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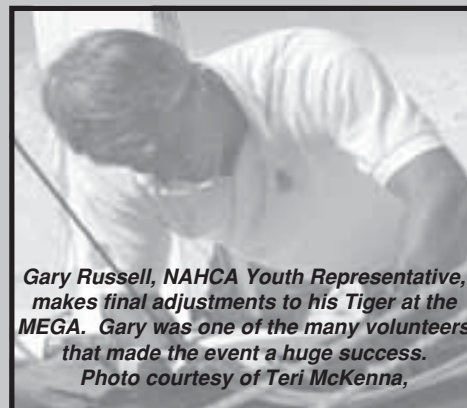
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The Blue Part is the Water ...

by Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman

Having just returned from the MEGA Championships, I can now report that an event that started out as an experiment has proven very successful. For most of us it has been a long time since we have seen that many Hobie Cats in a single place.

One of the comments frequently heard was that "we saw people we hadn't seen in years." The event was described as a "gathering of the family" as it brought all the classes and all the sailors together. Everything about the MEGA proved to be mega except the wind! Nevertheless, we sailed everyday in a beautiful venue and had some very competitive racing.

I want to congratulate all the champions, and all the competitors. The sailing conditions were challenging with the big fleets and little wind. One of the highlights of the event that I'll remember was everyone lining up to have Hobie Alter, Sr. autograph their trophies at the awards banquet.

In addition to supporting the championships, the Hobie Cat Company took the opportunity to hold their annual dealer meeting at the event. This brought many of the dealers

together to see the Class and what we had to offer first hand.

Several international figures came to see the MEGA as well, including John Dinsdale of Hobie Cat Europe, Thomas Paulsen, President of the IHCA and David Brookes, Executive Director of the IHCA.

This event was unusual not only in its scope of racing, but also in that the Class officers organized it from long distance. Lori Mohnhey carried the weight of most of the organization and deserves a huge thank you. Almost everyone asked if we would do this again. Paul Ulibarri will address this in his column. But it is safe to say that yes, we will do it again – just not right away.

The MEGA was also the site of the annual NAHCA meeting. You will notice that a few new faces have joined the Class officers. Laura Sullivan from Division 4 is replacing Lori Mohnhey as



the 1st Vice-Chair of the Class. Lori had reached her term limit and while she has served the Class well for many years, she is staying involved as the Continental Coordinator.

The women are voting for a successor to Kathleen Tracy as the Women's Association Representative, while Kathleen moves to GEP Coordinator. Mimi Appel and Kathleen will co-chair this popular program in 2003. Please join me in welcoming the new officers.

As the sailing season comes to an end, it is time to plan for next year.

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2002 Carlton Tucker NAHCA Sportmanship Award

by Ted Lindley, NAHCA Sportsman Trophy Chairman

There were three nominations for the award this year. The honored nominees are DOUG SKIDMORE, President of the Hobie Cat Company; CHRIS and PAT BEGROW of Division 11, Fleet 416; and PAUL BOMMERSBACH, Division 7, Fleet 291. These nominees have been promoting, maintaining and expanding the enjoyment of the Hobie Way of Life by their incredible outgoing demeanor.

Congratulations and thank you all from your Fleets, Divisions and all of the NAHCA membership.

The Carlton Tucker NAHCA Sportsman of the Year award was presented to DOUG SKIDMORE during the recent MEGA event in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Among the many contributions in Doug's Hobie life, the life saving effort he made saving his crew, Laura Sullivan, from drowning was an incredible miracle. This extraordinary rescue took place at New Caledonia during the Hobie 16 World Championship event. The following narration was added to the Sportsman trophy book.

In the late 70s, Doug Skidmore purchased his first Hobie Cat while working on his degree at the University of Washington and that is the beginning of this Hobie story.

Over the years Doug became a very competitive sailor on the H16, H17 and H20. He also became quite involved in the development of the Class in the Pacific Northwest. Most of the activity in those days was centered on Seattle where Doug lived, and so he sailed and served as a volunteer in NAHCA Division 4. Over the years, the Division became host to several National Championships. Doug was a key player in the planning of these events. At the H17 Continentals, he served as the Principal Race Officer, where he did a great job in conditions of 20 to 35 knots daily. This Championship was sailed on the Columbia Gorge, which is the fourth windiest site in the world.

Doug's wife, Maggie, is also from the Pacific Northwest. They met at a Hobie regatta in Seattle and are now the proud parents of two future Hobie sailors. Maggie comes from a strong Hobie family and is herself a very competitive sailor.

Along the way, Doug became involved with the Hobie Cat Company as a sales representative on the West Coast. Things developed as they will for a talented person and soon he found himself as the Sales Director of the Company. All the while he continued to compete in regattas and to support the Class as a volunteer. In his ever-expanding role, he was able to influence the Company's awareness of the value of a strong Class Association. By this time the Class had become the International Hobie Class Association with a North American Region, the NAHCA.

Most of you know the rest of the story: Doug went on to become the President of Hobie Cat USA, a position which he holds to this day. Having shared lean times, a strong bond has formed between the Company and the Class. Skiddy has been the voice throughout the years that has supported this relationship. Through all of this activity several things have never changed: he has remained a volunteer, a strong supporter of the Class, and a Hobie Cat sailor.

It was as a competitor that Skiddy attended the Hobie 16 World Championship in New Caledonia. An extraordinary event occurred at this Championship, which is best described by his crew Laura Sullivan, of Division 4, the person most affected by the incident. Here is Laura's story: it is the story of a moment in the life of a man who emphasizes the ideals of the Carlton Tucker Memorial Sportsman of the Year.

We've all had one of those days when things just aren't going right. It was one of those days in paradise – New Caledonia – the site of the Hobie 16 Worlds Competition. It culminated in a tack that took a turn for the worse.

We were on starboard tack, headed to A mark in the second race of the Masters Division on the first day of competition. There was a 15-20 knot, gusty breeze, with three foot swells on the inside course. My skipper, Doug Skidmore, called for a tack, so I started my move in from the wire. The next thing I knew, the boat wasn't coming about and I was being thrown into the shroud.

We never made the tack: our weight was now on the leeward side of the boat. With the breeze loading up the main and jib sails and our weight on the wrong side, the boat reared up and was flipping over on top of us. The boat laid over

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**Doug Skidmore (left), 2002 Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year, at the MEGA Skippers Meeting with Rob Jerry, a Tiger racer and Hobie dealer from Syracuse, NY.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.**

on its side and Doug was able to unhook himself when he hit the water. With the mainsail just above my head, I tried to free myself and found I couldn't move an inch or even a quarter of an inch. My trapeze harness was hooked on the shroud. I desperately struggled in every direction and nothing worked. I knew I was in SERIOUS trouble.

I yelled to Doug, "I'm stuck! I'm stuck!" Doug dove underwater to try to see what was wrong. He had his face inches from my trapeze hook and couldn't see anything. Everything was black on black – my wetsuit, my harness, and the shroud. With the wind driving on the bottom of the trampoline, the mast was driven downward. He came back up for air, took a couple of quick breaths, when the boat suddenly went turtle. My focus was on the harness hook, and so the boat going turtle quickly caught me off guard. I never got a breath before the boat forced me underwater.

I was now under water with my head and neck bent sideways at a 90-degree angle. I twisted to try to get the pressure off. That twist was a nail in my coffin. With that move, I had wrapped the shroud in a full circle around my trapeze hook.

Doug was now swimming through the water towards me. He tried to free me once again, in vain. It was a physical effort and Doug soon ran out of air and had to surface.

I was now under water by myself. With no one in sight, and the total absence of sound – it was an incredibly lonely feeling. I remember thinking "So this is how my life will end...." I remember looking up at the dark blue trampoline and then looking at the light blue water below – feeling so alone. My head felt like it was going to burst from the desperation of

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needing air. I had an overwhelming desire to open my mouth and take a breath – and started to. A little voice told me to “STOP!” – I wasn’t going to get the air I wanted. So I clenched my jaw, knowing I could only hold out for seconds.

While I was held captive in the waters below, Doug had surfaced and swam to the closest place he could think of and that was between the two hulls in the front. He thought for a second or two and realized that the only chance that he had to get me to air was to pull me from the side of the boat. He recalled to me later that he stopped and looked at the boat. He told himself, “She can’t come out here, she can’t come out there; she can only come out here.” So he positioned himself on the outside of the hull. To get there, he had to go underwater with his life jacket on, which made it a little challenging.

Once he got outside of the hull, he reached under the boat and grabbed for me. I never saw or felt a thing. I only know that I started to move for the first time. The blue water was getting lighter and lighter. I was disoriented but kept moving in the same direction, not knowing if it was right or wrong. My latest fear was that I would stop just inches below the surface.

When my face emerged above water, I took a huge gasp of air. No sooner had I gotten a breath of air then I was pulled back under. The next time I came up I was coughing up water. Doug watched me being pulled under and realized that we still had some immediate problems. So he began working to free my harness.

With each wave, I was pulled back under and it didn’t take long to figure out that I had a line around my neck, which was preventing me from being able to completely surface. It was now working on the front of my neck and started to crush my throat, so for the second time this day, breathing became a priority. I started yelling, “There’s a line around my neck! There’s a line around my neck!”

Doug removed the jib sheet from my neck and once again tried to free my harness. Once again, I began yelling, “There’s a line around my neck!” Somewhat in disbelief, he reached for my neck again only to find the jib traveler line tightly encircling it.

The second line was tighter than the first. The only way out was for me to go straight down under the water as we both pulled out on the jib traveler line. Going back underwater wasn’t a place either one of us wanted me to go. However, it was the best solution to the immediate problem. Underwater I went. With both of us pulling on the line, we were barely able to get the line off of my neck. We ripped the earring out of my ear with no time to spare. My head was now freely above water. I paused for a moment to take the first unhindered breath of air.

There was no time for celebration, and I was still stuck to the shroud – trapped by my harness. Nothing worked. Here we had two calm and capable people, Doug and myself, under no pressure now and we weren’t able to free it.

It occurred to me that the only way to get free was to get out of my harness. I unbuckled the shoulder straps, the waist buckles, and leg straps, and swam out of it. I took a couple of strokes more and stopped – floated on my back in the ocean staring at the sky, motionless and quiet, to regroup.

The chase boat arrived and saw Doug in the water next to the boat, and me floating on my back in the ocean. They took one look at us, and jetted off – with no idea what we had been through.

When we got back on shore, everyone was asking what was wrong. Doug hesitated before saying anything. Once he told them what had happened, he was pulled in a variety of directions to talk about the incident with the beach captain and event organizers. The shroud had been wrapped in a complete circle around my harness, and had to be replaced. My 3/8-inch stainless steel hook was bent, as well as the metal support holding it. After seeing the condition of the boat, it dawned on us how desperate and grave the situation had been. We never really had a chance to talk about what had happened that day.

Needless to say, I didn’t sleep that night. The wind was whistling through my hotel windows and I was up all night thinking of tomorrow’s races. I needed to know what I would do differently. There would be no rest until I had a solution.

The next morning, I called down to Doug and Maggie’s room and arranged to meet Doug for about ten minutes before breakfast. I felt a need to talk to someone and imagined that Doug might want to talk about it as well. It had been terribly traumatic for him, having to be the rescuer. When we reached shore, he was visibly unsettled. I thought that if I had died,

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what a traumatic scar I would have left on the man's life – the last thing I would ever want to do to a person – to leave someone with a lasting nightmare.

We met at the breakfast table and talked briefly about what happened. Doug said every time he closed his eyes, the scenes kept playing over and over again. So he too had a sleepless night. I'm not sure we wanted to relive the moments so soon afterwards. We both knew we had "to get back on the horse." We said we would go out and just take it easy.

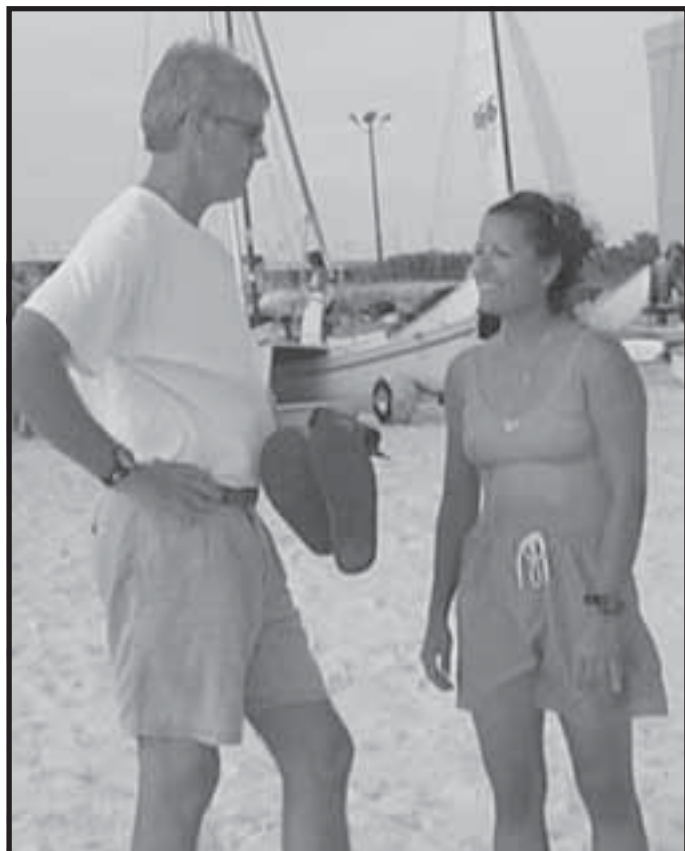
Needless to say, the wind was stronger than the day before. We ended up flipping the boat. Doug was going to go to shore and hang the boat up for the day, when I realized he was doing it for me. I looked over at him and said, "If you're going in because of me... I'm okay with all of this. I'm completely relaxed out here." He asked, "Are you sure?" "Yes!" I said. So we decided to go chase down some more Hobie Cats. We laughed non-stop for the next two days.

With each passing night, when I was alone in my room, my emotions were getting harder to handle. I still wasn't sleeping. I spent the time writing about the incident with the intent of providing some safety tips to other Hobie buddies. I was also hoping it would help me work through the situation. One early morning, when we were at the race site, I asked if he'd listen to my article. I wanted to make sure he was comfortable with what I was going to submit to IHCA & NAHCA.

I warned him that it would probably be emotional for me and there was a good chance that I'd cry. We walked over to an area where no one was around and sat in some chairs under the competitors' tent. As I read the article, certain memories had strong emotional significance and I had to stop many times to regain control. Looking at Doug at the end of the reading, I realized he had taken my place underneath the boat and felt all that I had gone through. Since that time, he's helped me through various stages of emotions. He's been a great listener and an incredible friend.

From the depths of my heart and soul, I would like to thank my skipper, Doug Skidmore, President of Hobie Cat USA, for saving my life, for thinking through what needed to be done and for helping me work through the emotions afterwards.

Doug embodies all the qualities, characteristics, and demonstrates the Hobie Way of Life that the award intended. If Carlton Tucker were alive today, he would be proud to present this award to Doug Skidmore.



*Left: Doug discusses Hobies with Karen-Ann Xavier, NAHCA WebMistress, at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*Below: Doug delivers his acceptance speech at the NAHCA AGM.
Listening intently from left to right are:
Laura Sullivan, NAHCA 1st Vice Chair;
Paul Ulibarri, NAHCA Race Director;
and Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*



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NAHCA Guest Expert Program

2002 Season Report

*Submitted by Mimi Appel,
NAHCA GEP Coordinator*

WOW! What a MEGA season!!! The North American Hobie Class really has it goin'!!! 250 boats racing the MEGA, youth participation on the rise, and Guest Expert Programs that ROCK!

GEP 2002 RECAP

We now have a pool of nine Guest Experts. Lots of emails fly around trying to match Experts with doable dates! Get those 2003 requests in early, three events are already on the list.

GEP 2002 held five "One Hobie Day" seminars:
Steve Leo - Puerto Penasco, MEX
Sue Korzeniewski - St George Isl, FL
Hobie P. Alter - Syracuse, NY
Dan Kulkoski - Buzzards Bay, MA
Jeff Alter - Barnegat Bay, NJ

I would like to thank the Guest Experts for their continuing efforts!!! This year's way cool thank you gift was a fleece vest, embroidered with the Class/GEP logo.

*Below: Mimi Appel hams it up at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,
Hobie Cat Company.*



Another important thank you goes out to the Hosting Fleets' event organizers:

Bill Feil, AZ (Mexico event)
Larry Hale, FL
Mike Spondello, NY
Nancy Worth, MA
Chris Begrow, PA (NJ event)

When you see them wearing a neat canvas cap, with the GEP logo, know that it's in appreciation for hours of GEP work. Add your thanks, too!

SOME 2002 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Susan P. Korzeniewski's GEP got RAVE reviews in Florida from Larry Hale and the Scout Troop. For the Youth-style program, Sue used the Hobie U. 2002 Booklet as a text so they could recap their hands-on learning page by page later.

Hobie P. Alter's New York GEP had an excellent flow. From early morning parking lot to late day on-the-water drills, everyone got plenty of learning opportunities. A group lunch, provided by NAHCA and Hobie Cat Company was a great touch. Pretty cool, literally the temperature never got above 45!

Jeff Alter's New Jersey GEP classroom was very well done. The huge crowd, full of many different classes, was glued to Jeff's comments and impressed with the way he applied issues to each class.



*Above: Kathleen Tracy enjoys
the sunshine at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,
Hobie Cat Company.*

Massachusetts GEP sailors reaped the benefits of US SAILING Instructor Trainer, Dan Kuloski's excellent classroom technique.

Steve Leo made a big hit at his Mexico GEP, by crewing for many different people throughout the regatta weekend.

HOBIE U 2002

The second rewrite of Hobie University has been available all season and circulation has increased. It has received rave reviews! Plans are in the works for a copyright, so we can make it available for download from the Internet. Stay tuned!

NEW FOR 2003...

Looking forward to the fifth season, in GEP 2003, we hope to add something new and tweak some other items. We will be working with newly elected 1st Vice Chair, Laura Sullivan, to format an outline for a thirty-minute Safety Section. Also, we will fine tune the on-the-water drills and update the GE's outline.

NAHCA is excited to announce that the 2003 GEP will have the efficient services of Kathleen Tracy from Colorado as Co-Coordinator. Our past NAHCA Women's Rep. has stepped up to the plate to take over the GEP Program in 2004. Just what the Program needs, fresh ideas and enthusiasm! I'm psyched for the future of GEP!!!

I'm thrilled to announce my 2004 assignment... Event Coordinator for the Hobie 16 Open, Women's and Youth Continentals with Fleet 204, in New York. The position is mostly figurehead, due to the incredible group effort the Fleet puts into everything they do. Mark your calendars for a fabulous Hobie 16 event, tentative dates: September 10-17, 2004. Have a short winter and get ready for another great (MEGA?) season in 2003!

Women's Racing

by Kathleen Tracy, NAHCA Women's Representative (2002)

Women's Hobie Racing has had a phenomenal late season. SheGatta 2002 had a wonderful turnout, with fifteen teams from the Mid-US warming up for the MEGA and Mini events.

The SheGatta event was fabulous as usual, with big kudos going out to Sheila Holmes and her wonderful team of assistants. The weather was beautiful and the sponsorship was great. We even had a Hobie Bravo to test drive.

The racing was a little slow on Saturday, but the wind cooperated on Sunday and we got in several good races. The competition was tight — there were tiebreakers for second, third and fourth places.

Unfortunately, an accident on Sunday put a damper on the festivities. It was a little unsettling going up to A mark, hearing sirens (and we are out in the middle of nowhere in Texas), then seeing an ambulance coming down Sheila's driveway.

Our first thought was that one of the guys had too many beers and fell down, but then we learned that Joyce Loeffelholz was hurt when she and Sheila flipped over in Race 4. It was a painful month or so for Joyce, but she will be OK. [More SheGatta, pg. 33.]

Two weeks after SheGatta, we all met again at the Mini event in Fort Walton Beach, FL. This time there was a wider geographic distribution of competitors. Rosarito Martinez/Kamil Berrios, Puerto Rico, led the pack on Friday, but then Susan Korzeniewski/Kathy Miles, New York, picked up speed and took over the lead on Saturday and Sunday.

Lynn Meyers/Beth Andrews worked hard on Sunday to shake up Susan's lead, though. Winds were light, but enough for single trapping.

Fourteen teams competed and that is the best turnout for Women's racing in several years. Congratulations and THANKS!! to all the participants. It



Team Heidi: Kathleen Tracy (left) and Heather Morrison (right).
Photo courtesy of Kathleen Tracy.

was great to have so many ladies teams out on the course again.

Additionally there were many women competing in other classes: Marie Appel-Youth H16; Cheryl Johnson-H14; Judy Raybon-Wave; Pamela Noriega and Susan Korz-H16 open; Kathryn Garlick, Marsha Lodes and Jane Sherrod-H17; and Sandra Tartagliano/Shala Youngerman-H20. Congratulations to all!

During MEGA week, the Women's Racing group voted to elect a new representative to NAHCA. We chose a wonderful candidate. Unfortunately, our new Rep will not be able to serve in this position after all.

Heather Morrison has offered to step into the job. As of press time, we had not completed our e-voting process, but preliminary results indicate unanimous support for Heather.

I am excited to introduce Heather to the NAHCA membership, even though many of you already know her. She and I have raced Women's H16 events together for several years now, and she is an awesome, fearless skipper. Heather grew up in the very windy state of Kansas, and has been

sailing cats all her life. She has just moved up to the H20 class, but assures me that she won't forget how to race a 16. Additionally, as a long-time volunteer for Denver Fleet 61, Heather is very familiar with the business side of Hobie racing.

It has been my privilege to serve as the Women's Rep for the past 3 years, and I am confident that the program will continue to grow under Heather's leadership. We can all look forward to her fresh ideas to keep Women's Hobie racing fun and exciting.

Thanks for all the support and friendship you have given me. I look forward to my new position with the Guest Expert Program.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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The winter always seems to be a busy time for the Class officers and this year will be no different. We are continuing to plan events for the future and to promote the Class at all levels. Have a good winter season and be ready for more Hobie sailing in the spring.

From the Signal Boat... Support Boats are the Keys to Success

by Paul Ulibarri, NAHCA Race Director

There has been a great deal of conversation of late regarding the number of mark / safety boats (e.g. support boats) required at a points regatta. There are two concerns regarding this topic, and they are Safety and Availability.

The feeling seems to be that once we get the marks in the water, by whatever means, we have a race course and we can continue. Planning is rare for the reality of power boat breakdowns that occur at many events. Often Safety is a secondary consideration.

Support boats at the MEGA. Left and top photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company. Bottom photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.

AVAILABILITY

There are never enough support boats. The reality of the situation is that locating support boats is difficult and time-consuming, and as a result is usually given a low priority in the planning of an event. Often, the event host will go into the event knowing there are barely enough boats to set a start line and to drop marks.

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We all appreciate the difficulty of securing support boats. We also realize that more effort is spent in securing T-shirts, trophies, and the social aspects of the event than on support boats.

There is some direction from ISAF, the Coast Guard, and most National Authorities on the number of support boats required to run an event. The number is fluid and relates to smaller events rather than major championships.

The figure agreed upon by all organizations is one boat for every ten competitors, and in all cases a minimum of three support boats per race area. The standard set by the IHCA, NAHCA is five per event recommended, three required.

Why do we need all of these boats? It would seem that a committee could set the course, move to a starting line position and run the event.



The two reasons are course maintenance and safety. Safety is by far the major concern. However let's first discuss course maintenance.

COURSE MAINTENANCE

All of the race management manuals deal with ideal situations. They do not have the problem of having to go out and secure boats, so all agree that there should be a mark boat for every

mark, as well as a rescue boat for every ten competitors and a Signal boat for starts and finishes. The manual also goes on to mention stake boats, patrol boats, VIP boats, media boats, and a bathtub. (Just checking to see if you are paying attention.)

There is a real need for a mark boat for every mark. As event organizers, we create a NOR, inviting members to attend our event. We imply by the

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More support boats at the MEGA.

Top two photos courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.

Bottom two photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.



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SUPPORT BOATS

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same that the event will be a quality sailing experience. Our members then make a decision to attend that involves a commitment to the expenditure of time and money.

Time often means taking off a Friday or Monday. Money usually means two to five hundred dollars for a family weekend. For this expenditure, a host should be expected to provide a quality racing venue, which means that the courses will be set square, and maintained as conditions change. To do so requires the ability to react quickly, this means mark boats.

There can also be the valid expectation of a safety plan...

SAFETY

Safety can be addressed in several ways. A knowledgeable race officer who knows when conditions are acceptable is essential. Safety training programs within the fleets are also recommended. Support boats that can implement a safety plan is a basic requirement. In addition, we need boat operators who know how to deal with capsized boats.

When the Class mentions a minimum of three boats for safety purposes, it is suggesting that the course be divided into thirds with one boat for each third. Since we seldom have the luxury of mark boats and safety boats, the same three boats must perform both functions.

Our normal boat distribution is one

boat at the pin end of the line, one at the gate or leeward end, and one at the weather mark. If the boats are anchored, they must have a buoy on the anchor rode which can be tossed, enabling them to release quickly and proceed to their safety patrol area. The weather mark boat should have the upper third of the course, the gate boat the middle section and the pin boat the lower third.

With a one-mile beat and considering that catamarans go to lay lines, this means that each safety boat must patrol a 1/3rd square mile area. It is easy to see why a minimum of three boats has been set as the standard. Add to this the need to maintain the course and we end up with three very busy crews.

SECURING BOATS

As mentioned at the beginning, finding support boats is not easy. It is necessary. We find that the most successful boat hustlers are those that try for five or six boats, hound the boat owners weekly, work out insurance problems, and make the boat owners a part of the entire social experience. Properly done, the owners have a great time and are all ready set for the following year.

Often the owner is a competitor and cannot attend as a support driver. They need to be assured that the person driving their boat is competent and will respect the equipment. If they act as a boat driver, they must be made to feel that they are an intricate part of the event.

On the course itself, it is extremely important for the Race Officer to treat these individuals, as well as all volunteers, with a great deal of respect and courtesy.

The subject of liability is as important as the need to provide safety to our friends. We would be devastated if someone were killed at one of our events. Over the years we have become somewhat lax in maintaining the Class safety criteria regarding support boats at local regattas. We have been lucky.

We would like to stress the importance of placing a higher priority on support boats for the 2003 season.

Have a Hobie day,
PU

Above left: PU hanging out on the pin boat at the Mini. Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.

Other photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.



From Our Youth...

YOUTH REPORT FROM ISAF GAMES

By Alfredo Figueroa, Puerto Rico

On June 26, 2002, my brother and I left Puerto Rico toward Marseille, France to compete in the 2002 ISAF World Sailing Games. We left with the rest of Puerto Rico's sailing team.

The idea of being able to represent my country at the Games simply took my breath away. When we arrived at Marseille, it was almost dark so we went straight to our hotel.

The next morning, we woke up early and headed toward the center of activity called the Venue. The sight at the Venue was amazing, the organization and the location more than met my expectations.

There we went ahead and registered the team and then went over to

take a look at the boats and then took them out for a quick little practice run.

Everything was astounding, except for the wind conditions. (To those of you who were there, you know what I'm talking about.) Some days there was too much wind and then the next day there was nothing.

Even on the same day there could have been a perfect eighteen-knot wind and all of sudden drop down to a five-knot wind. Aside from this minor problem, I must say that the opportunity was a complete learning experience.

My brother and I have been racing since we were six and eight years old respectively. We started in monohulls with our father and mother and then three years ago we started racing the Hobie 16. Ever since, all the regattas we have participated in have had a maximum of around fourteen beach cats.

The experience of participating in our first regatta of over thirty boats fighting to go out at the sound of the gun was a bit intimidating at first, although we quickly got past that and started to get right in the action.

Not only did we learn to get in at the starting line action, but we also learned a few tricks from the best. I also enjoyed the chance to meet and talk to so many people from all over the world and to learn things about them and about their countries.

At the end of the two weeks I felt tired, but couldn't help to think when will the next event transpire, so that my brother and I could go back and put to the test all that we have learned in this competition. Also, to meet up with all the top sailors in the Class and our friends from around the world, and to catch up on all the stories and events that we each participated in since the ISAF Worlds.



Above: Francisco and Alfredo Figueroa, at the 2002 ISAF World Sailing Games in Marseille, France. Photo courtesy of Tom & Susan Korzeniewski, Fleet 204, NY.



Top right: Tyler Myers and the girls at the MEGA. Girls, L-R: Erin LaPorta (PA), Marie Appel (NY), Kelly Wood, Amy Oneil, Erin Oneil. Photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.



Bottom right: A group of Hobie Youth at the Hobie Knobie Regatta, Buffalo, NY, August 2002. Back Row, L-R: Holly Mergenhagen, 15 (Tiger); Lindsay Lane, 12 (H18); Steve Perkins, 16 (H16 Skipper); Scott Filiczowski, 17 (H16); Corey Gibson, 12 (Tiger). Front Row L-R: Jamie Grisko, 12 (H16); Brandon Miles, 11 (H16); Matt Perkins, 12 (H16); Marie Appel, 12 (H16 Skipper); Andrew Warwick, 12 (H18); Ian Ward, 15 (Getaway). Photo courtesy of Mimi Appel, Fleet 204, NY.



From the Beach

Letters from Our Members

I WANT MY HOBIE 202!

I was reading the April/May 2002 issue of NAHCA News, and noticed your announcement for the sailing improvement seminar, Hobie 202. I am curious to know if classes similar to this are offered in Florida, specifically from Gainesville, south to Clearwater.

Any help is appreciated. Congratulations on your 2001 Division 12 Hobie 16 Championship!

Doug Brogan

[ML: Thanks for the interest, Doug! The Hobie 202 class was run by our local fleet (Fleet 448, RI), as a way to encourage local "fun" sailors to get some more practice, and to try to increase interest in racing. I cannot answer your question about Florida. My best suggestion is to look at the fleet contacts page and contact your local Hobie Fleet and/or Division. Good luck!]

CONGRATS TO GILLIAN THOMSON

Congratulations Gillian on your great racing with Danny McCoy at the Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championships. Too bad they did not score on the most bullets, you would have won hands down. I know that you and the Team put a lot of time and effort into this World Event, you should receive recognition for your excellent regatta.

Caleb Tarleton

Paul Price sent us this photo of himself, promoting Hobie sailing to the Youth and Women of Florida (at the same time!). We're still not sure if this is legal...



SHEGATTA 2002

Attached are the results for SheGatta 2002, held September 21-22 on Lake Ray Roberts, Texas. We had fifteen teams compete and proceeds from the event support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Thanks to Hobie Cat & Mariner Sails for contributing the kayak for our raffle!

Sheila Holmes

FLEET 276 REVIVAL IN MICHIGAN

I have just begun what may become a most difficult task! I am going to try to restart Fleet 276 here in Southeast Michigan. It has been dead for many years now, and some have already warned me that I am facing a nearly impossible task. However, since I have all winter to try to get it going, I'm going to give it a shot.

I have set up a website, which incidentally, has been tied into the NAHCA.org website, so that interested people can find me. Additionally, I am going to do a mailer, based on mailing addresses I get from dealers and part suppliers.

Here in Michigan, we have the Catamaran Racing Association of Michigan, which does a fine job setting up races around the state. However, they consist mainly of the high tech boats. There are some Hobie sailors who sail in the Portsmouth division, but generally, the Hobie group plays a small part.

I have already received three responses from Hobie sailors in the area, so I have at least started out as cautiously optimistic! Thank you for your help.

The website is: www.geocities.com/jmrabs2002/Hobie.

If anyone has any other ideas that would help me broaden the exposure, I would love to hear from you. Thanks for your help.

Jeff Rabidoux

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOBIE 14?

Hello, we are trying to solicit help to get some Hobie 14s and parts for our junior/youth sailing program. We let the kids at our club decide which boat they like the best out of the Hobie Wave, Hobie Dagoon (tried the Dagoon at the US Sailing Assoc. Fast & Fun program), Hobie 14 and Mystere 4.3 (some kids tried the Mystere in OH). It was overwhelming that the kids want the Hobie 14.

So based on this, we are trying to locate Hobie 14s, parts, etc. Any info anyone would have on Hobie 14s that people would like to donate to our Youth program would be greatly appreciated. (We are using the Hobie 16 for our older kids - donations in this area are also appreciated.)

We are also budgeting some funding to get some NEW

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Hobie 14s shipped in from Hobie Europe or Hobie Brazil. So if anyone wants a NEW Hobie 14, the more we order, the cheaper the boats will be. We will be ordering standard H14s and Hobie 14 Turbos. So, make your orders now.

Our club participants are from Spokane County WA, and Kootenai County Idaho (Ceour d' Alene area). Our club is called Sailability Kootenai / Spokane.

We have also recently been given a new charter for Hobie Fleet 976!

Thanks!
Miles Moore
Spokane WA. & Cour d' Alene Idaho

Lots of time to play in the sand at the MEGA!
Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.

BALD EAGLE SUCCESS

How does someone like myself, who loves to race, have a great time at a regatta with no wind? The people from the Bald Eagle Yacht Club from MN provided the answer. Great food, beverages, give-aways, fireworks display, and tremendous hospitality.

It was my first Hobie Regatta in several years, and my son's first ever. We already have the calendar marked for next year. This will give us one more needed season of practice to compete with some talented sailors from Division 7. Thanks again to the many people that made for a memorable weekend.

Mike Madge
Thunder Bay, Ontario ,Canada

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THIS IS YOUR CLASS NEWSLETTER! WE NEED YOUR SUBMISSIONS...

NAHCA News is a publication intended to fulfill the purpose of the NAHCA. We can only do this with member contributions.

Please submit articles, photos, letters, etc. and help us maintain the high level of quality, information and excitement of this newsletter for you and your fellow NAHCA members.

If you are a Fleet Commodore or Fleet Newsletter Editor, please add Mike to your mailing list (see Editorial Staff section for address). We'd like to reprint your outstanding articles for the entire Class to enjoy.

All submissions (including photos) should include your name, Division, Fleet, state, NAHCA #, Hobie size, sail number, and any Hobie offices that you hold.

Photos are especially requested! If submitting photos (or graphics), please submit in JPG or TIF format, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, and a finish size of at least 4x6 inches. If you prefer, you can send hard copies and we'll scan them. However, NAHCA News will not be responsible for their safe return. Please include the photographer's name, subject details, etc. with all photos.

If you are submitting a NOR, be sure to comply with RRS, App J, as well as the IHCA class rules. Due to space limitations, NORs must be one page or less in size, except for major events (Area Champs, Continentals and Worlds). WE NEED NORs A MINIMUM OF FOUR MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT!!!

All submissions are subject to editing or omission, at the discretion of the NAHCA News Editorial staff and the NAHCA Board of Directors.

Thanks in advance for flooding the inbox with submissions!!!



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ANNOUNCING:

Nicole Alexandra Takacs, born November 21, 2002, 4:09 PM. 5 lb 12oz, 18.5 inches. Blue eyes, brown hair, and... JUST BEAUTIFUL!

Sandy Takacs, Portsmouth, RI, Fleet 448

DEAR MIKE

I like the way the publication is put together. I like the fact you give credit to the contributors, however, I think it would suffer in quality if you were not involved.

Oh! By the way, I helped with the Area C Alter Cup Elimination. Well, there is no other way to say it: Rich McVeigh and Deidre Mitchelli "kicked ass" on a Hobie 16 and won it! And it wasn't "just because of the Portsmouth numbers." When you spend a good portion of time looking back at Javelin 18HTs and Nacra F18s on the course, you know you have a good chance of winning.

But I must admit, Rich and Deidre did their best when the wind was really blowing on Saturday. Say, isn't that what makes Cats go? Well, as I've said before: "If you've got the money, you can always out boat a Hobie sailor. But can you out sail 'em?"

I guess every Fleet needs a website. This is Hobie Fleet 443's:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vze35v8g/>

I preferred to have the site listed as something like /Fleet 443, but the site is free and I'm new at this.

Rob Wagner, Fleet 443, NJ

MEGA Images...

Top: Some of the more than 200 Hobies on the beach. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.

Center: One snazzy dresser, adjusting a Hobie 16 rudder. Center and bottom photos courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.



HOBIE DONATIONS NEEDED

Hello - I am a NAHCA member and volunteer teaching assistant at the UCLA Marine Aquatic Center in Marina del Rey, California. We have an aging fleet of four Hobie 16s that are desperately in need of replacement. We would appreciate donations or inexpensive purchases of used Hobie 16s in good condition. Donors are eligible for a tax deduction.

Paul Norlen
(213) 217-7665



Global Hobie Racing Updates

by David Brookes, IHCA President

Dear Hobie Sailors,

After receiving comments, the IHCA Rules Committee has revised the submission on Hobie Tiger, Fox, and FX-One battens. Also, there are new proposals regarding the Fox and Dragoon. The Class invites all sailors to comment on these proposed changes as IT IS YOUR CLASS. The information can be found at our web-site (www.hobieclass.com) and then clicking on "Rules Forum."

The new IHCA Worlds website was just released with all the news regarding the Tiger Worlds in Singapore and the Hobie 14 Worlds in Germany. The site contains entry forms, NOR for both events and the Hobie Tiger Europeans, Hobie Cat Fox Eurocup, Hobie Cat FX-One Eurocup and Hobie Youth Challenge 2003, which is being conducted in Travemünde at the same time as the Hobie 14 Worlds. The updated site can be found at www.hobieworlds.com

The December IHCA News is available for downloading at the IHCA web site (www.hobieclass.com). In the newsletter, you will find out the latest nation to join the IHCA, and an update from IHCA Rules Committee. That and lots more reading and information.

The big-name sailors are entering the third Carlsberg Hobie Tiger World Championships, to be hosted by Raffles Marina, Singapore, 10-14 February 2003.

Current Hobie 16 World Champion Gavin Colby of Australia, who won the Air France Hobie 16 World Championship in New Caledonia in 2002, has entered with his crew, Cori Camenish from Switzerland.

This combination won the Round Texel Regatta last year on a Hobie Tiger; the Round Texel Regatta is the largest catamaran race in the world. They finished third at the previous

Hobie Tiger World Championships at Lake Garda, Italy. Colby and Camenish finished fifth at the recent Formula 18 World Championships held at Travemünde, Germany, where they sailed a Hobie Tiger.

Colby and Camenish will certainly not have it their own way as the top North American Hobie Tiger sailors Greg Thomas (USA) and Jacques Bernier (USA) have also entered. The Thomas-Bernier combination has made a successful transformation to the Hobie Tiger Class after being on the US SAILING Tornado program. Thomas and Bernier showed at the recent Mega Event in Fort Walton Beach, which included inaugural North American Hobie Tiger Championships, that in light breezes they are almost unstoppable.

With entries increasing every day and lots of interest shown, these World Championships are a must for any interested catamaran sailor. With free shipping available from selected ports around the world from the sponsors APL/NOL, and with a limited number of charter boats also available from co-sponsor Hobie Cat Australasia, there is no excuse not to be there.

Mitch Booth and Herbert Dercksen from the Netherlands successfully defended their Formula 18 World Championship Title in Travemünde. Booth and Dercksen, sailing a Hobie Tiger, have won all three Formula 18 World Championships that have been held, and all on a Hobie Tiger. When Booth and Dercksen crossed the finishing line, they had water blasted on them from water cannons on the fire fighting/start boat.

The great results for the Hobie Tiger did not just stop there, but four out of the top ten boats were Hobie Tigers. With a 106 boat fleet open to any boat that can comply to the Formula; it was another great achievement for Hobie and Booth.

In fifth place on a Hobie Tiger were reigning Hobie 16 World Champion Gavin Colby (Australia) and crew Cori Camenish. Colby also competed in the ISAF Sailing Games in July, where he finished in second place. It was a great celebration for the Dutch sailors with Mischa Heemskerk and Pieter van Ruitenburch sailing their Tiger into sixth place. In ninth place were Enrique Figueroa and Hernandez Jorge from Puerto Rico. Figueroa also had a successful time in Europe after claiming a Bronze Medal in the recent ISAF Sailing Games.

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

The New Year has started and already we are all off to a flying start in Hobie sailing. The Australian Championships are under way at Eden, which is located between Sydney and Melbourne. I have been told the breeze has been great, with most races in 15-25 knot range. Full results can be found off the link on the IHCA website www.hobieclass.com.

The third Carlsberg Hobie Tiger Worlds Championship in Singapore is in full swing with the containers from the United States and one of the three containers from Australia already in Singapore. The remainder of the Australian containers will be sent after the completion of the Australian Championships.

Our hosts Raffles Marina are looking forward to spoiling all the entrants with their world famous Singaporean hospitality. So this looks like one great party with some excellent sailing thrown in.

This looks like being a Hobie Year with lots of sailing and sailing stories, so keep watching your web site at www.hobieclass.com for all the details; and get your Hobie out and make some great stories of your own!

Have a Hobie Year!

David



HOBIE RULE CHANGES

Several Hobie Classes have been the subject of rule changes over the past year. Printing them all here would take several pages.

To keep up-to-date on changes in any of the Hobie classes, visit www.nahca.org, or www.hobieclass.com.

Details of proposed rule changes are posted there, and links are available for you to comment on the changes before votes are taken.

Log on today and become part of the process!





*Opposite page, bottom: Steve Leo racing on Huntington Lake, CA (altitude: 7,000 feet!).
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INAUGURAL TRAPSEAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

by Peter Nelson, Seattle, WA

When I was first approached with the offer to bring my Hobie 16 and race in a Trapseat event last year I was quite honestly less than enthused. I'm embarrassed to admit it now, but it just didn't seem like "my cup of tea." Besides the nine-hour drive, I was bothered by the possibility that racing with the disabled may turn into disabled racing, if you know what I mean.

Somehow all the satisfying years of teaching disabled skiing got lost when it came to sailing. Until this year...

This year I decided to go for it, and I am soooo glad I did! Not only was the competition some of the fiercest I've experienced in recent years, but the food was great and the sailors were superb. Well, most of them at least. I'm not too sure about John "Johnny Mac" McRoberts, Carl "Got a Light" Strahle, Danny McCoy, Marko "Rocky Horror" Dahlberg, or John "Masthead Fly" Ross-Duggan. These boys in particular seem like "good sailors gone bad!"

The organizers for this first-ever event were Ron Rubadeau and Gillian Thomson, and Kathy Campbell of the Central Okanagan Sailing Assn. (COSA). I kid you not when I say that the organization and running of this event was absolutely flawless! It was incredible! Everything went off without a hitch. Everything!

While the number of sailors was lower than a typical Continentals or Worlds, the organization requirements of classifying and serving the needs of these disabled sailors was immense! I won't use up space here to highlight

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ABOUT COSA

One of the smallest sailing clubs in Canada hosted one of the biggest events in the world of sailing this last July. The Central Okanagan Sailing Association (COSA) in Kelowna, British Columbia, with no paid staff and a hundred volunteer members, has raised more than \$80,000, built twenty sets of adaptive hardware to accommodate high performance wheelchair sailors, acquired boats from all over the Northwest, and invited twenty-four teams to vie for the first ever Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship.

Thinking big is nothing new for COSA, as they have created one of the classiest fully accessible sailing clubs on the planet. The driving force for their achievement is the committed volunteers. And when it comes to volunteers, COSA has no shortage.

Their cadre of part-time sailors and full-time volunteers has built docks, sheds, elevators, parking lots and signs. They swab the decks, clean the heads, and take out the trash. The work's not done until the headquarters are painted, the boats repaired, and

the outboards overhauled.

Because COSA volunteers have done so much, they have created capacity to do more. When one of the club's executive members, Gillian Thomson, brought the idea of a world championship to COSA, the membership couldn't wait to submit a bid.

In years past, COSA has run several highly successful national and international regattas. As well, they have three times been acknowledged by the Canadian Yachting Association as the best sailing school in Canada, and as the club that hosted the very best run regatta in the nation. Hosting a World Championship just seemed like the next logical achievement.

COSA volunteers definitely have their work cut out. A World Championship is not just another regatta, as it requires a cadre of judges, coaches, classifiers, race committee and beach crew. Each day of the six-day event, more than 80 sailors and support staff must stage races, provide food, accommodate thirty wheelchair users and their unique medical needs, and negotiate seven different languages.

COSA, and their can-do attitude, is

just one more reason why the world beats a path to the Okanagan. The COSA volunteer spirit is alive in all aspects of amateur sport in the interior of BC, as evidenced by the extraordinary number of provincial and national events that take place in the Okanagan.

The World Junior Curling Championship this last February was a true first for the Okanagan. The Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship was the second in what will become a long line of World Championship events in a real world-class city.



*The clubhouse at COSA, displaying the flags of the competitors' nations.
Photo courtesy of Gillian Thomson.*

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the extent of planning, but suffice it to say that nothing was left undone. Everything had already been thought of and provided!

Monday and Tuesday were reserved for practice races and seminars. This gave us time to get acquainted with our skipper/crew, figure out the boat setup, and try to figure out how to get these twin bucket-powered boats moving! It is a trip to be trapped out in five knots of breeze because your 180 pound skipper is sitting outboard of the leeward hull in a trapseat! The dynamics of sailing these rigs changes completely!

By the start of racing on Wednesday, the teams were fairly well sorted



out and we knew who to watch. Of the seventeen teams from five nations entered, we figured there were six to seven teams that had a legitimate shot at winning the whole enchilada, with another two to three capable of being "spoilers" and winning individual races. With two boat rotations each day, it was interesting to watch the same teams elevate to the top regardless of the boat they were on! Hmmmm, I wonder if it has anything to do with the *skipper*, and not the *boat*?

We were greeted with five days of continuous, ideal sailing conditions — somewhere in the five to ten knot range, with relatively flat water. Going into the last day, after fourteen races, the top three teams were separated by

two points!

Americans Mike and Carl Strahle — inventors of the trapseats — were closely followed by Canadians Danny McCoy & Gillian Thomson who were tied with David Cook and myself.

Saturday brought light winds, and only one race could be run in the morning. Cook edged out McCoy and Strahle to take the lead by one point! Then the waiting game started. For the next four hours PRO Ron Rubadeau would relentlessly attempt a sequence, only to be baffled when a southerly system would squelch the prevailing northerly. At 3:10 p.m., with less than one hour remaining, he went into a sequence again. This time the wind held at about eight knots!

All three boats got off the line in the first flight in great position and with speed. Strahle won the favored weather end. McCoy was next just down the line with a clear lee bow. Cook was down at the pin with massive speed. The race was on! All seventeen boats were cutting their bows through the water with total abandon. While several positions were already locked up, no one was giving up an inch!

At the weather mark, the Strahles rounded first followed by the Finnish team of Antero Karjalainen and Marko Dahlberg (ranked top ten in the world in Stars), then Cook. A botched tack at the mark would claim the race's first fatality on McCoy as he got buried in the fleet and had to start working back up. Downwind the Strahle team extended their lead to two boat lengths while the Finns and Cook were in a dead heat. Cook could afford to lose



Above: A start at the Hobie 16 Trapseat Worlds.

Left: The socializing at the event will be long remembered.

Photos courtesy of Gillian Thomson.

to Strahle, but he had to finish in front of the Finns to win the tiebreaker and the Championship.

Strahle and the Finns went left out of the gate. Cook broke off to the right for clear air. Which side would end up being favored?

At the weather mark, the Strahles maintained their slim lead, while Cook tacked in front of the Finns. But he was unable to "shut the door", and the Finns stuck their bows in to leeward rounding the mark and pinning Cook to the outside. The Strahles were gone. They were going to win the race. But would they win or lose the Championship? It all depended on the Finns.

Downwind, the two boats were still locked up within a quarter boat length of each other, ten boat lengths from the finish! It's tough to imagine a script any more thrilling than this! The wind was dying and as a thirty-degree wind shift hit the course, the boats crept forward on a close-hauled course. The Strahles had already finished, so abandoning the race was not an option!

It was a photo finish with the Finns sneaking ahead by ONE FOOT, to hand the first ever World Champion-

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Place	Skipper	Crew	NAT	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	Total
1st	Mike Strahle	Carl Strahle	USA	4	1	1	2	6	2	4	4	2	3	5	9	4	1	4	1	44
2nd	Dave Cook	Peter Nelson	CAN	5	2	2	5	2	6	3	1	OCS	5	1	2	1	6	1	3	45
3rd	Danny McCoy	Gillian Thomson	CAN	2	4	8	11	1	1	1	9	1	1	2	5	3	3	2	8	51
4th	John Ross Duggan	Laura Sullivan	USA	1	3	3	1	7	7	2	2	9	4	9	1	9	8	5	4	66
5th	Antero Karjalainen	Marko Dahlberg	FIN	14	5	4	3	4	8	9	5	5	2	10	3	11	5	3	2	79
6th	John McRoberts	Larry Robinson	CAN	6	DNF	7	4	3	9	7	3	6	14	8	6	8	4	8	5	98
7th	Jeff Reinhold	Jared Hickman	USA	3	6	6	9	8	3	5	12	8	7	7RDGa	7	9	7	13	104	
8th	Bruce Millar	Brian Millar	CAN	15	7	5	6	5	OCS	6	6	3	6	3	4	5	7	DNF	11	106
9th	Hans Van Leening	Robert Johnson	NED	11	8	12	10	10	5	11	7	4	12	4	7	6	12	12	OCS	131
10th	Daniel Lamb	Bob Hilton	CAN	7	OCS	OCS	8	14	15	13	8	7	9	6	11	2	11	13	7	148
11th	Terry Pope	Jim Rackham	CAN	16	9	11	13	11	13	8	11	11	10	11	10	14	2	10	6	150
12th	Rob Battilana	Gilles Ladouceur	ITA	13	DNF	9	12	DNF	4	10	10	DNF	8	13	8	12	13	DNS	DNS	180
13th	Henrik Hartz	Gautier De Marcy	USA	9	OCS	15	16	15	10	12	13	10	11	14	12	13	14	6	10	180
14th	Merle Hickey	Carol Hilton	CAN	10	11	13	7	9	12	DSQ	DNF	12	13	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	9	9	190
15th	Dale Keith	Roger Redwin	CAN	DNF	12	10	14	13	11	14	14	DNF	15	12	DSQ	10	10	11	12	192
16th	Wayne Phillips	Todd Clarke	CAN	12	OCS	14	15	12	14	16	15	DNF	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	14	DNF	231
17th	Robb Lawrence	Annette Stuckey	CAN	8	10	DNF	17	16RDGa	15	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	235

A WORLD CLASS EVENT

by Ron Rubadeau, Event PRO

The Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship event, held at the Central Okanagan Sailing Association (COSA) in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, was a first in many categories. Number one, it was the first ever world event for the Trapseat Class. Second, it was the first ever world sailing championship in the interior of British Columbia, with all races sailed on beautiful Lake Okanagan. Lastly, the Championship was the first time

that disabled and able-bodied athletes have ever been fully integrated at the World Championship level.

"Everyone knows about the Olympics, and most recently people are becoming aware of the paralympic movement," says Kathy Campbell of the Disabled Sailing Association of Canada.

These events, and other world championships, attract the best of the able-bodied community (Olympics) and separately, the best of the disabled community (Paralympics).

This event is a breakthrough sport, as the two-member team must be composed of one able-bodied and one disabled sailor.

The combination "is magical" according to Hans van Leening of the Kelowna DSA community. "I have been to several national sailing championships and have sailed against my other wheelchair bound peers.

The Trapseat event combines the best of both sailing worlds, and requires teamwork between sailors who typically never sail the same event or even the same kind of boat."

The event featured not only some of the world's best sailors, but also the



Mike Strahle, inventor of the Trapseats for Hobie 16s, and now the first ever World Champion in the Class.
Photo courtesy of Gillian Thomson.

very best judges and sailing coaches. Like all world competitions, international officials are required at sailing events to adjudicate on-the-water rules.

Topping the list of judges were Dick Rose and Steve Tupper. Dick, an

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ship to the team that had originally invented the trapseat and brought it into existence. No one could have asked for a more fitting scenario!

A major "hats off" to each of the competitors, Ron Rubadeau, Gillian Thomson, Kathy Campbell, the long list of volunteers, sponsors, beach crew, COSA, and everyone else associated with this top-notch event. Whew!!!! Anyone thinking disabled racing is "disabled" racing is, well, sorely mistaken and mentally... disabled!!

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Olympic advisor, writes the rules column for *Sailing World* magazine. He is considered the number one rules expert in the world.

Dave was supported by Steve Tupper, a gold-level international judge and chair of the Olympic Officials Committee. The remaining three judges included Mary Sloane from Mexico, Donald Becker from Portland, and Kelowna's own Bill Checkley.

Just as the judges for the world event are top notch, so are the coaches. Kelowna's Devin Rubadeau ran the high performance training camp for the two days prior to the event.

Devin was chosen for the task because he is a top ranked North American catamaran sailor and is one of CYA's leading coaches. Devin knows the Hobie 16 Trapseat well and participated in the 2001 North American Championship. Since then he has coached sailors at major events in Florida, San Diego and France.

The top-level officials and coaches were necessary, as there were the customary number of rule altercations. While past North American Trapseat events have been tame by protest standards, the international judges spent some time each evening sorting out social interactions at rounding marks.

Although these were all minor, one sailor was forced to sit out several races after he was 'brushed back' by a fellow competitor in a pre-race maneuver.

Following impressive opening ceremonies featuring a piper, the RCMP in red serge, a parade of athletes, a local jazz combo, and Ogopogo (the Okanagan's answer to the Lochness monster), the competition opened with an uninspiring three-knot drifter. The



Above: Dave Cook (R) and crew, Peter Nelson (L), celebrate their second place finish.

Right: The third place team, Danny McCoy and crew Gillian Thomson.

Photos courtesy of Gillian Thomson.



only race of Day One proved to be a "throw out" for the Finns who looked like the team to beat in the pre-regatta training camp.

The Finnish skipper Antero Karjalainen, ranked fourth in the world by the IFDS, was supported by Marko Dahlberg, European Star champion, as crew. They were buried at the start and were never able to work themselves into clear air. Race one belonged to sentimental favorites Mike and Carl Strahle, the Trapseat inventors.

Mike and Carl first created the Trapseat almost two decades ago. When Mike, a hot Hobie 16 sailor, became a quadriplegic as a result of a skiing accident, Mike didn't want to give up his favorite sport. So he and brother Carl created an adaptation that allowed even the most challenged sailor, providing they have the nerve and the skill, to challenge any able-bodied crew boat for boat.

After an evening of Ellen Churchill, local jazz singer, gallons of cold product from Granville Island Brewery, and a dock party that lasted until dawn; Day Two saw a different wind pattern as five races were held in a six-knot northerly. By day's end, five teams were in contention, including John Ross Duggan and Laura Sullivan from the U.S., Danny McCoy and Gillian Thomson from Kelowna, David Cook and Peter Nelson from Vancouver Island, John McRoberts and Larry Robinson from Victoria, and Mike and Carl Strahle from California.

Those sailors who actually went to sleep (including Marko who found that the physio table made a perfect bed) after British comedian Ian Middleder and Celtic guitarist Paul Evenden finished off Day Two, awoke to a ten-knot northerly on Day Three.

The RC ran eight races and by nightfall, the field was separated into

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the front three, a second group of six, and all the rest! Strahle/ Strahle led the group of three, with McCoy/ Thomson and Cook/ Nelson tied for second, only one point behind first.

Day Three ended with cool jazz on a hot dock and our Ogopogo support staff crooning 'I'm in the Mood for Love.'

The last day of the competition saw an overcast sky, spitting rain and light winds. The first race of the day saw little change in standings and further to a four-hour delay which allowed ample time for sailors to "tune up" after the last boat change, the final race was sailed with only minutes to go in the time limit.

After four legs of light and shifting winds, the Strahles captured first in the race, with the Finns beating Cook/ Nelson by less than a foot for second position! The final race knocked Cook/ Nelson out of first into second and McCoy/ Thomson, who were in second overall, into third. Atop the leader board at the first ever World Championship were the Trapseat inventors Mike and Carl Strahle.

That evening the Strahles accepted the *Spirit of Sail* sculpture from local artist Dow Reid. An evening of laughs, cheers, hugs, and tears, followed the final trophy presentation. After two days of training camp and four days of racing, nobody wanted to go home.

But there was still more work for the local committee; when the sun came up, those still standing began taking apart trapseats and putting boats away. In the days that followed the club seemed uncomfortably quiet... no skippers meeting, no sacrifice to the wind god, no clang of wind in the shrouds. COSA was back to the daily parade of local sailors and kids taking lessons.

The glorious and joyous event that was the 2002 Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship was over. Even though the volunteers had worked themselves to near exhaustion, they were all anxious to do it all again... well, maybe not now, but in another year or so!

**Right: At the MEGA, we proved,
"When we can't race, we EAT!"
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,
Hobie Cat Company.**

**Below left: Hobies ready to race,
in Glendo, WY.
Photo courtesy of Bryan Frahm, D5 Chair.**

**Below right: Hobie 18s at the
2002 Daytona Summer Sizzler.
Photo courtesy of Paul Price, FL.**



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2002 BUZZARD REGATTA

July 13-14, 2002 New Bedford, MA

by Nancy Worth, Fleet 28, MA

With 54 boats registered, the 25th Buzzard was howling. You know that feeling when the Race Committee is saying, "It's only twenty knots out here, perfect Hobie weather!" Well, sure...

Only once you get off the beach and feel the full force of the wind, you have to also account for the waves that seemed to be coming from about three different directions, plus the commercial fishermen's wakes. It was uncomfortable enough that a good half of the fleet hit the beach by the end of the first race. Some don't like small craft advisories.

Let's throw in some on-the-water entertainment of a big freighter going right through the course, having seven boats flipped over at once and a pleasure sailor with a split deck seam on his ancient Hobie 18. Great day on the water.

Finally got two more races in – the wind was only starting to lighten up a little bit at the end. It was much better to be sailing than bouncing on a chase boat, though a camera at A mark would have shown some entertaining shots of people losing their footing, not bearing off properly and flipping over.

Off to dinner. Another great meal by Ricardi's and outstanding jazz entertainment by Ted Knowlton and the Screaming Reachers. They even picked up an extra local player who had come down to race his Hobie 18.

Pick up the groaning bodies for Sunday. Still just a light sea breeze blowing – supposed to pick up later in the day to Saturday's strength. Waves not as big, though there were still some great surfing sets, so we can move out more and set a good sized course.

Doreen Coughlan, Doug Baker and crew got off five races in quick order with some perfect wind slowly building.

Jim Glanden was still showing us how to sail on the Hobie 17s, he threw out a bullet.

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*"I get high with a little help from my friends..."
We're still trying to figure out what the deal is with John Smith's leg...
Photo courtesy of Beverly Herman, Fleet 448, Taunton, MA.*



GEP at the Buzzard

by Nancy Worth, Fleet 28, MA

Friday, July 12 dawned cool compared to the heat wave that the north east had just gone through. The sun was shining and the shore breeze was blowing gently. Dan and Kathy Kulowski had traveled up from New Jersey to pass on a fountain of information. We got some boats onto the beach and rigged, then it was time to start.

Dan and his able assistant Kathy got the show under way. With a small crowd of eight boats from Hobie 17s to larger cats, the eager listeners heard about ways to tighten and straighten their boats, rudder toe-in, sail shape, currents, etc. We could have used days of this information, but lunch time was approaching and the sea breeze had finally kicked the shore breeze away and was building.

Next, we went out on the water for a bunch of drills. We did lots of tacks and gybes with Dan yelling directions and tips at us. Gybing around gates to make you use both sides, as well as

going back to windward afterward, was very helpful. Then we tried a few starts and short races - with a 360 turn on each leg to add interest.

By this time, the wind was blowing fifteen knots, with sloppy waves. Some of our tacks (especially the 17s) were also starting to get sloppy. We probably did more tacks and gybes in a few hours than you normally do all weekend at a regatta. Time to hit the shore.

Kathy had videotaped all the on-water drills, so we set the TV/VCR up over at the Low Tide Yacht Club's new clubhouse. Dan's analysis and feedback of the video was extremely helpful. You got to really see what you were doing and could compare to what others were doing. Got information on what to do to avoid what you were doing wrong or what was working. Excellent way to wrap up.

Thank you, Dan and Kathy, for a very informative session – well worth the effort to take a day off work.

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Buzzard 2002 Official Results

PLACE	TEAM	CITY	FLEET POINTS	PLACE	TEAM	CITY	FLEET POINTS
HOBIE 16A Class Results				HOBIE 18 Class Results			
1	Mike Lemme/Barbara Lemme	West Greenwich RI	448 7	1	Greg Ferrara/Saige Johnson	Guilford CT	136 15
2	Stephen Bird/Diane Bird	Hopkinton MA	448 17	2	Billy Guay/Suzanne Guay	East Freetown MA	448 17
3	Dave Heroux/Barbara Powers	Foster RI	448 25	3	Cliff St. George/Steve Jacques	Weare NH	448 27
4	Michael Levesque/Michelle McLean	Pawtucket RI	448 27	4	Fred Myer/Ellen Myer	Blue Bell PA	416 41
5	Jay Obst/Adam Obst	Stephenson VA	448 31	5	Andrew Chin/George Chin	Mattapoisett MA	46
6	Chris Janssen/Dave Kirkpatrick	Warren RI	448 42	6	Greg Maier/Tim Vandeman	Somerville MA	28 49
7	Marie Evans/Sean Esten	Wareham MA	28 42				
8	Robert Merrick/Eliza Cleveland	Branford CT	448 63				
HOBIE 16 NOVICE Class Results				Formula 18 Class Results			
1	Brad Stalter/Justin Brodeur	Acushnet MA	16	1	Thomas Schwandt/Sara and Amy	Atkinson NH	8
2	Sean McQuilken/Douglas McQuilken	Niantic CT	448 27	2	Dino Garbero/Bob Konkell	Littleton MA	28 14
3	Jason Nelson/Joy Nelson	Cranston RI	448 34	3	Dan Kulkoski/Kathy Kulkoski	Belford NJ	250 26
4	Daniel Andrews/Larry Slifkin	Wethersfield CT	38				
5	Will Norris/Michael and Jonathan	Newton MA	47	Nacra 6.0NA Class Results			
6	Roland Chirico/Judy Chirico	Stafford Springs CT	448 49	1	Rick Bliss/Brandy Wood	Mansfield MA	154 7
7	Bruce Chirico/Nick Chirico	Manchester CT	448 56	2	Jim Zellmer/Stephan Najmy	Putney VT	154 19
				3	David Fortier/Joel Richardson	Biddeford ME	231 27
HOBIE 17 Class Results				4	Chris Titcomb/Nate Titcomb	Branford CT	136 32
1	Jim Glanden	Newark DE	54 7	5	Ken Deming/Karie Deming	Ballston Spa NY	238 37
2	Andrew Efstathiou	Canton MA	28 14	6	Greg Harwood/Bill Harwood	Winthrop ME	231 39
3	Ed Nolen	Englewood NJ	250 24	7	Garrett Norton/Andrea Jannarone	Belmont MA	154 52
4	Gerard Blom	Charlottesville VA	31 30	8	Phil Vaillancourt/Sandra Tartaglino	Portsmouth RI	154 56
5	Nancy Worth	Canton MA	28 42	9	Scott Malcolm/Rona Prentice	Hampton NH	209 72
6	Ted Knowlton	Lincoln MA	28 43	10	J. Scot MacKeil/Ron Dionne	Plymouth MA	28 83
7	Leonard Swanson	Gilmanton NH	448 59	11	Eric Anderson/Grayson Bryant	Andover CT	154 92
8	Tom Therrien	Couter Harbor NH	496 69	12	John Decker/Debra Ripsz	Nottingham NH	209 93
9	David Bellemore	New Boston NH	294 71	13	Todd Williams 60/Barbara Corbeil	Stonington CT	448 93
10	Bob Pickett	Seekonk MA	28 73	14	No Clue TORN		100
11	Sam Coes	Hampton NH	496 76				
				Inter 20 Class Results			
				1	Barry Moore/Jane Najmy	Reading MA	154 12
				2	Joe Valente/Mary Ann Horrigan	Bridgewater MA	28 13
				3	Paul D. van Dyke/JJ Moore	Groton CT	22
				4	John L. Smith/Ismael Ali	Westport MA	448 27

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Back to shore for BBQ hot dogs and chips; raffle and awards. Thank you to Hobie Cat, West Marine, Cape Water Sports, Murray's and any others I've missed.

This year it was more of a challenge to get everything together. Thanks to Bob Konkell for stepping up and dealing with all the politics of getting access to what we needed in the now complete Fort Taber Park. A far cry from the sewage treatment site of years gone by.

After a week of bad news with committee boats canceling and an engine problem, we did end up with enough power boats thanks to Scott and Rick, Ron and our latest recruit Bob. And thank you Doug for all your mark setting, especially in the challenging conditions.

Thank you to Doreen Coughlan for another great Buzzard. See you there in 2003.

*The Buzzard claims a victim...
This vintage Hobie 18 never even started a race.
After an afternoon involving the US Coast Guard,
the New Bedford Harbor Master, and a very long tow by a mark boat,
the Hobie had to be drained for hours,
after the port hull seam split in the heavy wind and seas.*

Photo courtesy of Beverly Herman, Fleet 448, Taunton, MA.



NAHCA Northwest Area Championships

August 10-11, 2002 Lake Quinault, WA

Final Results

PLACE SAIL NO TEAM POINTS

16A Class Results

1	102544	Montague / Ward	5
2	91882	Byers / Byers	13
3	87455	Robinson / Robinson	14
4	92644	Nelson / Sullivan	17
5	87577	Jones / Gutzmann	22
6	102544	McGlashen / Ulibarri	26
7	100192	Havig /Groesz	34
8	74362	Hilton / Hilton	36
9	102254	Jones / Rosenbach	41
10	83550	Wallace / Buechman	41

16B Class Results

1	8	Dorwin / Dorwin	5
2	90301	Hensel	11
3	30885	Swanson / Johnson	13
4	86621	Coleman / Coleman	18

16C Class Results

3872	Olsoe / Johnson	1
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17 Class Results

1	1516	Wilder	13
2	6326	Kristiansen	15
3	286	Bill Groesz	15
4	349	Eric Waissi	16
5	5837	Ruggles	22
6	6185	Tarleton	22
7	1266	Richardson	23
8	1597	Nick Groesz	35
9	4451	Jeremy Groesz	39

18A Class Results

1	15897	E. Marshack / V. Groesz	7
2	16757	Colwell / Colwell	12
3	15990	K. Marshack	13
4	9	Breed	15
5	15944	Poore	19
6	12676	Wilson	30
7	16769	Evenden	34
8	13219	Quidex	40
9	15881	Von Stubbe	41
10	192	Bowen	49

18B Class Results

1	15903	Eldridge / Eldridge	5
2	7839	Taylor / Taylor	9

18SX Class Results

1	1105	M. Sele / H. Sele	8
2	768	Stahr / Romine	9
3	1002	Steele / Steele	11

Tiger Class Results

1	1008	Carpenter / Ulibarri	6
2	1070	Lowry / Flannery	9
3	965	Ling / Wade	14
4	850	Valeske / Burton	19
5	1025	Collier / Collier	24

20 Class Results

1	837	Cassell / Cassell	5
2	166	Hawkins / Marshall	14

21 Class Results

1		Mabey / Mabey	6
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Results and Photos courtesy of the Division 4 website, www.hobiedivision4.org.

Full story coming in a future issue of NAHCA News.



A Means Seminar in Iowa...

NAHCA Race Management Training

**Hosted by NAHCA Division 7
and Hobie Fleet 84
August 16, 2002 – Des Moines, IA**

by Rod Phipps, Fleet 192

On the Friday morning before the Division 7 Championship regatta at Saylorville Lake north of Des Moines, seventeen bright-eyed Hobie sailors gathered from places like Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Marshalltown, Ames, Ankeny, Ventura, Storm Lake, Polk City, Des Moines and Johnston in Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska; and Forest Lake and Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

Including Division 7 Chair Eric Lundin and Vice-chair Paul Bommersbach, they filed into the home of Ed and Lois Dixon. They came to participate in a *Basic Race Management* seminar at the knee of US SAILING instructor Means Davis.

This was a unique event with a uniquely qualified US SAILING Instructor as our guru. Means met Paul Ulibarri (PU), NAHCA Race Director, when he was one of the Principal Race Officers (PROs) working the 1996 Olympics. He has more than 25 years experience working in Race Management. In the late eighties he became a certified US SAILING Judge. He became a Senior Judge in 1998 as well as an International Judge the same year.

He currently holds a Regional Race Officer certification from US SAILING. He was one of a three-man team overseeing and coordinating the race man-

agement for the Olympics in Savannah. He and PU have since worked many events together including World Championships, Continental Championships for Hobie classes, regional and National Championships for Hobie and other multihull classes including three Alter Cup regattas. Means was also on an A-mark boat for the Mini and PRO for the MEGA regatta at Fort Walton Beach, Florida in October.

NAHCA has started to conduct Race Management Seminars to improve the quality of Race Committees. Division 7 decided to crank it up a notch.

The *Basic Race Management* seminar is one of the pre-requisites to receive US SAILING certification as a Club Race Officer (CRO). It starts with a true/false pre-test to be completed before the seminar. The test is intended to get the participants to read the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Not just the part about boat right-of-way, but also those other parts on organizing regattas and the regulations of our sport.

After introductions, the sailors started a whirlwind overview based on an eight page course outline that covered RC members' jobs and responsibilities, sailing instructions, RC equipment, setting the course, start and finish lines, setting marks (where and how), the flags (no more white-blue-red means go) and scoring.

At the end of the seminar, nine participants stayed to take the *Basic Race Management* test. Means handled the majority of the load but was aided for two sections by assistant instructors Paul Bommersbach and Rod Phipps.

Before the Friday session, the participants and championship regatta organizers were discussing whether to use the new flag series over the weekend. By the end of the day there were excited conversations, not only



*Above: Means Davis, RC Expert,
or as they call him in Tampa,
"Mr. 18.7 Knots."*

*Left: Means gets some assistance in
demonstrating the start sequence procedure
from Dale Dorschner and Reagan Elsbury.*

Photos courtesy of Cindy Phipps, Division 7.

about the new flags, but how the Division would implement all of the new things we had learned about Race Management.

Means stayed on to serve as PRO at the regatta. Seminar veterans Shelly Stockstad and Rod Phipps got to practice their newly learned skills by serving on the RC. There was good wind on Saturday (25-30 mph dropping to 15-20 in the afternoon). The RC set a course with a mile and a half between marks and started four races to assure a throw out.

At the end of the day the common comment was "Man, those were long courses and I had to tack four times to A-mark, but the course was really square." Sunday saw an early postponement until the wind filled and then one race in ideal conditions: sunny, winds 8-12 mph.



Wind, Women & Song – SheGatta 2002

September 21-22, 2002 Lake Ray Roberts, TX

by Sheila Holmes

Dynamic women. Sailboat racing on brightly colored Hobie Cats. Great volunteers. Good friends sharing fantastic food, making music and creating new memories. What more could one desire in a single weekend? Maybe you'd like to include a charitable contribution to a very worthwhile cause?

The SheGatta 2002 was another fantastic event! Ladies from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois, and Colorado, teamed up on fifteen boats for the third annual ladies race on Lake Ray Roberts.

This exceptional regatta offers women sailors (or wannabes) a chance to take the helm of a Hobie Cat, for the first time or to improve current skills, and share the weekend with a girlfriend. In addition, dates, mates, friends and fans share in the camaraderie, with horseshoes and croquet matches for the competitive types, or spectating for those who wish to cheer on their favorite teams.

Lisa Kizer & Karen Palmer of Lake Ray Roberts Roy'all Yacht Club and Hobie Fleet 23 worked for weeks in advance of the regatta to woo sponsors, gather donations and prepare for the arrival of all competitors.

The Friday night welcome party, hosted by the Bill & Therese Davenport and Tommy & Lisa Kizer, provided sailors and friends an opportunity to meet, mingle and munch. Thanks guys for the beverages and burgers!

Saturday morning dawned clear and warm, with fruit, pastries, coffee & juice served to all comers. After registration, Sheila Holmes conducted a sailing seminar and shared some

local knowledge of the lake and answered questions from the ladies.

Bill Davenport, PRO, greeted the gals at the skippers meeting and detailed the day's race plans. The first race started in a light breeze and the boats sailed a competitive race, though the wind velocity decreased as the racers neared the finish. Kitsy Amrhein & Carol Galbraith skimmed to the front of the pack taking top honors in the Hobie 16 Gold fleet, while Linda DeKort & Lil Baker lead the Hobie 16 Silver fleet.

Bill and his race committee team wisely called a lunch break to await more wind and the boats headed for the beach. After the aromas wafting from Claude Jones' smoker, I'm certain the ladies were developing appetites. Claude was up before dawn, firing up the smoker and preparing the briskets, chicken quarters and whole chickens for the Saturday night Southwestern smoked barbecue dinner. The smoke filled the air, bringing the neighbors by to check out the activity, with Walt & Mary Hesse bringing by a cake specially decorated for SheGatta!

The wind gods decided to extend the lunch break, so let's sell some more raffle tickets! Did you hear about all the great stuff? A kayak from Mariner Sails & Hobie Cat, a fabulous handmade event quilt created by Therese Davenport, sailing books,

gear, trips and lifejackets available to the lucky winners. And all proceeds support Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Fluky air kept the boats on the beach, so by Saturday evening the ladies were ready for some fun. Plug in the frozen drink machine! And chase it with a great smoked chicken and brisket dinner a la Claude! Delicious!

The long-awaited raffle was held around the bonfire with fabulous merchandise and wonderful prizes awarded to the winning ticket holders. Drew Riddle of the Ft. Worth fleet won the quilt and generously offered to raffle it again to raise even more money for breast cancer research. Karen Atnip won the kayak, though I think the kids are planning to use it as a ski toy behind the big boat!

Sunday morning brought a change in wind direction and a stronger breeze. Ardy prepared and served his specialty – breakfast taquitos – to provide the ladies a nutritious way to start the day. From the looks of the breeze, they would need the energy. We're talking double trap conditions. YIPPEE!

Linda DeKort & Lil Baker held the H16 Silver lead on Sunday, earning three more first place finishes, a perfect score for the weekend!

The H16 Gold fleet was tight, with Sheila Holmes & Joyce Loeffelholz trying to overcome Saturday's seventh place ranking by winning the first two races on Sunday, then flipping in the last race.

Karen Palmer & Karen Atnip sailed on to win the final race on Sunday. Jane

SheGatta 2002 Final Results

Place	Team	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	Points	T/O	Total
1	Heather Morrison / Kathleen Tracy	16 Gold	2	8	2	2	14	8	6
2	Sheila Holmes / Joyce Loeffelholz	16 Gold	7	1	1	10	19	10	9
3	Jane Sherrod / Jean Brown	16 Gold	3	2	5	4	14	5	9
4	Kitsy Amrhein / Carol Galbraith	16 Gold	1	6	4	5	16	6	10
5	Donna McIntosh / Beverly Collins	16 Gold	6	4	3	3	16	6	10
6	Karen Palmer / Karen Atnip	16 Gold	4	10	10	1	25	10	15
7	Ginger Wilder / Nancy Page	16 Gold	9	3	6	6	24	9	15
8	Michelle Stacy / Dawn Alcorn	16 Gold	5	7	8	8	28	8	20
9	Deb Olsen / Lisa Kizer	16 Gold	8	8	7	7	30	8	22
1	Linda DeKort / Lil Baker	16 Silver	1	1	1	1	4	1	3
2	McDaniel / Sybil Higgins	16 Silver	3	2	5	2	12	5	7
3	Carol French / Sue Sport	16 Silver	4	3	2	3	12	4	8
4	Kim Unger / Sue Oats	16 Silver	2	5	5	5	17	5	12
1	Linda Donie / Lynn VanHooser	18 Gold	1	1	1	2	5	2	3
1	Vickie Schaller	14Turbo	1	2	2	2	7	2	5

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MEGA Thanks!

by Lori Mohney, Event Co-Chair

I would like to thank the following for all their help at the Mini and MEGA Events. We couldn't have done it without these people – when you see them next time – tell them THANKS!

Regatta Co-Chair – Paul Ulibarri

On Site Coordination – Bill & Chris Grady, Tony Lewis, Danny Gross

Race Director – Paul Ulibarri

Mini PRO – Mark Santorelli

Pan Am PRO - Mike Walker

MEGA PROs – Means Davis & Irene McNeil

Judges – Doug Campbell, Kim Kymlicka, Marshall Brown, Cal Jones, Jack Caldwell, Neil McNeil

Signal Boat Mini – Bill Jolley (Boat Owner), Gary & Shelly Russell, Doug Mitchell, Mike Levesque, Michelle McLean, John Bauldry, Linda Watts

Mark Boats Mini – Dave Hopper, Sandy Zevin, Tony Lewis, Mike Volz, Paul Garlick, Sean Tracy

Signal Boat Pan Am – Jack Stringfellow (Boat Owner), Gerry Guest, Jeniffer Guest, Doug Campbell, Kim Kymlicka



Above, L-R: Paul Ulibarri, Lori Mohney and Rich McVeigh, MEGA event organizers.
Photo courtesy of David Sprague.

Right: Dave Baumgartner,
MEGA Beach Captain.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,
Hobie Cat Company.

MEGA Signal Boat (Alpha Course) – Mark Santorelli, Vicki Uliarri, Annette Chirstianson, Terry Malcolm, Linda Watts

MEGA Mark Boats (Alpha Course) – Tony Lewis, Mike Volz, Peter Bourassa, Rob Wagner, Joel Deupree, Tammy Duran, Rose Deupree, Dave Yates

MEGA Signal Boat (Bravo Course) – Gerry Guest, Jeniffer Guest, Doug Campbell, Kim Kymlicka, Barb Caster, Mary Spiller, Judy Sajdak, Sean McQuilken

MEGA Mark Boats (Bravo Course) – Mike Walker, Dave Hopper, Sandy Zevin, David Koops, Bill Colgan, Brian Harrison, Karl Engelmeyer, Deb Olsen

Additional Boat Owners – Means Davis, Mike Volz, Brian Harrison, Mike Kelley, Sandy Zevin, Randy Smythe, Peter Seyffert, Roland & Leta

Registration – Joanne Perkins, Gail Stiemsma, Kathy Purcell, Jan Nye, Pat O'Donnell, Marilyn Antonacci, Mimi Appel, Trish Bauldry, Neil McNeil

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Sherrod and Jean Brown were sailing hot, and Donna McIntosh & Beverly Collins handled the heavier winds extremely well. Heather Morrison & Kathleen Tracy sailed a very consistent series and came up with the win in H16 Gold!

It was a fantastic weekend for racers, watchers, volunteers and friends. We had some great fun, excellent sailing, and one injury, though I hope Joyce will heal quickly. This is a must-do event, so be sure and get it on your calendar for next year!

MEGA Thanks!

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T-Shirt/Raffle and Hat Sales –

Barb Brooks, Mimi Appel,
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Pam Chandler

Local Support –

Alan Laird,
Jim Tucker

Weigh In –

John Kidder,
Jim Glanden, Jon Sherm,
H-17 Sailors

Raffle Prizes –

Roger Brown

Scorer –

David Sprague

Beach Captain –

David Baumgartner



*Top: Bill Grady, MEGA Chef!
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,
Hobie Cat Company.*

*Right: Is it really possible to
demast in no wind?
Alan and Brisia Mohill of CA,
Hobie 16 #105199, found a way!
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully,
San Carlos, CA.*



*Right: Key Sailing tent at MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Bottom right: David Sprague, MEGA Scorer, in action.
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*Below: Mini Race Committee posing for the camera.
L-R: Gary Russell (DRO), Mark Santorelli (PRO),
Michelle McLean (Recorder), Mike Levesque (our Editor, Starter),
and Linda Watts (Recorder).
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*



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On Site Hobie Dealer –
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Website – Steve Fields

Program – Kathleen Tracy &
PrintMyStuff.com

Shirts & Hats – Steve Leo,
InFocus Promotions

Event Logo & Trophies Designed by
– John Stahr

Thanks to ALL the participants and to these last three people, and without them I would of never survived –

Paul Ulibarri

Rich McVeigh

and my husband **Jerry Mohney.**
Thanks guys for keeping me sane!



*Top: Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully,
San Carlos, CA.*

*Below, L-R: PU, Michael Walker (Pan AM PRO)
and Mark Santorelli (Mini PRO).
Photo courtesy of David Sprague,
Toronto, ON, CAN.*



*Below left, Irene McNeil and her crew,
looking for wind for the 16s and 17s.*

*Below right: Means Davis and company,
in sequence on the Bravo course.
Look closely, someone's been misbehaving
on the starting line (that's not a P flag...).*

*Photos courtesy of Jean Tully,
San Carlos, CA.*



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Sailing's First Athletes Named to 2003 Pan Am Games Team in Hobie 16 and Lightning Classes

PORTSMOUTH, RI (November 1, 2002) — The Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC) of US SAILING, national governing body for the sport, has named the first members of its 2003 Pan American Games Team.

Pending approval from the U.S. Olympic Committee (Colorado Springs, Colo.), the five sailors — recent winners of the selection trials in the Hobie 16 and Lightning classes — will represent the U.S.A. at the XIV Pan American Games, scheduled for August 1-17, 2003, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

The U.S. has qualified to enter all nine events featured in the sailing competition which will be staged from the Santo Domingo Yacht Club: Laser (men) and Mistral (men and women), and the non-Olympic Laser Radial (women), Hobie 16, J/24, Lightning, Snipe and Sunfish (all open).

Hobie 16 - At the Hobie North American Continental Championships [MEGA] in Ft. Walton Beach, FL, nineteen boats sailed an eight-race series to select a Hobie 16 team to represent the USA at the Pan Am Games.

After five races, the front-runners — Paul and Mary Ann Hess (both Napa, CA), and 1999 Pan Am Team member Wally Myers [and crew Tyler Myers] (Marmora, NJ) — were tied, with both teams having won two races apiece. In the final three races, the Hesses finished 5-3-3 to Myers' 4-4-5.

With both teams dropping their fifth-place finishes, the Hesses secured the Pan Am slot with sixteen points to the Myers' eighteen. The Hobie 16, a sixteen-foot catamaran, will make its second appearance at the Pan Am Games in 2003.

A multi-sport event, the Pan Am Games has been held every four years since its inception in 1951. Always held the summer preceding the Olympics, the Pan Am Games has featured some of the world's finest athletes from the 41 member nations



Paul and Mary Ann Hess of Napa, CA, 2003 Hobie 16 Pan Am Games Team. Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.

of the Pan American Sports Organizations from North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

For more information, visit www.ussailing.org/Olympics/PanAm

2003 Pan American Games Qualifier Final Results

PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	TOTAL
1	105440	Paul Hess	Mary Ann Hess	Napa, CA	USA	1	2	4	2	1	5	3	3	16
2	102773	Wally Myers	Tyler Myers	Marmora, NJ	USA	3	1	2	1	3	4	4	5	18
3	105433	Mike Montague	Kathy Ward	Santa Rosa, CA	USA	4	3	10	4	4	1	5	2	23
4	102992	Randy Payne	Janet Payne	Cape May Point, NJ	USA	2	13	1	3	7	2	2	9	26
5	102966	Rich McVeigh	Karen Grisko	Silver Spring, MD	USA	5	9	7	6	6	8	1	4	37
6	104954	Robert Merrick	Eliza Cleveland	Branford, CT	USA	11	4	14	8	5	3	12	1	44
7	104505	Bruce Andrews	Kelly Wood	Landenberg, PA	USA	6	7	15	5	14	10	6	7	55
8	107577	Scott Loesch	Brent Means	Wichita, KS	USA	7	8	11	9	8	13	7	6	56
9	105220	Ken Nelson	Jane Stewart	Fresno, CA	USA	DNS	5	8	7	10	6	9	13	58
10	105179	Ron LaPorta	Erin LaPorta	Coatesville, PA	USA	8	17	5	12	2	7	15	10	59
11	102793	Bill Meibach	Francil MacDonald	Weed, CA	USA	9	11	17	11	12	9	8	11	71
12	104952	Peter Nelson	Laura Sullivan	Seattle, WA	USA	10	6	13	16	11	16	11	14	81
13	104520	Patrick Bisesi	Diane Bisesi	Brewerton, NY	USA	13	12	3	17	17	17	14	12	88
14	104841	Olli Jason	Kelly Jason	Parsippany, NY	USA	14	10	18	18	9	12	13	16	92
15	5011	Mark Jones	William Stolberg	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	USA	16	18	6	13	15	15	17	DNS	100
16	104833	Ken Hilk	Carol Ann Hilk	Centerville, DE	USA	15	15	16	15	16	14	10	15	100
17	227	Steve Miller	Evan Miller	Panama City, FL	USA	12	14	12	10	18	DNF	DNS	DNS	106
18	105346	Ted Jagger	TBA	White Bear Lake, MN	USA	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	13	11	16	8	108
19	104949	Rob Setili	Amanda Setili	Atlanta, GA	USA	17	16	9	14	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	116

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DIVISION 2 MEGA REPORT

by Karen Christensen, Hobie 20 crew

When I think back to the MEGA, only scattered images appear in my mind. Crystal clear yet without a beginning or an end. You see, the days in that week blended together into one fond memory.

This big gray heron walking stiff-legged in the shallow surf, fishing. Oblivious to us.

The warm, warm water, unreal, unnatural to a Pacific Ocean sailor.

Clouds. Wow. And lightning, all jagged just like in the cartoons.

Fried catfish. Fried hushpuppies. Fried fries. Thank goodness for peanut butter and jelly.

A pool with a waterfall— cool, clean, refreshing.

Sweating all the time. It is good for my complexion, right?

Bottles and bottles of water, a blue label, plastic. Do they recycle in Florida?

Clean white sand, squeaking beneath my bare feet.

Multi-colored sails, looking beautiful (except for those ugly yellow ones.)

The postponement flag raised and lying pitifully against the pole.

Eating little greasy food items while sitting on the carpeting in a great big banquet hall.

A sudden downpour inside The Swamp. Running to the other end of the bar for shelter.

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*Top: Hobie Youth chomping at the bit, at the Mini Skippers Meeting.
Photo courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.*

*Above: 2002 Women's Champions, Susan Korzeniewski and Kathy Miles.
Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.*

*Left: The racing was VERY tight in the Women's fleet. Susan and Kathy (104729) fly a hull on "suicide port," to duck Rosarito Martinez and Kamil Berrios (107538), and cross Judy Nesmith and Karen Palmer (102062).
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*



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*Andrew and Perry Jagger (104894), screaming into A mark.
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*

Team photos courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.



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Smiling faces. Friendly people. Hundreds of us, sharing our love of sailing.

Waiting. Then waiting some more. Ready to race. Ready to sheet in and stretch out.

Racing slowly to A mark, urging the boat to travel faster than the opposing current. Will we round the mark or drift to Louisiana?

Catching a little one-foot swell while headed for C mark. The ride is over so quickly.

My harness, all dry and stiff, and uncomfortable... unused.

That guy on the committee boat holding out that anemometer hour after hour, day after day... wishful, hopeful.

Hobie Alter, Sr. autographing my trophy!

2002 Hobie 16 Womens North American Continental Championships Final Results

PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	TOTAL
1	104729	Susan Korzeniewski	Kathy Miles	Liverpool, NY	USA	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	14
2	104458	Lynn Myers	Beth Andrews	Marmora, NJ	USA	4	1	4	3	11	5	9	1	2	29
3	102062	Judy Nesmith	Karen Palmer	Seattle, WA	USA	6	10	3	1	2	9	8	4	6	39
4	107538	Rosarito Martinez	Kamil Berrios	Puerto Rico	PUR	1	2	1	11	8	8	7	9	5	41
5	80525	Heather Morrison	Kathleen Tracy	Fowler, KS	USA	7	7	5	8	5	6	5	5	3	43
6	107553	Kitsy Armhein	Lori Mohnney	Springfield, IL	USA	9	4	7	7	9	3	1	11	7	47
7	104641	Sheila Holmes	Barbara Winternitz	Valley View, TX	USA	5	8	10	4	6	10	4	6	4	47
8	104521	Ginger Wilder	Nancy Page	Lawton, OK	USA	12	14	6	5	7	2	10	7	10	59
9	105003	Donna McIntosh	Beverly Collins	Sapulpa, OK	USA	10	5	13	13	10	4	3	8	8	61
10	100468	Kathryn Garlick	Karen Walker	Terra Cria, FL	USA	8	12	9	6	4	7	6	10	11	61
11	102568	Pam Neff	Kirse Kelly	Scottsdale, AZ	USA	13	13	11	10	3	12	13	3	9	74
12	107521	Stephanie Lowe	Vicky Ulibarri	Vancouver, BC	CAN	2	9	8	9	12	11	DNC	14	12	77
13	102811	Annette Jagger	Shelly Suchomel	White Bear Lake, MS	USA	11	6	14	14	14	13	12	13	14	97
14	107491	Deb Olsen	Lisa Kizer	Aruada, CO	USA	14	11	12	12	13	14	11	12	13	98

2002 Hobie 16 Youth North American Continental Championships Final Results

PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	TOTAL
1	104950	Bret Sullivan	Eric Raybon	Aberdeen, NJ	USA	6	2	2	7	1	3	1	2	17
2	105146	Jacob Sailer	Clifton Neff	Lodi, CA	USA	1	1	3	9	6	2	6	1	20
3	102813	Steven Perkins	Matt Perkins	Kirkville, NY	USA	OCS	3	5	3	3	1	3	3	21
4	104953	Harry Newkirk	Tommy Fruitticher	Pensacola, FL	USA	4	5	1	5	2	5	4	4	25
5	105407	Francisco Figueroa	John Guzman	Rio Piedras, PR	PUR	2	4	6	1	7	4	7	5	29
6	104944	Todd Ricardi	Sean McQuilken	Madison, CT	USA	3	6	4	4	9	10	5	8	39
7	102433	Joseph Kelly	Brandon Miles	Fayetteville, NY	USA	5	8	9	11	4	9	2	10	47
8	104894	Andrew Jagger	Perry Jagger	White Bear Lake, MN	USA	OCS	7	8	2	10	6	8	7	48
9	89784	Bryan Baird	Aaron Williams	St. George Island, FL	USA	7	10	7	6	5	13	9	11	55
10	104730	Marie Appel	Andy Warwick	Marcellus, NY	USA	DNF	9	12	8	12	8	13	6	68
11	105226	Tim Wallace	Carl Ard	Eastpoint, FL	USA	8	12	11	15	13	7	10	15	76
12	105210	Rolland Hollenbeck	Ben Law	Eastpoint, FL	USA	10	11	10	12	15	14	11	9	77
13	105231	JR Serrato	Sam Baird	Eastpoint, FL	USA	9	13	13	13	14	11	14	14	87
14	107595	Christian Hathcock	A.J. Doll	Eastpoint, FL	USA	11	DNC	DNC	14	8	15	12	13	92
15	77535	Alek Hoffman	Kevin Williams	St. George Island, FL	USA	DNC	DNC	DNC	10	11	12	OCS	16	106
16	104561	Daren Hoffman	TBA	St. George Island, FL	USA	DNF	DNF	DNF	17	16	DNC	16	12	118
17	104563	Jody Smith	Richard Williams	Eastpoint, FL	USA	DNS	DNC	DNC	16	17	DNF	15	17	122
18	61564	Michael Dowd	Tom Brannine	Sarasota, FL	USA	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	133

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DIVISION 4 MEGA REPORT

MEGA or Bust - Road Trip 2002

by Laura Sullivan, Division 4 Chair

The Div. 4 Cast:

Bob & Carol Hilton:	"Most northerly entrants"
Dave Wilder:	"Gene"
Graham McGlashen & Terry:	"Pussy Cat" / "Oh Baby!"
Jerry Valeske:	"Tanked Tiger"
Jan Kristiansen:	"Three Hulls???"
Annette Zacher:	"Lover of Three Hulls"
Kelly Uniewski:	"What a crew!"
Ken & Debbie Marshack:	"Mr. & Mrs. H18"
Kevin Mitchell:	"Mario Andretti"
Larry Robinson:	"The ultimate DIY guy"
Laura Sullivan:	"Bushwacker Babe"
Mark Jones & Ingrid Guzmann:	"The REAL Mark Jones"
Paul Evenden:	"Musicman"
Peter Nelson:	"The Div. 4 Champ"
Reigh North:	"If it floats, I'll race it"
Scott Ruggles:	"Mother Hubbard"
Dave Harris:	"Honey 3"
Kevin Cunningham:	"Honey 4"
Caleb Tarleton:	"Nasty Girl"
Vicki Ulibarri:	"Dr. Dramamine"
Linda Watts:	"Green Girl"

The Road Trip

Where should we start? The beginning would be the logical choice, but then nothing about this trip seemed logical! It all started in 2001, when a group of Hobie-crazy Canadians decided to travel from Canada, clear across the United States to the MEGA Event - from the far Northwest corner to the far Southeast corner of the continent.

Paul Evenden had the idea of renting a truck and trailer, loading it with twenty plus boats and showing up at the event en masse. We didn't quite make the twenty boats, but showed up with eleven boats and one charter.

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*Above: Hobie 14 sailors attempting the impossible, a pointing duel in light air...
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*



Above: Todd Riccardi and Sean McQuilken, from Fleet 136 of CT, racing upwind in the Mini. Sean and his folks were having such a great time in Florida, they stayed for a few more days and Sean worked with Means Davis on the MEGA RC.

Below: Jacob Sailer and Clifton Neff (105146) with a phenomenal start, showing why they missed first place by just three points.

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Ken, Debbie and Dave traveled down I-80 plowing snow with their brand new mega motor home. Reigh and Paul, both experienced road warriors, chose I-90 and mukluks, encountering ice and tractor-trailers littering the highway. Larry, Kevin and Jan went the tropical route of I-5, I-10, and bikinis. Here's how it went:

Some time in January, Larry gets this grandiose idea that he could piggyback the MEGA event into a trip with his family to Wally World in Orlando. He put the word out that space was available on his trailer, and it was gobbled up quickly.

The trailer was pulled by Larry's super-sized Volvo bus. Now understand, this is not your father's VW micro-bus. This thing is a full-sized coach that Larry customized himself. Too bad he left out the air conditioning!! Kevin Mitchell had to go out and get a commercial license just to help Larry on the ride down. (But more on this later!)

The trip itinerary seemed ordinary enough (we are confident nothing is 'ordinary' in Larry's life!!) — pick up a 16 (with trailer!) in Arizona that Bob and Carol Hilton could use at the MEGA, swing by a road stop off I-10 in Louisiana to pick up a 17 Sport hull that Jan Kristensen scored on Ebay off of some guy who lives in Texas, drop in at the New Orleans airport to pick up Bob & Carol & Mark & Ingrid, and off to Fort Walton Beach!

Simple enough, right? What do you think the chances would be of traveling 3,000 miles with all those commitments, AND arriving at the New Orleans airport within *twenty minutes* of the plane arriving? Incredible!!

The 16 in Arizona was Jan's wife's brother's son's boat (got that?), that Larry bought for his kids so that they can give D4 some competition - look out Peter!

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**Your 2002 Hobie 14 North American Continental Champion...
Bill Jeffers of Sodus, NY (Fleet 204).**

Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.

Team photo courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.



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Final Results

PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	TOTAL
1	52279	William Jeffers	Sodus, NY	USA	3	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	11
2	3434	Wayne Mooneyham	San Jose, CA	USA	1	2	2	2	9	4	4	2	2	19
3	52363	Vel DeKreek	St. Petersburg, FL	USA	7	7	6	4	3	2	5	7	4	38
4	52222	Sandy Takacs	Portsmouth, RI	USA	4	8	7	5	8	3	6	8	3	44
5	44946	Jim Sajdak	Tahoe, CA	USA	12	4	4	3	5	8	3	9	11	47
6	52217	Dan Jarrett	Tulsa, OK	USA	2	9	9	17	1	5	9	14	9	58
7	45512	Mark Ralph	Valley View, TX	USA	6	10	13	16	7	6	14	3	5	64
8	52208	Leonard Swanson	Gilmanton, NH	USA	5	12	1	6	13	10	7	15	15	69
9	53157	Robert Bridgman	Derby, KS	USA	9	6	5	8	15	12	13	11	10	74
10	52251	Eric Anderson	Andover, CT	USA	10	3	8	7	11	16	OCS	4	DNC	78
11	3	Bruce Fields	Rogers, AR	USA	DNS	15	16	9	14	7	2	5	12	80
12	49414	Lynn Olson	Chattanooga, TN	USA	13	16	15	10	4	11	10	12	7	82
13	47456	Bob Johnson	Tampa, FL	USA	8	13	11	12	12	14	11	13	6	86
14	52757	Bill Brooks	Tampa, FL	USA	16	DNC	DNC	15	6	13	8	6	8	91
15	52057	Cheryl Johnson	Tampa, FL	USA	11	5	12	14	10	9	15	16	16	92
16	52855	Rick Pettit	Austin, TX	USA	14	11	10	11	16	17	12	10	13	97
17	52805	Clark Keyser	Indian Rocks Bch, FL	USA	15	14	14	13	17	15	16	17	14	118
18	20819	Scott Smith	Gastonia, NC	USA	17	17	17	18	18	18	DNC	DNC	DNC	143

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Final Results

PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	TOTAL
1	4	Pat Murphy	Lexington, SC	USA	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	10
2	15	Dan Kulkoski	Belford, NJ	USA	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	DNF	15
3	5	Tom Cottingham	Tinton Falls, NJ	USA	3	3	4	4	5	3	3	4	3	27
4	11	Mark Sailer	Lodi, CO	USA	DNC	5	3	2	4	DNS	4	2	2	29
5	16	Judy Raybon	Shrewbury, NJ	USA	4	DNS	DNS	5	3	4	5	5	DNC	40
6	1	Norris	TBA		DNC	4	5	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	51

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The 17 hull was to replace Jan's port hull that got T-boned at our Labor Day regatta. They left Vancouver with four boats and arrived in Fort Walton Beach with five and a half (and two trailers). When questioned about the extra hull the reason given was that Jan is prone to kamikaze port starts and always carries a spare hull!

One thing they forgot to teach Kevin in commercial driver's school is how to run another car off the road! It seems that Kevin took over a stint at the wheel somewhere in Alabama. With everyone partying in the bus behind him, Kevin couldn't believe his eyes! Coming directly at him in the fast lane of a four-lane, *divided* highway were headlights!! And this was no grandma driving. The car was moving well in excess of 100 mph!!!

Quickly realizing that the only thing between him and a head-on crash was a thin plate of sheet metal, Kevin swerved fifteen tons of bus and boats into the right-hand lane. Too bad for the guy in the van driving next to the bus!! He got to quickly try out his four-wheel drive on the grass!! Apparently, the head-on driver had a few friends, because a whole county full of sheriffs in hot pursuit quickly followed him! Fortunately, no cars or drivers (that we know of!) were hurt in the incident! Whew!

Setting up a camp was a snap! The coaches were rallied into a circle for protection from the natives! There was the bus, Ken Marshack's new motor home from Portland, OR and Reigh North's triple-stack, double-axle, mega trailer. You'd remember the trailer — it looked like a garage sale with all the gear hung out to dry!!

In the morning the Marshacks' side of the compound was favored for shade; in the evening the bus side. A white line down the middle was designated the "Canadian — US border". A fee, usually consisting of an ice cream cone or "bushwacker" drink was required for crossing the border



Above: The Noriega family of Mexico (L-R): Armando Jr., Pamela, Armando Sr., and Martha. They raced in pairs, and each team finished in the top ten. Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.

Below left: Carla Malatras (PUR), 2002 Continental Champion, waiting for Enrique, rests and catches some shade on her Hobie 16. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.

Below right: The Division 4 sailors at Camp Larry. L-R: Bob Hilton (BC), Mark Coleman, Ingrid Guzmann, Kelly Uniewski (BC), Reigh North (BC), Carol Hilton (BC), Paul Evenden (BC), Jan Kristiansen (BC). Photo courtesy of Sandy Robinson.

to the shady side. Something to do with the softwood lumber dispute...

The inside of the bus was nearly 100 degrees during the day, and not much cooler at night. (Canadians just don't have much use for air conditioning.) They also wanted to spend as much time as possible outside, in the beautiful Florida weather. So the ultimate DIY guy, Larry Robinson, went dumpster diving, and came upon some great scrap plywood and cinder block... a masterpiece picnic table was created.

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Remember Kevin, our traumatized bus driver? Well Kevin was suffering from all the Florida heat and sunshine. (They don't get much of either of those where he lives.) Kevin, trying to escape the heat, discovered the toilet had the best ventilation and was the coolest place on the bus, so he slept on the toilet sitting up. He soon found out that he still wasn't getting any rest. He was regularly interrupted by his bus mates who needed to use the facilities. So he became more sleep deprived with each passing night... a sailing zombie by day.

After about five nights of sleeping on the toilet, Kevin realized that he could go outside and sleep on the picnic table. The only risk was not waking up before breakfast was served. (The making of the table was strictly supervised by the NAHCA. No materials were harmed: all were returned to their natural habitat.)

For added entertainment Thursday night, the trailer was taken for some mid-trip welding. Seems the Highway Dept. in Louisiana built their stretch of I-10 out of surplus water ski jumps, lining them up at just the right spacing to cause the trailer to hobby horse violently for miles. You know how those 16s like to do that in a chop!

Anyway, the trailer developed some cracks. So Larry, who happens to have connections to a 100,000 sq. ft. fabrication shop in Pensacola, added some gussets, and the trailer returned ready for battle. Many thanks to David and Grady for offering to arrange alternate local repairs.

The Regatta? Oh yeah, nearly forgot about that! The Marshacks cleaned up in the 18s. The rest of us? Let's just say us mostly lake sailors have a few things to learn about the chop! We had a great time racing each other

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Top and right photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.

Below left: Herb James, 2003 Fleet 204 Commodore, at the MEGA. Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.



PROTEST!!!

A 16 sailor's favorite word?

Not quite. According to Doug Campbell, the NAHCA Appeals Chairman and Jury Chairman for the MEGA, that while it is true that "there were 34 protest / redress hearings at the MEGA... most were requests for redress for various reasons."

At the MEGA, it was urban legend that the vast majority of the hearings involved Hobie 16 sailors.

Of the protests, only five resulted in the DSQ of a boat in a race for "shall we say, not sailing in accordance with the rules." An incident in the gate rounding pictured above resulted in a very late-night hearing.

"One of the DSQs was appealed to the Gulf Yachting Association which resulted in the Protest Committee being upheld on their decision," reports Doug.

Having endured all of that, it is refreshing to hear Doug's final words on the subject, "All in all, pretty good considering the number of races, number of competitors, and challenging conditions. A credit to both the competitors and the Race Committees."



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amongst the rest of the boats. In one race, four of the 16s had a photo finish, crossing the line within inches of each other!

The (five and a half) boats were broken down Friday afternoon. Let's see... got 'em all? Two Canadian 16s, one and a half Canadian 17, an Arizona 16 and a Washington 17 (and a spare trailer...). Try crossing the border with that set!!

The three 16s were stacked on Larry's "Triple-Stack Super Deluxe Trailer." Jan's 17 "trimaran" went in the middle, and Scott's 17 went under the top boat.

Larry and his nine year-old co-pilot son Max made the trip back after two weeks at Walt Disney World, etc. The return trip was relatively uneventful, other than the half day delay near Salt Lake City due to a foot and a half of snow, and a four truck pile-up involving one semi trailer cut in half and another up-side down... (relatively uneventful!).

We'd like to thank all the volunteers, and especially the beautiful Division 4 volunteers that graced their presence on the 16 and 17 course – Vicki, Linda, Terry and Annette. Without Vicki Ulibarri's horrendous supply of Dramamine, the race committee would have abandoned ship.

Back home plans have begun for the next odyssey!

The stats:

Number of miles (round trip): 6200

Number of McDonalds passed on the way home (courtesy Max): 107

Fill-ups of Diesel: (*big tanks*): 10

Number of Submarines spotted on highway: 1

The "#1 comment from the truckers on the CB radio" was "Where d'ya figure that guy with the bus is goin' with all them kayaks?"



Above: MEGA multi-stack trailers!

Top: Bob & Carol Hilton, photo courtesy of Sandy Robinson. Other trailer photos courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.

Below left: Matt helping Dad (Jim Perkins) rig their Hobie 16. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.

Below center: Bruce and Beth Andrews walking on the beach. Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.

Below right: Hobies ready to race at the MEGA. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.



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PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	TOTAL
1	PUR2	Enrique Figueroa	Carla Malatras	San Juan, PR	PUR	4	7	4	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	22
2	105433	Mike Montague	Kathy Ward	Santa Rosa, CA	USA	2	4	11	6	2	6	4	2	9	13	46
3	107521	Armando Noriega, Jr.	Martha Noriega	Jard en La Mexico, DF	MEX	17	35	7RDGd	6	3	2	10	6	2		59.6
4	102773	Wally Myers	Tyler Myers	Marmora, NJ	USA	18	3	3	1	12	13	12	4	14	8	70
5	102992	Randy Payne	Janet Payne	Cape May Point, NJ	USA	1	34	1	27	9	4	6	13	2	11	74
6	107489	Pat Porter	Darcy Porter	Folsom, CA	USA	DNS	9	13	26	3	9	3	7	5	3	78
7	105197	Jeff Petron	Julie Nunes	Camarillo, CA	USA	22	15	29	5	7	2	5	11	13	19	99
8	105440	Paul Hess	Mary Ann Hess	Napa, CA	USA	DNS	1	20	10	14	15	10	24	15	4	113
9	107538	Pamela Noriega	Armando Noreiga Sr	Mexico, DF 14210	MEX	10	21	28RDGd	16	10	11	5	1	28		114.8
10	107472	Bruno DiBernardi	Suzi Pirillo	Brazil	BRA	19	33	24	15	5	8	22	22	3	5	123
11	105237	William Jeffers	Sandra Jeffers	Sodus, NY	USA	21	17	8	19	4	11	8	3	33	35	124
12	80525	Sean Tracy	Kathleen Tracy	Fort Collins, CO	USA	13	2	10	13	15	27	37	18	25	16	139
13	107577	Scott Loesch	Brent Means	Wichita, KS	USA	24	6	5	11	19	16	30	15	23	44	149
14	104503	Jim Perkins	Matt Perkins	Kirkville, NY	USA	9	18	25	14	28	36	7	14	17	24	156
15	104952	Peter Nelson	Laura Sullivan	Seattle, WA	USA	7	10	17	44	20	5 DSQ	39	16	7		165
16	104950	Pedro Colon	David Rodriguez	Caguas, PR	PUR	6	13	37	55	31	21	29	12	8	15	172
17	105244	Sean Tomlinson	Krista Garcia	Sanger, CA	USA	31	47	14	12	11	14	16	9	45	21	173
18	104953	Keki Figueroa	Gabriel Vazquez	Puerto Rico	PUR	3	5	16	38	24	50	42	8	44	6	186
19	106081	Fritz Klocke	Heidrun Klocke	Virginia Beach, VA	USA	5	26	23	24	21	51	17 OCS	11	12		190
20	105220	Ken Nelson	Jane Stewart	Fresno, CA	USA	28	27	2	37	10	31	18	6	40	40	199
21	102568	Jim Sajdak	Holly Andrews	Tahoe City, CA	USA	8	22	49	50	13	18	9	20	30	36	205
22	104729	Susan Korzeniewski	Michael Keenan	Liverpool, NY	USA	29	25	12	4	26	26	38	26	35	25	208
23	105221	Daniel Borg	Peter Reed	Mississauga, ON	CAN	23	8	9	40	40	49	19	27	36	26	228
24	5011	Mark Jones	Gail Rohrer	Wilton Monoirs, FL	USA	11	19	41	20	34	42	45	23	18	22	230
25	104505	Bruce Andrews	Beth Andrews	Landenberg, PA	USA	14	32	15	60	32	32	15	50	10	41	241
26	102504	Martin Brown	Jean Brown	Tulsa, OK	USA	20	14	38	23	17	35	25	31	49	43	246
27	104841	Olli Jason	Kelly Jason	Parsippany, NY	USA	DNS	24	22	7	47	33	14	42	21	42	252
28	105002	Alan Maguire	Karen-Ann Xavier	Hawkestone, ON	CAN	26	12	26	36	DNS	22	24	48	29	32	255
29	102966	Rich McVeigh	Deidre Mitchell	Silver Spring, MD	USA	12	30	35	45	43	45	46	17	19	10	256
30	101	Garland Ayscue	Tom Sutton	Henderson, NC	USA	16	23	42	53	8	24	34	46	24	45	262
31	107478	John Hauser	Linda Hauser	Huntington Beach, CA	USA	36	37	6	18	30	44	32	49	64	14	266
32	104520	Patrick Bisesi	Diane Bisesi	Fayverton, NY	USA	15	20	33	47	25	28	43	61	27	30	268
33	104964	Herbert James	Sharon James	Fayetteville, NY	USA	30	11	55	29	48	37	26	33	32	37	283
34	107564	Martin Keller	Jason Hess	TBA	GUA	DNS	62	18	17	18	12	27	37	61	33	285
35	105444	Bob Edmonds	Kim Edmonds	Roland, AR	USA	DNS	44	54	8	44	29	20	16	31	48	294
36	102813	Steven Perkins	Jo Ann Perkins	Kirkville, NY	USA	DNS	29	21	16	39	20	41	62	26	46	300
37	105146	Adam Borcharding	Erin Odenweller	Santa Cruz, CA	USA	38	16	34	56	27	52	23	52	52	9	303
38	102793	Bill Miebach	Frances MacDonald	Weed, CA	USA	44	36	40	42	29	23	60	30	28	39	311
39	105079	Chuck Blair	Mike Armstrong	Little Rock, AR	USA	DNS	48	61	9	22	25	36	40	51	29	321
40	87455	Larry Robinson	Kevin Mitchell	Surrey, BC	CAN	27	45	19	35	23	60	21	47	59	65	336
41	105179	Ron LaPorta	Erin LaPorta	Coatesville, PA	USA	42	61	44	25	DNS	17	56	60	12	27	344
42	104833	Kenneth Hilk	Carol Ann Hilk	Centerville, DE	USA	40	54	27	65	57	57	40	35	20	17	347
43	105199	Alan Mohill	Brisia Mohill	Temecula, CA	USA	DNS	43	31	28	36	63	33	38	22	56	350
44	89284	David Dixon	Peter Dixon	Poway, CA	USA	DNS	51	30	59	37	47	31	34	39	23	351
45	105205	Ibrahim Mustafa	Fabiola Mustafa	TBA	DNS	31	45	57	51	40	35	21	43	31		354
46	104878	Michael Grisko	Karen Grisko	Clarence, NY	USA	25	41	46	58	35	38	39	41	37	63	360
47	105182	Jorge Torres	Kerry Torres	Caguas, PR	PUR	37	46	58	48	60	43	48	43	4	34	361
48	104781	Robert Wittpenn	Liz Price	Alexandria, VA	USA	DNS	49	DSQ	49	46	7	49	25	48	20	362
49	87577	Mark Jonzman	Ingrid Gutzman	TBA	33	52	56	31	50	48	13	28	56	53		364
50	104616	John Sherm	Mike Sherm	Wilmington, NC	USA	41	39	36	67	54	19	55	36	55	47	382
51	107553	Jacob Sailer	Clifton Neff	Lodi, CA	USA	39	59	39	41	33	34	51	57	53	38	385
52	102475	Walter Talunas Jr.	Allen McMillin	West Chester, PA	USA	47	55	48	21	53	30	53	45	63	54	406
53	105410	Tony Krauss	Jeff Nielsen	Tucson, AZ	USA	34	28	60	39	41	55	50	59	47	61	413
54	104547	Chris Merrell	Geoff Merrell	Virginia Beach, VA	USA	43	58	53	32	66	54	28	56	41	51	416
55	105342	Brad Stevens	Patrice Couch	Panama City, FL	USA	DNS	63	65	22	38	41	61	29	50	52	421
56	74362	Bob Hilton	Carol Hilton	Williams Lake, BC	CAN	35	38	50	33	56	39	64	53	60	62	426
57	105210	Alfonso Gutierrez	Johan Keller	Santiago, Chile	CHI	46	65	32RDGd	58	53	54	32	54	60		437.6
58	104949	Rob Setili	Amanda Setili	Atlanta, GA	USA	OCS	60	59	54	61	61	47	44	34	18	438
59	104954	Jorge Gonzalez	Jose Lea-Plaza	Santiago, Chile	CHI	32	66	57	52	52	46	52	54	38	59	442
60	105359	Robert Bridgman	Leanora Baker	Derby, KS	USA	DNS	40	52	51	42	64	57	51	42	49	448
61	102544	Graham McGlashan	Danielle Galavotti	Vancouver, BC	CAN	DNS	42	51	61	59	59	19	57	58		465
62	955	Mike Levesque	Michelle McLean	Johnston, RI	USA	DNS	53	62	34	65	56	44	55	46	57	472
63	102054	Todd Wilson	Reagan Elsbury	Ankeny, IA	USA	DNS	57	47	46	45	58	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	529
64	91780	Todd Walter	Mary Bruner	Madison, NJ	USA	48	64	43	62	49	65	63	DNC	DNC	DNC	532
65	105214	Cliff Norris	Frank Fernandez	Atlanta, GA	USA	50	67	66	66	55	66	65	63	65	50	546
66	104944	Carlos Gonzalez	Kelly Wood	Guaynabo, PR	PUR	49	68	64	64	64	68	58	58	62	64	551
67	102764	Bob Burns	Danielle Burns	Clarence, NY	USA	DNS	56	63	DNF	62	62	62	65	58	55	552
68	104731	Peter Schaller	Vicki Schaller	Plano, TX	USA	45	50	DNC	63	63	67	66	64	66	DNC	553

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DIVISION 7 MEGA REPORT

by Paul Bommersbach, Division 7 Vice Chairman



Division 7 had a total of nine teams competing this year at the MEGA, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. We had a Women's Hobie 16 team, a Youth Hobie 16 team, a Pan Am qualifier team, one Hobie 16 team, one Hobie 18 team, and four Hobie 20 teams. While several of the teams had attended a Continentals event in the past, for others, this was a first time experience!

Everyone watched the hurricane news the week prior to arriving, hoping that Fort Walton Beach would be spared, and indeed it was. None of us "Lake Sailors" was looking forward to pounding through the heavy surf before and after a day of racing in the Gulf.

We all had a safe 22-24 hour drive down, and back, with no breakdowns or critical incidents. The warm weather was great in Florida with the highs in the nineties and sunny skies. Most sailors arrived home in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota to temperatures in the forties and fifties (goodbye summer).

Everyone enjoyed the week of racing in the warm weather. For many, this was their first time sailing in the ocean (and the light air, chop and current). Many fun evenings were had at the local restaurants, enjoying really fresh seafood and cold drinks, while discussing the day's triumphs and tribulations on the water!

One evening in particular was spent in front of "Team Piggy's" poolside suite, trying to cure the common sailing ailment known as "befuddled" with some medicinal Captain Morgan. It seemed to help, as many of the sailors did better the next day.

The Division 7 sailors would thank all the people who put a lot of time and hard work into this event. Without them, this event would not be possible. We all had a great time, and can't wait to do it again soon!

The Division 7 MEGA Team



*Top: Ed Nolen (NJ), taking down his mainsail.
Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*

*Center: "Team Piggy" proudly displaying their mascots.
Photo courtesy of Paul Bommersbach, D7 Vice Chairman.*

*Bottom: Matt Bounds (MI), former NAHCA Chairman,
heads out to the Alpha course.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

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PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	TOTAL
1	6374	Dan Ward	Princeton Jct. NJ	USA	OCS	3	14	4	5	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	37
2	1259	Bill Whitehurst	Ft. Walton Beach, FL	USA	25	30	1	3	6	3	5	6	12	2	1	1	65
3	6187	Greg Raybon	Shrewbury, NJ	USA	9	4	3	12	8	2	6	11	4	6	5	24	70
4	6406	Matt Bounds	Commerce, MI	USA	4	2	26	11	1	4	11	1	2	14	8	25	83
5	5875	Paul Garlick	Terra Cria, FL	USA	13	1	10	1	2	11	4	13	6	18	18	4	83
6	6391	Ron Walters	Whiteville, NC	USA	3	13	16	21	11	8	12	8	5	3	4	2	85
7	5893	Lynn Olson	Chattanooga, TN	USA	2	7	7	5	24	22	10	3	8	8	24	29	120
8	6345	John Collins	Hendersonville, TN	USA	1	28	18	6	7	9	14	7	30	10	25	13	138
9	6337	Jim Glanden	Newark, DE	USA	20	10	8	14	3	7	22	9	20	24	22	6	141
10	6169	Mike Lodes	Memphis, TN	USA	17	22	23	32	16	10	9	25	10	5	12	5	154
11	6338	Ed Nolen	Englewood, NJ	USA	11	17	20	33	4	21	19	28	3	19	3	11	156
12	5916	Kathryn Garlick	Terra Cria, FL	USA	15	9	9	23	13	26	15	21	17	23	9	9	163
13	82	Stephen Acquart	San Antonio, TX	USA	16	11	13	24	17	6	31	4	13	12	17	31	164
14	826	Ted Knowlton	Lincoln, MA	USA	7	8	6	9	19	18	28	33	25	17	19	15	171
15	6168	Buster Horton	Hendersonville, TN	USA	OCS	12	2	18	27	37	2	15	23	20	13	12	181
16	6212	Bill Kast	Nazareth, PA	USA	21	6	22	2	9	15	8	14	26	26	32	33	181
17	843	Loyd Graves	Raleigh, NC	USA	8	23	4	10	26	16	20	19	29	30	21	7	183
18	5887	Jim Brown	Chattanooga, TN	USA	26	29	30	16	22	27	3	5	14	22	11	10	185
19	6326	Jan Kristiansen	White Rock, BC	CAN	6	18	12	19	18	23	25	26	16	28	15	8	186
20	5667	Clive Warwick	Mississauga ON	CAN	12	15	38	8	10	24	30	24	15	31	7	18	194
21	5798	Jon Tiger	Wichita, KS	USA	10	19	24	27	12	5	18	27	22	9	27	30	200
22	5873	Patrick Murphy	Lexington, SC	USA	23	31	37	20	21	DNF	34	16	9	4	10	21	226
23	6233	Marsha Lodes	Memphis, TN	USA	5	14	41	43	14	19	17	12	OCS	DNC	6	23	238
24	6404	Jon Sheridan	Nashville, TN	USA	24	25	11	29	32	31	16	17	18	13	31	26	241
25	6397	Gerard Blom	Charlottesville, VA	USA	22	16	31	34	28	38	13	18	33	15	26	17	253
26	6226	Jane Sherrod	Bayou Vista, TX	USA	19	34	33	25	DNF	DNC	7	22	28	7	16	20	255
27	5837	Scott Ruggles	Mercer Island, WA	USA	29	26	17	7	15	28	26	DNC	7	OCS	36	22	257
28	6165	Rick Pettit	Austin, TX	USA	14	32	32	38	25	34	21	10	27	11	20	32	258
29	6396	Reggie L. Poplin	Albemarle, NC	USA	30	38	5	30	23	13	27	30	21	34	23	28	264
30	5876	Dave Wilder	Seattle, WA	USA	OCS	5	19	17	33	32	29	DNC	11	27	14	34	265
31	4419	Tommy Craft	Anderson, SC	USA	32	37	15	15	31	20	33	20	31	25	34	16	272
32	5885	Phil Danbe	Lincoln Park, NJ	USA	OCS	27	39	13	20	17	24	23	35	21	30	27	276
33	5790	Jim Antonacci	St. Louis, MO	USA	28	33	25	22	36	12	23	32	32	29	29	14	279
34	5918	Gregory Hamilton	Little Rock, AK	USA	35	36	36	31	37	25	40	31	19	33	28	19	330
35	5624	Gary Richards	Hillsborough, NJ	USA	27	35	28	41	39	35	36	29	24	16	35	36	340
36	6395	Milt Dinhoff	Bay Shore, NY	USA	37	21	42	40	30	33	35	34	37	37	37	37	378
37	6392	David Waugh	Springfield, IL	USA	31	24	21	26	34	36	32	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	380
38	6185	Caleb Tarleton	Issaquah, WA	USA	OCS	40	29	28	42	29	39	37	39	32	33	35	383
39	5016	Theo Burtick	Ottawa, ON	CAN	OCS	41	34	36	35	14	42	35	38	38	38	39	390
40	5	Sam Evans Jr.	Durham, NC	USA	18	42	DNF	35	38	30	41	38	36	35	DNC	DNC	401
41	6327	Gerald Umsted	Duncan, OK	USA	36	39	40	42	29	40	38	36	34	36	39	38	405
42	360	Bruce Fields	Rogers, AR	USA	33	20	27	39	41	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	424
43	5852	Latham Souther	Springfield, IL	USA	34	43	35	37	40	39	37	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	441

*Below left: Hobie 17s starting under the watchful eye of PU at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Below right: Ted Knowlton (MA) and Milt Dinhofer (NY) of Division 12,
Hobie 17 sailors at the MEGA Awards Banquet.
Photo courtesy of Ted Knowlton, Division 12 Webmaster.
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DIVISION 9 MEGA REPORT

by Tracie Van Houten, Fleet 32

The Hobie MEGA event was indeed MEGA!

On Friday October 4, Dennis and I finished packing the van and headed for Fort Walton and the MEGA event. It took us about sixteen hours to get there, though we did stop in NC Friday night, and then continued onward early Saturday morning. When we arrived in FWB, the parking lot designated for the unloading of boats was a sea of Hobies and trailers. We saw triple stacks, quad-stacks and even one contraption that housed seven boats! From the moment we got there, the NAHCA organizers had everything under control. Registration was a breeze, boat weigh-ins looked effortless. Before we knew it, we had our boat mostly rigged and ready to hit the beach.

I've never been to an area that had sugar white beaches and emerald green waters, so I spent most of Sunday in awe, soaking up the sun, while Dennis finished piddling around with the boat.

There were so many people there: Doug Skidmore, the President of Hobie Cat USA; Mitch Booth, world renowned Hobie sailor; Gavin Colby, sailing exdradonaire from Australia; and even Hobie Alter himself.

The weather was gorgeous. Sunny skies, warm air temperatures, and water temps in the eighties. But of course, not much wind.

The organizers had a tent set up with free beer, water, and heavy snacks for the sailors to enjoy at any time. By the time Monday came around, the organizers had gone through one hundred cases of water.

The Skippers Meeting was held in the courtyard of the Ramada Inn, headquarters for the event. Speaking of the Ramada - WOW. Imagine spilling out of your hotel room right onto the beach everyday. Or, having the pool nestled right up to the sliding glass doors of your room. Despite less than perfect sailing conditions (very little wind), the event was a huge success.

The RC managed to run races every day, with the exception of Friday. A storm threatened on the horizon, then passed, taking away every last breath of air. Racing was called for the day, and the sailors hit the swim-up bar at the Ramada for Bushwhackers and good times.

It was previously announced that the Awards Banquet would be held at the Ramada's banquet room, but hurricane Isadora damaged the room. This left the MEGA folks scrambling to find an establishment that could house over 400 people. Luckily, the Crab Trap Restaurant next door graciously accepted the challenge of feeding and watering 400 hungry and party-crazed sailors. And they did an awesome job!

The awards were gorgeous. They were framed prints of each winning crew's respective class, handed out by Hobie Alter.

Afterwards, a good majority of us headed over to 'Howl at the Moon', a dueling piano bar within crawling distance of the hotel. Needless to say the Hobie crowd closed the place down.

Would you expect anything less?

Below left: 2003 Fleet 448 (RI) Commodore Mark and Michelle Wood.

Below right: Gary Godbold, singlehanded (15924) races Paul Evenden and Kelly Uniewski (16769) to a slow-speed photo finish.

Over the eleven races of the MEGA, these two boats finished back-to-back four times.

Photos courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.



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PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	TOTAL
1	15990	Ken Marshack	Debbie Marshack	Fairview, OR	USA	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	15
2	15904	Tim Parsons	Vickie Wolf	Belmarin Keys, CA	USA	5	2	6	5	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	24
3	16806	Steve Attard	Kristen Attard	Temperance		1	4	11	14	3	3	3	1	3	8	3	40
4	15876	Joey Duran	Michelle Toney	Gainesville, GA	USA	4	5	1	2	4	4	8	8	8	4	8	48
5	16769	Paul Evenden	Kelly Uniewski	Maple Ridge, BC	CAN	3	3	5	8	8	7	5	6	4	12	5	54
6	16756	Ron Wagniere	John Obrien	Sylmar, CA	USA	6	6	7	3	7	5	4	4	7	9	7	56
7	15924	Gary Godbold	single-handed	Ft. Worth, TX	USA	12	9	2	7	5	8	11	5	9	3	4	63
8	16759	Stephen Cooley	Tom Machette	Lakewood, CO	USA	7	8	14	4	6	10	9	DNS	6	13	9	86
9	16443	Frank J. Ternullo	Patricia Long	Santa Rosa, CA	USA	8	10	8	6	10	12	6	9	11	6	12	86
10	16761	David Raughley	Valarie Carey	Townsend, DE	USA	11	14	13	10	11	6	7	7	10	5	11	91
11	10870	Steve Kiemele	Margaret Taylor	Dunwoody, GA	USA	10	11	4	12	9	9	13	11	14	7	DNS	100
12	16812	Chris Johnston	Margie Johnston	Tyler, TX	USA	13	12	10	11	12	11	15	13	5	10	6	103
13	23	Adam Hughes	Avaneil John	Hobart TAS, Australia	AUS	9	7	12	9	13	13	12	15	13	11	10	109
14	15509	Rod Phipps	Cindy Phipps	Omaha, NE	USA	14	16	9	13	14	14	10	14	15	DNC	DNS	136
15	16795	Mark Wood	Michelle Wood	Rockville, RI	USA	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	10	12	15	13	139
16	15963	David Atwater	Bill Roehr	Tuckee, CA	USA	16	13	16	16	16	16	16	12	16	14	14	149

**Top: Ken and Debbie Marshack (OR),
the 2002 Hobie 18 Continental Champions.
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.**

**Bottom: Tracie Van Houten, Fleet 32,
prepares to raise the 'chute on Tiger #942 at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.**



DIVISION 12 MEGA REPORT

by Mike Levesque, Fleet 448, Johnston, RI

Just getting settled after returning from the MEGA. I didn't do the usual daily reports this time; I decided to actually take a vacation from the computer! Here is a rundown of who was there from D12 (we had 13 sailors entered). Go to www.nahca.org for pictures and full results. VERRRY light wind...

Sandy Takacs, took fourth on his "new" nineties boat in the Hobie 14 class. Best finish: 3

Len Swanson, took eighth with his new sail in the Hobie 14 class. Len got a bullet in one race!

Eric Anderson, took tenth in the Hobie 14 class, with a REALLY interesting finish in one race on Saturday. Best finish: 3 Eric also finished 22nd in the Tiger class. Best finish: 16

Todd Riccardi and Sean McQuilken, took sixth in the Youth 16 class. Sean and his parents were having so much fun, they stayed for a few more days, and Sean helped with RC. Best finish: 3

Bob Merrick & Liza Cleveland, took sixth in the Pan Am Qualifiers, finishing the event with a bullet!

Mark and Michelle Wood, finished fifteenth in the Hobie 18 class. Their goal was to "not finish last in all of the races." They didn't finish last in ANY of the races! They managed to blow "only" one tire on the way down. Last we heard, they were stuck in Tennessee with their RV, trying to pull their 18 and my 16 home, on John Smith's trailer. We think the trailer is cursed... Best finish: 10

Ted Knowlton, finished fourteenth in the Hobie 17 class, but that is hardly the whole story! Ted chartered John Bauldry's Hobie 17, and was in fourth place on Monday!

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He stayed in the top ten for a few days! We tried (unsuccessfully) to make him buy the boat... Best finish: 6

Milt Dinhofer, finished 36th in the Hobie 17 class, on his new 2002 boat! Milt should have sprung for a new trailer: the tongue broke when he got to the MEGA. He patched it together to get home to Long Island. Best finish: 21

Michelle and I, finished 62nd (yes, you read that correctly) in the Hobie 16 class. I am now officially back on the diet... We had a lot of fun with the Mini event, running RC with Mark Santorelli and the crew. In our best race during the MEGA, we rounded A and the first gate in the top fifteen. Then, we misinterpreted the change signals, went to the wrong mark, and lost a TON of boats. The boat next to us at the gate finished eighth: they went the right way. Only three circles all week... Best finish: 34

Dave Heroux, Division 12 Chairman, made a guest appearance to attend the NAHCA AGM. There wasn't much to vote on this year, everything seemed to go smoothly at the Regional level.

And, Mike and Elaine Megrew, from Megrew's Boats, our Rhode Island Hobie dealer, attended the Hobie Cat Company dealer meeting during the Mini, and stayed to party with us for the MEGA!



*Left: Steve Oad (NY) and Rob Jerry (NY) pulling a 20 over the sandbar.
Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*

*Bottom center: Division 12 MEGA Team members (L-R): Mike Levesque (RI), Michelle McLean (RI), Mark Wood (RI, standing), Michelle Wood (RI) and Ted Knowlton (MA, standing).
Photo courtesy of Ted Knowlton.*

*Bottom right: Hobie 20 Champions John Tomko and Tiffany Beckwith from Texas.
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

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1	865	John Tomko	Tiffany Beckwith	San Antonio, TX	USA	12	1	4	DNC	2	6	6	4	11	2	2	38
2	632	Brian Lambert	Matthew McGee	Ft. Walton Beach, FL	USA	25	6	16	DNC	3	3	3	2	2	1	7	43
3	841	Wayne Mooneyham	Jeff Sloan	San Jose, CA	USA	4	16	1	DNC	17	19	8	3	4	9	3	65
4	756	Dan DeLave	Eileen Haubl	Long Beach, CA	USA	9	12	37	DNC	5	16	4	11	1	15	1	74
5	842	Wick Smith	Wick Smith III	Fayetteville, NC	USA	3	3	10	DNC	6	2	23	1	23	17	11	76
6	826	John Bauldry	Karen Walker	Clarkston, MI	USA	33	2	7	DNC	8	9	5	13	5	3	31	83
7	875	Valder Kwasniewski	Renata Kwasniewski	Littleton, CO	USA	8	4	22	DNC	32	10	11	22	12	4	4	97
8	337	Marvin Coulson	Jeremy MacLavery	Toronto, ON	CAN	28	14	5	DNC	4	12	26	5	22	6	5	99
9	852	John MacDonald	Jon Tanner	Gulf Breeze, FL	USA	7	32	19	DNC	10	21	2	6	17	16	13	111
10	782	Britt Drake	Kathy Hart	Panama City, FL	USA	6	9	31	DNC	9	1	1	15	18	31	OCS	121
11	863	Stuart Bernd	Ian Sammis	Sand Springs, OK	USA	18	19	3	DNC	27	5	32	44	9	8	8	129
12	575	Dave Sparkuhl	Karen Christensen	San Diego, CA	USA	15	DSQ	21	DNC	19	13	7	12	19	7	19	132
13	867	Scott Mathia	Karen Mathia	Wichita, KS	USA	26	23	13	DNC	12	15	9	10	3	37	25	136
14	909	Mark Ralph	Sheila Holmes	Valley View, TX	USA	41	7	OCS	DNC	16	7	17	24	6	10	10	138
15	859	Phil Collins	Bev Collins	Oklahoma City, OK	USA	1	5	9	DNC	23	14	10	36	36	45	9	143
16	11	Roger Brown	Kim Brown	Lake Forest, CA	USA	20	13	12	DNC	11	26	13	18	14	24	24	149
17	886	Mike Wilson	Kirk Vanzanot	Panama City, FL	USA	23	18	6	DNC	20	18	15	27	8	25	OCS	160
18	861	David Stahl	Laura Stahl	Highland, IL	USA	11	22	8	DNC	18	17	29	26	13	36	18	162
19	476	Kent Bliven	Gene Harris	Castro Valley, CA	USA	14	10	23	DNC	25	11	14	38	26	11	32	166
20	853	David McDaniel	Ian Billings	Lewisville, TX	USA	2	11	2	DNC	14	8	OCS	29	27	28	OCS	172
21	913	David Mimlitch	John Mork	W. Tawakoni, TX	USA	10	8	39	DNC	7	30	19	40	32	5	27	177
22	759	Scott Miller	Kurt Devenecia	San Diego, CA	USA	5	15	14	DNC	15	29	21	39	25	14	OCS	177
23	791	Mike Hill	Lisa Snyder	St. Louis MO	USA	16	20	OCS	DNC	1	25	24	21	39	30	6	182
24	928	Rick Loewen	Terry Loewen	Ocoee, FL	USA	19	24	11	DNC	33	20	18	32	35	19	12	188
25	429	Jerry Mohny	Dave Stiemsma	Portage, MI	USA	17	21	18	DNC	26	27	37	33	15	26	15	198
26	798	Kenny McIntosh	Donna McIntosh	Tulsa, OK	USA	30	26	24	DNC	24	23	30	8	20	21	34	206
27	605	Mike Rohrer	Chris Holt	Cedar Park, TX	USA	21	34	17	DNC	34	24	12	31	30	34	14	217
28	879	Clark Keyser	Lynda Lovell	Indian Rocks Beach, FL	USA	13	39	32	DNC	21	35	22	7	37	35	20	222
29	691	Sandra Tartagliano	Shala Youngerman	San Matro, CA	USA	43	RDGd	41	DNC	28	4	31	16	10	33	35	222.8
30	657	Doug Hennessy	Marc Beaulieu	Toronto, ON	CAN	39	40	15	DNC	29	36	20	28	34	13	21	235
31	810	Daniel Heyse	Suzie Hinton	Byers, CO	USA	27	17	30	DNC	31	22	16	25	31	42	37	236
32	800	David Mortenson	Susan Mortenson	White Bear Lake, MN	USA	31	28	20	DNC	42	39	40	35	24	18	17	252
33	851	Robert Kollman	Sybil Higgins	Plano, TX	USA	36	38	29	DNC	13	33	33	14	40	32	29	257
34	738	Al Leonard	Lew Stark	Dublin, CA	USA	40	25	35	DNC	36	32	25	23	38	20	30	264
35	323	Will Rottgering	Harry Walker	Montgomery, AL	USA	29	36	27	DNC	30	43	28	20	29	43	23	265
36	801	Brent Carlson	Jennifer Carlo	Lino Lakes, MN	USA	32	43	28	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	30	7	12	16	270
37	906	David Sullivan	Diana Pienta	Toledo, OH	USA	38	30	44	DNC	43	41	39	19	16	22	22	270
38	807	Scott Beach	Vaughn Costa	Brownwood, TX	USA	37	27	26	DNC	RDGd	37	35	37	45	29	28	288
39	808	Dale Dorschner	John Volkman	Minnesota, MN	USA	34	41	36	DNC	41	44	41	9	21	27	39	289
40	598	Kenneth Deming	Karie Deming	Ballston Spa, NY	USA	49	35	33	DNC	45	28	34	17	33	40	33	298
41	871	Ron Knak	Kathy Knak	Wichita, KS	USA	22	31	40	DNC	35	38	27	43	42	39	26	300
42	111	Alan Monson	Faisal Siddiqui	Las Vegas, NV	USA	35	37	43	DNC	22	40	36	47	28	23	40	304
43	805	Paul Bommersbach	Marquis Erickson	Sioux Falls, SD	USA	24	33	38	DNC	44	31	46	49	44	46	43	349
44	9091	Gregg Kittinger	Todd Aznavorian	Pontiac, MI	USA	45	42	34	DNC	48	42	38	41	43	38	38	361
45	843	Michael Howser	Faye Ren	Golden, CO	USA	50	45	42	DNC	40	34	OCS	42	41	41	36	371
46	659	Mark Bengé	Josh Bengé	Midwest City, OK	USA	48	46	25	DNC	47	46	45	45	46	44	41	385
47	908	Stephen Titus	Kirsey Kelly	Denver, CO	USA	42	47	47	DNC	39	47	44	34	47	48	42	389
48	784	Scott Smith	Chris Zander	Gastonia, NC	USA	44	44	45	DNC	38	45	42	48	49	49	45	400
49	684	Steve Oad	Tom Leach	Baldwinsville, NY	USA	47	48	46	DNC	46	48	43	46	48	47	44	415
50	885	Norris Palmer	Karen Palmer	Grapevine, TX	USA	46	29	OCS	DNC	37	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	418

Center: Dan DeLave and Eileen Haubl of CA, ready for action at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.

Other photos courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.



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FLORIDA HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION NOTES

Just prior to the MEGA, the following was sent to Lori Mohny from an anonymous employee at the Ft. Walton Beach Ramada.

We're about to enter the peak of the hurricane season. Any day now, you're going to turn on the TV and see a weather person pointing to some radar blob out in the Gulf of Mexico and making two basic meteorological points:

- (1) There is no need to panic.
- (2) We could all be killed.

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Top: John Bauldry (MI) tries to send Hurricane Lili a message. Photo courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.

Right center, Alex and Patsy Shafer (FL) rounding A mark, en route to second place overall in the Tiger class. Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.

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Yes, hurricane season is an exciting time to be in Florida. If you're new to the area, you're probably wondering what you need to do to prepare for the possibility that we'll get hit by "the big one." Based on our experiences, we recommend that you follow this simple three-step hurricane preparedness plan:

STEP 1. Buy enough food and bottled water to last your family for at least three days.

STEP 2. Put these supplies into your car.

STEP 3. Drive to Nebraska and remain there until Halloween.

Unfortunately, statistics show that most people will not follow this sensible plan. Most people will foolishly stay here in Florida.

Right: Bob and Stehannie O'Connor (NY), gybing their Tiger. Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.

Below: Jeff Alter and Teri McKenna's Tiger basks in the Florida sunshine. Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.



We'll start with one of the most important hurricane preparedness items:

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE: If you own a home, you must have hurricane insurance. Fortunately, this insurance is cheap and easy to get, as long as your home meets two basic requirements:

- (1) It is reasonably well-built.
- (2) It is located in Nebraska.

Unfortunately, if your home is located in South Florida, or any other area that might actually be hit by a hurricane, most insurance companies would prefer not to sell you hurricane insurance, because then they might be required to pay YOU money, and that is certainly not why they got into the insurance business in the first place.

So you'll have to scrounge around for an insurance company, which will charge you an annual premium roughly equal to the replacement value of your house. At any moment, this company can drop you like used dental floss. Since Hurricane George, I have had an estimated 27 different home insurance companies. This week, I'm covered by the Bob and Big Stan Insurance Company, under a policy which states that, in addition to my premium, Bob and Big Stan are entitled, on demand, to my kidneys.

SHUTTERS: Your house should have hurricane shutters on all the windows, all the doors, and — if it's a major hurricane — all the toilets. There are several types of shutters, with advantages and disadvantages:

PLYWOOD SHUTTERS: The advantage is that, because you make them yourself, they're cheap. The disadvantage is that, because you make them yourself, they will fall off.

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SHEET METAL SHUTTERS: The advantage is that these work well, once you get them all up. The disadvantage is that once you get them all up, your hands will be useless bleeding stumps, and it will be December.

ROLL DOWN SHUTTERS: The advantages are that they're very easy to use, and will definitely protect your house. The disadvantage is that you will have to sell your house to pay for them.

"HURRICANE-PROOF" WINDOWS: These are the newest wrinkle in hurricane protection. They look like ordinary windows, but they can withstand hurricane winds! You can be sure of this, because the salesman says so. He lives in Nebraska.

HURRICANE-PROOFING YOUR PROPERTY: As the hurricane approaches, check your yard for movable objects like barbecue grills, planters, patio furniture, visiting relatives, etc. You should, as a precaution, throw these items into your swimming pool (if you don't have a swimming pool, you should have one built immediately). Otherwise, the hurricane winds will turn these objects into deadly missiles.

EVACUATION ROUTE: If you live in a low-lying area, you should have an evacuation route planned out. (To determine whether you live in a low-lying area, look at your driver's license; if it says "Florida," you live in a low-lying area.) The purpose of having an evacuation route is to avoid being trapped in your home when a major storm hits. Instead, you will be trapped in a gigantic traffic jam several miles from your home, along with two hundred thousand other evacuees. So, as a bonus, you will not be lonely.

HURRICANE SUPPLIES: If you don't evacuate, you will need a mess of supplies. Do not buy them now! Florida tradition requires that you wait until the last possible minute, then go to the supermarket and get into vicious fights with strangers over who gets the last can of SPAM.

In addition to food and water, you will need the following supplies:

23 flashlights.

At least \$167 worth of batteries that turn out, when the power goes off, to be the wrong size for the flashlights.

Bleach. (No, I don't know what the bleach is for. NOBODY knows what the bleach is for, but it's traditional, so GET some!)

A 55-gallon drum of underarm deodorant.

A big knife that you can strap to your leg. (This will be useless in a hurricane, but it looks cool.)

A large quantity of raw chicken, to placate the alligators. (Ask anybody who went through Andrew; after the hurricane, there WILL be irate alligators.)

\$35,000 in cash or diamonds so that, after the hurricane passes, you can buy a generator from a man with no discernible teeth.

Of course these are just basic precautions. As the hurricane draws near, it is vitally important that you keep abreast of the situation by turning on your television and watching TV reporters in rain slickers stand right next to the ocean and tell you over and over how vitally important it is for everybody to stay away from the ocean.

Good luck, and remember: It's great living in Paradise!

Top: David Harris waves to the camera as Gerald Valeske steers. Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.

Bottom: A Tiger triple-stack, with a 16 hidden in between. Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.



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2002 Hobie Tiger North American Continental Championships Final Results

PLACE	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	COUNTRY	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	TOTAL
1	1144	Greg Thomas	Jacques Bernier	San Diego, CA	USA	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	15
2	8	Alex Shafer	Patsy Shafer	Eustis, FL	USA	1	2	4	4	8	2	5	7	1	2	7	35
3	1118	Gavin Colby	Jamie Livingston	Australia	AUS	10	5	3	1	3	4	3	6	3	8	2	38
4	999	Bob O'Connor	Stephanie O'Connor	Syracuse, NY	USA	5	3	7	5	7	6	4	11	11	4	3	55
5	88	Nigel Pitt	Glenn Holmes	Hartwell, GA	USA	2	6	2	15	6	7	8	3	7	7	14	62
6	994	Keith Christensen	Curt Christensen	Long Beach, CA	USA	12	14	16	7	2	3	2	4	4	10	8	66
7	1064	Jeff Alter	Teri McKenna	Laguna Beach, CA	USA	20	10	10	6	5	16	6	1	9	1	10	74
8	1073	Jeff Newsome	John Williams	Long Beach, CA	USA	14	4	5	19	9	8	9	5	5	11	5	75
9	855	Tom Korzeniewski	Kevin Smith	Liverpool, NY	USA	3	8	6	12	DNC	5	11	15	12	9	4	85
10	1040	Steve Leo	Darren deSilva	Long Beach, CA	USA	16	13	14	3	4	10	14	9	6	6	16	95
11	942	Dennis Hawks	Tracie VanHouten	Hampton, VA	USA	11	15	8	16	11	14	7	19	10	12	12	116
12	870	David Lennard	Mike Krantz	Wilmington, NC	USA	13	7	11	10	10	13	20	8	13	23	19	124
13	1071	Gary Russell	Shelly Russell	Guerneville, CA	USA	23	19	13	8	RAF	11	13	10	16	5	11	129
14	1111	Rob Jerry	Mimi Appel	Manlius, NY	USA	7	12	12	13	17	15	17	16	14	18	13	136
15	1114	Chuck Brown	Tracy Nackel	San Clemente, CA	USA	15	18	9	9	18	9	10	20	20	14	18	140
16	881	Andrew Pilon	Oliver Pilon	St-Luc, PQ	CAN	8	9	15	11	15	17	16	14	17	21	21	143
17	868	Marc Cote	Ahain Loignon	Perou, NY	USA	9	17	22	18	14	12	12	13	19	20	9	143
18	1068	Dan Kulkoski	Kathy Kulkoski	Belford, NJ	USA	22	20	20	14	19	18	18	18	8	17	6	158
19	1070	Reigh North	Chris Spalding	Vancouver, BC	CAN	6	11	19	20	DNC	DNS	22	12	18	13	17	165
20	847	Rick Harper	Phil Flower	Seneca, SC	USA	18	24	17	17	13	21	19	23	23	15	20	186
21	1036	Kirk Wells	Debbie Brown	Dana Point, CA	USA	DNC	16	24	21	12	19	15	DNF	15	16	DNC	192
22	856	Eric Anderson	Barbara Short	Andover, CT	USA	17	21	18	23	16	20	21	17	25	22	23	198
23	1119	Kevin Wilson	Donna Wilson	Baldwinsville, NY	USA	19	23	21	24	23	22	23	21	22	19	22	215
24	967	Jon Scott	Robert Kaane	Lakeview, NY	USA	21	25	26	22	20	24	24	22	21	25	15	219
25	1076	Dan Mergenahageh	Jim Lane	Eden, NY	USA	24	22	25	DNF	21	23	25	24	24	26	25	239
26	850	Gerald Valeske	David Harris	Maple Valley, WA	USA	25	26	23	25	22	25	26	25	26	24	24	245

Greg Thomas (right) and Jacques Bernier (center), accept their Tiger Championship trophies from Hobie Alter. Greg and Jacques sail for the Hobie Cat Company, and are the first ever North American Tiger Continental Champions. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.



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MEGA.....AGAIN???

by Paul Ulibarri, NAHCA Race Director

We have received a barrage of inquiries as to when the MEGA format will be used again.

Two years ago when the idea first surfaced, we were afraid that no one would attend, that in fact separate Continental events were preferred. We were amazed and quite happy to see the final figures.

Combining the Mini portion of MEGA we had 276 boats. That translated to about 500 persons counting volunteers. There were approximately 35 full-time volunteers and around fifteen part-time. The event was a major logistical exercise heightened by the fact that there was no local fleet or local organization that we could call upon to be the host. During the event, we did end up with several local volunteers, but the vast majority of the planning, equipment acquisition, and volunteer staff came from various parts of both Canada and the US.

Lori Mohny and I tried to plan for and administer an event in Florida from our respective bases in Michigan and Victoria, BC. Thanks to her administrative ability and the number of willing volunteers that stepped up, we

were able to pull it off, but it required a full two years in the process.

We learned a lot and one of the things we learned was that it is essential to have a local organization that can take some of the responsibility. The other major realization was that a format like the Mega requires a unique venue, and therein lies the real problem.

Before we get to that, the real question is "Do we wish to do this type of format again?" The response on site was fantastic, everyone was most enthusiastic and we heard many comments in favor of the format. Since then we have received many E-mail inquiries as to when the next MEGA will occur.

Our major sponsor, the Hobie Cat Company, is happy with the results and has hinted that they might support another MEGA format in the future. We also have had an opportunity to finalize the budget and are happy to report that thanks to our sponsors, we were able to pay all of our bills and contribute a small amount to the Class treasury.

Considering it all, it seems that the Class membership did like the format

and would like to see it repeated in the future. The only negative comments we had were in regard to the wind conditions, which were less than optimum...

So let's get to the problem, which is where can we find a place to do this event. What we need is a venue that has the following characteristics:

On the water:
Enough space to set two to four courses.
Not too deep, preferably less than ten fathoms.
Not too much current, hopefully less than a knot.
A big beach adjacent to the proposed course areas.
A marina within fifteen minutes of the course areas to moor support boats.
Wind.

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**The Ramada in Fort Walton Beach had it all: facilities, location, space and access.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.**



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On the shore:

A large motel/hotel, minimum 250 to 300 rooms with banquet facility capable of seating 500, and all adjacent to the beach preferably on the beach.

Parking for 300 trailers.

Parking for 25 motor homes.

Meeting rooms and registration area, free of charge.

Minimum fifteen complimentary rooms.

Large launching area.

Large local contingent of personnel available on site for the entire event.

Where can we find all of this at one location and when can this happen again? As to when it could happen again, the earliest is the fall of 2005 and possibly not until 2006. We have commitments for 2003 and 2004 and there is also a Tiger Worlds scheduled for the spring of 2005 in Santa Barbara, CA in which the Class will be heavily involved.

The bigger problem is where. Ideally, we would like the next MEGA to be on the West Coast in California. The three areas that come to mind are Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara. Unfortunately, none of these three have a hotel on the water.

Monterey has a hotel several miles down the beach that might work. The big problem here is the water depth. There is only room for one course and then the depth goes straight down to 1700 feet.

Santa Cruz has a hotel near the beach downtown, but again there is a water problem. One course would be set outside in very high winds/waves and the other inside on a light air one way course.

Santa Barbara will already be doing the Worlds and it would be a stretch to try two major events there in one year,

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Above: Paul Ulibarri and Rich McVeigh, listening to the Motorola, waiting to make a decision on whether to race on Friday.

Communications were excellent and vital at the MEGA event.

Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.

Left: Cat Trax and Rolleez for 200+ Hobies. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.

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plus the hotels are very expensive and there is no single hotel that would have the capacity.

There must be other locations in southern CA that we are unaware of, certainly there are plenty of beaches, but most of it is restricted.

Further up the coast, we have Oregon and Washington. In the late summer and fall, though the weather could be spectacular, the water is very cold. Add to that, we are not aware of a hotel/beach combination to meet our needs.

Texas has two areas that we have used before that might work: Corpus Christi and South Padre Island. Both have good on-the-water conditions. Corpus has a hotel on the water that has worked in the past. South Padre has a condominium situation that may not have enough rooms. Both are remote areas without Hobie Fleets. Of the two, Corpus has the overall best situation. There may also be a location in Galveston.

On the East Coast there are several areas where the format could work. FWB worked fairly well, but there were problems caused mostly by the lack of a local Hobie fleet, and no wind. Daytona has a great hotel on the beach, but no fleet. The Carolinas, Virginia, New Jersey, all might have the hotel, beach, water conditions that we are seeking. We would need local fleets and Divisions to inform us as to the potential for an event on this coast line.

The Great Lakes might have a location but again, if so we are unaware of any with the combination that we seek.

Lakes like Lake Tahoe are somewhat uncertain regarding winds, and we need some assurance of reasonable winds. Tahoe as well has a depth problem that would prohibit setting two courses (1200 feet deep).

Would you all like another MEGA format? Apparently, it seems to have appealed to those who attended in spite of very poor wind conditions. The family gathering aspect of the event was the big plus.

The NAHCA Executive is ready, the manufacturer is supportive, and judging by the response, the membership appears to be in favor of another MEGA. We need all of you to look for and make recommendations on a possible location. Apply the above criteria and if you can find anything that might work, please let Lori or me know about it.

Mega in 2005 - 2006? Help us to find a venue, and we will work to make it a reality.

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Opposite page:

*Top: "Tom's too sexy for his Tiger..."
Tom Korzeniewski rigging his Tiger.
Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna,
Hacienda, CA.*

*Bottom photo courtesy of Matt Miller,
Hobie Cat Company.*

This page:

*Top left: Three Hobie ladies,
posing on the new Hobie Bravo.*

*Top right: MEGA sailors,
studying the scores nightly.*

*Bottom right: "You want this mark WHERE?"
A MEGA mark boat operator looking very
perplexedly at the radio...*

*Bottom left photo courtesy of
Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*

*All other photos courtesy of Matt Miller,
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IHCA Executive Report

by David Brookes, IHCA President,
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In October, I was given the opportunity to go the North American MEGA Championships. Firstly I would like to thank Hobie Cat Australasia for paying for my air tickets and Hobie USA and Hobie Europe for the accommodation.

We had some very productive meetings with the manufacturers and the Rules Committee. I was also lucky enough to be invited to the NAHCA AGM. It was an impressive meeting with all delegates taking the NAHCA in one positive direction.

The most moving part of the whole meeting was when Laura Sullivan explained how she was trapped under a Hobie 16 at the Worlds in Noumea, and the calm thinking of Doug Skidmore saved her from drowning. It brought to mind the dangers of sailing, and how in the worst situations, a level head comes through.

Laura went on to continue to sail in the Championships. For these actions, Doug was awarded the Carlton Tucker Memorial Award. Congratulations to Doug, and I sincerely hope none of us is ever put in that same situation.

I was also impressed with the friendliness of all the sailors and officials towards myself and IHCA President Thomas Poulsen. Every one of you made me feel so welcome and made the Championships so much fun. The camaraderie among the competitors was excellent and I felt as if I were at a Hobie regatta back home with all my friends.

Special thanks must go to Paul Ulibarri who thought up the whole "MEGA" idea and spent the next two years putting the regatta together. Well done to PU and his whole team.

With the initiative between the IHCA and the EHCA (Hobie 14 Worlds and Tiger Europeans, Fox and FX One

Euro Cup and Hobie Youth Challenge), we have one championship with more competitors, which means bigger parties. It also allows us to jointly market the event, putting more money and resources into one huge event. The Lübecker Yacht-Club are used to running big events, and being part of Travemünde Week, the party and atmosphere will be electrifying.

On behalf of the IHCA Executive, I would like to wish all of you a very safe and Merry Christmas, and may the New Year bring you the Hobie results you seek. We hope that you can join us at a Hobie Regatta very soon.

Have a Hobie Christmas and New Year!

David

REGATTA MATERIALS AVAILABLE

For NAHCA SSIs, go to
www.nahca.org

STANDARD REGATTA FORMS

Regatta Prep. Checklist,
Entry Forms,
Order of Finish Forms,
Regatta Score Cards,
Protest Forms

Available on
IHCA website
www.hobieclass.com.

Pat and Diane Bisesi (Fleet 204, NY),
rounding a gate at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,
Hobie Cat Company.



Sailing the Web

Listed here are some web pages for the NAHCA, the IHCA, the ISAF, US SAILING, and Hobie Cat USA. There are also several Hobie Divisions and Fleets in the North American Region that are keeping home pages now. See the links on the NAHCA web site (www.nahca.org).

Websites have proven to be an excellent means of obtaining current information such as regatta schedules, results and contacts. In many cases, results are posted directly from major event locations. Major event results are posted to Hobie website(s) as they are received.

NAHCA

<http://www.nahca.org>

IHCA

<http://www.hobieclass.com>

Hobie World Events

<http://www.hobieworlds.com>

ISAF

<http://www.sailing.org>

Hobie Cat Co. USA

<http://www.hobiecat.com>

Canadian Yachting Assoc.

<http://www.sailing.ca>

Federation Mexicana de Vela

<http://www.vela.org.mx>

Federation de Vela de Puerto Rico

<http://www.velapr.com>

US SAILING

<http://www.ussailing.org>

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General Membership Meeting

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Chairman Rich McVeigh called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll:

Rich McVeigh, Chair, Division 1

Len Moloney, 1st Vice Chair, Division 10

Roger Brown, 2nd Vice Chair, Division 2

Bruce Andrews, Secretary, Division 11

Paul Ulibarri, Race Chair, Division 4

Trish Gauldry, Treasurer, Division 10

Jane Gauldry, Treasurer, Division 10

Mike Levesque, Newsletter, Division 12

Kathleen Tracy, Women's Rep, Division 5

Mini Appel, GEP, Division 16

David Brooks, IHCA Executive Director

Thomas Poulsen, President, IHCA

Doug Sudmore, Hobie Cat USA

Dick Rogers, Hobie Cat USA

Matt Miller, Hobie Cat USA

Jane Dinsdale, Hobie Cat Europe

Division 1 not represented

Division 2: Dan DeLave

Division 3: Gary Russell

Division 4: Laura Sullivan

Division 5 not represented

Division 6: Mike Rohrer

Division 7: Paul Bommerbach (proxy)

Division 8: Alex Shater

Division 9: Chris Menell

Division 10: Dave Sleimsma (proxy)

Division 11: Jani Glander

Division 12: Dave Heroux

Division 13: Armando Noriega

Division 14: Gary Grillboid

Division 15: John McDonald (proxy)

Division 16: Dan Borg (proxy)

Also in attendance were the following:

Peter Nelson Division 4

Jerry Valeske Division 4

Patsy Shafer Division 8

Rick Loewen Division 8

Terry Loewen Division 8

Rick White Division 8

Kevin Cushman Division 9

Matt Bounds Division 10

Beth Andrews Division 11

Sean McQuilken Division 12

Kirk Newmark Division 15

Larry Hale Division 15

Patricia Stefanko Division 15

Brill Drake Division 15

Susan Krzemewski Division 16

Herb James Division 16

Mike Hill Division 10

Doug Hennessy Division 16

Rob Jerry Division 16

Gavin Colby Australia

Thomas Poulsen, President of the IHCA, thanked the NAHCA for the invitation to attend the AGM.

Tiger Woods, Singapore, 2003:

Sieve Leo summarized travel arrangements for those going to Singapore. Prices are good. Flyers are put together with travel programs and room accommodations in a 5 Star Hotel in Singapore. The rates are \$75/night plus taxes. Until Feb. 2, special rates for airfare on Singapore Airlines are available. 18-hour flight with one stop. Rounding \$825 plus tax from LA, \$855 plus tax from New York and Chicago. This is an IHCA sanctioned event. Check out the web site at hobieworlds.com. There is also a link for kids.

IHCA Executive Director, David Brooks

The MEGA Internet site is currently receiving over 100,000 page requests per day! The world is watching.

Carlton Tucker Sportsmanship Award

A Division Chairman nominate anyone from his Division. A team is selected to review the nominations and choose the honoree. This year's winner is Doug Skidmore. Paul Ulibarri read the introduction followed by Laura Sullivan recognizing Doug's heroics at the last year's Worlds.

Divisional Reports are included in the AGM Packet, please read them. There are reports from Divisions 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & the Women's rep.

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NAHCA Membership:

Shirley Palmer submitted a written membership report. Summary: overall membership numbers are stable, however we have seen an increase in the Top Cat membership. Hobie Cat Co. has helped us by donating calendars and mailing out membership packets.

NAHCA Newsletter

Mike Levesque is the new editor. The newsletter has had better content this year. We need fleets to submit more in the winter. Notices of Race must be submitted earlier. The deadline this month is the 31st. This will be a double issue, and we will get back on the schedule in January. Material is still due on the even months. Mike would like at least one story from every Division from the MEGA event.

GEP

Mimi Appel reports that currently there are 9 guest experts in the pool. In the past year we hosted 5 events. Mimi is continuing to experience trouble matching dates and locations with guest experts. Let Mimi know tonight if you would like a GEP in 2003. All experts received fleece vests as a thank you in 2002. The host fleet's organizer is given something as simple as a GEP bag. Thank yous are a very important part of the budget. Good things include: the flow of Hobie Allen's program in New York was fabulous. The program began at 9:00 on Friday morning in the parking lot where Hobie helped to measure rudders. The hosts were able to do a group lunch then the participants went to the classroom to learn about boat tuning before the on-the-water portion. Susan Korzeniewski's program at St. George Island, FL with the Youth Program used the Hobie University booklet. The kids loved going through the book page by page. More things for next year: every GEP program should have a 30-minute section on Safety. More on-the-water drills from Rick White's program. These drills can be tweaked. Also classroom organization should flow a little better. Dan Kulkoski will help with that. A little bit of structure goes a long way.

Hobie University

Hobie University printing was a huge cost to the budget. We printed enough for two years. Hobie U 2002 is getting to more people. Bob Merrick will help with a Crew Section next year. 10-15 Hobie U books are sent out each week. Mimi will be running the 2004 Continentals. She will stay with GEP for this year. Kathleen Tracy will be taking over Mimi's job, and they will work together this year to make sure the transition flows. There was a suggestion from the floor to put Hobie U on the website as a PDF file.

Youth Program

Gary Russell reported scattered areas of youth activity all over the country. It is hard to get them all on the same program. Gary is working to get all of the programs on the same page. If you have dealers that have parts, kids can learn how to fix up old boats to be used in the programs. Donations of parts and sails are needed. The goal for 2003 would be to get the small programs on the same page and organized so kids are learning uniformly. This MEGA was not going to have 16s for the youth event, it was going to have Waves. We had 18 youth teams here on 16s. Thanks to Tom and Susan for making this work. It would help if we had a Youth rep in each Division who would be responsible for contacting other kids in that Division to get them out to regattas. If you have ideas, email them to Gary at grussl@hotmail.com.

A suggestion was made to have more events during the off-season for kids. Events should be scheduled around the kids' schedules, not ours. Kids had to miss a day of school to attend the youth regatta at the M at event. If youth events could be held in the summer, it would allow more kids to attend. However, the youth events usually have to be attached to a larger event to be viable.

Race Department

Paul Urbani reported that five Race Management seminars were held in 2002. Thanks to all of those Divisions. These were good seminars. The Race Department went over budget for 2002 and plans on fewer seminars in 2003 but if you have a need, we will try to accommodate you.

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A bid has been accepted. Bruce Andrews announced we are coming back to Rehoboth next year. Division 14 is hosting the event. 106 will be the host fleet. We are open to holding Women's and Youth events. The women's met today, and we do not yet know if they will be there. The Open Event will be held from September 29 to October 3. Good hotel rates are available. Bay Resort is the host hotel. A nice competitor package has been put together. We also partnered with the State Park for camping on the bay. Volunteers are needed. Talk to Bruce or Ron Laporte. Jim Gaudin is working on getting on charter boats. It is tough to get sponsorship. If you know anyone, let us know or if you have any ideas, talk to Dave Raughley. Ken and Carol Hilk and Bill Colgan are additional local contacts at the MEGA. Rusty Rudder complex is lined up for the big parties.

Hobie 17 and Hobie 18 Event

Carlisle, L. is interested in hosting a Hobie 17-18 event. Negotiations have just started. Women's and Youths could also partner with this event. A plan is out now for anyone interested in the Tiger & 20 events.

MEGA Event

We have been asked by a lot of people to do this again. We think it has worked out quite well for all of us. It is good for people to see this number of boats together again. There was a total of 274 boats in the event. 204 boats in the MEGA and 70 in the Mini. More pluses than minuses were experienced. The biggest problem is that not that many venues that could handle this large event.

The earliest we could probably do another MEGA event is 2005. We need a venue, but everyone seems to agree that this has been a positive experience. Volunteers are working hard, especially Lori Monney.

Suggestion from the floor: why do we need to wait 3 years for another MEGA? All politics aside, commitments have already been made for 2003 and 2004, however, a full 2 years is needed to plan a MEGA.

2004 Hobie 16 Continentals

2004 H16 event is tentatively planned for Sept. 10-18 for Syracuse, NY. Open, Women's & Youth events are planned. Mini Appel is the event chair.

IHCA Rules Committee

Jeff Aber, Rules Committee Representative reported on IHCA and Rule changes. The IHCA is trying to get stuff on the web site and get it out there as fast as they can. The Tiger has gone through many changes, but the other classes are pretty steady. The Tiger will continue to have some evolution because of its involvement with the F18 class. The IHCA is asking for input from the Class to help make decisions on what they do. Rules cannot be changed unless the sailors participate, they must have the final say. Information is posted on www.hobieclass.com. Division Chairs should go back and let the sailors know of any rule changes.

Hobie Cat USA

Doug Sidmore reports that in the last year the class has reaffirmed its partnership with the Hobie Cat Co. This partnership has been beneficial for both. Communication and working relationship has not been this strong for a long time. Last February, the executives were invited out to the Hobie Plant to discuss what we could do better.

The company has had a busy year. There was unexpected involvement in World event in New Caledonia. Following the fire that destroyed Hobie Australia, and all the boats from the Worlds championship there was no way to replace the boats for that event. Hobie USA had only 6 weeks to manufacture 60 boats for the event. The event came off without a hitch.

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Paul U. barri and Doug Skidmore went to Cancun to look for a site for next Hobie 16 Worlds in July 2004. It is a good sailing venue. The wind blows every day. Contracts are signed for the event. A major obstacle was the boats. That issue is already resolved.

New Hobie Tigers were supplied for the Alter Cup in NY. The dealer meeting was held here at the MEGA. Dealers were flown to Ft Walton so they could witness the event.

Women's Representative:

Kathleen Tracy reported that interest in Women's events is growing. 14 boats participated this year. Shegatta also was a hit. It was sailed almost exclusively on Hobie 16s. At a meeting this afternoon, Francis McDonald out of Modesto, CA agreed to take over as the Women's Representative. The bylaws were amended to incorporate continental event for every year. These used to be held every other year. If the woman's event is not tied to a major event, the women would pass. A women's event is too small for sponsorship unless it is held with another event.

Treasury Report:

The Treasurer's report is attached. The Class is healthy and solvent. All bills are paid. The NAHCA is current with financial status. We inherited a bit of a mess, but it is all straightened out now. There are approximately 1100 memberships. Rich will email an exact breakdown.

Credit cards: We have had the ability to take credit cards for many years. Credit cards are very beneficial for other countries. The NAHCA is small in the credit card world, so we incur many bank fees, over \$500 this year. Problems include wrong numbers, bad expiration dates, etc. We are assessed fees for all of these. Debit cards are also a problem.

Proposed solution: Have all credit card memberships go into an International bank. They can offer a plan where there is a 4 consecutive month window. We pick any 4 months and inform members that they can process their dues within that window. Then the account can go inactive and pay a very nominal monthly fee of about \$20. If there is another major event, we can then go active again. We do have a peak membership period. Have we considered asking the bank for a discount and then put their name out there on all of our events? We still think we are too small to consider this. The options here are drop credit cards or put some restriction on their use. We are getting less than 10% who pay with credit cards.

It was agreed that we would put some controls on the credit and put restrictions on the membership.

Old Business:

US Sailing grant applications are pending to send a team to Singapore, the top two teams got money to go to New Caledonia. The grant determines how much is given.

New Business:

An increase in membership fees was proposed for the year 2003. The budget is based on a \$25 membership fee. That fee nets a surplus of \$1585. Maybe we should consider a further increase. We need to put some limits and controls on our expenditures. The biggest cost is the Newsletter. Our real fixed costs are the newsletter printing and mailing and IHCA dues. On a per member basis is approximately \$15.50. In US the newsletter is sent by bulk mail. We could go purely electronic to save the mailing and printing costs. June/July issue cost \$1250 just for printing. Proposal is to raise the dues to \$30. We have to cut too many programs. Debt accumulated overtime: receipts not submitted in a timely manner, this went back to 1998, related to newsletter mailing and production.

Motion that we raise dues to \$30: Paul U. barri seconded the Motion. Motion carried by vote of 12 to 3. 2003 Dues will be \$30.

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September 8, 2002 Fort Walton Beach, FL

More explanation is needed for the 42k expenditure on liabilities. The income/expense statement does not reflect what really happened. 2002 activity only is shown on the sheet, not the expenses from 2001. We will send a detailed report that explains every cent with the meeting minutes along with a revised detailed budget.

Area Championships

The NAHCA is involved in a joint venture with the Hobie Cat company whereby each contributes \$500 to each Area Championship Host. This funding helps to raise the bar for a better event. 5 areas, Northeast, Midwinter's East and West, Mid America's, and Northwestern Championships. No location for the Midwinter's East has been found. We may consider Pensacola for this event. This council makes the decision that it will be a Hobie only event.

Membership Recruiting

An inexpensive brochure for marketing will be distributed to dealers and displayed at boat shows. A brochure should be given to everyone who buys a boat to encourage boat owners to join the Class. The Editor of the newsletter would like to know when fleets are participating in boat shows so that the word can get out. Also let nonmembers join at regattas rather than pay the extra money. The NAHCA is open to ideas for help in recruiting.

Insurance

Regatta Liability can be purchased for \$678.00 for the entire calendar year to cover any NAHCA event. We should consider purchasing this policy. This policy covers races only, not meetings or seminars. The plan also has an alcohol policy on it as well, on the water and on the beach. This covered the MEGA. This policy does not cover the fleets.

World Championships

Approval has been given by the IHCA for 2004 H55 Worlds in Mexico. Singapore will host the 2003 Tiger Worlds, and the NAHCA has approval from the IHCA to host the 2005 Tiger Worlds in California.

Points Ranking System

There was a suggestion from European sailors to develop a North American Points ranking system. A sailor could look up his name to see where he is ranked in the country. This system would require a volunteer to whom the data must be sent for tracking the points. Are the Chairs willing to put the time in? One problem is that it is hard to get results from regattas. We can consider this in the future. The suggestion is tabled for now.

Elections

Dan DeLave is the chair of the nominating committee. Lori Mohnney will be replaced (term limit reached). No one is contesting the Chairman or 2nd Vice Chairman, Rich McVeigh and Roger Brown. The person available take Lori's place is Laura Sullivan. There are no other nominees for any of the positions. Paul Ulibarri moved to accept. Motion passed. Laura Sullivan is the new 1st vice Chair for the NAHCA in 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

*Your NAHCA leaders,
hard at work at the
2002 AGM in Florida.*

Clockwise from left:

*Lori Mohnney,
Mike Levesque,
Beth Andrews,
Bruce Andrews,
Paul Ulibarri,
Rich McVeigh,
John Bauldry
and Trish Bauldry.*

*With their backs to the
camera, some of the
Division Chairs that
attended the meeting.*

*Photos courtesy of
Dan DeLave, D2 Chair.*



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2002/2003 FLEET 448/DIVISION 12 HOME CAT 14 FROSTBITE SAILING SERIES

Sail Newport, Fort Adams State Park, Newport, Rhode Island

Organizing Authority:	NAIICA DIVISION 12 - This series is officially sanctioned by Division 12. Division 12 volunteers staff all series activities. Hobie complis and NAIICA Membership are compulsory for participation in this series.
Sailing Instructions:	IICA Standard Sailing Instruction's will apply with amendments handed out at registration.
Courses	Standard IICA courses will be used.
Class Rules	Boats must conform to Hobie Cat 14 (standard configuration) class measurement rules (E.g. Mainsail only, trapeze)
Alternate Penalty	360 Degree rule will be in effect in accordance with Hobie Class rule 21.1
Scoring Method:	Low-Point Averaged Scoring System as written in the 1997-2000 edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing. Appendix AA will be used
Participant Requirements	Personal and Boat Liability Insurance required.
Advertising	Category C per The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2001-2004, Appendix I
Boat Storage	Boat storage is available at the Series Venue, inside the locked, fenced-in area of Sail Newport for a fee of \$100 for the entire season from October 19, 2002 - April 19, 2003.

Entry Fee:	\$80.00
Discounts:	\$5.00 off for US Sailing members (must provide proof of membership) \$5.00 off for NAHCA members (must provide proof of membership)
Registration:	October 19, 10 am - 11 am
Skippers Meeting:	October 19, 11 am
Schedule:	Every other SATURDAY at 12 pm beginning October 19, 2002
Race Days	October 19 February 8, 22 November 2, 16, 30 March 8, 22 December 14, 28 April 5, 19 January 11, 25



NOTICE OF RACE

San Felipe Hobie Flota 469

Proudly Hosts the 33rd Annual



2003 Hobie Mid Winters West NAHCA Area Championship



Premier One-Design Hobie Cat Racing

San Felipe, Baja California, MEXICO • March 7, 8 & 9 2003



**33rd ANNUAL
2003 Hobie Mid Winters West
NAHCA Area Championship
Premier One-Design Hobie Cat Racing**



March 7, 8 & 9 2003 • San Felipe, Baja California, MEXICO

Regatta Headquarters: El Cortez Hotel - Room 126

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday March 7th

12:00 Noon	Women's, F-Fleet & Youth Races
1:00 PM	Time Trials - Radar speed measure
12:00 Noon - 7:00 PM	Registration
7:00 PM	No Host dinner "Fish Tacos"

Saturday March 8th

7:00 - 9:30 AM	Regatta Registration
10:00 AM	Competitors' Meeting
10:15 AM	Novice Meeting
11:00 AM	First Signal
7:00 PM	Margarita Party

Sunday March 9th

8:00 AM	NAHCA Division Meetings
10:00 AM	Competitors' Meeting
11:00 AM	First Signal
After Races	Trophy presentation as soon as possible after last race

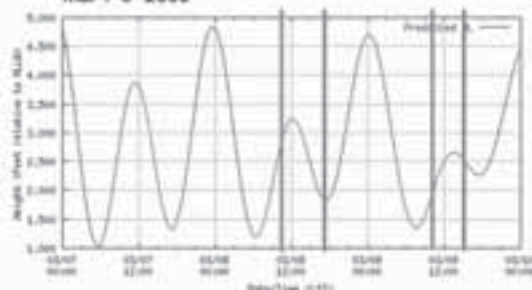
Other activities, any changes of schedule and general information will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for this Regatta is \$35.00 for Hobie Waves, 14's and 17's and \$40.00 for Hobie Dragoons, 16's, 18's, 20's, and Fox. **No regatta registration fee will be required for youth sailors under the age of 19.**

2003 NAHCA membership is required to compete in this event. For advertising purposes, this regatta is a category C event (ISAF Appendix G). Two free shirts and 2 free Margarita tickets will be provided for \$40.00 entries, one free shirt and one free Margarita ticket for \$35.00 entries received by February 10, 2003. There will be a \$20.00 late fee for registrations postmarked after 2/10/03. You may pre-order extra shirts for \$12.00 each. Make checks payable to Hobie MidWinters West. **Articles of clothing and canned goods will be collected at regatta registration as gifts for local fisherman. Please do not mail donations:** bring donations to the regatta site.

Mar 7-9 2003



FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Youth, Women's and F-fleet races are planned for Friday. Youth races are for sailors 19 years of age and under. Additionally a reach will be set up off the El Cortez beach and with a radar gun we will attempt to measure boat speeds and record them. These activities will be informal events. Trophies will be awarded based on a minimum participation of ten (10) boats in any Friday racing event.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Based on pre-registration, the following fleets are planned for Saturday and Sunday races. The number of courses to be run will be based on the number of pre-registered boats. Hobie 14 and 14 T; Hobie 16 A, B, C; Hobie 17; Hobie 18 A, B, C; Hobie 20 A & 20 B; Hobie Open Class: Hobie Wave, Dragoon, H-18 SX / Magnum, Hobie Tiger and Fox. Fleet ribbons will be required for "A", "B", and "C" racers.

This Regatta will be governed by this NOR (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), 2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing and 2001-2004 IHCA Class Rules.

Sailing Instructions will be available at on-site regatta registration.

TROPHIES

Trophies will be based on pre-registration. Five or more pre-registered boats constitute a fleet, one trophy per five boats. Maximum, five trophies per fleet.

INFORMATION

Event website: <http://NAHCA.org>

or

Contact any of the following sailors:

Ron or Shirley Palmer Tucson Arizona
Tel/Fax: 1 520 299 0609
Email: shirronpak@msn.com

Armando Noriega Mexico City Mexico
Tel: (011) 52 55 5631 5317 / Fax: (011) 52 55 5645 7418
Email: hobiemex@hotmail.com

Dan DeLave Long Beach California
Tel: 1 562 433 3984 Fax: 1 562 438 3765
Email: ddelave@aol.com

2003 NAHCA Membership and CompTips are mandatory.

Bring Cat Wheels Every effort will be made to run as many races as possible regardless of tides

TRAVELING IN BAJA MEXICO

For those sailors who have not been to San Felipe before, following is some information that may be useful.

General Safety: The Mexican authorities make a great effort to make our visit to San Felipe safe and enjoyable, but you are reminded that traveling in Mexico is not travel in the United States. Additional precautions should be taken, use some common sense. The customs and culture are different and behavior that is common in the US may not be acceptable or may be misinterpreted by the Mexican people. Act responsibly, do not make yourself a target, do not drink to excess, do not go out alone late at night.

Insurance & Documents: Liability insurance is recommended and required by Mexican Law. It can be purchased from an agent on either side of the border. Mexico Customs will likely verify ownership of vehicles, boats and trailers. You will need current registrations and papers of titles for all vehicles, trailers & boats. If you are using or bringing a vehicle, trailer or boat that is not registered in your name, you are required to have a notarized letter of permission from the owner(s). NOTE: Over the past year, Mexican Customs has become much more formal checking vehicle, boat and trailer registrations. Don't make the long drive without these papers or you may have to turn around at the border.

Mexico Visa: There is no Visa required to enter or leave Baja California when traveling to San Felipe.

Driving: Obey the posted speed limits and avoid receiving a ticket. Don't drink and drive - it is against the law to do so in Mexico. A stop is required at railroad crossings in Mexico. Mexico security check points are normally in place between Mexicali and San Felipe, the military personnel are courteous. Their primary purpose is to prevent the illegal transport of drugs and weapons.

El Cortez Hotel: Follow the highway to the stop light (normally not working). Turn right and continue, the El Cortez will be on the left. Following are some of the many accommodations available in San Felipe:

The (011) preceding the Tel or Fax number is the international access number for the USA. International access numbers are different for various countries.

El Cortez Hotel P O Box 1227
Tel/Fax: (011) 52 686 577 10 56 Calexico, CA 92232-1227
Email: cortezho@telnet.net
(Special discounted rates available for Hobie participants)

Club de Pesca P O Box 3090
Tel: (011) 52 686 577 11 80 Calexico CA 92232-3090
Fax: (011) 52 686 577 18 88
Email: clubpsca@telnet.net

Bala Mar RV Park Ave Mar de Cortez s n
Tel: (011) 52 686 552 23 63 San Felipe BC
Email: plunistorres@hotmail.com

Ruben's Ave Golfo de Calil 703
Tel: (011) 52 686 577 14 42 San Felipe BC

Riviera Hotel Ave Mar Balthazar s n
Tel: (011) 52 686 577 11 85 San Felipe BC

Additional Information San Felipe Tourism
Tel: (011) 52 686 577 11 55 Ave Mar de Cortez s n
Fax: (011) 52 686 577 18 65 San Felipe BC
Email: turismost@yahoo.com.mx

(Credit cards are accepted by many businesses in Mexico)

WHY BRING DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING TO SAN FELIPE

John O Hausor

Each year the MidWinters pre-registration says: "*Articles of clothing and canned goods will be collected at regatta registration as gifts for local fishermen.*" Most of us racing now do not know why, but we give a meager donation of food or an old Hobie T-shirt or two.

Have you ever wondered why we have this drive for food and clothing? In the early 1980's (I think it was '82) about 400 Hobies were racing on San Felipe Bay on a clear, sunny Sunday. The wind was light and continued to get lighter until at 1:00 PM it died. A few minutes later a Chubasco struck us with winds of 50+ mph flipping hundreds of boats. With the heavy wind, high seas, poor visibility due to sand in the air and lured Hobies being pushed out to sea in a north and east direction, the Race Committee and its few, too few at that point, chase boats were totally overwhelmed. Almost immediately, the local fishermen came out and began saving lives and property. The rescue operation lasted until after 10:00 PM, that evening.

There was a lot of damaged equipment including torn sails, bent masts and broken hulls. There were numerous injuries, but no fatalities. The results would have been much worse, tragic to say the least, if it had not been for the fishermen and their trawlers. The regatta was abandoned. Coast Catamaran (the former owners of the Hobie Cat Company) offered to replace any damaged or lost equipment at cost.

So that is why the drive for food and clothing. My family saves all our donation-type clothing and cleans out closets each year for the MidWinters West Regatta and the San Felipe Fishermen. It would be wonderful if the entire Hobie Family who attend the MidWinters could save all year and bring a substantial bag or three of clothing or food with them each year. That way, each year we could have a "drive" instead of a "pull."

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REGATTA PRE-REGISTRATION & ENTRY FORM
2003 Hobie Mid Winters West Area Championship
 March 7-9, 2003 • San Felipe, Baja California, MEXICO

The registration for this regatta is \$35.00 for Hobie Waves, 14's, and 17's and includes one free shirt and one Margarita ticket if mailed prior to February 10, 2003. The registration is \$40.00 for Hobie Dragons 16's, 18's, Hobie Tigers, 20's and Fox. Two free shirts and two Margarita tickets will be provided for entries postmarked prior to February 10, 2003.

Late Registration will be an additional \$20.00 after 2/10/03. (Shirt(s) are not guaranteed with late registration)

Skipper: _____ NAHCA Member No: _____

Address: _____ Sail No: _____

City / St / Postal Code: _____ Division/Fleet _____

Home Tel: _____ Work Tel: _____ Email: _____

Crew: _____ Total Weight: _____

HOBIE CLASS (Circle one): Wave Dragon 14 14T 16A 16B 16C 17 18A 18B 18C 18M/SX Tiger 20 Fox

Registration Fee: _____ CIRCLE Shirt Size(s): Medium Large X Large

Extra shirts @ \$12.00 ea. _____ CIRCLE Shirt Size(s): Medium Large X Large

Late fee (After 2/10/03 \$20.00) _____ Checks to: Hobie MidWinters West

TOTAL (in USD) \$ _____ Mail to: Hobie MidWinters West
 4935 N Calle Esquina
 Tucson AZ 85718-6311 USA

(Check or money orders only - credit cards *not* accepted)



NOTICE OF RACE

Hobie 14 Open World Championships
Hobie Tiger Europeans, Hobie Cat F1a Eurocup, Hobie Cat F1a One Eurocup,
Hobie Youth Challenge 2003
*22nd - 26th July 2003
*Registration 22nd July

This event is organized by the International Hobie Class Association, European Hobie Class Association and the Liberator Yacht Club in cooperation with Swedish Sailing Federation and with the assistance of the German Hobie Class.

1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by the racing rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the International Hobie Class Association, (except at any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

2 Alterations of Racing Rules

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with the following:

2.1 Rule 40 will be altered by a 300% penalty time including 1 tack and 1 gybe.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to Hobie 14, Tiger, F1a, F1a One, Hobie 16 (modified to include a spinnaker) and Dragon. One owner/boat must be a paid-up member of a National Hobie Class Association or Hobie Club to qualify to enter the regatta.

3.2 Hobie 16 Youth have an age restriction for skipper and crew to be 17 years or younger at the start of the regatta. For the Hobie Youth Challenge 2003 the Hobie 16 will sail with spinnaker, which are provided by the hosts as standard from Hobie Cat Europe. Due to costs of transportation and handling a limit of two of \$100.00 will be required from all Hobie Cat 16 Youth Boat crews. Subsequent to the limit, the limit is, in addition, a refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required from each Hobie Cat Youth Boat crew for the use of the sailing spinnaker. The refundation to the spinnaker will be made within the pre-written approval of the Race Committee. A limited number of Hobie 16 spinnakers are available at a first come basis. provided payment is received no later than 20th June 2003 to Hobie Cat Europe.

3.3 Dragon class have an age limit 18 years or younger.

3.4 All competitors entering the race shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of £100,000.00. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage shall be provided at registration.

3.5 Eligible Hobie 14 may enter on the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with:

David Brinkley
10 Anafara Crescent
Tisbury W17
Wiltshire
Or at info@liberatoryachtclub.com

3.6 Eligible Hobie Tiger, F1a, F1a One and Hobie Youth may enter on the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with:

Libe Viking
European Hobie Class Association (Executive Member)
email: info@libe.org or info@liberatoryachtclub.com
tel: +31 (0) 512 462227
Sponsored by the regatta fee.
Or at info@liberatoryachtclub.com

4 Fees

4.1 Required fees:

Event	Until 30.06.03	After 30.06.03
Hobie 14 Worlds	£120.00	£200.00
Hobie Tiger Europeans	£150.00	£250.00
Hobie F1a Eurocup	£150.00	£250.00
Hobie F1a One Eurocup	£75.00	£150.00
Hobie Youth Challenge 2003 Training + racing	£150.00	£175.00

5 Schedule of Events

Hobie Youth Challenge 2003 - training and racing - up to 12 races

Monday	21 st July	Training on the Water	11:00 - 16:00
Tuesday	22 nd July	Training on the Water	11:00 - 16:00
Wednesday	23 rd	Registration (Start on board)	09:00 - 17:00
Thursday/Friday		Race	Not racing until before 11:00
Saturday	26 th	Race	last evening will not be after 16:00

Hobie 14 Worlds - up to 12 races

Tuesday	22 nd July	Registration (Start on board)	09:00 - 17:00
Wednesday	23 rd	Race	Not racing until before 11:00
Thursday/Friday		Race	
Saturday	26 th	Race	last evening will not be after 16:00

Hobie Tiger Europeans 2003 - up to 12 races

Tuesday	22 nd July	Registration (Start on board)	09:00 - 17:00
Wednesday	23 rd	Race	Not racing until before 11:00
Thursday/Friday		Race	
Saturday	26 th	Race	last evening will not be after 16:00

Hobie F1a Eurocup 2003 - up to 12 races

Tuesday	22 nd July	Registration	(Start on board)09:00 - 17:00
Wednesday	23 rd	Race	Not racing
Thursday/Friday		Race	
Saturday	26 th	Race	last evening will not be after 16:00

Hobie F1a One Eurocup 2003 - up to 12 races

Tuesday	22 nd July	Registration	(Start on board) - 09:00	
Wednesday	23 rd	Race	forenoon	11:00
Thursday-Friday		Race		
Saturday	26 th	Race	last evening will not be after	16:00

6 Measurements

An agreement is not required but each boat shall abide by the International Hobie Class Association Class Rules.

7 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available after 17:00 hours on 22nd of July 2003 at Liberator Yacht Club tent on the beach.

8 Courses

The course shall be Standard IRLA Class Course.

9 Starting

The Low Point starting system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply as modified by the International Hobie Class rules. For all events the minimum number of boats to constitute a start shall be 1, 2 or 3 or more races have been completed. A boat's start time will be the last of the race start including late start times.

10 Fleet system

European Championship Hobie Tiger

If more than 60 boats enter the Championship the Race Committee may call a round robin race splitting the fleet.

11 Decisions of the Jury

Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with racing rule 70.4.

12 Prizes

The first 10 places in the Hobie 14 Worlds Championships will be awarded prizes with the winner being the Hobie 14 World Champion. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee. The first 5 places in Hobie Tiger Europeans, Hobie F1a Eurocup, Hobie F1a One, European Hobie Youth Challenge, and Hobie 16 European Youth Challenge will receive trophies. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee.

13 Accommodation

General information is available by a link from the events web page to the local tourism office.

14 General Information

Event Information:

Liberator Yacht Club
Tisbury Wiltshire D16
D-23070 Libeck, Tarnheide
Germany
Tel: +49 4932 59600
Fax: +49 4932 59602
E-mail: info@libe.org

Internet:

Event website: www.libe.org
EHC website: www.eurohobie.com
HCA website: www.hobieclass.com

15 Boat Charter

Charter deal with Hobie Cat Europe, attention Judith Heyl.
First come, first served, all charter fees, deposits reservations to be received no later than 30th of May 2003.

Charter contact:

Judith Heyl
Hobie Cat Europe
21 Tuxen Str
99720
05575 Tuxen valley G
Tel: +32 464 00 79 76
Fax: +32 464 00 12 28
E-mail: jhey@libe.org
info@libe.org

16 Further Information

Please contact the following: David Brinkley
Telephone: +31 7 2950 5226 Fax: +31 7 2946 8823
email: david.brinkley@libe.org

17 Social Program

23rd July Welcome Party, Happy Hour free beer and music
24th July Grand Dinner at the Fair @ (start 18:00)
25th July Ban B-Day on the beach
26th July Prize Giving

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Hobie 14 World Championship

22nd -26th July 2003

Lübecker Yacht-Club, Travemünde, Germany

To become an Official Entry, completed entry form and non-refundable registration
Fees must be received by the IHCA no later than **20th June 2003**

Skipper Last Name: _____ Skipper First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Region _____ Division/Country _____ Hobie Fleet No _____ ISAF Nation _____

Events: Open ☐

Individual Sponsorship: Yes ☐ No ☐ Sponsor/product: _____

Entry fees): Open: 130USD after 30th May 2003 230USD

Same Team:

Payments may be made by Cash, Travellers Check, Visa or Master card (Credit card information required.)

All Entries after 20th June 2003 shall pay the non-refundable entry fee plus the late entry fee

Amount Enclosed: _____ Payment method: Cash ☐ Travellers Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐

Cardholder: _____

Card Number: _____ Expires _____

For security purposes, credit card information is requested via mail or fax (not email)

This is Release and Indemnity Agreement

I give up all my rights to sue or make any claims for damages due in negligence or any other reason whatsoever against the Class Association, the event organizers, the promoters, sponsors and all other persons or parties conducting or connected with this event for injury to property or person I may suffer while participating in the event and while upon the event premises. I know the risks of danger to myself and my property while preparing for and participating in the event, and while upon the event premises, relying upon my own judgment and ability, assume all such risks of loss and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons or organizations connected with this event for damages incurred as a result of my negligence.

This is a Release _____
Skipper Signature

I agree to accept third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 400,000.00 as outlined in the NOR.

(Skipper signature)
Forward Completed Entry Form To: International Hobie Class Association
18 Arafura Crescent
Tingalpa 4173 Australia
Telephone: + 61 7 38905224
Fax: + 61 7 33489923
Email: david.brookes@hobieclass.com

TO REGISTER FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES: www.hobieworlds.com



HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003

for Dragoons & Hobie 16 youth

- FRANCE, EUROCAT MAY 2003, (regatta)
- AUSTRIA, NEUSIDLER SEE 9 - 15 JULY (training 9 - 11, regatta 10 - 15 July)
- GERMANY, TRAVEMUNDE 21 - 26 JULY (training 21 + 22 July, regatta 23 - 26 July)
- BELGIUM, Duinbergen/Knocke 2 - 3 AUGUST (regatta)
- GREECE, Thessaloniki 26 December - 3 January (training 26-28, regatta 29,30, 31 December, 2, 3 January)
- Professionals will give training!
- Hobie 16 youth will sail in Travemunde with SPINAKER, supplied by manufacturer for 100 Euro rental fee; COME OUT AND TRY IT.
- For the overall winner HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003 a major fantastic is available.

RULES:

Winner of the HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003 is the team that has the best results after we take the best 4 events. Austria will count double.

So you can race Austria, Belgium and Greece and have 4 events. Or you race France, Austria, Germany, Belgium and Greece and you have 6 events and can count your best 4 results.

You will have to register each event individually at the local organisers. The European Hobie Class Association will make sure a contact person will be at the event. You will be informed in advance who that person will be.

First price HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003:

for the Hobie 16 youth, Ticket & registrations fee paid to Worlds Hobie 16 in Mexico 2004.
for the Dragoon, Ticket to major Dragoon event in 2004 - known in February 2003.
The Price giving will be in GREECE!

And for participants of the HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003 a fantastic shirt....and more.

YOUTH CONTACTS:

EHCA:	Dagmar Albers	daggi.albers@gmx.de
EHCA + UK:	Vivienne Nichols	nichols@nicholsv.freemove.co.uk
EHCA:	Ute Vrijburg	ute.vrijburg@haveahobieday.com

US SAILING News

RACE MANAGEMENT

US SAILING's Race Management Handbook has been revised and updated to provide guidance on how to properly organize and run a race - whether it is a Wednesday evening sailboard race, a major world dinghy championship, or a grand-prix offshore race.

This revision brings the handbook's content into conformity with the current Racing Rules of Sailing. Some new material has been added, outdated material removed, and some familiar concepts refined. The Handbook is a "must-have" for clubs, fleets, and individuals. The handbook presents material so Race Committees can adapt it to local conditions and circumstances.

The 316-page handbook is organized in easy reference format. Detailed chapters include Organizing the Event, Insurance and Legal Issues, Risk Management, Competition Formats, Course Configuration, Notices of Race, Sailing Instructions, Race Committee Equipment, Race Day, Setting The Course, The Start, The Race, and Scoring and Handicapping.

The cost is \$30 for US SAILING members and \$50 for non-members. It can be obtained by calling: 1-800-US SAIL1, or online at: http://www.ussailing.org/merchandise/detail.asp?product_id=13035

SAILOR ATHLETES

If you've been to the Continentals, in any Hobie class, within the last ten years, US SAILING wants you. The national governing body for the sport of sailing is looking to increase the number of active athletes in its boardrooms. This is due in part to an act of congress called the *Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act*, but mostly people just think it's a good idea.

US SAILING has specified that twenty percent of all committees, including the Board of Directors, should be made up of athletes. Who's an athlete? If you've sailed in the Continentals, you are. The formal definition is on the US Sailing website but here is how it breaks down for Hobie sailors.

If you have competed in the Continentals, the World Champs, the Pan Am trials, or the Alter Cup you are a "C" level athlete. If you placed in the top half of any of these events you are a "B" level athlete. If you have represented the US at the Pan Am Games or the Worlds in a Pan Am Games class you are an "A" level athlete.

You can declare yourself as an athlete electronically on the US SAILING web site under the Sailor Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) section. SAAC is the council that oversees US SAILING's compliance and serves as a sounding board for the membership.

Here's the interesting part. Even if you don't have time to volunteer at US SAILING, it's worth your time to declare your status. In September of 2002, new members were nominated and elected to the SAAC. Any registered athlete was allowed to nominate and to vote. The elections were held through the web site.

Here's a chance to make sure that our Class is represented within US SAILING in future elections. For more info: www.ussailing.org/saac.

From the All New Fleet 276 Website

Welcome to the future site of the new Hobie fleet in Southeast Michigan. If you are a new, current, or former Hobie Cat sailor, looking for the opportunity to share the excitement of Hobie sailing with others, then you have come to the right place! I am looking for sailors who have been missing the Hobie-way-of-life these last ten years!

My wife and I participated in Fleet 276 about 14 years ago, sailing out of Metro Beach. Two wonderful kids interrupted our sailing career, and now that one of them has reached the crewing age, I have the passion back. I have searched high and low to find a Hobie Fleet nearby, to no avail. The fine people in Austin Lake have been kind enough to invite me to their races,

but I wonder how many Hobie sailors are out there, looking for some racing right here in our own waters.

You see, as I searched the Midwest for a used Hobie Cat, I learned a lot about the state of Hobie Cat sailing. It seems that technology has left us a bit behind. There are some high performance cats out there these days! Unfortunately, these cats carry a high performance price tag as well, and there just is not a used market out there. Furthermore, I just want to get out there and improve my sailing skills, without the pressure of a bunch of sailors who pass me up with their composite hulls and spinnakers!

I'm wondering if there are more people like myself out there. People who want to race and learn from each

other. Sailors who want to pull their boat up on shore, tell sailing lies, and cook hot dogs on the grill. People who like the idea of making friendships while competing.

So, how about it? Do you have an interest in meeting others out on the water in the Summer of 2003? I don't have a site reserved, I just have the desire to put it together. If you have an interest in sailing, I ask that you email me. If I get enough responses, we will have a fleet. At that point, I will look into finding a suitable location, and send out a request that you bring something for the grill!

Anybody remember...Have a Hobie Day!?

NAHCA News Report 2002

by Mike Levesque, Editor

Issues produced since 2001 AGM: Oct/Nov 2001, Dec/Jan 2002, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, June/July, Aug/Sep 2002.

We have a new editor in 2002. Shirley Palmer continued to produce the newsletter through the Dec/Jan issue, and then Mike Levesque took over editorial duties starting with the Feb/Mar issue.

The transition was made easier because of the help of Shirley Palmer. Shirley produced the Oct/Nov 2001 issue, as well as the Dec/Jan 2002 issue. Shirley was also very helpful with the software, templates, and transfer of information. Shirley also managed the production of the Feb/Mar issue.

Starting with the Apr/May issue, production has been managed by Matt Miller at the Hobie Cat Company. Shirley continues to provide support in

the form of management of the distribution lists, etc.

In addition, the Publications Committee, composed of Shirley Palmer, Gillian Thomson, Theresa White, Nancy Worth and Karen-Ann Xavier; has been very helpful with editorial review.

In 2002, some formatting changes were made to give the newsletter a new look inside. These changes have been very well received, evidenced by many positive letters from members.

The NAHCA News is made possible only with member submissions, and the Class owes a great deal of thanks to those members who have sent in articles, pictures, columns, etc. over the past year. In particular, Rich McVeigh, Paul Ulibarri, Mimi Appel, Kathleen Tracy and Tom & Sue Korzeniewski have made outstanding efforts and contributions in every issue!

The greatest challenge to overcome

for 2003 is more timely submissions. There was some improvement as 2002 progressed, but there is room for more. The editorial process consumes 40-50 man-hours per issue. In addition, we now have a four-week process once the final edits are sent for printing and mailing, and several more weeks for the third class mail to be delivered.

Notice of Races (NORs) are the most critical items that need work in terms of when they're submitted. **We need NORs at least four months in advance of an event.**

In 2002, the Class invested in some capital equipment for the NAHCA News: a Mac laptop, a fax machine and a printer. In the future, when a new Editor takes the reigns, the equipment will be transferred, making the transition much easier. This is in lieu of a payment to the editor, which was the practice in recent years. Consumable expenses have been minimal.



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Coming In the Next Issue of *NAHCA News*

Thanks for enjoying this HUGE special-edition double issue of ***NAHCA News***.

We've run out of space in this issue, so we will print 2002 points regatta results in the Feb/Mar issue.

We also have several stories from 2002 regattas and fun sailing events from across the Region, including a Youth article from Marie Appel.

The winter months are tough for content. If you have something for an upcoming issue, please send it to Mike today!

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All photos courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.

Michael will sell you a copy of any of his pictures from the MEGA.

There are more on his website:

<http://members.rogers.com/mike.walker/Mega/index.htm>



2003 Major Events Schedule

IHCA World Championships

Hobie Tiger Worlds	February 10 - 14	Singapore	www.hobieclass.com
Hobie 14 Worlds	July 22 - 26	Germany	www.hobieclass.com

NAHCA Continental Championships

Hobie 20 & Tiger	Sept 15 - 19 Kirk Newkirk	Pensacola, FL www.keysailing.com	850.932.1485
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Hobie 14 Open / Hobie 16 Women's	Sept 26-28	Rehoboth Bay, DE	
Hobie 16 Youth	Sept 27-28	Rehoboth Bay, DE	
Hobie 16 Open	Sept 29 - Oct 3	Rehoboth Bay, DE	
For all Rehoboth Continental Events:	Bruce Andrews	abandrews@comcast.net	610.274.3048

All other 2003 NAHCA Continentals TBA.	If interested in hosting a Continentals regatta, contact: Lori Mohney	Miracle429@aol.com	616.327.4565
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NAHCA Area Championships

Midwinters West	March 7-9	San Felipe, BC, Mexico Ron Palmer	shirlronpal@msn.com 520.299.0609
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Midwinters East	March 28-30	Pensacola, FL Kirk Newkirk	www.keysailing.com 850.932.1485
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Northeast (Madcatter)	May 16-18	Oneida Lake, NY Herb James	sjames1@twcny.rr.com 315.446.1143
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Mid Americas	June 7-8	Lakeside Recreation Area D, Lake Texoma, OK Laurie Cronan	(NEW LOCATION!!!) lcronan@ev1.net 972.625.4736
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Northwest	August 1-3	Lake Quinalt, WA Laura Sullivan	mslauras@earthlink.net 425.432.7749
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NAHCA Guest Expert Program

All 2003 GEP events TBA.	If interested in hosting a GEP event at your Hobie regatta, contact: Mimi Appel Kathleen Tracy	mimiappel@aol.com kat@frii.com	970.223.2642
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NAHCA Race Management Seminars

All 2003 seminars TBA.	If interested in hosting a Race Management Seminar at your Hobie regatta, contact: Paul Ulibarri	pulibbarri@compuserve.com	250.474.7580
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2003 Hobie Midwinters East Area Championship

March 28 - 30, 2003
Pensacola, Florida USA

For NOR, visit: www.nahca.org

Contact: Kirk Newkirk 850.932.1485 www.keysailing.com

NAHCA Division Regattas

BOLDFACE INDICATES POINTS REGATTAS. CONTACT THE SPECIFIC DIVISION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FLT DATES	EVENT NAME/LOCATION	CONTACT NAME	PHONE	FLT DATES	EVENT NAME/LOCATION	CONTACT NAME	PHONE
DIVISION 1 Contact Bobby Wythes 808.261.0294 or hhca13@aol.com				DIVISION 10 Contact Joe Kuchenbuch at 616.324.5529 or Hobie486@aol.com			
DIVISION 2 Contact Dan De Lave 562.438.3984 or ddellave@aol.com				DIVISION 11 Contact Jim Glanden at 302.368.9514 or hobie335@earthlink.net			
514 Oct 19-20	*Pinata Regatta	Kevin Walker	520.881.6193	Oct 26-27	Area C Alter Cup Trials/Bayville, NJ	Mark Santorelli	mark@hobiebrat1.com
469 March 7-9	*Midwinters West	Ron Palmer	520.299.0609	106 May 3-4	Delaware (H16 Champs)/ Rehoboth, DE	Bill Colgan	hobie106@telocity.com
4 April 5-6	Coronado Spring Regatta	Bill Myrter	760.436.4194	May 17-18	Gunpowder I/Baltimore, MD	L. Flanigan	DPF135@aol.com
66 May 3-4	*Cinco de Mayo	normanderson1@home.com		250 June 7-8	Sandy Hook/Atl. Highlands, NJ	kathleen_kulkoski@us.ibm.com	
3 May 17-18	Cachuma Lake Regatta	Tim Olson	805.659.4489	June 21-22	Spray Beach/Long Beach Island, NJ	A. Keller	amk5@columbia.edu
3 May 24-25	Hurricane Gulch	Roy VanRaden	714.379.9839	July 5	Statue of Liberty/Atl. Highlands, NJ	kathleen_kulkoski@us.ibm.com	
June 14-15	Big Bear	Steve Leo	562.856.7774	416 July 26-27	Barnegat Breezer (H17 Champs)/Bayville, NJ	Chris Begrow	215.822.2528
3 July 12-13	Blue Water Ventura	Jeff Petron	805.388.9759	443 Aug 23-24	Wildwood (H18 Champs)/Wildwood, NJ	John Shaw	609.884.4989
3 Aug 2-3	Divisionals/ABYC Multihulls	Steve Myrter	562.856.0511	24 Sept 6-7	Ocean City/Ocean City, NJ	Wally Myers	609.390.8182
3 Aug 16-17	Santa Barbara Regatta	Steve Leo	562.856.7774	Sept 13-14	Gunpowder II (H20 Champs)/Baltimore, MD	L. Flanigan	DPF135@aol.com
4 Sept 6-7	San Diego Classic	bbdogyard@yahoo.com		9/ 26-10/ 3	H14, H16 Women, Youth, H16 Continentals	Bruce Andrews	610.274.3048
514 Oct 4-5	*Pinata Regatta	John Eger	520.749.4295	Oct 18-19	Area C Alter Cup Trials/Bayville, NJ	Mark Santorelli	mark@hobiebrat1.com
* Hobie Cat only regatta				DIVISION 12 Contact Dave Heroux at 401.647.3203 or davebarbara448@msn.com			
DIVISION 3 Contact Gary Russell at 707.869.2464 / 707.291.3363 or grussli@hotmail.com				448 Hobie 14 Frostbite Series/Fort Adams, Newport, RI	Sandy Takacs	401.683.7670	
Wed eves - Fleet 17, Folsom Lake 5% Ramp, Kirk Jeffries 916-454-3966 kirk@inland-sailing.com				FROSTBITE DATES: 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 12/28, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19			
Div 3 Nov 9	Year End Banquet/SBYC, San Fran.	Gary Russell	707.291.3363	D12 April 5	Race Committee Seminar/Smithfield, RI	Mike Levesque	401.934.3003
240 Apr 12-13	Kickoff Regatta/Santa Cruz			D12 April 5	Division 12 Awards Banquet/Smithfield, RI	Tina Connor	401.884.4861
Apr 26-27	TreeSmacker/Black Butte Reservoir			209 May 24-25	Learn To Sail/ Michelob Cup/Gilford, NH	Scott Malcolm	603.926.7451
May 17-18	Chico Classic/Black Butte Reservoir			28 May 31	BSSC Learn to Sail/New Bedford, MA	Nancy Worth	781.821.9386
May 17-18	Wet & Wild/Woodward Reservoir			154 June 7-8	Sakonnet Challenge/Portsmouth, RI	gnorton@oceanugbarge.com	
May 31- 6/1	Pippin Regatta/Half-Moon Bay			496 June 21-22	Hampton Beach/Hampton Beach, NH	John Swiniarski	603.898.6004
62 June 21-22	Commodore's Regatta/Huntington Lk			154 June 28-29	New England 100: CT to RI to MA	Rick Bliss	508.339.7565
194 June 28-29	Round Treasure Island/Crown Bch			July 12-13	Area A Alter Cup Trials/Lipton Cup	Dave White	978.232.9270
17 July 12-13	White Caps Regatta/Union Valley			28 July 19-20	The Buzzard/New Bedford, MA	Nancy Worth	781.821.9386
July 26-27	Otter/Monterey Bay			209 Aug 2-3	Old Orchard Beach/ME	Dave Fortier	207.294.7397
62 Aug 9-10	Mill High Regatta/Huntington Lake			448 Aug 9-10	RI Summer Classic/N Kingstown, RI	Mark Wood	401.539-0585
3 Aug 16-17	Wine & Roses Regatta/S. Barbara			136 Aug 23-24	Shellfish Festival/Madison, CT	Joe Manganello	203.421.3614
281 Sept 6-7	Shark Feed Divisionals/Bodega Bay			Aug 23-24	Area B Alter Cup Trials/Madison, CT	Joe Manganello	203.421.3614
222 Oct 4-5	Turkey Regatta/Monterey			448 Aug 30-31	BLOCK ISLAND DAYS/Matunuck, RI	Mark Wood	401.539.0585
Div 3 Nov 8	Year End Banquet/Tower Park Marina, Lodi	Gary Russell	707.291.3363	209 Sept 6-7	NH State Championships/Gilford, NH	Scott Malcolm	603.926.7451
DIVISION 4 Contact Laura Sullivan at 425.432.7749 or mslauras@earthlink.net				186 Sept 20-21	Roton Point Regatta/Rowayton, CT	Ronald Borge	rborge@snet.net
Div 4 Nov 9	High Points Dinner/Seattle, WA	Laura Sullivan	425.432.7724	DIVISION 13 See Fleet Directory (next page) for specific country contact information			
Div 4 Nov 10	Annual Meeting/Seattle, WA	Laura Sullivan	425.432.7724	2002 Events:			
2003 Events TBA				236 Oct 5-6	Oktoberfest/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
DIVISION 5 Contact Bryan Frahm at 785.443.1067 or frahm@starband.net				236 Oct 19-20	Copa Marinazu/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
50 May 17-18	Prairie Winds/Boyd Lake, CO	Kathleen Tracy	kat@frii.com	236 Nov 2-3	Nacionales/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
48 May 24-25	Heron Regatta/Lake Heron, NM	trtdave@aol.com		236 Nov 16-17	Copa F.M.V./Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
61 Jun 28-29	Tropical Dreams/McConaughy, NE	Bryan Frahm	frahm@starband.net	236 Nov 23-01	Juegos Centroamericanos/Valle de B.	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
156 Jul 19-20	That One Particular.../Glendo, WY	wyfleet156@hotmail.com		236 Dec 7-8	Regata Patronato/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
198 Aug 9-10	Angostura (Div Champs)/SD	fleet198@hotmail.com		2003 Events:			
67 Aug 16-17	Gotta-Gorge/Flaming Gorge, WY	Bryan Frahm	frahm@starband.net	236 Jan 18-19	Copa Pro-Valle/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
61 Aug 30-31	Big Mac/McConaughy, NE	Bryan Frahm	frahm@starband.net	236 Feb 15-16	Copa La Peña/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
DIVISION 6 Contact Mike Rohrer at 512.335.2865 or mike.rohrer@concurrentdesign.com				904 Feb 22-23	Regata Rompevelas/Progreso.	Alberto Ponce G.	52-999-930-1300
407 Mar 15-16	Ides of March/Lake Somerville, Texas	Rodger Poe	281.859.6201	236 Mar 1-2	Copa Palacio/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
9 Mar 29-30	Deep South/Lake Charles, Louisiana	Glen Richard	225.751.7239	236 Mar 21-23	Copa Agua Brava/Acapulco	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
128 Apr 12-13	Longneck/Canyon Lake, Texas	Betty Reeh	210.656.5278	236 Mar 21-23	Regata Bahia Banderas/Puerto Vallarta	Javier Cabildo	52-329-2955-117
64 Apr 26-27	Hill Country/Lake Buchanan, Texas	Mike Rohrer	512.335.2865	236 April 19-20	Copa Izar/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
June 28	GBCC/Galveston Bay	Dave Rosborough	713.669.8490	236 5/31-6/1	Regata de la Marina/Valle de B.	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
128 July 19-20	Sand Dunes/Port Aransas, Texas	Betty Reeh	210.656.5278	236 June 14-15	Regata de Entrenamiento/Valle de B.	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
8 Aug 9-10	Texas Cat Champs/Palacios, Texas	Dave Rosborough	713.669.8490	904 July 18-20	VII Copa Cummins/Progreso	Alberto Ponce G.	52-999-930-1300
Aug 30-31	Ruff Rider/South Padre to Corpus	Scott Kee	www.ruffrider.net	904 Aug 23-24	Multisur-Pac Nav/Progreso	Gerardo Diaz	52-999-926-5811
8 Sept 13-14	Wayward Winds/Texas City Dike, Texas	Dave Rosborough	713.669.8490	236 Sept 13-14	Regatas de Independencia/Valle B.	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
DIVISION 7 Contact Eric Lundin at 605.362.9206 or ejlundin@sio.midco.net				236 Oct 4-5	Oktoberfest/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
273 Oct 5-6	Alton Lakes Area/Saint Louis, MO			236 Oct 18-19	Copa Marinazu/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
2003 Events TBA				236 Nov 1-2	Nacionales/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
DIVISION 8 Contact Alex & Patsy Shafer at 352.357.6228 or sac111@mpinetcom				236 Nov 15-16	Copa Federacion/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
Oct 4-11	HOBIE MEGA/Fort Walton Beach, FL	Lori Mohny	616.327.4565	236 Dec 6-7	Regata Patronato/Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52-55-5631-5555
Div 8 Nov 9-10	Florida Divisionals/Sarasota, FL	Alex & Patsy Shafer	352.357.6228	DIVISION 14 Contact Gary Godbold 817.731.0542 or railway@flash.net			
2003 Events TBA				23 Oct 26-27	Dallas Regatta/Lake Texoma, TX	Sam Baker	972.317.5005
DIVISION 9 Contact Chris Merrell at 757.422.0988 or crnabva@yahoo.com				23 Nov 9-10	Nowatta Regatta/Robbers Cave, OK	Martin Brown	918.446.8667
2003 Events TBA				2003 Events TBA			
DIVISION 15 Contact Andy Humphries at 901.683.8053 or wahumphries@yahoo.com				Oct 5-6	Shearwater/Ocean Springs, MS	OSYC	
Oct 19	Fall Series II/Panama City, FL			Oct 19	Fall Series II/Panama City, FL	Britt Drake	850.230.0021
Oct 26-27	Cat Caper/Birmingham, AL			Oct 26-27	Cat Caper/Birmingham, AL	Larry Shannon	205.822.0155
Nov 16	Turkey Trot/Pensacola Beach, FL			Nov 16	Turkey Trot/Pensacola Beach, FL	Key Sailing	850.932.5520
2003 Events TBA				DIVISION 16 Contact Chris Koper at 905.608-8994 or chris koper@hotmail.com			
May 10-11	Burlington Frostbiling/Burlington, ON			May 10-11	Burlington Frostbiling/Burlington, ON	Fred Smith	fredsmith@sprint.ca
204 May 16-18	Madcatter/Oneida Lake, NY	Herb James	315.446.1143	183 5/31-6/1	Wellers Bay/Weller's Bay, ON	Dan Borg	Dan_Borg@toyota.ca
183 June 7-8	Guelph Lake Circumnav/Guelph, ON	John Liefeld	519.823.1066	183 June 15	Come Sail a Hobie Day/Toronto, ON	Chris Koper	905.608.8994
183 June 15	Flying High/Toronto, ON	Karen Ann Xavier	416.597.2352	183 June 21-22	Kingston Multihull Regatta/Kingston, ON	Karen Ann Xavier	416.597.2352
172 July 5-6	Sandbanks Open/Wellington Beach, ON	David Antognini	416.332.0870	183 July 12-13	Hobie Kenobie Open/Wellington Beach, ON	Bob Burns	Polar4601@aol.com
119 July 18-20	TMC Open Multihull/Toronto, ON	Scott Brown	416.757.8324	183 July 19-20	Ladies Helm/Toronto, ON	Karen Ann Xavier	416.597.2352
183 July 26-27	Ontario Open/Rochester, NY	Mark Thomas	585.964.2420	295 Aug 2-3	Water Rats Open/Toronto, ON	Marvin Coulson	905.709.0646
183 Aug 9-10	Great Sacandaga/Albany, NY	Mike Hands	518.374.1423	238 Aug 16-17	Burl. Beach Bums/Burlington, ON	Victor Grimbile	416.722.3444
441 Aug 23-24	Scotch Bonnet LD/Weller's Bay, ON	Dan Borg	Dan_Borg@toyota.ca	183 Sept 6-7	Canadaigua Open/Canadaigua, NY	Lee Patterson	716.586.1492
183 Sept 13-14	Ben Hur Open/Toronto, ON	Karen Ann Xavier	416.597.2352	183 Sept 27-28			

NAHCA Secretary, Bruce and Beth Andrews,
rounding a gate at the MEGA.

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NAHCA Directory of Fleets

Flt	Commodore	City	Phone	Div	Flt	Commodore	City	Phone	Div	Flt	Commodore	City	Phone	Div
CANADA					FLORIDA					NORTH CAROLINA				
COUNTRY CONTACT: Mike Walker 905.891.6328 mike.walker@rogers.com					11	Rick Loewen	Orlando	407.USS.SAIL	8	92	Jeff Price	Davidson (Charlotte)	704.892.1936	9
ALBERTA					35	John MacDonald	Pensacola	850.932.2673	15	97	Sam Evans	Raleigh	919.544.4521	9
446	Dave Dawson	Calgary	403.271.3944	4	36	John McKnight	Miami/Keys	305.251.7600	8	100	Kyle Harrison	New Bern	919.304.6167	9
BRITISH COLOMBIA					44	Scot Corson	Fl. Lauderdale	954.437.4696	8	101	David Lennard	Wilmington	910.686.0595	9
14	Vikki Ulibarri	Victoria	250.474.7580	4	45	Kent Cooper	Cocoa Beach	321.504.7300	8	170	Ron Walters	Lk Wacamaw	910.642.0625	9
130	Tammy Machtaler	Penticton	250.493.5034	4	80	Steve Caron	Daytona Beach	904.258.1510	8	191	Tom Sutton	Greensboro	336.676.4403	9
214	Paul Evenden	Vancouver	604.463.7152	4	111	Cindi Muhlbaier	Jacksonville	904.641.6734	8	NORTH DAKOTA				
263	Ron Rubadeau	Kelowna	250.868.0388	4	111	Diane Rodgers	Jacksonville	904.794.1577	8	532	John Grabar	Bismarck	701.258.7372	7
MANITOBA					120	Mike Wilson	Panama City	850.235.2823	15	OHIO				
90	Alex Stanley	Winnipeg	204.231.9407	7	127	Greg Brock	Ft. Pierce	561.461.1659	8	47	Bill Molleran	Cincinnati	513.941.3145	10
NOVA SCOTIA					153	Dave Carlson	Gainesville	352.332.1049	8	85	Jamie Diamond	Columbus	614.267.0004	10
38	Paul Harvey	Baddeck	902.295.2758	12	GEORGIA					300	Rob Flucke	Columbus	740.927.0456	10
417	Sid Archer	Dartmouth	902.435.0631	12	12	Tammy Duran	Atlanta	770.531.0397	9	400	Dave Sullivan	Toledo	419.698.3576	10
ONTARIO					HAWAII					501	Doug Wilkins	Celina	419.586.6114	10
150	Barbara Murray	Phelpston	705.722.8640	16	6	Dean Froome	Kaneohe	808.235.3507	1	OKLAHOMA				
172	Nicholas Eliot	Kingston	613.545.7790	16	926	Miles Moore	Hayden	208.762.2382	4	25	Martin Brown	Tulsa	918.446.8667	14
183	Karen Walker	Toronto	905.891.6328	16	IDAHO					63	Mark Benge	Norman	405.733.0395	14
298	Jim Robertson	Nepean	jimr122@rogers.com	16	ILLINOIS					131	Phil Collins	Oklahoma City	405.721.0737	14
441	Jeff Glenn	Burlington	905.522.6470	16	115	Doug Grant	Wilmette	847.501.4959	10	251	Kade McClure	Lawton	580.353.2084	14
QUEBEC					159	Dave Waugh	Springfield	217.528.9031	10	OREGON				
187	Réjean Massé	St-Mathias (Montreal)	450.658.3056	12	199	Paul Hinze	Carbondale	618.457.7719	10	72	Andrew Richardson	Portland	503.292.3005	4
257	Serge Nadeau	Quebec City	418.889.9938	12	216	Tom Rump	Flossmoor	708.799.2692	10	94	Kelly Havig	Redmond	541.548.5203	4
SASKATCHEWAN					447	Rich Kern	Palatine	708.934.6479	10	193	John Stahr	Eugene	503.344.5585	4
242	Henry Schubach	Regina	306.757.4303	4	INDIANA					PENNSYLVANIA				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC					26	Mark R Cook	Indianapolis	317.297.0037	10	416	Chris Begrow	Philadelphia	215.822.2528	11
289	Jose Maria Acosta	Santo Domingo	809.563.8730	13	126	Scott Doege	Crown Point	219.661.1041	10	466	Bo Jones	Pittsburgh	412.457.6448	16
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2003 NAHCA Membership Dues Changes

by Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman

NAHCA Membership dues have been increased for 2003.

Membership dues have not changed in five years, but unfortunately our costs have continued to increase. Additionally, the Class has paid some outstanding bills in the last year that have reduced our account balance.

Consequently, the standard membership dues have been raised to \$30 for 2003 (outside US, \$37 to cover foreign mailing expense). The Youth membership dues have been raised to \$15. All other memberships remain unchanged.

While the dues are higher, they still compare favorably to the dues of other sailing associations. This increase will allow us to continue to provide a high level of service to the membership, produce our top-quality newsletter, and continue our efforts to expand the Class Association.

Several programs will benefit from the dues increase: the Youth Program, the Guest Expert Program, the Race Management Seminars, and NAHCA support of the Area Championships. Without the dues increase, funding of these programs would have to be drastically cut for 2003.

At the NAHCA AGM held during the MEGA Event, the Division Chairs discussed the situation and voted that the increase would be the best option for the health of the NAHCA and its continuing contributions to the sailors.

The \$5.00 weekend membership option remains unchanged. This option is designed to address the needs of the one-time or infrequent sailor and does not include any of the Class membership privileges.

The \$5.00 weekend membership option is not intended for sailors who race at multiple regattas.

Membership Update from Shirley

The 2003 membership year is upon us! Remember that all NAHCA Memberships are for the calendar year, making them due and payable now. A reminder to renew your membership is in the mail, but there is no need to wait.

Remember to let us know if you need a new card. Renewing members will receive a sticker to affix to their present cards.

*Left: Tigers rounding A mark at the MEGA.
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Right: Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman, and Diedre Mitchell.
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

Missing an Issue of NAHCA News? STEP 1: DON'T PANIC!

Over the past year, we have developed a new process for mailing newsletters. The production and mailing is outsourced, so the process for getting replacement newsletters got a few hiccups.

NO MORE! We have a simple and convenient way for you to request a missing issue. Simply send an email with your mailing address info (and the issue you need) to: nahca@hobiecat.com.

Thanks to Matt Miller and Stephanie at the Hobie Cat Company for helping us deliver a great publication to our members!



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NAHCA Membership Card
NAHCA News

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YOUTH (Independent) \$15.00

Under 21 years of age
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NAHCA Membership Card
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\$_____ \$12 Youth (regularly \$15) – Under 21 / Student birth date _____

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