

With the putty catalyzed and ready, use a small one-inch putty

knife, or a flexible squeegee to apply it to the damaged area. Try to put the new putty on the repair area close to the original shape but allow enough extra for sanding, shaping, and buffing. After the putty is in place, spray a small amount of PVA (polyvinyl alcohol - mold release wax) to seal the surface from the ambient surface air to insure a tack free surface. If you don't have any PVA try covering the repair area with some glossy Mylar film or wax paper. This makes sanding easier later on.

Let the putty dry hard. Then sand and shape your new filler, bringing your Hobie back to its original factory shape (photos **14**, and **15**). Depending on the size of your repair, use a power sander with 320 grit sandpaper gradually working up to 600 + grit, followed with a power buffer and rubbing compound. If power tools aren't available the job can still be done by hand, using a metal file (not a rasp) and small wooden sanding blocks.

There you go...chips are gone and your boat isn't ugly anymore!



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Midwinters West

STORY BY RICK BUCHANAN



DOS DÍAS MAGNÍFI

Two gorgeous days in San Felipe, Mexico is the best way to describe Midwinters West this year. With the regatta pushed back on the calendar Mother Nature gave us warm sunny days, gorgeous Sea of Cortez blue skies, and great racing. No *chubasco* this year!

There has been an enormous amount of reluctance, fear and apprehension to travel south of the international border into

Mexico. These feelings have been fueled by the numerous news reports from television, newspapers, forums, and the US State Department's travel warnings. Our fears were put to rest as no one involved with the regatta experienced anything newsworthy.

The only difficult situation this year (besides sailing the wrong course) was the wait at the border on the way home, courtesy of the US border agents and new road construction.



ELLIE MARTIN

COS EN SAN FELIPÉ

Tom Manok, our principal race officer, managed to pick up a large nail or bolt in one of his tires as he pulled up to one of the local watering holes. Ruben de la Peña, the Manager of COTUCO (tourism office) arranged for a local “Taller” (mobile tire repair) to come to the El Cortez Hotel and take care of the repair for Tom — for \$10, WOW! This wouldn’t happen in the United States (at least not for \$10!).

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Most travelers to San Felipe head off to the Malecon (pier, or Main St.) for a lunch of fish tacos and an ice cold beer or margarita. They make the best fish tacos in the world! Have you ever had a Rubio’s restaurant fish taco and thought it was pretty good? Take a guess where Ralph Rubio got the idea. The original is even better! Besides their world renowned fish tacos, San Felipe has fantastic fresh shrimp cooked any way you want.



ELLIE MARTIN



ELLIE MARTIN

(clockwise, from right):

The trophies were made from a mold taken from the Carlton Tucker Sportsperson of the Year Award (currently held by Rick Buchanan)

Last minute sailing instruction review - Tom Manoc, Rick Buchanan, Kim Kymlicka and Barbara Buchanan

John and Linda Hauser - 16 A champions

Dave Martin shows off for the camera (held by his wife, Ellie)

Unlike 25 years ago, everybody at Midwinters West could fit into one photo. While the attendance was down, everyone had just as good a time - maybe even better!



ELLIE MARTIN



ELLIE MARTIN

This year we had 20 Hobies on the water competing in 5 classes. On Saturday with winds blowing around 6 – 8 knots we ran 5 races. As the sail numbers were radioed to me onshore, it was clear that the first 4 places were very competitive.

The largest class was 16A with 13 boats. The 16B & C classes, although small, were fierce on the water with Carl & Judy Delfino holding off Scott Myers and Barb Perlmutter. Rich Sellers and Kim (the lone C class boat) duked it out with the Bs, and had a great time doing it. Denny and Susan Osburn took 1st place honors in 18A with a string of first place bullets. Watch out Stephen Cooley...Denny & Susan are training for HAVAMEGA with a passion!

New to Hobie sailing (and in San Felipe just by chance) were Todd Bailey and Angel Drobnica, from Lummi Island, Washington. Todd & Angel were on a two month touring vacation and in San Felipe when everyone started showing up with their Hobies. Not wanting to sit back, waiting to see what was

competitors who are fortunate enough to bring family or friends to our regatta we do have extra dinner tickets available. The menu is, of course, traditional Mexican fair with tacos, rice, refried beans, chips, salsa, guacamole and drinks. This year's fiesta dinner had the best food yet; even Bill Weidner from Fleet 207 in Maine would have enjoyed it! There is music and dancing for all to enjoy and of course the camaraderie of good friends.

Sunday, with winds up to 11 knots, we ran another 3 races giving the competitors a chance to "double trap". Roger Brown (16A) from Lake Forest, CA had this to say about the racing and courses "*They were well laid out – pretty square lines and gates. I don't think the RC had a sense of how fast Hobies go though*". Ken Donnelly (18C) from Vista, CA said "*The food (seafood) was fantastic, inexpensive, and abundant. The locals were helpful, nice, and curious. I felt safe there regardless of the media. The weather was almost perfect, warm water, warm sunny breeze. Would have been better if Mother Nature had Sunday's weather on Saturday to take advantage of the warm heavy winds. It was worth the drive and I'd do it again!*" George Burchfiel from Corona, CA must have enjoyed the trip saying, "*That was only my third MWW but I must say it was my favorite...A great weekend of sailing, eating, drinking, laughing, resting, and just plain fun*".

Regarding my earlier reference to wrong courses, Rex Miller says it better than me, *safe trip; great weather; great friends – if only I hadn't left my brain on the beach, we might have won enough races to win the regatta*. If it hadn't been for Rex's OCS and a DNF (what's that about?) he certainly would have been in the money for one of our coolest trophies ever. Oh wait! We do give out an award each year for the "Oldest Hobie Regatta Shirt" worn at trophy presentation. Guess who received it this year! You guessed it... Rex. It's something we do to "keep it fun".

Speaking of trophies, I created them by making castings off of the Carlton Tucker Award presented to me last October. They resemble a piece of whale bone with the boats carved into them. This whale bone carving was then mounted on a piece of Sapele wood from Africa. It's my way of sharing this special award with those who made it possible in the first place. Without all of you and the Hobie Cat events we promote and attend, the award would not exist. Thank you all.

We hope to see you next year in San Felipe for the 40th Anniversary of Midwinters West. Mark your 2010 calendars with our tentative dates of March 19, 20, & 21.

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DE HOBIE!**



BARBARA BUCHANAN

happening they walked over to our registration table and started asking questions. The next thing we knew they were registered for the regatta and wearing event T-shirts. Welcome aboard Todd & Angel. With Denny Osburn and Chris Jernigan helping fine tune their 18 our new friends took first place in 18C.

Grand Champions this year in 16A and their first win at Midwinters West are John and Linda Hauser of Huntington Beach, Calif. John and Linda gave up 4 of the 8 first place finishes with Rex Mitchell (Nevada) taking one of them, while Rex Miller (Calif.) was able to grab two, leaving Jeff Perlmutter (Arizona) to claim the fourth.

With Saturday's races finished for the day and logged in the computer scoring program, it was time for our traditional poolside fiesta dinner. This fiesta is made possible with funding from the HCA-NA Area Championship Grant. It is free for all competitors and Race Committee members to enjoy. For those

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Midwinters East

STORY BY BEN WELLS



BEN WELLS



It's 1022 miles to Panama City. There are four boats on a trailer, ten people in a van, it's getting dark, and well, some of us have sunglasses. This is precisely the phrase that trickled through my head as I left Iowa City with a group of Division 7 sailors bound for Mid Winters East. But let me start at the beginning...

Andy Larson, a Hobie 16 sailor, was itching to race. The Iowa winter had been long, and his mainsheet hand was starting to twitch. He did a little research about upcoming regattas, trying to find something that he could attend. He stumbled upon the Mid Winters East regatta.

A trip from Iowa to Florida isn't exactly cheap. So Andy made a few phone calls to friends to generate some interest. The more sailors that came along, the cheaper the trip would be. Eventually he recruited Roger Taha, Chris Wessels, Dick Graves, Dave Rice, Karl Brogger, Ryan Richardson and myself to make the trek to the sunshine state with him. His two daughters, Casey and Alex, were lucky enough to go along as well, miss school and to crew for Andy and Roger.

We decided that driving straight through the night was the best option. We drove. And we drove. And we stopped for gas. And we drove. Chris, Ryan, Dick, Roger, and Karl all took turns behind the wheel. We stopped in Mississippi to check out a possible future regatta site. After a tour and a great lunch, we headed for Panama City.

After 20 some hours riding in the van with very little sleep, a weary group of sailors arrived in Florida around 4 PM. We dropped off our trailer, found the motel and a place to eat. After dinner we returned to

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the
motel,
had a few
drinks, and
went to bed to
rest up for a day
of sailing Saturday.

We woke up to wind,
rain, and cold. PRO, Matt

Bounds, made the decision to call of the
racing for the day. It was too windy, and the weather
report indicated that strong storms were coming . The
sailors gathered at the beach and Brad Stephens
welcomed everyone explained the plan for the day's
events. No one was excited about setting up boats in
the rain, so we all just stood around and talked for a
while. Eventually people scattered to wait out the rain.

Around 2:30 in the afternoon the weather broke.
By 3:30 the beach was busy with teams setting up their
boats wanting to go sailing. A few 16s, some Waves, a
couple 17s, and a 20 all went out to enjoy what could
be saved from the day.

Supper that evening was on a boat docked in the
bay. The food was great and the service was better.
After the meal, our group went to enjoy a few games
of bowling. We had a lot of fun. I dominated every-
one, though Chris will never admit it. We went to bed
early that night after looking at the weather forecast
(which predicted a day of heavy winds).

For once, the weather forecast was correct! Sunday
brought cooler temperatures, and more importantly,
some great sailing wind. Matt did a remarkable job
getting everyone on the water and running four races.
There were a few capsizes here and there, but nobody
was complaining once we got back to the beach.

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Boats were torn down, and awards were held.

After we re-loaded our massive trailer with the addition of a new Hobie Wave for Chris, we left sunny Florida for snowy Iowa. Along the way, we decided it might be good to stop somewhere so we could clean up a little bit. Not only would we feel better, but it would reduce the chance of leaving a permanent stink in Andy's van. We found a motel near Montgomery, Alabama. Everyone chipped in some money. We had access to a hot tub, a shower, and we even had some pizza delivered. After a couple hours, everyone feeling rejuvenated so we got back in the van for the drive.

The drive home was relatively uneventful. We attempted to sleep, and some of us did. Several gas stations later we arrived back in Iowa City. It was noon on Monday and I was thankful to be out of the van. I wouldn't have traded the trip for anything. It was the experience of a lifetime. How often does a college kid get to go on a road trip with some of his good friends to go sailing anyway?

A special thanks goes to Brad Stephens for hosting a great Mid Winters East. Despite some cloudy and wild weather, he was able to show us Iowa guys the sunny side of Florida.

2009 Hobie Midwinters East

Final Results

Hobie 20

Name	Sail	Races				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4		
1 Andy Humphries Chris Amador	854	1	(2)	2	1	6	4
2 Kevin Smith	504	2	1	(3)	2	8	5
3 Michael McNeir Renee Evans	852	3	(4.0 DNF)	1	3	11	7

Hobie FX-One

Name	Sail	Races				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4		
1 Karl Brogger	434	(2.0 DNF)	1	2.0 DNF	2.0 DNC	7	5

Hobie 14

Name	Sail	Races				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4		
1 Rick Adams	63074	1	(2.0 DNC)	2.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	7	5

Hobie 17

Name	Sail	Races				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4		
1 Paul Garlick	6507	1	1	1	(4)	7	3
2 Jim Glanden	6967	(2)	2	2	1	7	5
3 Kathryn Garlick	6498	(4)	4	3	2	13	9
4 Wally Myers	5281	3	3	(4)	3	13	9
5 David Rice	6588	5	6	5	(7.0 DNC)	23	16
6 Bruce Fields	6969	(7.0 DNC)	5	6	7.0 DNC	25	18

Hobie 16A

Name	Sail	Races				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4		
1 Taylor Palmer Julian Roots	110224	(5)	1	2	1	9	4
2 Randy Payne Janet Payne	111467	(2)	2	1	2	7	5
3 Ken Hilk Carol Hilk	110267	1	(6)	3	3	13	7
4 Bill Jeffers Rakel Holmes	110665	6	3	(15.0 DNC)	4	28	13
5 Roger Taha Casey Lason	105339	3	5	(6)	5	19	13
6 Slim Johnson Brook	110434	(9)	4	9	6	28	19
7 Ryan Richardson Ben Wells	111489	4	8	(10)	8	30	20
8 Andy Larson Alex Larson	110425	(11)	7	8	7	33	22
9 Karl Renelt Bridget Precise	8	7	9	7	(11)	34	23
10 Taylor Reiss Michael Whitehead	109894	(12)	11	4	9	36	24
11 Larry Culler Judith Culler	111540	(10)	10	5	10	35	25
12 Shady Grady Glenn Purcell	108600	8	(15.0 DNF)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	53	38
13 Jerome Vaughan Emily Vaughn	102614	(15.0 DNS)	12	11	15.0 OCS	53	38
14 Daren Hoffman Glen Holmes		(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	60	45

Hobie 16B

Name	Sail	Races				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4		
1 Michael Aregood Robert Cox	110523	1	1	1	(5.0 DNC)	8	3
2 Larry Ferber	143	2	(5.0 DNC)	2	1	10	5
3 Sullivan Madewell Ben Rutland		(5.0 DNC)	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	20	15
4 Don Davey Laura	29	(5.0 DNF)	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	20	15

Hobie Wave

Name	Sail	Races				Total Points	Net Points
		1	2	3	4		
1 Stan Woodruff	6	(1)	1	1	1	4	3
2 Chris Wessels	16	(9.0 DNF)	3	2	2	16	7
3 Dan Birkholz	11	3	2	3	(4)	12	8
4 Dick Graves	7	2	(4)	4	3	13	9
5 Kenneth Duffield	94	(9.0 DNC)	5	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	32	23
6 Sharon Woodruff	51	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	36	27
6 David White	66	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	36	27
6 Rick White	50	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	36	27



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"Dude! We just won Midwinters East. Do you know what that means?"

"Yeah. We beat a bunch of old people."

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AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

The Birth of the Trapseat

By Ben Wells

Many of us rarely stop to think how lucky we are to be able to do what we do. Sailing is a joy, and I'm sure all will agree a bad day on the water will always beat a good day at work. What about sailors who have a handicap? How do they get out and do what they do? This is precisely the question Mike Strahle asked after a skiing accident

left him a quadriplegic. He did a little thinking, and with some ingenuity and help from a local welder, Trapseat sailing was born.

In 1985 Mike stopped at a muffler shop on his way home, and instructed the local welder there to make a frame that would support a hammock type seat for his boat. Three weeks later, he sailed in the Whiskeytown Regatta, and that began disabled sailing on the west coast. Since then, Trapseats are manufactured and sold all across the world, and disabled sailing has grown in popularity. The 1988 San Diego Classic hosted the first Trapseat National. There have been world events in 1994, 1996, 2002, and 2005.

Trapseat racing has several similarities to regular Hobie racing, but it also has some very major differences. For instance, only the crew person can trapeze at any time, and the max wind speed trapseat sailors will sail in is around 17 knots. The biggest difference, however, is the manner in which Trapseat sailing is done. The rule reads, 'When racing, no part of the torso of the helmsperson shall pass the centerline of the boat.' That's right. The driver of the boat is always on the same side of the boat for the entirety of the race. All of the rules we follow apply to Trapseat sailing, except when a trapseat rule overrides it.

Miles Moore has been sailing nearly all of his life. He began Trapseat sailing in September of 1998. He



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has since become a huge promoter of this sailing style. He runs a disabled sailing program out of Hobie Fleet 926, in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho/Spokane, Washington area. He works with and teaches sailors of any disability and any sailing level. He says there are many challenges a handicapped sailor faces. Most will have an able-bodied person to help them set up and rig the boat. The individual sailor will have to re-learn techniques, like tacking and gibing, along with learning to drive the boat from the low side. One of the biggest things Miles promotes is safety. Sailors who have had leg or back injuries can be susceptible to greater injuries. Miles shows sailors the safest way to capsize and to avoid hitting their legs and back. Along with his program, Miles also

helps new sailors find boats and gets them set up with all the proper equipment to get sailing.

When Miles heard about the Lake Havasu Mega event this year, he made the suggestion there be a Trapseat class. Upon consultation with the organizing authority, we are pleased to announce that there will now be an official Trapseat class in addition to all the racing classes at the HAVAMEGA. We are all very excited to have this group join the event. Miles hopes that they will get about 20 boats to Lake Havasu.

To learn more about trapseat history or get involved, check out the web site managed by Moore at http://www.sailcda.com/Education_Clubs/TRAPSEAT_NEWS/Trapseat.htm



2009 Hobie 14 North American Championship

August 21 - 23, 2009



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), HCA Division 16 and Hobie Fleet 183.

Venue and Dates

The Etobicoke Yacht Club located on the North Shore of Lake Ontario will host the 2009 Championship. The Etobicoke Yacht Club is located at 300 Humber Bay Park Road West, Toronto Ontario Canada. Phone number for EYC is 416-259-1159 or www.eyc.ca. Sand beach launch. Racing begins on Friday August 21 through to Sunday August 23rd, 2009. EYC is located 10 miles from Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

Rules

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

Eligibility

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

Schedule, Entries and Registration

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

Competitor Insurance

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

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

Awards

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

Accommodations

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

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

University of Toronto - New College Residence: Rooms from under \$100 - located in the heart of Toronto, dorm style and includes free full breakfast, internet, local calls, address:40 Willcocks St, Toronto Ph 416946-0529 (5 miles from regatta site). Others see www.Toronto.com/hotels

Event Chair: Dan Borg dborg@toyota.ca

Event Hosts: Chris Ufton / Clive Warwick / Neil McNeil





2009 SOUTH CENTRAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION ★ NORTH AMERICA

DALLAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB ★ LEWISVILLE LAKE, TX

September 5-7, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

★ Organizing Authority

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

★ Venue

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

★ Rules

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

★ Eligibility & Insurance

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

Proof of current liability insurance is required.

★ Schedule (Central Daylight Savings Time)

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

Award presentation ASAP after last race on Sunday

★ Registration Fees

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

★ Classes

Classes will be determined after all registrations have been received.

★ Sailing Instructions (SIs)

Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration.

★ Hotels / Motels

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

★ Camping / RVs - FREE

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

★ Directions



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

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

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



★ Contact Information

Further Details www.hobiefleet23.com / www.dcy.org
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rjohnson@seanet.com
972-735-9661 h / 972-497-7532 o
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HCA Youth Grants

Purpose of the Youth Grant

The purpose of the Youth Grant shall be to assist Junior and Youth sailors in attending Championship Hobie Cat events, including, but not limited to:

- Youth events sanctioned by the Hobie Class Association of North America
- Youth events sanctioned and organized by the International Hobie Class Association and held in conjunction with other IHCA Worlds events

These Youth Grants shall be issued without financial obligation on the part of the receiving teams, however, the Youth Grants shall be subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in these guidelines.

Grant Request Guidelines

The following parameters are those that have been set forth by the HCA Executive Council as the minimum criteria to be met by youth teams wishing to apply for a financial grant for attending eligible events.

- Both skippers and crews must be HCA members.
- Skippers must sail in at least three (3) HCA-sanctioned events during the qualifying season prior to petitioning for a grant. Exceptions may be made at the Council's discretion when seasonal considerations justify

such action. They may sail as a skipper or crew in those events.

Teams must submit the following documents to apply for an HCA Youth Grant:

- 1) An essay explaining why they should receive the Grant.
- 2) A resume of sailing training and experience.
- 3) Planned expenses for the event in question.
- 4) A list of HCA sanctioned regattas attended in the current year and finish positions.
- 5) A personal reference (parent or coach, for example) must be named to provide assistance in administration, disbursement and management of the Youth Grant.

At the conclusion of the event the following must be submitted:

- A detailed expense report outlining expenditures and disbursement of the Youth Grant monies, signed by the reference individual.
- An article about their experience in the event in question, to subsequently be submitted to the **HOTLINE** through the HCA Youth Chairperson.

Selection Process

All Youth Grant requests shall be submitted to the current HCA Youth Chairperson 60 days prior to the event. No requests subsequent to that date will be considered for that year.

Youth Grant requests shall be reviewed by the HCA Council and awards to qualified teams shall be announced a minimum of 30 days prior to the event. To be considered for a Youth Grant, all information requested **must** be provided by the due date, without exception.

Youth Grants shall be awarded based on several factors, including but not limited to: funds available, number of requests received, needs of the individual teams, and requirements of established youth programs serving a number of Youth teams.

Questions should be directed by e-mail to the current HCA Youth Chairperson: **Gordon Bagley**, gnbii@msn.com





HAVAMEGA

on Lake Havasu

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2009 Hobie Wave, Tiger, 20, 18, 17, 16 Trapseat HCA North American Championships

with Hobie FX-One, 16, 14, Getaway HCA Points Regatta and Bravo, Adventure Island Exhibition

November 8-13, 2009 at Lake Havasu City, Arizona

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), HCA Division 2 and Hobie Fleet 88

Venue & Dates

The venue for all classes will be in Lake Havasu City, across the London Bridge, on The Island. Hobie Tiger, FX-One, 20, 18, 17 and Waves will launch off the Crazy Horse Campground beach area and race in the North Basin of Lake Havasu. All other classes will launch off the Rotary Park beach and race in the South Basin of Lake Havasu. All races will be held Monday, November 9th through Friday, November 13th, 2009.

Rules

The event will be governed by the 2009-2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, as prescribed by US SAILING, the 2009 IHCA Class Rules, the Hobie 16 Trapseat Rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 (Penalties at the Time of an Incident) will be changed so a one turn penalty shall be required for a breach of Part 2 rules. Hobie Wave NAC Class will be governed by the IWCA class rules.

Eligibility

The ISAF Competitors' Eligibility Code Applies (ISAF Regulation 19) for ISAF International Classes. All skippers and crew participating in North American Championship Classes must be paid members of the HCA-NA (or other National Hobie Class Association). All skippers participating in the HCA Points Regatta portion of this event must be paid members of the HCA-NA. Exhibition classes are not required to be HCA-NA members to participate.

Schedule, Entries & Registration

Event schedule, Pre-registration and other information will be available via havamega.com

Please visit www.havamega.com for the most current information

Equipment

All NAC Class boats will be weighed and inspected prior to competing. Each NAC Class may elect to waive weigh-in if that class agrees unanimously. Inspection is mandatory and it is the responsibility of each skipper to have their boat weighed (if necessary) and inspected at the event site by the Official Weigh Master. All HCA Points Regatta skippers have the responsibility of making certain their boats meet the requirements of the IHCA rules governing each of their respective classes.

Competitor's Insurance

Each Competitor must show proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) with valid coverage for organized racing in the Southwestern United States. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be available for review at registration.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the top 25% of pre-registrants (30 days prior to the event) in each class at a minimum. Other awards will be presented in special categories meriting recognition.

Accommodations

The Nautical Beachfront Resort – 928-855-3955 Host Hotel
The Island Inn – 928-680-0606 Co-Host Hotel
Crazy Horse Campground – 928-855-4033
Special rates mention 'Hobiecat Racing'
Check VRBO.com for houses/condos in the Lake Havasu City area.

Air Transportation

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

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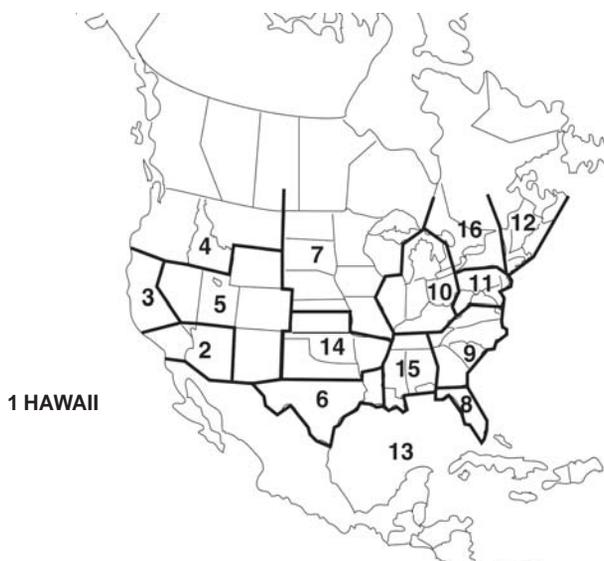
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2009 Membership Application

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

(please print clearly)

Renewal

PRIMARY MEMBER

New Member

Division # _____ Fleet # _____ Member # _____

Primary Member Name: _____ M F

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State/Province: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ DOB (If Youth): _____

FAMILY MEMBERS

(NOTE: Family memberships are limited to a max of two adults. Youth members must be under the age of 19 as of **Dec 31, 2009.**)

Family Member Name (Adult): _____ M F

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

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

Please check all that apply:

- I am a Division Chair I am a Fleet Commodore
- Please send me Hobie-related product mailings.
- Please add me to the Women's IHCA list.

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

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

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, and *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. \$ _____

Family \$10.00 each (Top Cat, Standard or Foreign members may purchase additional memberships for family members at \$10 per person.) Same benefits as Standard, but no additional copies of the magazine. \$ _____

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

Youth (Independent) \$15.00 Same benefits as Standard. Youth members must be under the age of 19 as of **Dec 31, 2009.** \$ _____

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

Release of Liability - Waiver of Claims:

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

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

Total: \$ _____



Send Completed Form with
Check or Money Order (Payable to HCA) to:

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Official Use Only:

Date Paid: _____

Check #: _____ \$ _____

User ID: _____

Comments: _____



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



Anniversary Dates are March 31 or September 30

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

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

John Williams is the MHC Golden Anchor Administrator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\$ _____ **Total**

Please print and mail with check payable to

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

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

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

- A \$10 discount on annual membership dues.
- Discounted entry at every regatta that is hosted by a member club or organization that uses the USSA insurance program.
- A \$20 West Marine coupon with each renewal.
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Your membership identifies you to US SAILING as a multihull sailor, ensuring your voice is heard at the national level. Participation in your individual class and in the National Governing Body keeps you in touch and on top of the sport. Thanks for supporting US SAILING with your membership – John Williams, Program Administrator

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HOBBIES: Surfing, sailing, woodworking, traveling

LAST BOOK READ: Pipe Dreams, by Kelly Slater

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Finished the 2007 and 2008 racing seasons as the top ranked Hobie Tiger team (with super crew Giselle Vaziri) in North America. Invited to and competed in the 2008 Alter Cup.

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: It's my drug...I'm addicted to the natural high of being in the elements ...whether it's dropping down the face of a wave or flying double wire to the weather mark. It keeps me coming back for another fix.

QUOTE: "Go big or go home"

PROFILE: I learned to sail at summer camp when I was a kid. Many years later, while fully immersed in surfing, I decided the next natural progression was catamarans. I bought a Hobie 16 in 1976, joined Fleet 15 in Ventura, CA and entered my first regatta. During my 33 seasons on the regatta circuit, I've sailed the 16, 17, 18, 20 and Tiger at the local, national and international level. My most recent event was the best regatta ever - the 40th Anniversary Regatta on a borrowed 17.

HIS BOAT: 2005 Hobie Tiger

NAME: Jake Larson

HOME FLEET: Hobie Fleet 475, Storm Lake, IA

AGE: A lot younger than John Bauldry (16)

PROFESSION: High School Student

HOBBIES: Wrestling, golfing, football, and other competitive sports

LAST BOOK READ: Five Against the Sea by Ron Arias

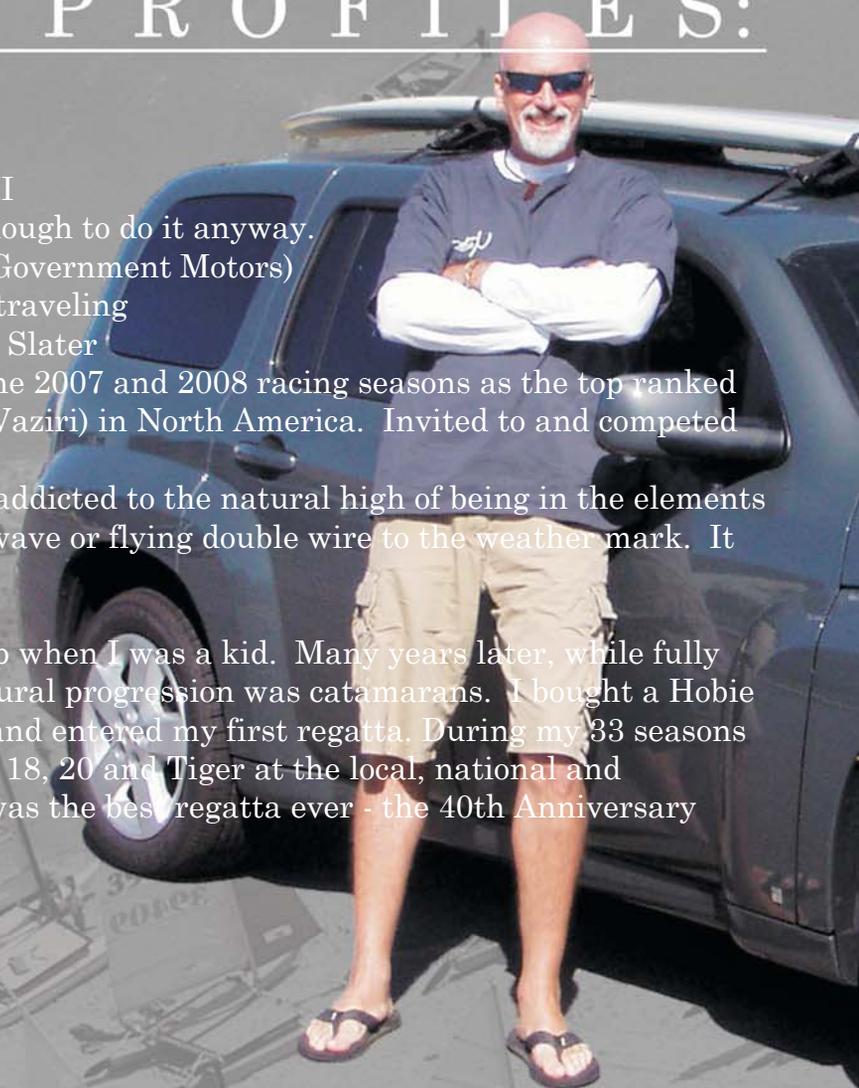
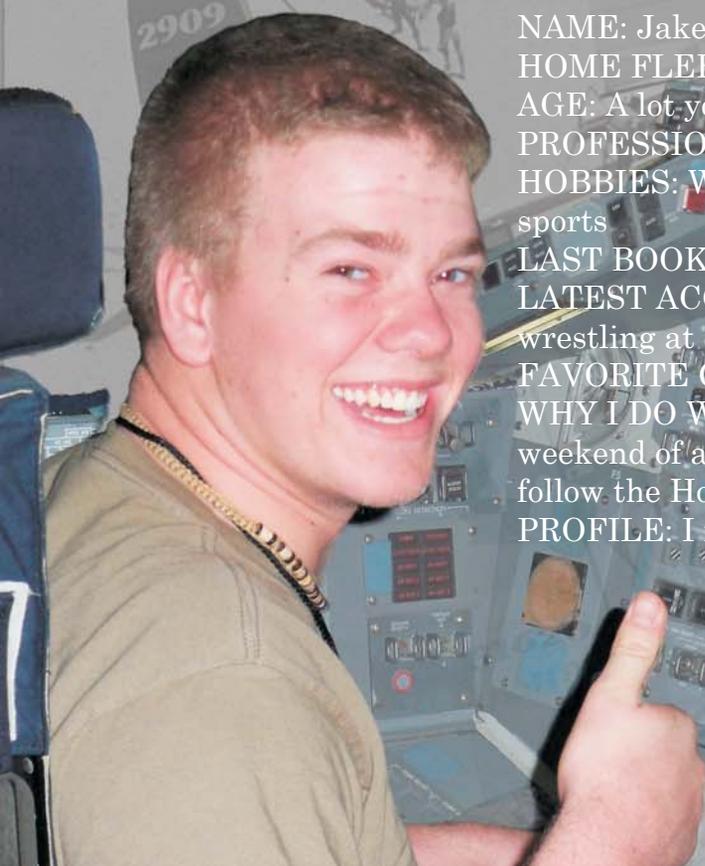
LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Getting fourth place at district wrestling at 189 lbs.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Sail it like you stole it."

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: I like to sail because I love the whole weekend of a regatta. I also love all of the people and how they all follow the Hobie Way of Life.

PROFILE: I first got in to sailing when Ryan Richardson stated giving me my sailing lessons. A few months later, I saw a Hobie in a garage sale. My dad and I asked the owner what he wanted for the boat and we were amazed when he said, "seventy-five bucks." Luckily, I had just that amount saved up from mowing yards and I bought the boat. The rest is history.

HIS BOAT: The angry boat - a Hobie 20





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