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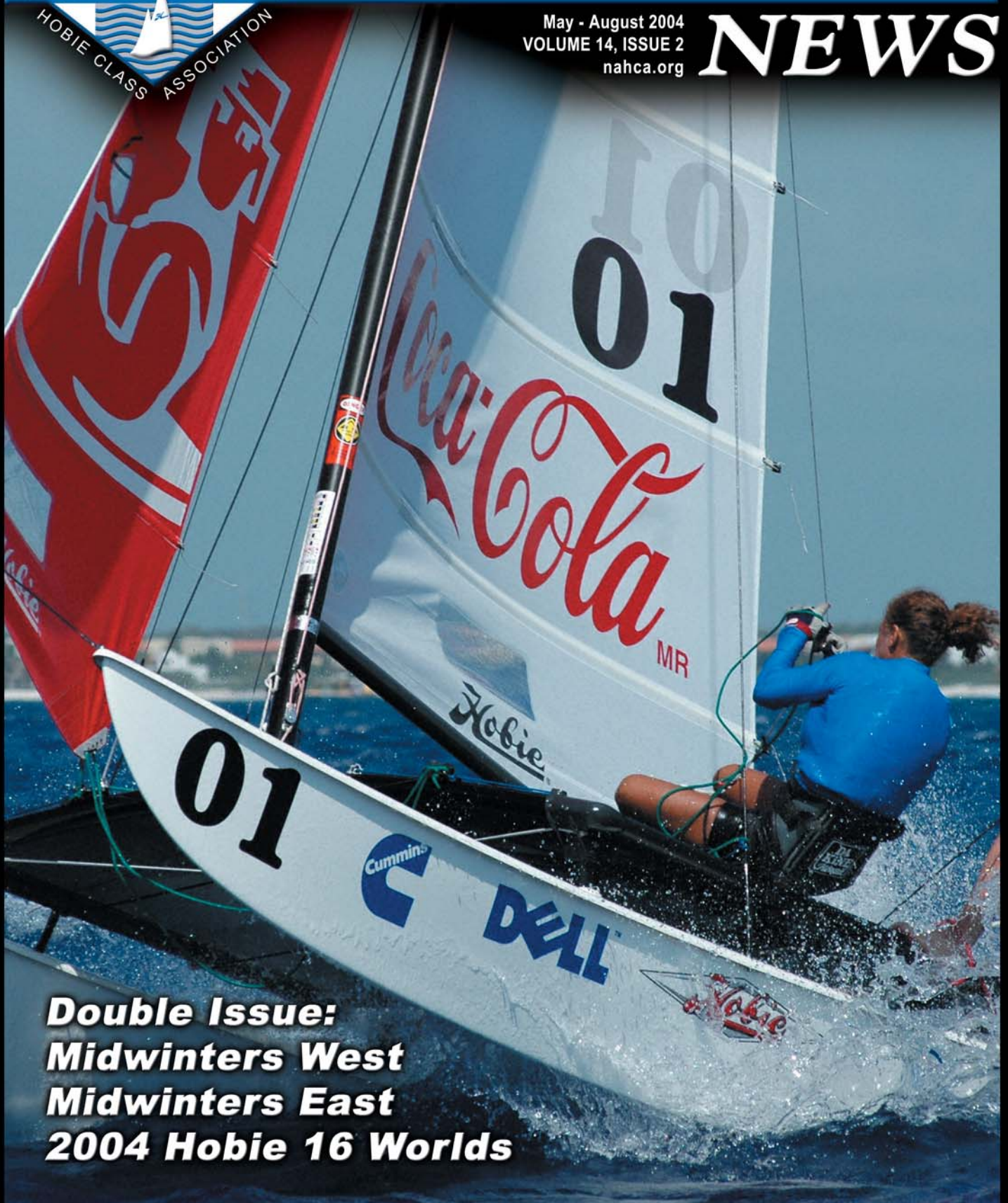
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The Blue Part is the Water ...

by Rich McVeigh, HCA Chairman

In the last issue, the HCA announced several changes. With spring regattas kicking off the new sailing season around the country, we are working on incorporating these changes as the season progresses.

Many of the Hobie Class officers were consumed with the Hobie 16 Worlds. Now, organizing the MEGA in 2002 took quite a huge effort. But organizing the World Championships in another country? – that has been an absolutely enormous undertaking!

For several months, Lori Mohny and Paul Ulibarri put a great amount of time into this project, working alongside Alberto Ponce and his team in Mexico.

In other news, the HCA has a new benefit to be offered to its members. Gowrie, Barden & Brett, Inc. recently approved the one-design insurance for most of the Hobie Cat boats. This is different from the regatta insurance we have talked about previously, in that this insurance can be purchased for personal boat insurance needs.

Thanks to Roger Brown, in particular, who has worked hard at getting another nice benefit for our members. If you go to the US Sailing web site, you can read all the details about this program and get a custom quote on-line - it only takes a few minutes.

In recent weeks we have also been exploring ways we can improve our web site and electronic services. One new idea being pursued is the use of email blasts to allow us to communicate short news items directly to the members. This isn't designed to replace the newsletter, but rather to supplement it by allowing us to provide timely news and announcements.

Speaking of the newsletter, this will be the last issue with Mike Levesque as Editor. After three seasons, Mike asked for us to search for a new Editor.

Mike will work to transition the newsletter duties to our new Editor, Matt Bounds. Mike plans to remain active as an HCA volunteer, and Matt is very excited to return to this role (you may recall that Matt was our Editor just prior to Shirley Palmer back in the 1990s.)



This fall we will be electing new officers. Roger Brown and I will reach our term limits and new officers will be needed to lead the class into 2005. While this may seem early in the game, the process actually starts months in advance with the formation of a nomination committee and the search for interested volunteers.

Now is the time to give it some thought and speak to your Division Chair. We need dedicated volunteers to keep this great organization sailing smoothly.

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Hobie Class News

A Changing of the Guard...

by Mike Levesque, Editor (Outgoing)

After three incredible seasons, I've requested to retire from my duties as the Hobie Class News Editor. Matt Bounds has stepped up to take the reins, and I will work with him over the next few issues to ensure a smooth transition, just as Shirley did for me three years ago.

I say my time here has been incredible, not only because of the unimaginable amount of time and work involved, but due to the incomparable sense of satisfaction involved with working with the large and dynamic group of volunteers that is the HCA Board and Council.

The Hobie Class News is definitely in good hands with Matt. He will bring a breath of fresh air to the newsletter, and will endeavor to get us back on schedule. Matt was the first Editor of NAHCA News, so he is a great choice. The newsletter will get a fresh new look, and change is always good!

Looking back at the past three years is bittersweet. Countless emails, phone calls and late nights go into each issue. It's very hard work, but knowing that there are friends behind you all the way makes it all worthwhile.

Three years ago, I never imagined that I'd get so caught up in straightening horizons, cleaning up weird fonts and symbols, and all the other mundane tasks that go into putting together a high quality publication.

But without question, the biggest surprise was the support and dedication shown by all the contributors to the Hobie Class News. Without their help, there truly would be no newsletter. This makes it hard to push for deadlines, when you realize the amount of work they are doing behind the scenes to make the Hobie Class a huge success.

As the organization seeks to dust off the cobwebs and focus on growing the sport of Hobie sailing, keep in mind that there is a core group of Hobie sailors dedicated to making this work. Each and every volunteer in the organization spends ridiculous amounts of time each week, making sure that we have high quality racing events throughout the world.

For my first issue of NAHCA News, I drafted an article to introduce myself to everyone as the new Editor. In that article, I listed all the Hobie volunteer positions that I had held up to that point, at the Fleet and Division level, so that people would see that I had a strong interest in the cause.

I never printed that article, because it seemed to me to have a bragging tone, which was the complete opposite of the effect that I was going for. I was actually trying to inspire new people to step up and help out, because I considered myself a "nobody" just a few years prior. I started helping at the Fleet level, and the next thing I knew, I was the Editor for the North American Region.

What I can tell you is that all of the volunteers at the HCA level have even more years in this than I do, and you will never hear them complain or seek excessive recognition. You could not ask for a better group of hard working individuals to lead the organization, and I am proud to count them as personal best friends.

I would hate the thought of ever having to produce an issue without the regular columns: Chair, GEP, Youth, Women, RC, Membership, IHCA and Factory. Fortunately, we rarely had this problem. We all owe huge thanks to Rich McVeigh, Mimi Appel, Terri Reuwsaat, Gary Russell, Kathleen Tracy, Heather Morrison, Paul Ulibarri, Shirley Palmer, Eliza Cleveland, David Brookes and Matt Miller for keeping the inbox full with great articles.

Additionally, there are a lot of people to thank for technical assistance, including editing, reviewing, printing and distribution. These people include Matt Miller and Karen Hodil of the Hobie Cat Company. And, lots more HCA volunteers: Shirley Palmer, Nancy Worth, Cindy Phipps, Theresa "Fluffy" White, Kathleen Tracy, Gillian Thomson, Eliza Cleveland and Michelle McLean.

And of course, there are the old stand-bys, the people you can absolutely count on to race at lots of events, help run them, and still have time to write several killer articles each and every year. I have to recognize Susan and Tom Korzeniewski, Bob Merrick, Lori Mohny, John Bauldry, Bruce Andrews, Laura Sullivan, Sheila Holmes, Peter Nelson, Jeff Rabidoux, Paul and MaryAnn Hess, Ted Lindley, Marie Appel and Roger Brown.

Let's not forget, the Division Chairs have a lot of work to keep up with changing schedules, Fleet contacts, etc. They all work very hard to promote the sport at the local level, which is really the core of this whole thing.

And of course, the unforgettable photographic contributions by Matt Miller, Mike Walker, Rich McVeigh, Susan and Tom Korzeniewski, Shirley Palmer, Rob Jerry and Pedro Colon make each issue come alive.

There are so many Hobie sailors that have contributed an article or two over the years, that I couldn't possibly list them all here. But, they all have my complete gratitude, and should have yours as well. After all, in the three years that I've done this, how many articles did you have to read that were written by me just to fill space? I don't recall writing any!

Working with all of these wonderful people has inspired me to move on to new challenges within the Hobie Class Association. You will be hearing all about that soon enough.

Please join me in wishing Matt Bounds the best of luck with the Hobie Class News. Better yet, send him an article. And don't forget the regatta results and pictures...

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Hobie Class Association Sportsperson of the Year Award

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Each year the Hobie Class Association accepts from its divisions and members, nominations for the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Those to be considered for this award should be sailors or crews who exhibit commendable behavior demonstrating The Hobie Way of Life, either on or off the water. Each Division will poll its fleets for nominees and submit a name to the Hobie Class Association Sportsperson jury for consideration.

During the year, keep this honor award program in mind. Be aware of the different people among us who have unselfishly contributed to our sport and activities. Be aware of the person who, while out on the water, helped someone who might have been in a life-threatening situation. Look for that person whom you consider to be the mainstay of the local fleet or Division, or the person who represents honesty and character while on the race course. Perhaps the honoree is someone who has devoted countless hours or years to running your fleet regattas, or has quietly kept the fleet's spirit alive during difficult times.

The Division nominee could be a champion racer or a day sailor who share the fun of sailing and his or her sailing secrets. This is your opportunity to define just what is meant by The Hobie Way of Life, and who, regardless of age or sex, best represents that phrase.

Fill out the form below, and be sure to include additional pages as needed. Detail the specifics and anecdotes that describe that one individual or team who represents to you the Hobie Class Association's most outstanding member for this year.

The HCA has honored a Hobie sailor each year who has made it possible, by his or her unselfish attitude and commitment to our sport, for all of us to better enjoy "The Hobie Way of Life."

You again have the opportunity to honor that special person whom you believe deserves that recognition.

The year 2004 honoree's story will be published and added to the pages of the perpetual trophy book. This is our way of paying tribute and saying thanks to the individual who is chosen to be the HCA Sportsperson of the Year!

All nominees must be current NAHCA members to be considered, and only one nominee from each Division will be selected to compete. To be eligible, all nominee applications must be received by **September 1, 2004**.

The award will be presented at the Hobie 16 North American Continentals in Brewerton, NY, during the week of September 14, 2004. Complete the application and be sure to write a complete narrative about the person and the reasons why you feel he or she should be the honoree. Generally the judges do not know the nominees (which is desirable) and their decision is based on what they read on the application.

Application Form

Hobie Class Association Sportsperson of the Year Award

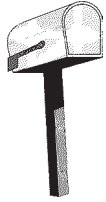
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Please provide additional sheets as necessary to describe specifics and any other information that will be helpful in selecting this year's nominees for the award.

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From the Beach

Letters from Our Members

THANKS FROM JOHN

I want to thank you for your sympathies and kind words during this time of sadness. Your postings on the Fleet 276 sympathy page are of great comfort to me. I read them over and over when I'm feeling down. Please know that I am at peace knowing that my beloved Trish is not suffering anymore. That her spirit and memories will go on within all of us. Again, thank you from the core of my being.

Gratefully, John Bauldry, Fleet 276, Clarkston, MI

2004 HOBIE 18 NAs CANCELLED

I am disappointed to inform you that the 2004 Hobie 18 North Americans in Lake Carlyle are cancelled. An official certified judge could not be lined up for this event. If your division is interested in hosting this event in 2005, please contact Lori Mohny in the very near future.

Bruce Andrews, HCA Secretary

2004 MONTEREY NAs ONLINE

A web site is now active for the H17/Tiger/H20 Continental event in Monterey In July. Go to <http://www.hobie3.org/tiger> to find out what is going on.

NEW ENGLAND HOBIE 16 GROUP

A new Yahoo group has been created for the Hobie 16 sailors in the New England Area; however, any H16 sailor is encouraged to join. Its main use will be a communication link between all H16 sailors. We will use it to coordinate what regattas people are going to so we can have a strong class at them, as well as sharing photos, tips, etc. Please check it out and join the group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hobie16_ne_area/.

Thanks, Sean McQuilken, Fleet 448, Niantic, CT

RADIO USE

For a very educational piece on proper use of marine VHF radios, check out this website:

<http://www.boatingsafety.com/vhf1.htm>

FREE WEBSITES FOR HOBIE FLEETS

Division Chairs

We are making some changes to the Class website and there is the possibility that we might be able to incorporate web space for Fleets as well. The Hobie Cat Company has generously offered some of their excess server capacity to the Class and Fleets. Most of the details need to be worked out, but I wanted to raise this concept with you all to see what the interest would be. The cost would be essentially free to the fleets and they won't have to put up with pop ups and other ads common to many low cost web hosting options.

Please discuss this idea within your fleets and let me know how many would be interested.

Sincerely, Rich McVeigh, HCA Chairman

WHAT WINTER?

With all the news on TV lately about the sub zero weather and snow that the East Coast and upstate NY areas experienced last winter, we shouldn't forget that Southern California has its share of devastating weather also. Check out the photo below, illustrating the excessive damage caused to a home from a West Coast storm that passed through the San Diego area a couple of days ago. It really makes you cherish what you have, and reminds us not to take life for granted!!!

Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company

More letters on next page



From the Beach, our Letters

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LIST YOUR EVENT IN E-USSAILING

Your voice is heard! In response to requests from readers, e-USSAILING will now include brief listings of sailing events recently added to the online event calendar on US SAILING's website. To see your event highlighted in e-USSAILING, make sure to enter your event on the online calendar at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/calendar>

HOPE FOR HOBIE 18 RACING

With the demise of the production of our beloved Hobie 18, Troy Szabo and I have devoted ourselves to the preservation and the advancement of the Hobie 18 racing class. As H18 sailors and racers, we will not let the class fade away.

We have elected ourselves as Division 3 H18 class presidents (there wasn't anyone else in the room at the time...) and are the official H18 point men for all of the Division events.

This is a call to all H18 owners to get their boats out there and make the H18 class the most fun and well attended class at our events. Troy and I have made a commitment to attend every regatta this year in Division 3 and be available for help in racing, tuning, and drinking beer.

Our first regatta was at Santa Cruz. We have three H18 Magnums attending already, so if you own an SE, a Magnum, or an SX, bring it out for a weekend of the friendliest racing around. If you know of someone with an H18 - tell them so we can build the best H18 Division the USA!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at dcatwater@usamedia.tv or Troy at troyzabo@yahoo.com and make sure you say "Hi" to us at the regatta!

Sincerely,

Dave Atwater, Team Obsolete, H18M,
Fleet 2, Truckee, CA

DIVISION WEBSITES NEED SOME CLEAN-UP

As we entered 2004, we needed to update the contacts sections of *Hobie Class News*. We had a great amount of difficulty getting all of the Division Chairs to respond by deadlines. Our next course of action was to check the Division websites. This was a colossal waste of time, as most of these were outdated or missing information entirely.

Our point is not to chastise (name names), but it is in **everyone's** best interest that these websites be maintained. Our website contact lists are our main link to the outside world, and the best way for current members to get up-to-date information.

Please check your Division website today. If you find errors, ask your Division Chair to fix the mistakes.

Better yet, volunteer to help him...

HOBIE 16 SAILS NEEDED

I work for Camp Keola, a camp on the edge of Huntington Lake. We run rental camps from June through October including the Children's Hospital of Central California Cancer Camp and the Boys and Girls Club and other camps.

We wanted to get in contact with you to see if you knew anyone that was interested in donating or selling some sails for a Hobie 16 sailboat. We have had the boat for several years and it is time replace the existing sails.

Any help you can provide would be very much appreciated.

Paula Jo Hartman

Camp Keola Business Office

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More letters on next page



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

Hobie Class News is a publication intended to fulfill the purpose of the HCA. We can do this only with contributions from the membership.

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

If you are a Fleet Commodore or Fleet Newsletter Editor, please add us 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, HCA Number, 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, *Hobie Class 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 an NOR, be sure to comply with RRS (Apx 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, North Americans 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 *Hobie Class News* Editorial Staff and the HCA Board of Directors.

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

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FLEET 28 BUZZARD REGATTA

Sorry, we don't have the manpower to run regular round-the-buoys races this year. But, we are planning for that same weekend of July 10-11 in New Bedford to have an island hop with the famous Buzzard winds, some more relaxed events and possibly a bit of training.

Nancy Worth, Commodore, Fleet 28, Canton, MA

RON & DONNA KATZ: A HOBIE WEDDING

Ron is a long time Hobie 16 sailor marrying Donna who is fairly new to the racing scene. Last year was the first year they sailed together and Ron definitely improved his performance on the water.

After the wedding on May 1, 2004 they joined other Hobie Fleet 240 members on the waters of Santa Cruz blasting across Monterey Bay just having a good old time. What a way to get started in their new life together, getting married in the morning and sailing in the afternoon.

Two weeks later they got on a plane in San Francisco for Cancun to participate in the Hobie 16 World Championships. This is their first Worlds but not the last. Even though they did not make it past the pre-qualifying round, Donna mentioned later in the week she wanted to sail more. Which they did the following week, on a bare boat cruise in Belize with eleven other big cats, mainly consisting of Hobie sailors & friends.

Wow. Get married in the morning. Go Hobie sailing in the afternoon. Go to the World Championships then to Belize for a bare boat charter for the honeymoon then get back home to assemble their new Worlds edition Hobie 16. Wow, what a way to start a lifelong marriage together. How do you top that?

You may ask what is next for this Hobie couple? Well they plan to sail a lot to obtain better finishes in races. Maybe go to the Hobie 16 North Americans if work won't get in the way. Then prepare for the next Hobie 16 Worlds in South Africa.

Best wishes to Ron & Donna Katz from your Hobie friends!

Mike Montague, Fleet 281, Santa Rosa, CA



GAVIN COLBY CLINIC IN CA

For those that may have missed it, the Santa Cruz Sentinel gave the clinic some press. Here is a link to the article:

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2004/April/22/sport/stories/01sport.htm>

Ken Nelson and Pat Porter are the ones that went over. The wind was quite strong that day, and there was a huge swell. And in the chase boat Gavin Colby and Johnny O'Leary. Gavin would follow boats giving tips on how to make them go faster. Everyone was blown away at how differently Gavin was teaching them to sail the boats. I liked his point that, "When a fleet sails together so much, they tend to detune." The photographer was Bill Lovejoy.

Jeremy Leonard, Fleet 240, Santa Cruz, CA

ALOHA FROM HAWAII

Just a note to let you folks on the BIG island know that Fleet 6 is still here (barely), the five Hobie 20s that have been racing for the last five years are down to four. There is a club of cat sailors (about 20) that have fun races once every other month year round. They concentrate on fun more than racing.

Bobby is our Division Chair because he makes it to the mainland for regattas more than anyone else.

Hey, with Hobie Cat Company supplying boats again, maybe we could have a North Americans in Hawaii!

Still dreaming of a windy NAs,

Dan Williams, Commodore, Fleet 6, Kaneohe, HI

[ML: I think I speak for many when I say, COUNT MY VOTE FOR AN EVENT IN HAWAII!!!]

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JERICHO CLASSIC

Dear Hobie Buddies,

The Jericho Classic was an incredible weekend. It was a beautiful, warm, steady breeze the entire weekend. Our biggest challenge was the raging tide of up to 15 feet which swept nearly every mark away on the last race of the day. The tide came in so fast, that the start pin, which was five feet tall, used up all of its scope and went underwater....probably never to be seen again....

A very special thanks to Fleet 214 for a great event - headed up by Mark Jones and Ingrid Guzman. Nice T-shirts. Salmon, wine, beer, carrot cake and the infamous Nanimo Bars - were some of the delights for dinner.

Another special thanks goes to Peter Nelson for being the Principal Race Officer for the event - and to all those race committee volunteers who spent two days on the signal boat - so the rest of us could sail.

We had a great turn out of Hobie 16s and 18s at this event - A and B fleets. Great time had by all - just the way a Hobie weekend should be!!!

Laura Sullivan, Division 4 Chair

PENGUIN SAIL

I thought I would pass along a photo from the Penguin Sail that was held at Sail Sand Point. It was a spectacular sunny day, with mild temperatures and a fresh breeze. Having moved from the midwest about a year ago, I still can't get over having such great sailing weather in the middle of February!!

Ten boats participated, including new boat owner Mike Hickman on his Wave (welcome Mike!) and the Heller family breaking in their new H16 Worlds boat as well as sailing a second family H16.

Thanks to the race committee (Dave Wilder, Scott Ruggles, Dan Carpenter, Jerry Valeske), Laura Sullivan & Jerry Valeske (for the post race refreshments), Sail Sand Point (for allowing us to operate at the SSP facility), Peter Nelson (for organizing the event) and all the participants and guests. It was a great way to spend the day.

Bob Johnson, Commodore, Fleet 95, Burien, WA



HOBIE CLASSIFIEDS

Hobie 16 for sale. Racing rudder. new jib and good sail. Call Kam at 415.806.5676.

1986 Hobie 16 and trailer, ready to sail, with Cat Tracks and two sets of sails. Both hulls refiberglassed in 2000. Trailer was completely re-built in spring of 2003, with a new axle, rear crossbar, springs and rewired new lights. Boat is located in RI. Asking \$2,500. Please contact Marie or Sean at 401.433.2684 or seanws10@yahoo.com.

Hobie 17 mainsail wanted. Call Matt Weeks at 860.933.7654.

We have several interested buyers of boats looking to purchase a Hobie 16. If you have or know of one available, please contact Peter Nelson at nelson.peter@comcast.net. The fleet is growing!!!!

Hobie wanted in Northern California- Bay Area. I would like an 18, something in "excellent condition," race ready, a Tiger would be fine also. Anybody know of one? Contact Kim at dhaddon8@cs.com.



From the Webmistress...

A New Look for the Hobie Class Website

by Karen-Ann Xavier, HCA Webmistress,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Hello from the great white north!

Actually, it is gloriously sunny and I am just DYING to get out on the water sailing again.

With the winter months being so long (sniff!), I have had time to make some significant changes to our Hobie Class Association website.

We have a new look to the website.

There is now a secure section of the website for Council and Division chairs.

We have a weather link which will be changed based on upcoming big events, so you can check out the wind/weather conditions before your departure.

Search the website functionality has been added. This is the Google search. For example if you are looking for a fleet in Albany, NY, just type in "Albany" and press the "Google Search" button.

The WHCRA Women's section has had a revamp.

The Photo Album section now has a "Pic of the Month," Hobie catters, please send in interesting pics.

Past Champions has been updated and now goes as far back as 1969.

Looking to buy a Hobie/sell a Hobie, I have added more details.

Then I got tired...

I now have a web team member, Doug Mitchell. Doug has been helping out with the website taking over the "News" section. Doug is from fleet 204 in Syracuse, New York and is absolutely wonderful! He has made it possible for me to have the time to do these other changes.

About the new Secure Section:

It is called "Council Login," and is accessible from the navigation links on the left side of the pages, just below

"Photo Album." Council members and Division Chairs can log into this secure section from here. Currently the content is of benefit to our Division Chairs.

Part of the mandate of the HCA Division Chairs is to provide the HCA Secretary (Bruce Andrews), Newsletter Editor (Mike Levesque/Matt Bounds) and Webmistress (Karen-Ann Xavier) with accurate fleet information so that our publications are current. This means information such as: active fleets in the division, Fleet Commodore names, email addresses and telephone numbers.

To make this easier I have provided Excel spreadsheets for each division that you can update and send back to us. This format makes it easy for us to do our jobs as the information comes in batches in a manageable fashion.

Fleets, make sure you provide your updated information to your Division Chairs so that they can update us.

See you on the water!

Guest Expert Program News Past, Present, and That to Come...

by Terri Reuwsaat, GEP Coordinator

The Guest Expert Program for 2004 began with the exceptional talent of Tom and Susan Korzeniewski, presenting at Midwinters East on March 19. Both classroom and on-the-water practices were enjoyed by many persons. Thank you Tom and Susan for sharing your knowledge with us all.

Our next event was on May 1 at the SGI Youth Regatta in Apalachicola, FL. We were pleased to announce that Kirk Newkirk, Glen Holmes, and Kevin Smith joined together to present an extremely comprehensive and entertaining seminar. Larry Hale was the Event Coordinator and should also be commended for helping to put this all together.

It is always a grand event when we participate in a youth event, certainly a large part of the Hobie Class Association future.

Those events with much anticipation include the Madcatter in Syracuse, NY on May 21, which is fortunate to have Stephanie O'Connor as the Guest Expert presenter. Stephanie's focus is on the crew's aspect of the team.

We also have Hobie P. Alter presenting at the Pinata Regatta in Tucson, AZ on October 8. Those of you who have attended past seminars with Hobie as presenter know that there will be much wisdom shared, as well as some good stories. Hobie's experience and knowledge lends much to the Guest Expert Program and is greatly appreciated.

Tony Krauss is the event coordinator and would be happy to welcome you to the event. Tony can be contacted at abkrauss@cox.net. Thank you in advance, Hobie, for all your help in this program.

And lastly I must mention those persons who are hosts to our Guest Experts. Thank you so much for your time and effort in making this program the success that it is. It is truly reflective of the amazing persons present in the Hobie community. You are all to be applauded.

Don't forget to check out the GEP page of the website:

<http://www.nahca.org/gep/gep.html>

Women's Racing

by Heather Morrison, WHCA Representative

It's getting to be that time of year... regatta season!

At one of the largest regattas, the 2004 Hobie 16 Worlds, I want to recognize all the women representing the United States. As you can see on the results pages in this issue, quite a few

women are racing in the Open and Master's events as well as the Women's event.

And lastly, don't forget about the HCA sponsored W.O.W. (Women on the Water) workshops scheduled for this summer. Visit the HCA website (www.nahca.org) for current schedule.

Ladies, this is your chance to learn

more about sailing and take your racing to new levels. We've got some great clinic leaders who have volunteered their time to help. Take advantage of it!

So pull those boats out of storage, organize your gear, and start thinking about RACING!

See you on the start line!

WOMEN ON THE WATER CLINICS 2004

Attention all women sailors!!!!

This year, as the Hobie Class Association Women's Representative, I am launching a new program called Women on the Water Clinics or W.O.W.

This is what the clinics are about. I am asking all Divisions to consider designating one regatta (Hobie class sanctioned event) this season to a W.O.W. clinic. This means offering one of your best sailors, preferably a woman, to instruct a clinic before the regatta specifically for women racers. It's our hope that a brief clinic might help those women who are unsure about participating in a regatta and need a "push." Or maybe some women just need some instruction in racing rules, tactics, or how to sail. This could be an opportunity for women to develop the confidence in their sailing, therefore, lead to more participation in regattas (perhaps skipper a few!).

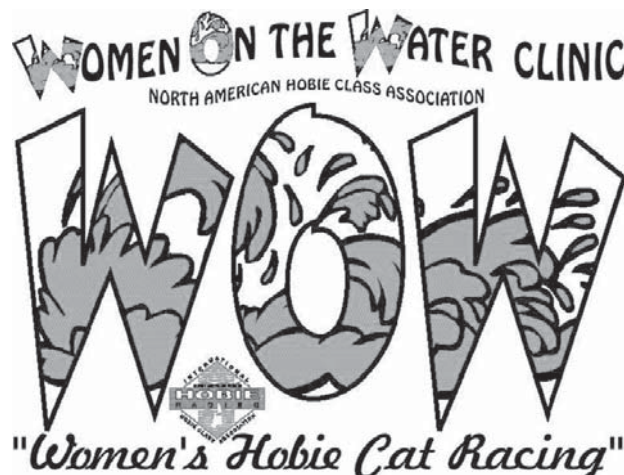
Every participant will receive a FREE T-shirt (they are awesome!) and a Hobie U book, all compliments of the Hobie Class Association.

It's my hope that by offering these clinics, we will promote women in sailing and racing and give women an opportunity to develop skills to become effective and confident skippers and crew. So take a look at the schedule and pick a clinic close to you! You will also find contact information to get more details about each clinic. I will be updating this schedule as more clinics are organized. **Keep checking the website (click the WHCRA link at nahca.org) for updates!**

See you on the start line!

Heather Morrison, HCA Women's Representative, sail@rurallink.net

Date	Regatta	Location	Instructor(s)	Contact email
June 12-13	Regata de Gatos	Port Burwell, Lake Erie	Lori Mohney	miracle429@aol.com
June 26-27	Tropical Dreams	Lake MacConaughy, NE	Heather Morrison/Kathleen Tracy	sail@rurallink.net
July 16-17	Hobie Kenobie	Angola, NY	Susan Korzeniewski	roxyrace@twcny.rr.com
Oct. 2-3	Shegatta	Lake Ray Roberts	Sheila Holmes	sheila.holmes@pfizer.com



Membership Matters

by Eliza Cleveland, HCA Membership Chair

First, I would like to recognize our newest batch of 2004 TopCat members. Thank you for your support!

Bill Bone

Misty Haehn

Paul Parizeau

Todd Wilson

As I am writing this, applications are quickly pouring in. Every evening when I get home from work, I rush to the mailbox to see how many I've gotten that day. Recently I've been getting between 15-25. You might be interested to know what the membership process entails in this small part of the Hobie world.

I receive your form and check in the mail, and I input the info into the database, verifying all the addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, etc. After that, the first thing I do is fire off an email to you (if you have given me your email address) to let you know that I've received your membership application and that it will be a few weeks before you see your sticker/card in the mail.

Once I have finished inputting all the information for the day, I create a spreadsheet and send it via email to Kathleen Tracy, to give her a heads-up as to what checks I'll be sending along. I then create two additional files – a label file and a new membership card file – and I email those off to Karen Hodil at Hobie Cat. Karen then sends out the new

stickers or cards along with a letter. The last thing I do is to pop the checks in the US Mail and send them off to Kathleen.

It is an involved process, and each part is time consuming – that's why there are three people doing it. We appreciate your patience, please do contact me with any issues regarding Membership. If I cannot answer them, I will pass them along to those who can.

If you have not renewed for 2004, you can apply online at www.nahca.org or use the membership application in this newsletter.

See you on the water!!!!

hobiemembership@sbcglobal.net.

The Hobie Class Association Youth Program thanks the following HCA members for their generous donations.

Roger Brown

Pedrin Colon

Karl H Engellenner, Jr.

Daniel Flanigan

Jim Glanden

Doug Grant

Dave Heroux

Curtis Irwin

Dan Jarrett

Agnes Korzeniewski

Susan & Tom Korzeniewski

Peter T Laue

Mike Levesque

Wayne Lindholm

Graham McGlashan

David Menaker

Alan Mohill

Mike Montague

Jami L Olson

Craig C Parson

Terri Reuwsaat

Tom Rizzo

Roger Taha

William Tripp

Kevin & Donna Wilson

2004 North American Championships Update

by Lori Mohney, IHCA Vice-President

We are all set for two big North American Championship events this year. First up is the Hobie 17, 20 and Tiger event to be held in Monterey, CA, July 19-23. Our host is Gary Russell. He and his group have been working very hard to finalize all the plans for what will be a great event. Make your reservations now as this is tourist season in the area.

Next up is the Hobie 14, Hobie 16 Youth, Hobie 16 Womens and Hobie 16 Open event to be held in Syracuse, NY, hosted by Fleet 204! Pat Bisesi is heading up the event. The event runs from September 10-17. Visit their web site for up to date information on the event. I have no doubt that this will be a great event – great sailing and great parties! It will be THE place to be in September. See the NOR in this issue of the *Hobie Class News*.

Several of you have also inquired on the status of a Hobie 18 event. We have some interested parties but nothing final at the time of this printing. Keep your eye on the HCA webpage for any updates on this topic. We looked at the possibility of combining this event in Monterey, but it came down to the need for two race courses, and this is not possible due to the increased manpower for the event. Hopefully, we can pull something together for you H18 sailors! If not this year, please let's get a venue that will work for everyone in 2005! Get together and talk H18 sailors out there and come up with a great venue for '05 that will be a good location for lots of boats!

Hobie Youth News

Wally Myers Youth Clinic

September 26, 2003 Rehoboth Bay, DE

by Micheal Siau, age 15, Fleet 204
(Mike bought his Hobie 16 with his own money at age 14!)

On Thursday, September 25, 2003, I arrived at my first Hobie 16 Continentals. I have been racing for a little over a year so I still don't know much about racing. On Friday Wally Myers gave a seminar with both on and off the water drills. I learned so much that day.

We started out in the Rehoboth Bay Yacht Club where Wally talked about how to find the favored end of the line, rig tension and different things like that. Then we went out onto the water where we did five on the water drills.

How do you find the favored end of the line? The way Wally finds it is to park his boat on the line and look straight into the wind. Then he holds his arms straight out so they are perpendicular to the wind. After that, he looks down each arm and if one of the marks is farther forward then that's the favored end of the line.

Then Wally told us there are other ways, another way is to sail close-hauled on a starboard tack upwind off the line then when the pin is straight downwind you eyeball the distance and then you do the same thing on a port tack. Say the distance from where you ended up on

starboard to the pin is shorter than where you ended up on port to the committee boat, then the pin is the favored end of the line.

Some people think the way Wally finds the favored end of the line is "weird," but I like it. It works for me; but everyone has his own preference. So whatever works for you is great!

When we went out onto the water we did five on-the-water drills. Wally and his crew set up a course and the first drill we did was very useful. We sailed up to the line, and when we thought we were on the line we would raise our hand, but when we were really on the line Wally would blow a whistle.

We were about to start the second drill when my plastic batten pocket fell off so I had to go in. Luckily, I had another set of sails so I changed sails and went back out. When I got back out to the water we were running "races," so I joined in. That's when I found out the difference between new sails and older worn out sails. There was an amazing difference.

I thought Wally Myers was a GREAT GEP to have come to the Youth Continentals. On behalf of all the youth, I would like to thank Wally Myers and Mimi Appel for making this happen, THANK YOU!

2003 Hobie 16 Youth Statistics from Mimi Appel

23 kids (one 3-person team)

TEAM HOME STATE

3 New York

2 Delaware

2 California

1 Maryland

1 Mexico

1 Puerto Rico

1 Rhode Island

KIDS AGES

1 11 yr old

3 13 yr old

1 14 yr old

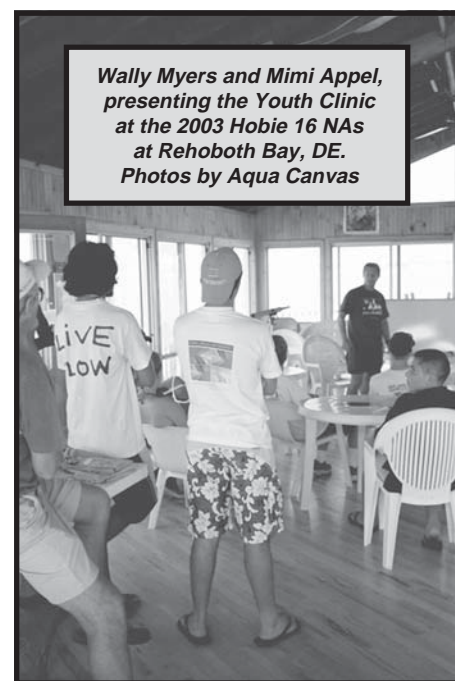
5 15 yr old

3 16 yr old

5 17 yr old

1 18 yr old

1 19 yr old



Wally Myers and Mimi Appel,
presenting the Youth Clinic
at the 2003 Hobie 16 NAs
at Rehoboth Bay, DE.
Photos by Aqua Canvas

From the Signal Boat...

Multiple Course Configuration

[ML: With the influx of larger numbers of Hobie Tigers on the regatta scene, we asked Paul Ulibarri for some advice on running Tigers and Hobie 16s on the same race course. Specifically, how can we give the best racing to these boats with substantially different performance?

If you've ever worked with PU, you know that his goal is to have everyone racing the same course, and meeting the target times. This should be the goal of every PRO at Hobie regattas. However, there are PROs that don't have the benefit of PU's experience, and the 16s usually get shorted (they usually start last and go around the marks fewer times).

Our goal is for everyone to have excellent racing, regardless of the type of Hobie that they sail.]

by Paul Ulibarri, HCA Race Director

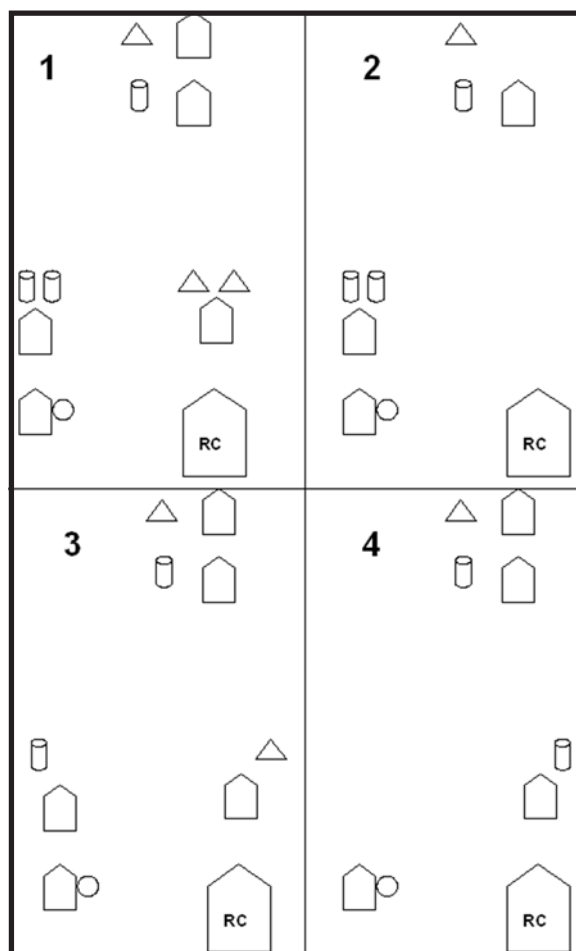
I have been asked for a practical way of racing Tigers and H16s on the same race course. When an Organizing Authority finds that it cannot provide two separate race courses, here are the options, listed from best to worst:

1. One start/finish line, two weather marks, two gates.
2. One start/finish line, two weather marks, one gate.
3. One start/finish line, two weather marks, two leeward marks (not gates).
4. One start/finish line, two weather marks, one leeward mark (not gate).

You will note that in all four options two weather marks are prevalent. The farthest weather mark (A Mark) should be for the Tigers. The nearest weather mark (A1 Mark) should be for the H16.

If a single gate is utilized, put it in front of the starting line, favoring the port side of the line. If a double gate is utilized, put both of them just above the starting line with one to the port side and the other to the starboard side. About 30 meters to either side will clear the starting line and have less effect on the lay lines if both fleets happen to be exiting the gates at the same time.

I would start the Tigers first with the H16s five minutes later. This separation should minimize the conflict of crowding.



The marks should be different colors: Yellow for one fleet and Orange for the other. Marks required for the optimum course include three yellow and a yellow change mark as well as three orange and an orange change mark. Mark boats required are five. One mark boat each for the orange and yellow weather marks and one each for the two gates as well as a Pin boat.

Each weather mark boat will have an

Original Mark and a Change Mark. (In a large Tiger fleet, consideration should also be given to using an offset mark). Each gate boat will have two Gate Marks. The Pin boat will be responsible for the start and finish line.

Regarding the pin end of the starting line, in the past we have always used a mark to indicate the other end of the line. If you do use a mark, it should be a different color or shape than the gate marks to avoid confusion for boats coming downwind.

Over the past five or six years, I have been using the Pin boat itself with an orange flag on a pole as the other end of the starting line.

This is much more efficient, provides better line sight for the start, and gives you the ability to adjust that end of the line by retrieving or releasing anchor line. Try it, you will like it.

Utilizing two weather marks permits the RC to give both fleets identical courses, if desired. By adjusting each weather mark's distance, you can control the duration of

each race. If the distance to each weather mark has been well calculated, all of the boats should be finishing at about the same time. This means little wait time between races and results in more races. If, for example, you set the Tigers for a 50 minute race and the 16s for a 45 minute race, all should finish together.

So how to determine the proper distance?

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From the Signal Boat...

Multiple Course Configuration

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It is all tied into the wind strength, the wave height, length and the boat speed potential. Assume you are doing a Hobie course 2G. (S)A,G,A,G,A,(F) and your target time is 50 minutes. This means that each loop (A,G) should last an average of 17 minutes.

The Tigers are much faster off the wind than are the H16s so the calculations are different; e.g., if it takes a Tiger 15 minutes to get to a weather mark in 12 plus knots, it will take him around 9-10 minutes to get to the gate. On the H16 if it takes 15 minutes to get to the weather mark it will take about 12-13 to return.

For a 17 minute Tiger leg, the weather leg should last about 11 minutes and the run about 6-7 minutes. To assure this in 12+ knots, initially set the weather mark 1.2 nautical miles away. For the H16, set it about 0.9 nautical miles away to try for a 10 minute beat and a 7-8 minute run. Do this for the first race and then adjust the distance for the remainder of the day.

In all of the Olympic classes we have polar coordinates that we utilize in determining the actual distance for each class of boat. We have developed these polars over the past ten years so that by utilizing them we can almost always come within a minute or so of any target time desired.

We have not gone to this extent for the various Hobie Cats, but if you start the day by just making the initial set about the same distance or a little less as the wind velocity you won't be too far wrong. E.g.; 9 knots, set the weather mark at 0.8 nautical miles.

If you decide to run shorter courses (fewer mark roundings), increase the distances to maintain your 45-50 minute target time for each race.

Incidentally GPS is simple to operate, inexpensive and a must for setting race courses. It is also the easiest way.

Happy mark setting, pu

SOME FOLLOW-UP Q&A:

Q: You say to use the wind speed as the distance to A. Is this for the H16 course or the Tiger course?

A: Wind speed is a bit misleading, what I am trying to get across is that there is a crude relationship between wind velocity in knots and distance to set the mark in nautical miles, i.e., 10 knots, 1.0 nautical... 7 knots, 0.7 nautical, etc. This is just a very crude estimate to pick a starting location for the weather mark. It applies mostly to the Hobie 16s. The Tigers are a bit faster particularly off wind so add a couple of tenths for them.

Q: We've seen some scary situations where Tigers are going through the gate on the way to finish downwind, but the H16s are trying to round the gate and go back upwind. If the Tiger is on starboard, and smoking, and the H16 is on port, this can be dangerous. For this reason, with one gate, wouldn't it be safer to keep it downwind of the finish line?

A: If you have them timed right this should not happen. Both fleets should all be on the last or next to last leg when the first finisher arrives, and that could be a H16.

Q: OK, we'd all LOVE to have five mark boats. In reality, we'd be happy with three. Normally, we get two and pray nothing breaks down. Any helpful suggestions when you're short on boats (like stay on the beach and drink)???

A: Five boats would be ideal. We have a class procedure that says you cannot run a race without a minimum of three mark boats. In this case, have one for the gate, one for the weather mark and one for the pin. The weather mark cannot set an offset mark for the Tigers. He will have a tough time doing a change mark, and he will have to monitor two weather marks.

There is a message here. If you want to do an event, the first thing you must do is find enough mark boats. The host usually plans the event six to nine months in advance. One of his highest priorities is to secure five mark boats.

Unfortunately, this is one of the last thoughts in an organizer's mind. He seems to think this is not a critical item and that some way the marks will be set. When it becomes a priority item, the boats can always be found.

My formula is to hustle for seven boats. Get absolute assurance that all seven will be at the event. Follow up each month preceding the event. Make many phone calls the month of the event.

If we are lucky, four will show up and three will run. If your goal is three boats and you ask for three, you will end up with one, or so it seems.

I don't know what we must do to emphasize that organizers must make mark boats a priority. I know for a fact, I have arrived at an event to find that although I had asked for five support boats, only three are available. After a few words, they are always able to find another boat somewhere. It usually takes a dozen calls, but eventually someone turns up. My question is, why was this not done professionally months in advance?

Apparently I have a hangup and message regarding mark boats. The point is if you are going to host an event, GET BOATS. The attitude that there are no boats available is stupid. I have arrived at a venue and found no boats, called the local Coast Guard Auxiliary, and for the price of some gas, got not only boats but boat drivers. I can go on for days on this but need to go fishing. pu

Global Hobie Racing Updates

G'DAY FROM DOWN-UNDER!

Hobie Cat Australasia, in conjunction with Sail Melbourne and the Hobie Cat Association of Victoria, will provide a free charter boat to the winner of the Hobie 17 North Americans, should he wish to come to the Hobie 17 Worlds in Melbourne Australia in 2005.

Should first place be unable to attend, then we would accept the second place person for the free charter boat. It would be great to have NA's leading Hobie 17 sailors attend the Hobie 17 World Championship.

Complete details on the Hobie 17 Worlds can be found at:

<http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au/news/newsitem.php?ID=2557>

Kind regards,
Steve Fields, Managing Director
Hobie Cat Company - Australasia,
Huskisson NSW 2540
Take a look at our new site:
www.hobiecat.com.au

TIGER WINS ROUND TEXEL RACE

With 578 boats on the starting line in the Round Texel Race, the Hobie Tiger again proved too strong, winning the largest multihull race in the world. Mitch Booth and Herbie Dercksen sailing on a Hobie Tiger were the fifth boat across the line, but on corrected time the winner of this most prestigious race. In third place were Darren Bundock and Glen Ashby, also sailing a Hobie Tiger. Full details and results can be found at www.roundtexel.com.

CLASS RULES NEWS

IHCA General Rule 17.7; clarification and establishment of a Junior age definition as an option.

IHCA Rule 17.8; elimination of the crew age requirement for the Grand Masters series.

IHCA Hobie 17 Rule 1.3; Clarification on anti-chafing and shimming pad for the centerboard trunk.

IHCA Hobie 14 & 16 Upgrades: various Rule wording for the upgrades that was agreed to after the comment period in 2003.

Hobie Cat 16 Rule 3.2: The proposed change to allow the use of Velcro type systems to eliminate the need for batten ties was agreed by the IHCA Council at the recent meeting in Mexico. The change was foreseen to go into effect as of April 1, 2005. But on request from the South African manufacturer, it has been decided to put the rule into effect as of June 1, 2004 as an interim ruling pending final approval by ISAF at their AGM in November.

New Dragoon Rule 3.5, FX-One Rule 3.7, Tiger Rule 3.9 and Fox Rule 3.7 reading: "Rope luff and leech lines may be installed within existing luff and leech tapes on spinnakers."

Tiger Rule 3.3: Mainsail downhaul purchase shall not exceed 16:1 and may be rigged in any manner.

Tiger Rule 6.3: Mainsheet blocks of different design or make may be used provided the purchase advantage is equal to or less than 10:1.

The Rules Committee has posted three rules for your comment. Hobie Fox with wings, Hobie 16 with Spinnaker and Hobie General Rule 13.4.

The IHCA Rules Committee has posted on the web site a proposal that would clarify the anti-chaff and shimming pads for the Hobie 17 centerboards.

For complete details on these and all rules, visit your Class web site www.hobieclass.com.

HOBIE TIGER FRONT CROSSBAR

With reference to the fact that all new Hobie Cat Tigers are now supplied with a self tacking jib system, the jib track in the front crossbar has become unnecessary. The Rules Committee has therefore decided to allow Hobie Cat Europe to use a front crossbar extrusion without a jib track. It shall be noted that no changes to the class rules are involved.

THANKS MIKE!

I extend many thanks to Mike Levesque for all the hard work over the past three years. From over here it has been an absolute pleasure to work with Mike. He filled one of the most important roles of any class association, the distribution of all the news in an efficient timely manner. Congratulations on the excellent job he has done.

Many thanks and I look forward to working with Matt Bounds and Matt Miller.

Have a Hobie Day!

David



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Upcoming International Hobie Regattas

ISAF Youth World Championships
8-17 July 2004
Gdynia, Poland

European Hobie 14
Youth and Open Championships
5-8 August 2004
Middelfart Denmark

Hobie Tiger European Championships
15-18 Sept 2004
Royal Cork Yacht Club - Ireland

Hobie Tiger, 20 & 17
North American Championships
19-23 July 2004
Monterey Bay, California USA

Hobie Fox and FX-One Euro Cup
7-13 August 2004
Cabanas Spain

Hobie 17 & 18 World Championships
28 December 2004-2 January 2005
Melbourne, Australia

Philippine Hobie Challenge
January 22-29, 2005

Hobie Dragoon World Championships
27-30 July 2004
Royal Belgian Sailing Club,
Duinbergen, Belgium

Hobie 14 and 16 Open,
Hobie 16 Women's and Youth
North American Championships
10-17 September 2004
Syracuse, New York USA
Pat Bisesi 315.699.5453

Hobie Tiger Worlds
28 March - 01 April 2005
Santa Barbara, California, USA
Lori Mohney 269.327.4565

Announcing the 2005 Hobie 16 Worlds to be Held in Port Elizabeth, South Africa October 24th to November 4th, 2005

For More Information on Any of These Events,
Please Visit www.hobieclass.com



Racing at the 2004 Hobie 16 Worlds in
Riviera Maya, Mexico.
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Some Rules Issues Revisited

by Paul Ulibarri, IHCA President

I have been asked to produce a small article on two rules that apparently have been violated on a regular basis recently. We would like to think that this is being done out of ignorance of the rules (as opposed to deliberately cheating), but please be aware that you may be protested and disqualified if you break these rules, regardless of your intentions.

RADIOS AND COMMUNICATION WHILE SAILING

While we strongly encourage all Hobie sailors to carry any safety gear that makes them feel comfortable on the water, including VHF radios, please keep in mind the rules of the game.

There have been occasions of people being observed using VHF handheld radios to monitor the Race Committee prior to a race. Actually there is no need to do this, as close observation of a RC's actions will tell you everything you need to know about the conditions on a race course.

One of the best ways to improve your sailing is to serve on a signal boat with a good RC. Their actions tell volumes. I can recall one occasion when Greg Thomas, Hobie 20 and Tiger Champion, spent several days on the signal boat at a major event. After the event, he remarked that the information transmitted by the RC through their actions was amazing and has since added significantly to his racing knowledge.

But I stray, let's get back to the rules.

The International Hobie Class Association Class Rules govern our sailing.

General Rule 16.3 (b) and (c) cover the rules regarding radio use.

16.3 (b) All electronics on board racing boats are prohibited (unless specified in individual boat class rules) with the exception of radios.

16.3 (c) Radios may be used for weather information and for emergencies under the following conditions.

i) On board radios must be OFF and stored from one half hour prior to the warning signal of the first race until after the finish of the last race of the day unless specified otherwise in the sailing instructions.

ii) If an on board radio is on during the time restriction, the boat shall retire immediately and notify the race committee of its action.

iii) On board use of radios to monitor the race committee channel or any other channel shall result in DSQ for that race. The jury may also retire the competitor from the entire series.

Going back to 16.3 (b), International Juries have ruled that "all electronics" also includes cell phones.

We are aware that there are other classes in the world of sailing that have different views on the use of radios. Some write their SIs to allow sailors to monitor RCs for OCS calls, course changes, etc.

It is the position of the IHCA that there is no fair way to implement this on Hobies, due to the noise of the boats while starting and racing, availability of radios to all competitors, etc. We therefore recommend that you do not include such a change in your Hobie regatta SIs. Actions of the RC for OCS could be an entire article in itself, so we won't cover that here.

WATER BAGS

These are another example of an item that, to a novice, would appear to innocently improve the comfort of a Hobie sailor on the water, allowing them to enjoy a refreshing beverage while sailing. However, there is another side of the coin, and these items are NOT allowed by the IHCA.

Sailors wearing these devices while racing may appear to be optimizing their weight by adding personal ballast in heavy air conditions and omitting same in light air conditions. Adjusting your weight for each condition to gain an advantage violates the basic premise of fair sailing. Obviously this is not an option for a heavy person, so we see this rule misused by some of our lighter sailors.

International Hobie Class General Rule 18

Personal Ballasts, Clothing and Equipment

18.1 (c) Weight and water jackets for the purpose of adding personal ballast are not permitted, shall not be considered clothing or equipment, and shall not be allowed for meeting minimum crew weight.

That seems fairly straightforward and easy to understand, but it is being violated by the use of water bags such as Camelbacks and other similar devices. Regardless of what you weigh, you may be disqualified for using these devices, as a jury would likely consider these as moveable ballast. Please carry your beverages in a tramp bag, etc. that is attached to a stationary part of the boat. And please do not violate the banned substances rules in the process.

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Some Rules Issues Revisited

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Both of the above rules are designed to make the competition fair and equal for all competitors. Although these rules are specific regarding the nature of a violation, there are two other rules that come into play which should be considered.

The first is RRS 2: FAIR SAILING.

I will not bother to reproduce the rule here, the title itself should be sufficient.

The other rule is serious, as in very serious, and it can result in terminating your competitive sailing career. Read it sometime, in its entirety, it's called RRS 69.

I know that I am addressing this to a very, very small segment of our sailing family, and I apologize to the majority for this somewhat negative article, but enough situations have arisen recently to warrant mention of these two basic rules of fair sailing.

Warm winds, pu



*RC at the Hobie 16 Worlds.
Opposite page: Mark boat with Means Davis.
Above: Paul Ulibarri takes a wind reading.
Photos courtesy of www.hobieworlds.com.*

Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008:

Available now at the ISAF website: www.sailing.org

The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 are effective worldwide on 01 January 2005, with one exception regarding RRS 40.2. At the 2004 ISAF Mid-Year meetings Council approved that RRS 40.2, whilst included in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2005–2008, is deferred to be effective on 01 January 2006 to provide due time for suitable harnesses to be more widely available:

40.2 A trapeze or hiking harness shall have a device that can quickly release the competitor from the boat at any time while in use.

Note: This rule takes effect on 1 January 2006.

[ML: This issue was discussed within the HCA leadership about two years ago when some new ball and socket systems were introduced to the market. It was decided that a rule was not the best answer at that time.

The wording of this rule is somewhat vague, in that some people would consider the hook and loop system as quick release. Based on the number of recent tragedies using these systems, it would appear that the spirit of this rule is to move away from systems using hooks fixed to harnesses.

There have been systems using hooks in which the hook was able to be removed from the harness. This would seem to be one viable alternative to the ball and socket system.

While a ball and socket system would appear to answer the problem for everyone, it is important to note that these systems were available in the past, and failed to maintain market share compared to the hook systems. Several reasons for this include ease-of-use, cost, and load capacity (ability to carry sailors weighing over 200 pounds).

According to 2005 RRS 86.1, Rule 40.2 can be modified by a national authority or sailing instructions, but not by class rules. Since this is an equipment violation, it would carry a penalty of DNE (Disqualification Not Excludable). It will be interesting to see how this plays out.]

Hobie Humor

What I Like Best About Capsizing My Hobie Is...

We posted a request for ideas on the www.nahca.org website, and here are the responses. We may post more questions in the future for your (and our) amusement!

From John Harmon, Fleet 204:

I get to watch which end of the start line is favored.

From Tim Webb:

If turtled, you can reapply gel coat to the bottom!

From Mike Levesque (our Editor):

The skipper yelling at the crew for not uncleating the jib sheet during the tack that knocked you over backwards is a great distraction from the fact that the skipper didn't get his weight to the new windward side fast enough...

From Justin LaBarca:

- 1) Nothing.
- 2) Coming up with new ideas for righting systems.
- 3) Making sure my righting line is still there.
- 4) Checking if my bottoms are worn out or not.
- 5) The reassurance of the relative safety of boating in my bay when other boats come to offer assistance.
- 6) The hard time I get when I get back in (when I capsize in front of the club).
- 7) Cool down on a hot day.
- 8) The look of shock and panic on a novice's face when it is one of their first times out.
- 9) Gives you that feeling that you were pushing the envelope.
- 10) Good excuse to use curse words.



*Crashing and burning at the Hobie 16 Worlds.
Photos courtesy of www.hobieworlds.com.*

Hobie Class Dues

No More Weekend Pass

by Paul Ulibarri, IHCA President

There seems to be a bit of confusion out there. Actually all Hobie regattas require full membership i.e., weekend Points regattas, Area Championships, North Americans, and Worlds.

First, I must say that the HCA is extremely appreciative of your support of its recent decision to go back to Hobies only. That decision was a very difficult one for the Class to make, and it was with the full understanding that it could lead to the end of the HCA. We are quite certain that if we did not drop Open Class, the Hobie Class would die. It was felt that by taking this step the HCA might live.

With the new stuff that we are working on, and the ever increasing support of the Hobie Cat Company, we are optimistic. Of particular excitement to us is the return to boats supplied for the 2005 H16 North Americans, and the positive effect that will have in support of points regattas.

In all of the Open Class deliberations there was another recurring theme: the issue of weekend membership. It is very evident that this policy accounted for a majority of the drop in membership numbers throughout the continent.

When the weekend membership was initiated, it was by a very slim majority vote of the council. The deciding arguments were that the Class would receive the names and addresses of all the weekend members, and would then use these to try to recruit these individuals to the Class.

Another condition that helped carry the vote was that the weekend membership could **ONLY BE FOR ONE WEEKEND**. It could not be repeated in subsequent weeks.

For \$5.00, they could spend one weekend with us and would just naturally join, because we are so much fun. That was the primary rationale. In the interest of practicality, the fleets were

told that they could keep this one time \$5 fee per individual, just send the data.

What happened? Well, several things. First, the Class never received the addresses. Second, fleets started permitting this membership every week for everyone who asked. Third, since they did not have to send the \$5 to HCA, many fleets stopped charging the \$5 at all, and just charged the entry fee.

The end result was that no one joined, no addresses were received, there was no record, and HCA membership dropped dramatically. Like almost in half in four years. Attempts to enforce the original conditions came to naught.

Incidentally, this weekend membership is not available anywhere in the world and membership is stable in places like Europe, etc. It is clear that the idea did not work, and that it was completely abused. So here we are again with a situation.

I am at a loss as to why individuals feel it is a hardship to pay \$30 a year in support of their sport/pastime. That's like half a tank of gas in my vehicle. It's like five drinks in a bar. It's like three steaks for the BBQ, and on and on.

Every other sport, club, or organization pays annual fees, most much higher than ours. I was speaking with Jeff Alter one day. Jeff is a motorcycle buff, and belongs to their national association. His fees are over \$100 annually. Plus it's at least that much to enter events (and, as the joke goes, no T shirt).

For a national organization to survive it needs capital. For this organization to survive not only does it need capital, it needs national volunteers to run the Class, volunteers who will work for free.

The contributed volunteer time at the national level is major. Would you believe that your Class key personnel spend an average of well over 100 hours a week on the HCA? I can provide a very close accounting of these figures by individual. This is not a complaint it is a reality.

When it becomes evident that there is a large faction out there who will not even pay a \$30 annual fee to support the effort, it becomes somewhat frustrating to the volunteers. It is particularly disturbing when we are trying to fund things like youth events, training, newsletter, website, etc.

It has been mentioned that collecting \$35 a year in weekend memberships (seven events) means more money for the Class. Unfortunately this \$35 does not go to the Class, the fleets perhaps, if they collect it. None goes to the Class, which still provides the services, but with a weekend membership, it never gets the revenue required to function.

We have a large group out there enjoying the system, but on the books we are beginning to look very small.

Many key personnel fund the Class out of their own pockets above their donated time. You would be shocked to know the amount that a few contribute to keep this Class functioning.

On the other hand, we do collect annual fees from the devoted, and we have a new Membership Chair devoted to working the problem.

I often wonder about the non supportive sailor who would spend \$50 a weekend on beer, but not \$30 a year in support of the organization that creates the annual party.

Do we need a central organization like the HCA? Who knows? We note for example that other catamaran classes without a strong central organization have not been setting the world on fire.

There is of course an alternative to joining the HCA. One could create his own organization (sans the Hobie name, logo, etc.) and not charge fees. In time they would find that fees might help ease the load on a few of their founding fathers, so they might initiate a wee fee, just to help meet expenses, say something small, like maybe \$30 a year.

Just a thought... pu

Midwinters West HCA Area Championship

March 6-7, 2004 San Felipe, BC Mexico

by *Barbara Perlmutter, Fleet 3, Portland, OR and Rick Buchanan, Fleet 4, Oceanside, CA*

Warm winds on the Sea of Cortez greeted Hobie racers for this year's 34th Midwinters West regatta at San Felipe, Mexico. Teams from as far away as AR, OR, TX, Mexico City and BC, Canada joined teams from CA, NV, and AZ for a weekend in the land of siestas... at least it started that way.

The two hour drive south of the border seemed a bit easier this year. The Mexican government has tried to improve the two lane road to San Felipe. By next year the road should be a gem. The new NAFTA border crossing is very quick and tourism is improving the area.

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning found the regatta registration team of Shirley Palmer, Marta Noriega and Barbara Perlmutter checking in the 75 plus competitors without any problems. After checking in on Friday, numerous boats pushed off the beach for a day of fun sailing and a warm-up for the next day's racing.

The pelicans were diving into the water, hunting for their fresh fish of the day. All the racers had to do was walk into town to enjoy their fresh fish prepared by the local town vendors. This year our group enjoyed the camarones (shrimp), prepared "a la plancha" (grilled) instead of deep fried as in previous years. The waiters said this method was becoming very popular and more people were ordering their fish this way.

Saturday's winds were moderate with speeds clocked at eight to ten knots. As soon as the tide came in on the Sea of Cortez, the wind and sailing conditions were ideal. Regatta PRO Stoney Douglas with Frank Mardel assisting onboard the Osprey Mas, a beautiful Corsair F28 trimaran, gave the racers

three races, holding off on a fourth due to light wind. Two weather marks were used at the regatta, with the Tigers and H20s mark about quarter mile farther upwind than the smaller boats.

Moderate on-the-water collisions (yes, more than once in the same race) between Dan Campana from La Crescenta, CA, and Gordon "Gordo" Bagley from Las Vegas, NV, earned them the light hearted "Ouch Award," a carbon fiber sail shape for their efforts in the "best crash of the regatta." No one was injured and two protests were filed but never materialized, keeping our Judges Doug Campbell and Kim Kymlicka out of the jury room, and off to dinner on time.

Saturday night brought fiesta time to all who strolled south along the beach to Pancho and Jorge Limon's "Club de Pesca," where mariachis and margaritas eased the sore and tired muscles of all the racers. At the party, hosted by local Flota 469, the scores were posted promptly and the margaritas flowed, as did the sailing stories of the day. Everyone was having a great time. Little did they know they needed their rest to prepare for the wind coming their way!

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Clockwise from top right:

**Al Leonard and Wayne Mooneyham,
Armando Noriega and Carlos Armando Moriega,
Mike Montague and Kathy Ward.
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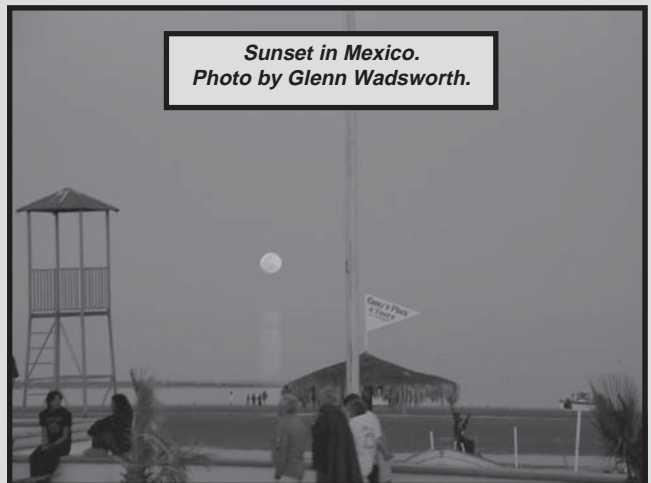
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Final Results

POS	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	TOTAL	POS	SKIPPER	CREW	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
HOBIE TIGER					HOBIE 16A				
1	Greg Thomas	Jacques Bernier	San Diego, CA	4	1	Mike Montague	Kathy Ward	Santa Rosa, CA	4
2	Jeff Newsome	Peter Nay	Rancho Palos Verdes	8	2	John Hauser	Linda Hauser	Huntington Bch, CA	14
3	Jeff Alter	Teri McKenna	Laguna Bch, CA	11	3	Jeff Perlmutter	Susan Stockdale	Portland, OR	16
4	Steve Leo		Long Bch, CA	16	4	Armando Noriega	Carlos Armando Noriega	Mexico	17
5	Chuck Brown	Tracy Nackel	San Clemente, CA	19	5	Bill Miebach	Joyce Foley	Weed, CA	23
6	Dan DeLave	Eileen Haubl	Long Bch, CA	22	6	Rex Mitchell	Paulina	Henderson, NV	26
7	Mark Lewis	Danny Vickers	Newcastle, CA	25	7	Rex Miller	Marcelle Abbott	Vista CA	32
8	Todd Hitch	Sue Halverson	Huntington Bch, CA	31	8	Bill Myrter	Shannon Rankin	Encinitas, CA	35
9	Robert Howarth	John Oleary	Carson, NV	36	9	Roger Hensler	Pat Hensler	Scottsdale, AZ	40
10	Frank Ternullo	Patricia Long	Santa Rosa, CA	38	10	Alan Mohill	Brisia Mohill	Temecula, CA	41
HOBIE 20					HOBIE 16B				
1	Al Leonard	Wayne Mooneyham	Dublin, CA	5	12	Larry Robinson	Erin Carruthers	Surry BC	47
2	Al Monson	Brittany Mitchell	Henderson, NV	11	13	Bob Hllton	Carol Hllton	Williams Lake, BC	48
3	Scott Mcintosh	Marey Finnes	Henderson, NV	18	14	Gordon Bagley	Shawna McGee	Las Vegas, NV	48
4	Patrick Padilla	Mark Sailer	Clovis, CA	18	15	John Ziolkowski	Yvonne Henderson	San Diego, CA	52
5	Brad Cameron	Steve Eyberg	Tracy, CA	19	16	Tracy VanRaden	Roy VanRaden	Westminster, CO	52
6	Dean Schumacher	Jennnifer Schumacher	Sacramento, CA	27	17	Barbara Perlmutter	Lorri Salisbury	Portland, OR	55
HOBIE 18A					HOBIE 16B				
1	Denny Osburn	Susan Osburn	Carlsbad, CA	4	18	Dean Zimmerman	Diane Zimmerman	Tucson, AZ	60
2	J. Wayne Maxie	Kevin Walker	Tucson, AZ	9	19	Bruce Kocka	Jenny	Encinitas, CA	71
3	Chris Jernigan	Karen Richter	San Diego, CA	13	20	Bob Tillman	Barb Buchanan	Vista, CA	73
4	Rico Diaz	Tom Walz	Mesa, AZ	14	21	David Dixon	Brian Borcharding	Poway, CA	76
HOBIE 18B					HOBIE 16B				
1	Mark Ashburn	Andrew Clay	Las Vegas, NV	5	1	Chris Dunn	Shirley Armstrong	Blue Jay, CA	10
2	Michael Berndt	Rob Wagner	Sacramento, CA	6	2	Paul Boles	Judy Armstrong	Lake Arrowhead, CA	12
3	Connie Heddon	Dan Heddon	Hillsboro, OR	15	3	Mark Knochenhauer	Terry Davis	Cameron Park, CA	13
HOBIE 18M					HOBIE 16C				
1	Troy Szabo	Jesse Waddell	Sacramento, CA	10	4	Robert J. Campbell	Andrea Minner	Henderson, NV	13
2	Dave Atwater	Peter Atwater	Truckee, CA	11	5	Christopher Minner	Jay Smith	Richmond, CA	15
3	Chet Johnson	Cindy Vacek	Citrus Heights, CA	19	6	Char Spencer		Ridgecrest CA	19
4	Dick Freeman	John Payne	Meadow Vista, CA	19	1	Curtis Irwin	KC Irwin	Long Bch, CA	4
5	Dale Apple	Rob Walker	Nevada City CA	22	2	Greg Demetruilas	Iris Labra		15
HOBIE 17					HOBIE 16C				
1	Stephen Acquart		San Antonio, TX	5	3	Bill Shafe	Al Rameriz	Blue Jay, CA	18
2	Ron Wagniere		Sylmar, CA	9	4	Martin Paul Baltimore	Russell Runswick	Blue Jay, CA	19
3	Brendan Burget		Las Vegas, NV	16	5	Gregg Jennings	Catgherine Havener	Santa Rosa, CA	22
HOBIE 14					HOBIE 16C				
1	Bruce Fields		Rogers, AR	7	6	Kevin Mitchell	Katie Robinson	Abbotsford, BC	22
2	Wayne Schafer		Capistrano Bch CA	10	7	Tony McAndrew	Tim Bauman	Lake Arrowhead CA	29
3	Bob Heyer		Carlsbad, CA	12	HOBIE 16N				
4	Dick Lantz		El Cajon CA	17	1	Willie Kenayan	Tony Crawford	Rimforest, CA	6
HOBIE 16B Y									
1	Sam Robinson	Tracy Robinson	Surrey, BC	3					
HOBIE 17FX									
1	Mark Wentael		Sacramento, CA	4					
HOBIE 14 Y									
1	Sabrina Ostrom		Las Vegas, NV	6					
HOBIE 18C									
1	Clay Ostrom	Melissa Kuhlenhaelter	Las Vegas, NV	6					

*Sunset in Mexico.
Photo by Glenn Wadsworth.*



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Sunday morning met the regatta staff and racers with a bit more lively wind than on Saturday. The wind had kicked up earlier and stronger from the north and didn't show any signs of letting up. Flags on the beach were stiff with a rapid flutter of nylon. Ron Palmer and Stoney Douglas held a brief competitors' meeting at 10 a.m., with racing set to begin at about 11:30 a.m.

Regatta support boat drivers Steve Smith from Las Vegas, NV with crew Kim Kymlica, and Rick Buchanan from Oceanside, CA with crew Billie Tillman, gathered the race marks and set off to ready the course. Waves at the local harbor boat ramp were over one foot even behind the breakwater of the harbor, and aimed directly at the stern of the boat making it a challenge to launch.

With the marks in place, a wind speed reading at the short weather mark measured 16.5 knots. Wind waves were two to three feet. Fortunately for the racers, the sea floor at Bahia de San Felipe is very flat providing very small shore waves. The water depth at the weather marks one mile offshore was barely thirty feet.

With the marks set, attention was focused on watching the cats leave the beach. Within minutes at least nine boats capsized all at the same time, even before they could reach the staging area. Jet Ski drivers Jeff and Jonathon Eppley from AZ joined the support boats and helped the overturned cats. At one point the number of capsized boats tapped the available resources... Who do you help first?

Mark boat teams counted heads, made contact with each and every capsized boat, and ensured no one was injured. The boats with equipment failure were towed to shore and safety. Those with no broken equipment were observed until



they righted themselves or requested assistance. Racing continued and many competitors were heard "hootin and hollerin!"

With two races down for Sunday, the regatta staff pulled the marks and headed for shore. No protests for the second day of racing made for easy scoring by Stan Thomas from San Diego, CA. Beautiful hand made trophies were awarded to the winners. It was nice to see a few youth sailors on the water this weekend enjoying the wind at this great regatta. Let's hope this trend continues so we can have more sailors enjoying the "Hobie life" well into the future. Youth sailors who competed were all given trophies. There were several teams competing made up of parents and children.

It's a great Area Championship event you won't want to miss. Adios for now... Hope to see you on the water at the next race...

*Top right: Boats waiting for sunset.
Right: Stoney's trimaran, ready for RC duty.
Photos courtesy of Greenwald/Palmer.*



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Midwinters West HCA Area Championship

March 6-7, 2004 San Felipe, BC Mexico

In a word, 2004 Midwinters West was GREAT!

by Ron Palmer, Fleet 514, Tucson, AZ

84 Boats registered. 75 Boats competed.

The winds were wonderful for practice racing on Friday (10-15 knots), moderate on Saturday (8-12 knots/ 3 races) and super on Sunday (12-19 knots/ 2 races).

Stoney Douglas gave his very finest for this one. He is now absolutely retired from the RO business. The on-the-water support team worked flawlessly. Scoring by Stan Thomas was FAST and accurate.

Several signed the "360 Declaration" both days. There were two protests noted by the RC, but none materialized. Jurists Doug Campbell and Kim Kymlicka were both great assets on the water both days. LOTS of Hobies flipped on Sunday morning (at one point in time, I counted nine over at the same time) – the Signal Boat, two power boats and two large jet skis all worked hard and all boats turned up safe with no sailor injuries.

The long-sleeve, embroidered polo shirts were well received by all. The Hobie Class Association and Hobie Cat Company were given recognition for their contributions several times verbally as well as in the Regatta Program. Rick Buchanan (new Midwinters West Chair) made the trophies which were well received. They were Fiberglass sails mounted on wood.

All youth sailors who competed were given trophies. There were about six to eight more teams that had parents and children sailing together.

The Saturday night margarita party was held on the new patio at Club de Pesca, with Pancho and Jorge Limon serving. The full moon coming up over the water during the party was SPECTACULAR. Almost 100% of the sailors were in attendance, which was suggested/requested at Competitors' Briefing to thank the Limon family for over thirty years of support.

No raffle was planned or held. Lip gloss and sunscreen provided by Hobie Cat Co, was included in each regatta packet and appreciated by the sailors. Thanks to help from the San Felipe Convention Bureau, we had the proper Mexico documents and the border crossings were uneventful.

Regatta "chuckle" for the weekend were the words from a Hobie Tiger Sailor when an extended A Mark, in addition to the normal A Mark, was described for use by the "fast" fleets. Quote: "When I use my spinnaker, my boat is really hard to control."

Rick Buchanan, who co-chaired the event this year, will be the chairman in 2005.



Left: Mexico's answer to the Beer Truck:
the Pina Colada Van!
Right: Rigging boats for racing.
Photos courtesy of Greenwald/Palmer.

Midwinters East HCA Area Championship

March 19-21, 2004 Quietwater Beach, FL

Combination Spring Break and Hobie Regatta

by Bill Jeffers, Fleet 204, Sodus, NY

As we drove through the night heading south from the great white north, I thought about the events that brought me to this point. Having had a great time in Pensacola the last two years was definitely a factor. Being qualified for the worlds in Mexico certainly made practice a priority since it was still snowing at home. Expecting my first child is a great thing but it also means I had no crew for the weekend or the upcoming Worlds.

So there I was in Rob Jerry's van, with five of us pulling his Tiger with my H16 on top. Rob and I have made so many road trips together that it is like second nature. With no disasters, our first stop was in Buffalo for some tacos and road food. We asked if we were in Florida yet, and that caused a bit of a laugh. A crew was promised to me by Larry Hale who heads up the scout troop from St. Georges Island. One problem taken care of for now. The road trip was very easy, except Rob's CD player decided to call it quits, so I couldn't listen to my book on CD that I had brought.

On Friday, the first day of activities, Tom and Sue Korzeniewski conducted the Guest Expert Program, where I met my crew Charlie. When they got to the boat rigging, I assisted one of the youth sailors named Daren in setting up her rudder system. The young lady was part of the GEP and the scout troop. The thing that impressed me was her intensity. She was into it. We need more youth programs like the St. Georges Island program. Tom and Sue did an excellent job with a program lecture and the on the water practice. The weather was nice and the wind was borderline double trap.

When Saturday came the big event started. Many sailors from all over took the long weekend to enjoy the sun and fun of Hobie racing. The first day the wind was light to medium. Fifty-five Hobies were registered and four races were run on Saturday. That evening after the regatta dinner at Surf



Burger, many of us sampled the spring break atmosphere of the bars that were walking distance from our hotel. Tom Korz and I were challenged at foosball by Will and Rob, who sail in the Hobie 20 fleet. Let's just say we were chanting: "204, 204, 204..." after the game. What a fun place.

On Sunday, the races started earlier with light wind and then built up to a great day. Tom and Sue took a pair of bullets and a second to pass Kirk and win the H16s. Dan Borg dominated the Tigers with all bullets, except his throwout which was a third. Rick White won the Waves. There was a youth sailing a Wave who looked about 13 and took second place overall in the fleet of five Waves. Mike Hill won the H20s with mostly bullets. Local Floridians Bill Whitehurst and Bob Curry decisively won the H17s and H14s respectively. The youth H16 class of nine boats was won by Tim Wallace and Jr. Serrato.

Overall the event was a huge success. Big thanks to the race committee and volunteers on chase boats who did an excellent job. The event coordinator and Key Sailing deserve a special thank you for organizing the event. I have always been a MWE fan and I used to love the Davis Island venue, but Pensacola Beach is my new favorite and it seems to be gaining momentum as a Hobie Area Championship or even just as a combination spring break and Hobie regatta.



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Midwinters East HCA Area Championship

March 19-21, 2004 Quietwater Beach, FL

2004 Midwinters East HCA Area Championships

Final Results

POS	SKIPPER	CREW	SAIL NO	TOTAL	POS	SKIPPER	SAIL NO	TOTAL		
HOBIE 20					HOBIE 17					
1	Mike Hill	Tina Pastoor	907	7	1	Bill Whitehurst	6432	7		
2	John McDonald	Agata McDonald	849	10	2	Bruce Fields	6345	12		
3	Mike Wilson	Kirk Vanzandt	886	18	3	Jim Glenden	6337	17		
4	Andy Humphries	Kenny McDonald	854	23	4	Joon Sheridan	6404	24		
5	Will Rottering	Rob Henderson	323	26	5	Stephen Acquart	82	27		
6	Steve Miller	Evan Miller	874	36	6	Gary Richards	6430	30		
7	Scott Beach	Janet Beach	807	37	7	Tom Kimmel	6434	38		
HOBIE TIGER					HOBIE 14					
1	Dan Borg	Alan Maguire	1144	6	1	Bob Curry	52288	6		
2	Olli Jason	Kelly Jason	1112	14	2	Bob Johnson	52285	17		
3	Rob Jerry	Darcie Sinnett	1111	19	3	Cheryl Johnson	52057	19		
4	Chris Sawyer	Brad Stephens	1118	20	4	Terry Richardson	52305	25		
5	Tom Paoli	Daniel Paoli	1376	30	4	Clark Keysor	52805	25		
6	Paul Krutty	Kim Krutty	1460	32	6	Marquis Erickson	52238	31		
7	Rob Setili	Amanda Setili	1145	36	7	Chris Wessels	52295	33		
HOBIE 16					HOBIE WAVE					
1	Tom Korzeniewski	Sue Korzeniewski	108064	10	1	Rick White	21	10		
2	Kirk Newkirk	Diane Bisesi	107503	12	2	Zachary Grant	77	16		
3	Matt Bounds	Fluffy White	102668	18	3	Stan Woodruff	5	17		
4	William Jeffers	Charlie	107753	22	4	Sharon Woodruff	51	19		
5	Ken Hilk	Carol Hilk	104833	32	5	Mary Wells	3	28		
6	Chris Stater	Suzanne Lea	104637	36						
6	Kathy Miles	Rakel Holmes	107723	36						
8	Michael Spondello	Liz Nagy	102986	46						
9	Ryan Richardson	Deb Finke	102352	49						
10	Adam Athorton	Martin Crandall	94914	52						
HOBIE 16 Youth					BOAT	POS	SKIPPER	CREW	SAIL NO	TOTAL
1	Tim Wallace	Jr Serrato	105226	8	OPEN					
2	Alek Hoffman	John Hunter	104953	12	HOBIE 18	1	Rick Adams	Travis Zubick	12450	13
3	Daren Hoffman	Hunter Tyre	105231	19	HOBIE DRAGOON	2	Jennifer Grant	Sam Grant	568	14
4	Alexander Wessels	Jordon Wessels	94020	23	HOBIE 16 SH	3	David Tighe		19281	16
5	Sam Baird	Kevin Williams	105210	34						
6	Richard Williams	Raenael Tyre	2205	36						
7	Jason Opie	Bryan Baird	107595	39						
8	Haden Macbeth	Adam Hambleton	107521	41						
9	Richard Williams	Thae Tyre	2202	60						

All photos of Midwinters East
courtesy of Susan Korzeniewski.



Guest Expert Program at Midwinters East

Tom and Susan Korzeniewski presented an excellent Guest Expert Program event at the opening of the 2004 Midwinters East Regatta, held at Quietwater Beach, Florida on March 19, 2004. At least twenty-four sailors officially attended the seminar, ranging in age from 12 to 70 years young. Many other persons drifted in and out, enjoying various aspects of their presentation.

Several activities were included in the seminar. Among those were "chalk talk" with the Hobie University book, rigging and tuning of the Hobie 16 and Hobie Tiger, and on-the-water drills and practice races. An item that many persons appreciated was the video taping of starts, mark roundings and spinnaker work. The video came in quite handy as it was viewed during the Saturday night dinner, providing insight, new tips, and some well enjoyed entertainment.

The Hobie Class Association thanks Tom and Susan Korzeniewski for all the time and energy put forth for this event. It was incredible!!!

Hobie 16 World Championships

May 5-14, 2004 Riviera Maya, Mexico

A Youth Sailor's Perspective

by Sean McQuilken, Fleet 448, Niantic, CT

My primary objective was to compete in the Youth class. But, since I was to be in Mexico, I teamed up with another youth to try our luck in the Open class.

There were 34 teams registered for the Youth class, which was to be held in conjunction with the Women's, Master's, and Grandmaster's from May 5-7, which were the three days leading up to the Open class qualifying round which started May 8. The total amount of teams registered was 241 including all 5 events; these teams represent 32 different countries from all parts of the globe.

I went into this event knowing that the youths competing in it were very good and my crew Erin LaPorta and I probably had the least combined experience in major events of any team.

mind for years to come.

It turned out to be tougher than we expected, not due to very high winds, but due to large, steep seas that came at the competitors from all directions during most of the event.

We took last out of the teams that competed in the Youth class, but had a good time and learned a lot. We also found out that the rest of the world takes Hobie sailing more seriously than the US. For example, some countries even had coaches on the water during the event!

Saturday through Friday the Open class was run. In order for us to compete in the Finals, the Gold Fleet, we had to survive two rounds of elimination - a tall order for a team that had never sailed together before! I crewed for Chris Hancock from Perth, Australia, who was 19 years old.

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Author (Sean McQuilken) & Crew (Erin LaPorta)
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Crew (Sean McQuilken) & Skipper (Chris Hancock)
Photo courtesy of Jennifer McQuilken

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Tuesday I arrived at the hotel at about 1:30 in the afternoon. The first thing I did after checking into the hotel and finishing up the final registration paperwork was go take a walk on the beach to see the boats and tents that were set up.

Hobie Cat Company graciously supplied 64 (60 for racing and 4 spares) brand new boats for the event. The boats had custom sail colors and hull graphics designed just for this event. The jibs were color-coded for the first part of the event: green jibs for Youth, silver for Masters and Grandmasters, and red for the Women.

Dinner and the opening ceremonies for the event were the next things. Attending the opening ceremonies made me realize that this would be an event that would stand out in my



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Youth Final Results

32 Teams Raced. Top 5 overall and all North American teams listed.

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PLACE	NAME	NAT	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	POINTS
1	Jerome Legal Vaik Delevaux	FRA	1	1	1	4	3	2	8
2	Axel Silvy Pauline Jupin	FRA	2	3	2	2	1	1	8
3	Valentin Franc Sandra Thelier	FRA	7	2	4	3	4	7	20
4	Tom Phipps Jon Cook	GBR	8	8	5	1	6	3	23
5	Juan I. Maegli Andres Lopez	GUA	6	10	3	5	22	6	30
13	Francisco Figueroa Martin Roldan	PUR	11	12	15	7	15	18	60
15	Timothy Rogers Sebastien Laleau	GUA	3	33 DSQ	12	13	14	23	65
16	Jorge Xavier Murrieta Santiago Ramirez	MEX	15	33 DSQ	18	12	16	9	70
19	Jacob Sailer Clifton Neff	USA	18	17	14	14	20	21	83
23	Jason Hess Nicolas Rogers	GUA	21	18	23	9	33 DNF	24	95
24	Juan Jose Quesada Krieger Alvaro Hurtado	GUA	23	19	19	24	17	19	97
27	Todd Riccardi	USA	27	23	22	27	25	33	124

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We made the Gold Fleet ultimately placing 60th in a total field of approximately 200 boats in this class - against some of the finest sailors in the world. The French team of Axel Silvy and Pauline Jupin won the Open World Championship by a considerable margin over the former world champion, Gavin Colby from Australia. The awards ceremony took place on the beach and the winners were showered with champagne.

Another great thing about events like this is how much you learn from racing against the top sailors in the class. I learned a lot in the ten days that I sailed that I can't wait to put to use in regattas back here at home in the United States. I can't wait to sail in another World Championship to meet up with my new sailing 'buddies' from Guatemala, South Africa, Ireland, Puerto Rico, and Australia - to name just a few.

In closing I would like to congratulate everyone who raced in and helped run this event, you all did a spectacular job. I am already looking forward to the next Worlds, which will be in South Africa in the fall of 2005.

*Author (Sean McQuilken) & Skipper (Chris Hancock)
Photo courtesy of Jennifer McQuilken*



Hobie 16 World Championships

May 5-14, 2004 Riviera Maya, Mexico

Women's Hobie 16 World Championship

by Eliza Cleveland, HCA Membership Chair, Team USA

Hello Race Fans!!!

This is my report from the Hobie 16 Women's World Championship, on the Riviera Maya — about an hour south of Cancun on the Yucatan Peninsula. I got here two days ahead and it was about 85 degrees during the day going down to about 70 at night. The hotel that hosted the World Championship is huge with a huge pool, beach, spa, and I'm not sure what else. I did absolutely nothing except eat, eat, eat since my skipper (Annie Nelson) and I weighed in only 0.7 kilos over the minimum weight.

Day 1 was the first day of racing for the following World Championships: Youth, Masters, Grand Masters, and Women's. There were 60 boats available for racing (provided by the Hobie Cat Company), so there were two heats of sailing. In the morning the Masters and Grand Masters went out first, while the Women and Youth waited on the beach.

Finally it was our turn, and the conditions had gotten more and more perfect. By the time we got out to the race course, it was blowing about 14 knots and there was some chop and waves.

Race 1: We had an amazing first start. We were probably in fourth place and then rolled the boat in third place. But when we got to the windward mark, we HIT it (which is a huge no-no) and we had to do a "penalty turn" which meant that we had to turn 360 degrees on the water. It is a very, very slow thing to do and means that all the boats that are close to you just



zoom by you. We caught up with some boats downwind, but then on the next beat, we hit the mark again. Annie was trying to stay on the trapeze as we started rounding the mark, but she got tea-bagged and flew off the back... thus forcing us to hit the mark again. So we did another 360! But we did catch up with some of the pack and ended up finishing in seventh place (out of eighteen boats).

Race 2: The conditions were fairly similar except that the waves were getting a little bigger. Our start wasn't the greatest, and then we actually hit another mark. Our rudder got caught on the line and kicked up slowing us way down. At this point we were second to last.

We tacked and went to the right side of the course where no one else had gone...we had nothing to lose... But it paid off and we rounded the windward mark in about seventh place. We kept going to the right side of the course on every beat, and eventually we ended up finishing in third place in that race.

With two more days of racing, we were in fifth place overall and the top American team.

Day 2 and the weather conditions were similar to Day 1. Fairly light winds (single trapping to start out) built in the afternoon to solid, screaming double trapping. The Women and Youth sailed in the morning, and the Masters and Grand Masters sailed in the afternoon. Since we raced in the morning, the breeze was lighter than yesterday.



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Hobie 16 World Championships

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Womens Final Results

18 Teams Raced. Top 5 overall and all North American teams listed.

For complete results, visit www.hobieworlds.com.

PLACE	NAME	NAT	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	POINTS
1	Pamela Noriega Martha Noriega	MEX	1	12	4	1	3	3	12
2	Rosarito Martinez Kamil Berrios	PUR	2	3.4	1	5	4	4	14.4
3	Belinda Zanesco Nicky Souter	AUS	5	1	7	7	1	1	15
4	Lauren Pelen Lea Jeandot	FRA	3	4	2	4	2	19 DSQ	15
5	Marie Duvignac Pauline Thevenot	FRA	4	2	6	3	5	2	16
6	Annie Gardner Nelson Eliza Cleveland	USA	7	3	3	2	7	5	20
7	Susan Korzeniewski Kathleen Tracy	USA	8	5	5	8	6	8	32
11	Kathy Kulkoski Pegi Villa	USA	11	8	10	9	19 DNF	19 DNS	57
12	Barbara Boker Andrea Mier y Teran	MEX	19 DNF	10	13	13	11	12	59
14	Linda Kimball Lorri Salisbury	USA	12	11	18	14	19 DNF	10	65
15	Alejandra Migoya Carolina Vales	MEX	16	19 DNF	17	18	10	13	74
16	Shala Lawrence Tracy Nackel	USA	14	19 DNS	12	12	19 DNF	19 DNS	76
17	Kitsy Amrhein Pat ODonnell	USA	13	16	16	16	19 DNS	19 DNS	80
18	Pam Neff Dagmar Albers	USA	19 DNF	15	14	15	19 DNF	19 DNS	82



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Race 1: We had what could best be called, a third-row start. I'm not quite sure what happened, but during the last twenty seconds we got totally buried. Needless to say, we tacked as soon as possible onto port tack, and had to duck a number of boats. So once again we headed right, which really did well by us on Day 1 — however it was a huge gamble given that the wind conditions were so different in the morning than they were in the previous afternoon. The right side of the course was definitely the slow side on the first day for those groups sailing in the morning — it was full of huge holes where there was no wind apparently.

So off we went, and the further we got, the better the wind got. By the time we were at the layline, we were double trapped. To our great surprise and delight, we rounded in fifth place. We had to go twice around the windward mark and had a downwind finish, where we ended up in third place. Annie Nelson is a total master at surfing the waves downwind.

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*Women at the Hobie 16 Worlds.
Opposite page, top: Kathleen Tracy.
Left: Susan Korzeniewski.
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last three years working on this regatta), the entire regatta ran smoothly, quickly, and on time.

The food continued to be astounding, and rumor has it that the mohitos are the best anyone has ever tasted. Every night we had videos that were taken during the races, and for two nights we were given "chalk talks" by the World Champion Gavin Colby, who has completely blown most of us away with new ways of tuning the boats.

Day 3 was going to be a challenging one. Arriving on the beach at 8:30 to help the Brazilian Grand Master team with whom we were switching off boats, the wind was already blowing hard. It was cloudy, and the wind was still from the northeast, with a possibility of going more easterly as the day progressed.

The Masters and Grand Master teams left the beach, and I went back to the hotel to eat more food. Because Annie and I had been only 0.7 kilos over minimum weight, there was still a possibility of another weigh-in.

Which reminds me, at the end of our last race on Day 1, we hit the beach and immediately a gentleman from the Race Jury came up and asked that we please get weighed again. We had promised ourselves to be sure to drink a bottle of water each on the way back to the beach, but we forgot, and once you hit the beach, if they think you might be underweight, you get weighed immediately. If it turns out that you are underweight, all your races for that day are disqualified. So we went over to the high-tech scale, stripped down to our bathing

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Race 2: This time we had an unbelievable start near the boat. We were first off the line, and decided to stay with the rest of the fleet in order to cover them. Only four boats went right this time (probably because they saw what it had done for us in the first race). We tacked out so that our lay line would be super easy to call, and what did we find at the mark? A couple of the people who had gone right were rounding first. We were third around the mark at that point.

This time the course was one where we had to round the windward mark three times and finish downwind. We kept our lead, and then passed the second-place boat during one of our runs. We were really close to Pam Noriega and her mom, but didn't get a chance to pass them before the finish. We came in second!

The entire experience continued to be fantastic. The organization was wonderful, with huge numbers of helpers on the beach. All the top guys from the Hobie Cat Company were there, and along with Alberto Ponce (our Mexican host who has spent the



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suits, and got weighed. Luckily we had gained a kilo... as I mentioned, we've been trying to eat as much as possible!

Race 1: After the somewhat chaotic exodus from the beach (due to the fact that they blow a horn and all of a sudden 60 boats want to leave out of a fairly small stretch of beach that is away from the reefs), we headed out to the race course. Suddenly I was experiencing conditions heretofore never experienced by yours truly. The waves were massive. The wind was blowing about 17 knots, which is a decent double-trapping breeze, but the waves made just staying on the boat difficult. At times when you are out on the trapeze, the boat would fly over a wave and both your feet would leave the boat!

Our start was good, and about half-way up the course we headed right which was windier the other two days. It was definitely a crazier place to be with huge waves coming at all angles due to a very strong current running north. At the windward mark I believe we rounded in fifth place. The boat that actually won that race was about 100 feet in front of us.

Downwind was a roller coaster ride. The key is to try and surf the waves while making sure that you don't dig in your bows which would result in the boat pitchpoling. Annie is very experienced at surfing the waves on a Hobie, and it was an amazing learning experience for me. What a wild ride downwind!

At the gates, we rounded the left one and headed up the right side of the course to big wind and big waves. Annie's rudder did not go down all the way after the rounding (it is normal to raise your windward rudder going downwind) and so she had to get off the trapeze to get back onto the boat to fix it. Just as she was going in, a wave came and knocked her completely off the boat, so she was dragging behind it!

At that point we started capsizing, and so I unhooked my trapeze line (so I wouldn't get pulled under the boat if it turtled), and swam out of the way as the boat came down over me. We both swam to the other side of the boat to get up on the hulls so it wouldn't turtle and so we could right it. Luckily with a lot of wind that is pretty easy to do if you have the mast pointing just off the wind. So it only took about four or five minutes to get sailing again, but we knew that was a lost race for us. But we caught a lot of the fleet and ended up seventh in that race. A number of boats got out to the race course and simply decided not to race in those conditions.

Race 2: We had a less-than-perfect start, but not horrible, and all of a sudden the team from New Caladonia was port-tacking the entire fleet. All of a sudden there was mayhem, and people were screaming "Starboard!" Then people started



yelling "Protest!" I really thought someone was going to be hurt—it was an incredibly crazy thing to do with the wave-wind conditions in which we were sailing. But the rest of that race was uneventful and we finished in fifth place.

We sailed six races over the three days, and thus we were allowed to throw out our worst race. After throwing out one of our sevens, we finished the regatta in sixth place. There was an awards banquet on the last night, and the awards went to the first six place finishers, so I have a wonderful plaque with a Mayan sculpture on it. I am thrilled!

My hands and feet were completely chewed up with blisters and cuts, but I had two days off until the Open World Championship began on Monday. The cuts would certainly not heal, but my skipper/boyfriend, Bob Merrick brought me some new sailing gloves. I had to completely tape my hands and feet so that nothing got worse.

I wish I could explain to you the camaraderie between all the many countries who were there and the passion which they all feel for Hobie catamaran sailing. It was amazing.



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A Master Competition

by Jim Glanden, Fleet 54, Newark, DE

Mexico was great. It was the best worlds or national event that I have attended. All big events should be in a tropical setting.

The boats were in excellent condition. Tramps were tightened twice, luff tension on the jib was set and not allowed to be adjusted, rudders were adjusted, and every one that I looked at was right on the money.

They are making the Hobie 16 Europe and US identical, except for the mast. Europe makes all the corner castings, (injection casting instead of sand casting), which makes a stronger part. the seam where the hull and deck meet used to be filled with silicon, but now has resin on the joint for a cleaner finish and less leakage.

The jib traveler car has the cleat mounted on it as before, but does not swivel and has no eye strap over the cleat. I did not like it when I first saw it, but in use it works well. Cleating was no problem when going to weather; and downwind, it self-cleated a lot less, if at all, since the line was not running directly over the cleat as ours does. The line also fed out more easily with out the eye strap which puts in a sharp turn between it and the bulls eye.

The mainsheet had a smaller triple block on the boom and smaller main sheet. That looked like a problem on the beach, but worked well on the water. Gave you a bit more rake, but that was not needed. Gavin Colby gave a rigging seminar and stressed a tight rig and tight leach in the heavy air. I raked forward the last day of the Grand Masters and had my best day. Using the leach tell tails to look for over sheeting, I could sheet as hard as I could, have the blocks about two inches apart and could not stall the tell tails. The boat points better with a tight leach. Although in light air you can over-tighten the leach and hook it.

Gavin stressed using the jib halyard to adjust rig tension, tight in heavy air and looser as the wind backs off. If you are overpowered in heavy air, travel out to depower. Diane Bisesi, from Syracuse, NY, crewed for me in the Grand Masters.



Diane is very experienced and could work the traveler, which made a big difference in boat handling. Gavin also said to have the jib part way out in heavy air. It does very little anyway, so open up the slot.

As far as how we did, I can only speak for myself. It was difficult in those conditions. We had four to six foot waves with chop on top. I was washed off twice and went over, and was trapping pretty high the last two days of the Open. I did not have any trouble in the GM, don't know why, maybe the waves were not as high. Also, I did not get very good starts and that hurts in a 60 boat fleet of the best Hobie sailors in the world.

I felt that my aerobic conditioning was not up to par for that many days of sailing. I do weights three times a week and stretch four times, but after one race in the GM I felt I had run a 5K when I came in!

I was glad that I had at least two days off between the GM and Open event. We only get in two days of sailing in our weekend events, so it was more of a workout even sailing every other race. I'm getting too damned old. The French kid that won was the second place boat in the Youth event, losing on a throwout. The Youth winner was seventh in the Open. Another youth sailor was fourth. A lot of good sailors did not make the cut, and in my opinion, it was the conditions.

It will be hard for another group to follow this event. The place was fantastic, even had Corona on tap and self serve. I would even consider going back there for a vacation. There was a lot to do, good Hobie Waves, a Hobie 16 and a lot of other water toys to use. Also, the outside tours were great, we went on two of them. The people were very friendly and proud of their country and culture.



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Masters and Grandmasters Final Results

58 Teams Raced. Top 5 overall and all North American teams listed.

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PLACE	NAME	NAT	GM	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	POINTS
1	Jens Goritz Simone Monreal	GER		5	3	1	2	1	59 DNF	1	13
2	Rod Waterhouse Jason Waterhouse	AUS		4	2	5	1	2	1	10	15
3	Juan E. Maegli Jose Daniel Hernandez	GUA		2	1	2	5	15	2	8	20
4	Mike Montague Kathy Ward	USA		1	14	3	7	5	6	2	24
5	Kerli Corlett Ali Corlett	AUS		8	5	4	59 OCS	7	4	7	35
11	Dan Kulkoski MB Villa	USA		13	15	16	20	17	5	11	77
13	Paul Hess MaryAnn Hess	USA		15	24	8	16	12	17	18	86
15	William Jeffers Michael Keenan	USA		14	22	39	12	16	13	12	89
16	Carlos Armando Noriega Armando Noriega	MEX		19	32	19	4	4	39	14	92
19	Jim GLanden Diane Bisesi	USA	GM	24	29	27	59 OCS	9	23	4	116
23	John Hauser Linda Hauser	USA	GM	10	41	30	15	24	27	23	129
26	Peter Nelson Laura Sullivan	USA		16	8	46	34	34	26	27	145
28	John Ziolkowski Marcy Finnas	USA		3	30	41	28	35	22	35	153
29	Chris Stater Suzanne Lea	USA		20	28	44	25	38	34	21	166
30	Doug Grant Debbie Grant	USA		27	46	20	17	43	25	36	168
31	Bill Myrter Marcelle Abbott	USA	GM	43	39	35	29	30	12	26	171
32	Slim Johnson Kristen King	USA		40	23	42	11	39	35	25	173
36	Rex Miller Barbara Buchanan	USA		29	38	18	33	37	59 DNS	32	187
41	Rex Mitchell Brittany Mitchell	USA		50	42	40	59 OCS	27	30	33	222
42	David Heroux Barbara Powers	USA		35	31	48	37	51	43	39	233
44	Geoffrey Hess Jacqueline Hess	GUA		41	40	45	38	42	42	59 DNF	248
45	David Stiemsma Gail Tinker-Stiemsma	USA		46	49	34	35	49	37	59 DNS	250
46	Jaime Migoya Daniel Migoya	MEX		51	44	52	26	48	45	38	252
47	Gilbert Daniels Eduardo Cabarrus	GUA	GM	48	50	49	36	41	40	41	255
48	Alan Mohill Brisia Mohill	USA	GM	32	54	43	30	46	59 DNF	59 DNS	264
49	Frank J. Ternullo Patricia L. Long	USA	GM	34	43	50	31	52	59 DNF	59 DNF	269
51	Rodolfo Valdés Rodolfo Jr. Valdés	MEX		49	53	47	39	50	59 DNF	42	280
52	Jerry Mohney Dianne DeVries	USA		25	26	59 DNF	59 DNS	59 DNF	59 DNS	59 DNS	287
54	Gary Baker Keith Baker	USA		47	52	37	59 RDG	44	59 DNF	59 DNF	298
55	Tom Cottingham Vic Simon	USA		55	56	59 DNF	40	53	59 DNF	59 DNS	322
56	Robin Purciel Marianne Purciel	USA	GM	54	57	51	59 DNS	59 DNS	59 DNS	59 DNS	339
57	Dean Zimmerman Diane Zimmerman	USA	GM	59 DNF	55	59 DNF	59 DNS	59 DNS	59 DNS	59 DNS	350
58	Alvaro Peon Alvaro Peon Jr.	MEX		59 DNC	59 DNC	59 DNC	59 DNS	59 DNS	59 DNS	59 DNS	354

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What I Learned at the Hobie 16 Worlds

by Bob Merrick, Fleet 448, Branford, CT

The 2004 Hobie 16 Worlds was my ninth world championship in sailing but my first in the Hobie Class. To put it mildly, I was absolutely blown away by the colossal scale of the event. The regatta organizers put together the best World Championships in which I have ever competed. To all the organizers: Thank you!

There were plenty of professional writers and photographers at the event, and I suspect that there will be an abundance of stories about the beautiful beaches, ideal sailing conditions and epic parties. I'll let them tell those stories. I prefer to get down to the details of what we learned about getting the Hobie 16 up to speed.

I arrived in Mexico a few days before the semifinals started. Jacques Bernier (from the Hobie Cat Company USA) was nice enough to introduce me to the defending World Champion, Gavin Colby, on the day that I arrived. Gavin had been giving chalk talks after racing during the Women's, Youth and Master's events.

My girlfriend and teammate, Eliza Cleveland, who was competing in the Women's Worlds, had been to his lectures and determined that he was setting the boat up a bit differently than we were. This was my chance to get some good first hand information, and I asked as many questions as I could without being annoying. Our conversation was limited to sailing upwind.

What I found was that Gavin sails the boat with the jib leads significantly further out than we do and has the rig a bit more upright in moderate conditions, and much more upright when it is windy.

The maximum inboard position on Gavin's jib traveler is about four inches out from the stopper, even in light air. As he de-powers, he moves the jib traveler outboard. What was most interesting to me was that he said he often sails with it all the way out to the corner casting in windy conditions.

The tack of his jib is always right at the bottom of the adjuster plate. If you tried to do this with too much rake, and / or with the jib leads in to the stopper, the leach of the sail would be too twisty to go up wind effectively.

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Open Qualification Round Final Results

120 Teams Raced. Top 5 overall and all North American teams listed.

For complete results, visit www.hobieworlds.com.

PLACE	NAME	NAT	POINTS	PLACE	NAME	NAT	POINTS
1	Juliano Viana Gomes Filho Sebastiao	BRA	6	81	Steven Toms	AUS	103
2	Andrew Springford Springford Shelley	NZL	8	82	Penny Pethybridge Flavio Steiner	BRA	109
3	Robbie Lovig Glen Douglas	AUS	9	84	Sean Tracy Tracy Kathleen	USA	113
4	Shayne Brodie Torika Brodie	FIJ	9	85	Jamie Horner Mumford Ben	CAN	114
5	Bob Engwirda Anna Wennmo	AUS	11	86	Steven Klein Eric Brown	USA	115
10	Jorge Xavier Murrieta Santiago Murrieta	MEX	16	87	Jose Enrique Mier y Teran Vazquez Eduardo	MEX	116
11	Francisco Figueroa Andrea Mier y Teran	PUR	17	88	Gary Baker Keith Baker	USA	117
18	Jason Hess Nicholas Rogers	GUA	28	89	JULIAN Barbosa Jose Escalante	MEX	118
22	John Ziolkowski Marcy Finnas	USA	33	92	Jaime Migoya Daniel Migoya	MEX	120
28	Annie Gartner Nelson Dagmar Albers	USA	37	93	Shala Lawrence Tracy Nackel	USA	122
41	Juan Jose Quesada Krieger Hurtado Alvaro	GUA	51	94	Quinn DeAngelis DeAngelis Kathy	USA	124
45	Chris Stater Suzanne Lea	USA	59	95	Tony Krauss Lani Krauss	USA	125
46	Dennys Junco Graulau Jose	PUR	61	96	Juan Prado Katia Real	MEX	126
48	Gerardo Díaz Gutierrez Jorge	MEX	62	97	Rex Miller Tim Mccomchie	USA	126
49	Jorge Torres Torres Kerry	PUR	63	98	Dave Kredl Andrew Price	CAN	130
53	Ron Katz Donna McSweeney	USA	71	99	Rodolfo Valdes Rodolfo Valdes Jr	MEX	131
56	Alvaro Peon Alvaro Peon Jr	MEX	80	101	Ricardo Esquivel Seijo Adriana	MEX	134
57	Niels Erichsen Timothy Rogers	GUA	80	102	Emilio Vales Alvarez Eduardo	MEX	136
58	Jim Sajdak Becky Frisk	USA	81	105	Esteban Muñoz Jorge Muñoz	MEX	138
60	Adam Borcharding Vince Armato	USA	83	107	Xavier Castillo Jacqueline Hess	GUA	141
61	Felipe Camara Lourdes Peon	MEX	83	108	Barbara Boker Roberto Hiber Boker	MEX	143
62	Rex Mitchell Mitchell Brittany	USA	84	109	Alan Mohill Brisia Mohill	USA	151
64	Jose Perez Julio Caceres	PUR	86	110	Linda Kimball Slawinski Kai	USA	151
65	David Dixon Brian Borcharding	USA	87	111	Abud Antonio Rivero Borrell	MEX	152
67	Ed Nolen Mike Kast	USA	88	112	Robert Wittpenn Liz Price	USA	153
69	Slim Johnson Kristen King	USA	88	113	Pedro Iturbide Iturbide Sofia	MEX	156
70	Abraham Xacur Javier Camara	MEX	92	114	Peter McGowan David Reed	USA	156
71	Bruce Andrews Beth Andrews	USA	94	115	Felipe Pérez-Cirera Langenscheidt	MEX	158
74	Bernardo Mier y Teran Vales Jorge	MEX	96	116	Morris Pinkye Roberto Munoz	MEX	161
77	Ken Hilk Carol Hilk	USA	99	117	Javier Munoz Agustín Ortiz Monasterio	MEX	162
78	Bill Myrter Joni Burman	USA	101	118	Iturbide Carlota Robert West	USA	165
79	Sebastian Capistran Maria Isabel Maegli	GUA	101	119	Hillary West John O'Leary	USA	173
					Lorri Salisbury		

*Racing at the Hobie 16 Worlds in
Riviera Maya, Mexico.
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From our conversation, I was also led to believe that he has the mast a bit more upright than I was used to sailing. I'll guess he was at about thirteen inches of rake. The most interesting thing about his main trim was that he doesn't rake back as it gets windier. He simply drops the traveler more and more. As with the jib he will drop the traveler all the way to the corner casting if the wind strength requires it. If it gets windier still, he eases the main sheet.

This may be a good time to mention that Gavin is from Perth, Australia, so he sails in big breeze all the time.

I also asked him why he raises the windward rudder when going upwind. His exact answer was, "because it looks s**t hot." I pressed him a bit more on the issue, and he responded that it did make the helm feel better.



The conditions featured barely double-trapping winds with big waves, but we seemed to lack the power to get two of us on the wire. We don't race much in waves and it was obvious by our upwind speed. We were sailing with the jib traveler about four inches out per Gavin's advice, but we had the mast at about 16 inches of rake. On most boats I have sailed, an open jib slot is fast when the waves come up, and I have no reason to believe that the 16 is an exception to the rule.

For the next race we changed a few things that helped. When we were sailing in the first race the main looked like it needed more leach return. Basically this means that the sail needed to be deeper so that the leach would not twist open as much. This would give us more power and help our pointing. Simply pulling the main tighter would not do the job because it eventually reaches a point where the mast is bending too much causing the leach to open instead of close.



He also said that he started doing it because he noticed that a previous World Champion was doing it. In my mind there is no hard evidence that sailing with the windward rudder up is faster, but almost all the top guys do it. We're still trying to make it work for us but haven't had any positive results to date.

A few days later, and armed with this new information, Liza and I headed out for the first race. At the start the wind picked up, and for the first time I was able to step out onto the wire and immediately fell off the boat. The stoppers on the trap wire had not been tied properly and I had to re-tie them. This took most of the first beat to do but that was not the worst news. When we finally got going, we were back in the fleet hoping to grind down a bunch of our competitors with superior speed. Unfortunately we were slow against the boats in the back of the fleet. This was not good news.



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Open Semifinal Round Final Results

121 Teams Raced. Top 5 overall and all North American teams listed.

For complete results, visit www.hobieworlds.com.

PLACE	NAME	NAT	POINTS	PLACE	NAME	NAT	POINTS
1	Andrew Keag Naomi Angwin	AUS	12	65	Rosarito Martínez Javier Andrades	PUR	145
2	Gavin Colby Simone Mattfield	AUS	14	66	Ken Nelson Joana Comas	USA	145
3	Axel Silvy Pauline Jupin	FRA	16	68	Rich McVeigh Kathy Kulkoski	USA	146
4	Blaine Dodds Roxanne Dodds	RSA	18	73	Paul Hess MaryAnn Hess	USA	150
5	I Juan Maegli Andres Lopez	GUA	21	75	Jason Hess Nicholas Rogers	GUA	155
19	Jeff Alter Cody Alter	USA	69	78	Matt Bounds Fluffy White	USA	162
20	Bob Merrick Eliza Cleveland	USA	69	81	Steve Leo Marcelle Abbott	USA	163
23	Pedro Colon Martin Roldan	PUR	76	82	Peter Nelson Laura Sullivan	USA	164
26	E Juan Maegli Jose Daniel Hernandez	GUA	80	83	John Ziolkowski Marcy Finnas	USA	166
27	Jorge Xavier Murrieta Santiago Murrieta	MEX	80	84	Juan Jose Quesada Krieger Hurtado Alvaro	GUA	167
32	Mike Montague Kathy Ward	USA	90	85	James Perkins Matthew Perkins	USA	168
35	Javier Cabildo Francisco Cabildo jr.	MEX	92	96	Patrick Porter Darcy Porter	USA	190
41	William Jeffers Karen Grisko	USA	99	100	Annie Gartner Nelson Dagmar Albers	USA	198
42	Enrique Figueroa Gabriel Vazquez	PUR	101	101	Randy MacConnell Chris MacConnell	USA	200
44	Armando Noriega Rodrigo Achach	MEX	103	103	Chris Stater Suzanne Lea	USA	204
45	Francisco Figueroa Andrea Mier y Teran	PUR	110	112	Dennys Junco Graulau Jose	PUR	224
47	Tom Korzeniewski Susan Korzeniewski	USA	115	114	Alberto Ponce Patricio Gasque	MEX	229
49	Wally Myers Tyler Myers	USA	119	117	Dan Kulkoski MB Villa	USA	245
51	Efstratios Kosmoglou Pavlos Dimitriadis	GRE	123	118	Jim Glanden Kelley Wood	USA	246
52	Pamela Noriega Carlos Armando Noriega	MEX	126				

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To solve this problem we put the battens in tighter. Previously they were tensioned to just pull out the batten-pocket wrinkles. This probably would have been good for flat water, but was terrible in the waves. We also pulled the rig up to about thirteen inches of rake. With this setup we were faster but not quite fast enough.

Day after day the conditions were the same: barely double trapping with big waves, so we had a lot of time to work on the specific condition. About half way through the semifinal round we started sailing with the main traveler down about six inches, and then we started to get up to speed.

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Racing at the Hobie 16 Worlds in
Riviera Maya, Mexico.
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Open Final Results (Part 1)

61 Teams Raced. Top 5 overall and all North American teams listed.

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PLACE	NAME	NAT	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1	Axel Silvy Pauline Jupin	FRA		3	4			3		1	5	
2	Gavin Colby Simone Mattfield	AUS	2		1		21		1		7	
3	Andrew Keag Naomi Angwin	AUS		4		8	1			3		2
4	I Juan Maegli Andres Lopez	GUA	3			2		2	10			9
5	Tim Shuwalow Susan Etherington	AUS		9	2			38		13	4	
20	Jeff Alter Cody Alter	USA	33		3		15		26		17	
21	Pedro Colon Martin Roldan	PUR	20			29		51	11		RDG	10
24	Jorge Xavier Murrieta Santiago Murrieta	MEX		10		24	8			18		21
27	Armando Noriega Rodrigo Achach	MEX	11			13		42	23			38
32	E Juan Maegli Jose Daniel Hernandez	GUA	21		6		20		3		38	
33	Enrique Figueroa Gabriel Vazquez	PUR		28	12			22		5	34	
34	Bob Merrick Eliza Cleveland	USA	50		24		5		16		13	
35	William Jeffers Karen Grisko	USA		14		25	32			29		17
36	Mike Montague Kathy Ward	USA	15			4		25	14			32
37	Pamela Noriega Carlos Armando Noriega	MEX	29		27		36		41		25	
39	Javier Cabildo Francisco Cabildo jr.	MEX		17	23			21		19	15	
41	Efstratios Kosmoglou Pavlos Dimitriadis	GRE		32	11			36		35	14	
44	Francisco Figueroa Andrea Mier y Teran	PUR		19		12	27			43		25
50	Wally Myers Tyler Myers	USA	31			11		28	52			16
55	Tom Korzeniewski Susan Korzeniewski	USA		8		62	31			14		28

What Bob Learned...

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With this setup, we could go about the same speed as boats in the low teens when we got the steering and sheet tensions correct. We had five days of sailing in these conditions and this seemed to be the best setup. The sheet tension was often critical, and sometimes we would over-trim either the main or jib and our pointing would suffer. A little bit of ease would result in better pointing. The key was to spend the time making adjustments to find the sweet spot for both sails.

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Open Final Results (Part 2)

61 Teams Raced. Top 5 overall and all North American teams listed.

For complete results, visit www.hobieworlds.com.

PLACE	NAME	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	R19	R20	POINTS
1	Axel Silvy Pauline Jupin		10	1	8	1	2	7	1	4	1	41
2	Gavin Colby Simone Mattfield	3		23	35	3	6	6	4	3	11	91
3	Andrew Keag Naomi Angwin	2		8	25	7	3	5	19	13	24	99
4	I Juan Maegli Andres Lopez		5	31	16	21	8	16	5	10	7	114
5	Tim Shuwalow Susan Etherington		7	10	4	11	14	1	36	2	4	117
20	Jeff Alter Cody Alter	8		21	39	30	36	24	6	27	20	266
21	Pedro Colon Martin Roldan		6	35	5	19	26	42	21	11	39	274
24	Jorge Xavier Murrieta Santiago Murrieta	23		16	41	50	27	13	30	29	33	293
27	Armando Noriega Rodrigo Achach		18	52	31	23	44	23	9	17	16	308
32	E Juan Maegli Jose Daniel Hernandez	30		46	15	51	7	49	61	21	29	336
33	Enrique Figueroa Gabriel Vazquez		43	45	24	33	9	22	DNF 47	36	23	336
34	Bob Merrick Eliza Cleveland	11		53	18	42	11	43	38	44	22	337
35	William Jeffers Karen Grisko	14		19	9	12	57	40	49	38	42	340
36	Mike Montague Kathy Ward		39	28	30	49	43	21	7	53	47	354
37	Pamela Noriega Carlos Armando Noriega	9		18	10	37	45	55	17	32	38	364
39	Javier Cabildo Francisco Cabildo jr.		20	24	38	36	56	54	28	43	41	379
41	Efstratios Kosmoglou Pavlos Dimitriadis		31	57	47	17	55	32	32	23	28	393
44	Francisco Figueroa Andrea Mier y Teran	27		56	32	47	33	35	26	RDG 32.9	49	407.9
50	Wally Myers Tyler Myers		33	39	56	26	21	33	44	54	43	431
55	Tom Korzeniewski Susan Korzeniewski	34		47	42	29	25	41	53	47	45	444

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For the last two races, we had some real wind where we needed to de-power. Instead of raking back like we normally did we just dropped both the main and jib travelers. Once we had this figured out our speed was quite decent. We were able to have even speed with the boats in about twentieth position in the finals. For a team that was often slow against the local fleets when the wind picked up, this was a big improvement.

The 2004 Hobie 16 World Championships were definitely a learning experience for us, but there is a lot more to figure out before we are in the top tier. There were about five boats at the Worlds that were an order of magnitude better than the rest of the pack. It's no coincidence that almost all of these sailors are from counties with a tremendous depth of talent in the Hobie 16 class, namely France and Australia. Congratulations to the new World Champions, Axel Silvy and Pauline Jupin from France.

*Racing and having fun at the Hobie 16 Worlds in
Riviera Maya, Mexico.
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US SAILING One-Design Insurance

by Roger Brown, HCA 2nd Vice Chairman

US SAILING recently announced that they have added Hobie Cats to their list of eligible classes for their new one-design insurance program. Specifically, insurance is now available for the Hobie Wave, Hobie Getaway, Hobie 16, Hobie FX-One, Hobie 17SE, Hobie 18 and Hobie Tiger through Gowrie, Barden & Brett, US SAILING's insurance broker for this program.

This insurance provides collision and liability coverage for individual boatowners, similar to what we each purchase through the Auto Club, Boat U.S., etc. This particular policy is geared a bit more towards racing sailors, and both international and charter boat coverage is available to those who travel to distant regattas. This program is also available to non-US residents, with some restrictions.

DO YOU RACE YOUR BOAT?

DO YOU TRAVEL WITH YOUR BOAT?

DO YOU CHARTER YOUR BOAT?

If you answered yes to any one of these questions, you need to get an insurance quote from www.gowrie.com/onedesign. US SAILING endorsed One Design Insurance program was developed for the racing sailor in mind. Select One Design classes are approved for this comprehensive program.

Log onto www.gowrie.com/onedesign, get a free instant quote and buy online. A policy will be emailed instantly.

US SAILING Endorses New One-Design Boat Owners Insurance

Portsmouth, R.I. (February 9, 2004) – US SAILING, national governing body of the sport, has teamed up with Gowrie, Barden & Brett to offer a new comprehensive insurance program designed specifically for owners of one-design sail-

boats. This cost-effective program covers one-design classes that are designed for inshore racing and have no auxiliary power. Currently, all eleven Olympic-class boats and 22 additional classes are covered in the program, with more classes to be added.

The extensive and comprehensive coverage includes various aspects that are important to sailors. The program offers:

- racing coverage
- worldwide coverage or in the U.S. only,
- coverage for overland transportation (trailer),
- charter coverage (if the owner charters the boat included in the policy, as well as if the owner charters a different boat of the same class),
- coverage provided by an insurance provider that has the highest possible rating, A++, by A.M. Best.

"In today's marketplace, sailors find it more and more difficult to obtain affordable and comprehensive insurance coverage," said Lee Parks, US SAILING's Inshore Director. "We wanted to offer our members an insurance program that would fit their needs and Gowrie Barden & Brett was able to do just that. Our members will benefit greatly from this new program."

"Sailors often rely on their homeowners policies for their boat coverage, not knowing that these policies contain many restrictions," said Carter Gowrie, President of Gowrie, Barden & Brett. "This new one-design insurance program will meet the specific needs of the one-design sailboat owners."

A secure website offers a simple way to receive a quote in less than five minutes and a policy can be ordered and downloaded instantly, providing immediate coverage. The secure website is available at www.gowrie.com/onedesign.

For more information about US SAILING's new one-design boat insurance program, visit www.ussailing.org/membership/Insurance/index.htm, call Gowrie, Barden & Brett at 1-800-BOAT-911, or e-mail one-design@gowrie.com.

For more information, visit www.ussailing.org.



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Important Message from the Sailor Athlete Council

REGATTA MATERIALS AVAILABLE

For HCA 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.

FLAG AND COURSE STICKERS

Contact the
HCA Secretary,
Bruce Andrews
(see page 4)

2004 is a critical year for our sport of sailing.

New leadership is taking the helm at the international level as ISAF President Paul Henderson's term ends this November. The United States hosts ISAF's mid-year meeting in June. It is an Olympic year. Issues which affect the next quadrennium are on the table and your views need to be heard.

Now is the time for active sailors of all levels to become more involved and make an impact on our sport. Registered Sailor Athletes influence the decisions made at the national level, within US SAILING, and within ISAF. This is a unique opportunity to have your voice heard.

We are asking current members of US SAILING to register today as athletes. By registering as athletes, you will have the opportunity to elect the members of the Sailor Athlete Council, or sit on the Council yourself. The Council has a permanent seat on the US SAILING Executive Committee, and is a growing voice within US SAILING. The Council can nominate individuals to the Board of Directors, and can place registered sailor athletes throughout the organization.

We are also asking those who are not currently members of US SAILING to join the organization, join us by registering as an athlete, and BE HEARD. At this critical time in our sport's history, the decisions are being made that will determine our sport's future. The voice of active, interested sailors is growing stronger by the day.

There is no cost to register as an athlete and you can do it on our website: www.ussailing.org/saac

We hope you will join us today, and help steer the direction of our sport in 2004 and beyond.

Sincerely,

The Sailor Athlete Council

Dean Brenner (Chairman), Betsy Altman, Cory Sertl, Mark Reynolds, Hal Haenel, Louise Gleason, Bob Merrick, Susannah Carr, Ned Jones, Geoff Ewenson, Roger Cleworth



Racing at the Hobie 16 Worlds in
Riviera Maya, Mexico.
Photos courtesy of www.hobieworlds.com.

From the Factory...

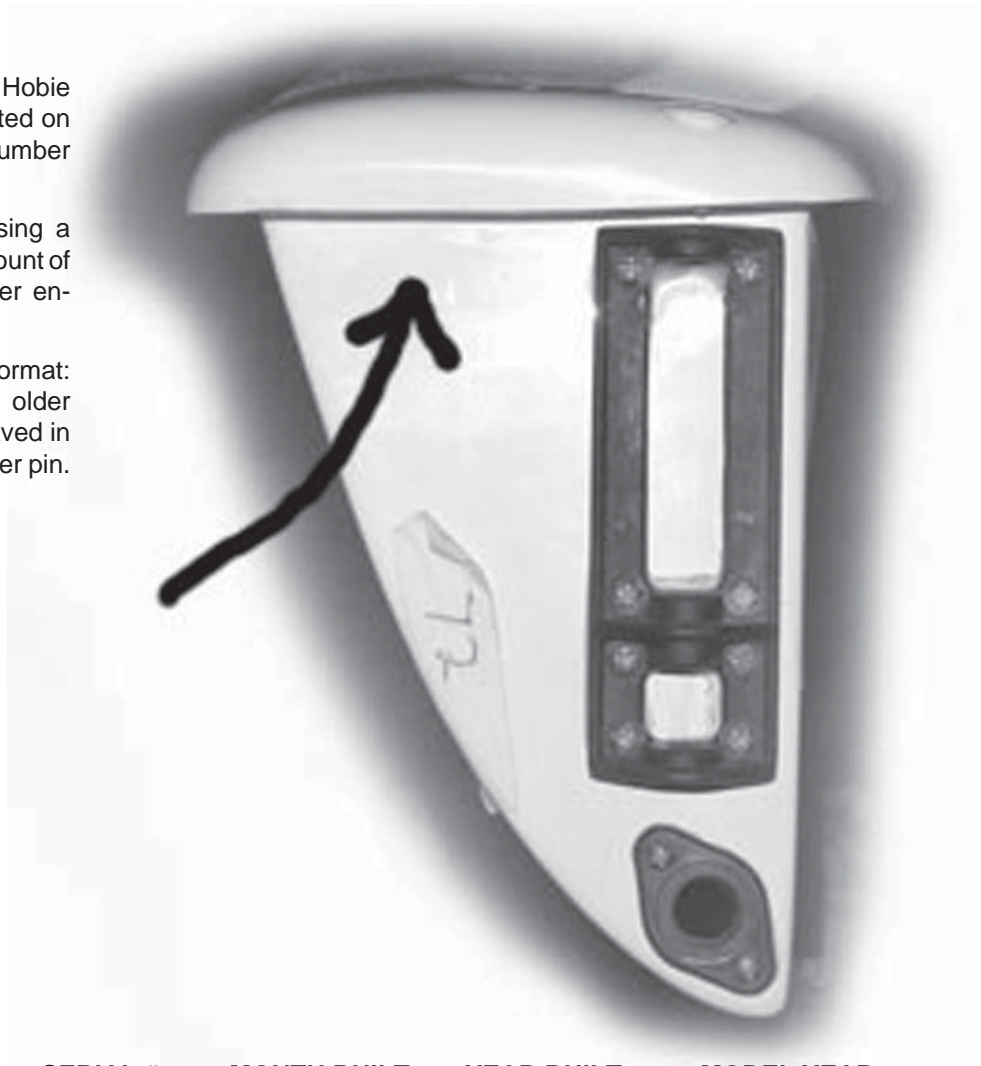
Serial Number Location on Hobie Cats

by Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company

Since 1973, the serial numbers on Hobie Catamaran sailboats have been located on the transom or rear of each hull. The number is on both hulls of a catamaran.

The number is hand-engraved using a vibration tool. You can rub a small amount of graphite or soil into the serial number engraving to make it easier to read.

Serial numbers use the following format: (example CCMB2345H989) Some older boats have had serial numbers engraved in a vertical direction parallel to the rudder pin.



HOBIE CAT'S I.D	MODEL	SERIAL #	MONTH BUILT	YEAR BUILT	MODEL YEAR
CCM	A	1234	A	3	03

NOTE: If a boat has been painted or has had a transom repair, the serial number may not be visible.

OLDER BOATS:

Just before the latest serial number system, the following format was used:

Sample Serial Number "CCMP8281M81G-A1"

Built in "M" Model Year

"81" 1981

"G" Production Month (A=August, B=September...) February 1981

"A-1" Second Quality.

For Hobie 14s and Hobie 16s that are older than 1973, a four digit number was used. The number was stamped into the forward pylon post on the outboard side. The pylon posts support the trampoline above the hulls.



**2004 North American
Women's, Youth's, H-14 Open, and H-16 Open
Championships
Oneida Shores, Syracuse NY
September 10th – 17th, 2004
Hosted by Fleet 204**

**General**

Eligibility: A current member of NAHCA or IHCA, in good standing, on board. Each team must show proof of \$100,000 US liability insurance.

Governing rules: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004, IHCA 2001-2004 Class Rules, and this Notice of Race except as these are altered by the Sailing Instructions.

Times:**Pre Registration:**

Must be postmarked by August 15th 2004

Make checks payable to **"Fleet 204" (non-refundable)**

Mail to: Bridget Quatrone; 412 Radcliffe Road; Dewitt, NY 13214

Registration at event:

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm the day before each event.

8:00 am – 10:00 am on opening day of each event.

First Flag: 11:00 am opening day of each event, other days will be posted.

Weigh in: Boats and crew will be weighed prior to the event and may be subject to reweighing at any point during the event.

Courses: IHCA courses.

Scoring: Low points scoring system will be used.

Trophies: H16 Opens, minimum 15 deep. All others, minimum 5 deep.

H-14 Open's

When: September 10th, 11th, & 12th

Entry Fee: \$175 for pre-registration, late entry \$225

Women's

When: September 10th, 11th, & 12th

Eligibility: All women teams.

Entry Fee: \$200 for pre-registration, late entry \$250

Youth's

When: September 10th, 11th, & 12th

Eligibility: To qualify for the Hobie 16 youth class, both members of the crew shall be under 19 years at the start of the event on September 10th, 2004.

(This modifies IHCA rule # 17-7.)

Entry Fee: Not to exceed \$75 (Subject to Sponsorship)

H-16 Open's

When: September 13th – 17th, 2004

Eligibility: Limited to first 100 eligible entries received.

Entry Fee: \$325 for pre-registration, late entry \$400

Advertising: Per Category C as defined in Regulation 20.3.2 of the RRS 2001-2004

Boats: This is a bring your own boat event. A limited number of boats are available for charter. U.S. Sailing regatta insurance is required for all charters and shall be purchased at the event. Contact Susan Korzeniewski 315-453-9358 or roxyrace@twcny.rr.com for more information.

Lodging:**HOST HOTEL:****Holiday Inn Express**

Box 589
5552 Bartell Road
Brewerton, NY 13029

Phone: 877-777-6660

315-676-3222

Fax: 315-676-7497

Price: \$65.00 US plus tax –
Includes Continental Breakfast

Details: Approximately _ mile from Regatta Site. 50 rooms reserved from Thursday September 9th thru Saturday, September 18th, 2004. Block of rooms will release on August 11, 2004. Mention the Hobie Continental Championships for discounted rate.

2nd HOTEL:**Doubletree Club**

6701 Buckley Road
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Phone: 800-572-1602

315-457-1602

Price: \$65.00 US plus tax –

Details: Hotel is 11.6 miles from the Regatta Site but easily accessible to Route 81. 50 rooms reserved from Thursday September 9th thru Saturday, September 18th, 2004. Block of rooms will release on August 1, 2004. Mention the Hobie Continental Championships for discounted rate.

Camping At The Event Site: Tent sites with water, \$16.50 US per day, maximum two tents. RV sites with water and electrical hookup, \$21 US per day, maximum 1 motor home. Sites occupancy limited to a maximum of 6 adults. For reservations, call Oneida Shores Park, 315-676-7366.

Social Events: Please check our web site www.fleet204.com for up to the minute list of parties and events.



www.Fleet204.com



REGISTRATION FORM NEXT PAGE

Registration Form

**2004 Hobie Cat North American Continental Championships
Hobie 16 open, Hobie 14, Hobie 16 Women & Youth
Presented by Fleet 204 Syracuse, N.Y**

Skipper Information:

*First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____
 *Street Address: _____ *City _____
 *Country: _____ *State/Prov: _____ Zip: _____
 *Email Address: _____ *Phone: _____
 (include area code with phone)

___ Hobie 16 Open's	\$325.00	_____
___ Hobie 16 Women's	\$200.00	_____
___ Hobie 16 Youth's	\$75.00	_____
___ Hobie 14 Open's	\$175.00	_____
_____ Late Fee:		_____

Late Fee for entry funds postmarked after August 15th, 2004: H16 Open's Add \$75.00 - all other add \$50.00

Total Due _____

*Sail #: _____ *HCA Membership #: _____ *HCA Fleet: _____ *HCA Division: _____

Crew Information (fill in all that apply):

H16 Open Crew: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 H16 Women's Crew: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 H16 Youth Crew: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help at the event (see my message below).

Message to fleet 204:

All Entries Must Include a Photo Copy of \$100,000.00 (USF) Liability Insurance

Mail Form to: Bridget Quatrone - 412 Radcliffe Road - Dewitt, NY 13214

Make Check Payable to: HOBIE CAT FLEET 204

Questions: Pat Bisesi (315) 699-5453 email: H16nats@aol.com
 Website: Hobienac.com



**Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico
October 8th, 9th & 10th, 2004**

GUEST EXPERT PROGRAM ON FRIDAY WITH HOBIE P. ALTER!

Entry Fees: \$40.00 (all boats)
Free registration for Novice Boats!
Pre-Registration by: September 12th, 2004

****NOTE**** Trophies and Race Packets will be based on pre-registered boats, so PLEASE pre-register!!!

Saturday Evening Activities:
Salsa Contest
Hors d'oeuvres Party
Margarita Party
Raffle
Come join the fun!!!

Regatta Registration Form

Skipper: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Crew Name: _____

Length/Class: _____ A Class _____ B Class _____ C Class _____ Novice (free!)
T-Shirt Sizes (2) _____ Med _____ Lg _____ XLg

Make \$40 check payable to Tucson Hobie Fleet 514 and mail to : John Eger
12345 Gold Dust Drive
Tucson, AZ 85749

Playa Bonita RV Park Reservations

Please reserve a regular space for: _____
Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

** Please put us with the Hobie Cat group if possible.

Camping Fee: \$17.00/night (at this printing)
Please mail \$20.00 deposit by September 12th to: Playa Bonita RV Park
P.O. Box 254
Lukeville, AZ 85341

Questions: John Eger 520.749.4295

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

YOUTH GRANT REQUEST

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the Grant shall be to assist Junior and Youth sailors in attending Championship Hobie Cat events, including, but not limited to Youth Continental events sanctioned by Hobie Class Association. Grants may be considered for Youth Worlds events as sanctioned and organized by the International Hobie Class Association and held in conjunction with other IHCA/Hobie Cat Worlds events.

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

Grant Request Guidelines

The following parameters are those that have been set forth by the HCA Executive Council as the minimum criteria to be met by youth teams wishing to apply for a financial grant for attending Continental Youth Championships sanctioned by the HCA. Grants may be considered for Youth Worlds events as sanctioned and organized by the International Hobie Class Association and held in conjunction with other IHCA/Hobie Cat Worlds events.

1. Both skippers and crews must be HCA members.
2. Skippers must sail in at least three HCA-sanctioned events during the qualifying season prior to petitioning for a grant. Exceptions may be made at the Council's discretion when seasonal considerations justify such action. They may sail as a skipper or crew in those events.
3. Teams must submit the following documents to apply for a Grant:
 - A. An essay explaining why they should receive the Grant.
 - B. A resume of sailing training and experience.
 - C. Planned expenses for the event in question.
 - D. A list of HCA-sanctioned regattas attended in the current year and finish positions (three minimum required).
4. A reference (parent or coach, for example) must be named to provide assistance in administration, disbursement and management of the Grant
5. At the conclusion of the event the following must be submitted:
 - A. A detailed expense report outlining expenditures and disbursement of the Grant monies, signed by the reference individual.
 - B. An article about their experience in the event in question, to subsequently be submitted to *Hobie Class News* through the HCA Youth Chairman

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

YOUTH GRANT REQUEST

Selection Process

All Grant requests shall be submitted to the current HCA Youth Chairperson 60 days prior to the event. No requests subsequent to that date will be considered for that year. Notice of the Grant process will be in a minimum three *Hobie Class News* issues prior to the due date, and information concerning Grant parameters and process will be available in those issues, on-line at the HCA website and through the mail from HCA.

Grant requests shall be reviewed by the HCA Council and Grants to qualified teams shall be announced a minimum of 30 days prior to the event. To be considered for a Grant, ALL information requested MUST BE PROVIDED by the due date, without exception.

Grants shall be awarded based on several factors, including but not limited to funds available, number of requests received, needs of the individual teams, and requirements of established youth programs serving a number of Youth teams. Questions should be directed by e-mail to the current HCA Youth Chairman.



Youth racing at the Hobie 16 Worlds in
Riviera Maya, Mexico.
Photos courtesy of www.hobieworlds.com.

Major Hobie Events Schedule

HCA 2004 Annual General Meeting

Hobie 16 NAs	Sept 14, 2004 Rich McVeigh	Doubletree Club, North Syracuse, NY rmcveigh@starpower.net	301.384.3695
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IHCA World Championships

Hobie 17 & 18 Worlds	Jan 2-6, 2005	Melbourne, Australia	www.hobieclass.com
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HCA Continental Championships

Hobie 17, 20 & Tiger	July 19-23, 2004 Gary Russell	Monterey, CA grussl@hotmail.com	707.869.2464
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Hobie 14 Open / Hobie 16 Women's	Sept 10-12, 2004	Brewerton, NY	
Hobie 16 Youth	Sept 10-12, 2004	Brewerton, NY	
Hobie 16 Open	Sept 13-17, 2004	Brewerton, NY	
For all New York Continental Events:	Pat Bisesi	H16nats@aol.com	315.699.5453

HCA Area Championships

Northeast (Madcatter)	May 21-23, 2004 Adam Atherton	Oneida Shores Park, Brewerton, NY atathert@twcny.rr.com	315.699.8184
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North Central	May 21-23, 2004 Chris Wessels	Clear Lake, IA (NEW EVENT!!!) xanderwess@yahoo.com	641.425.8720
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Mid Americas	June 12-13, 2004 Laurie Cronan	Lakeside Recreation Area D, Lake Texoma, OK lcronan@ev1.net	972.625.4736
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Northwest	August 6-8, 2004 Laura Sullivan	Lake Quinault, WA mslauras@earthlink.net	425.432.7749
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HCA Guest Expert Program (Contact Terri Reuwsaat, terri@oax.com, 512.832.0412)

Stephanie O'Connor	May 21, 2004 Adam Atherton	Brewerton, NY atathert@twcny.rr.com	315.699.8184
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Expert TBA	May 28, 2004 Bob Edmonds	Little Rock, AR	501.868.8801
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Expert TBA	August 7, 2004 Paul Bommersbach	Yankton, SD	605.371.3169
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Wayne Mooneyham	Sept 3, 2004 Stephen Cooly	Denver, CO	
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Hobie P. Alter	Oct 8, 2004 John Eger	Tucson, AZ	520.749.4295
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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>

Hobie Class 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 2004 Events TBA				DIVISION 11 Contact Rob Wagner: 856.914.1787 or rob.wagner@verizon.net			
Contact Bobby Wythes: 808.261.0294 or hhca13@aol.com OR				May 15-16	Gunpowder (H20 Champs) /Gnpwdr Falls, MD	Dan Flanigan	410.821.6761
Contact Dan Williams: 808.235.3507 or rollerskate-hi@juno.com				Jun 12-13	Sandy Hook (H17 Champs) /Sandy Hook, NJ	Vic Simmon	732.583.6558
DIVISION 2 Contact Ron Wagniere: 881.364.1157 or rwagniere@earthlink.net				Jun 19-20	Spray Beach/Beach Haven, NJ	Andy Keller	203.438.7244
May 1-2	Luekemia Cup	Gordo Bagley	702.266.6582	Jul 3	Statue of Liberty Race/Sandy Hook, NJ	Vic Simmon	732.583.6558
May 15-16	Lake Cachuma	Jami Olsen	310.391.0201	Jul 10-11	Cambridge Regatta /Cambridge, MD	Dan Flanigan	410.821.6761
May 29-30	Memorial Day Regatta	Karl Wagner	310.378.0249	7/31-8/1	Special Olympics/Elk Neck State Park, MD	Dan Flanigan	410.821.6761
Jun 19-20	Big Bear Lake	Dave Martin	702.914.8099	Aug 7-8	Barnegat Breezer (H18 Champs) /Bayville, NJ	Rob Wagner	856.914.1787
Jul 10-11	Bluewater Ventura	Jeff Petron	805.388.9759	Aug 28-29	Wildwoods (H16 Champs) /Wildwood, NJ		
7/31-8/1	Alter Cup Area J Trials	Steve Murphy	562.596.8886	DIVISION 12 Contact Dave Heroux: 401.647.3203 or davebarbara448@msn.com			
Aug 28-29	Divisionals	Steve Myrter	562.957.5909	154 Jun 12-13	Sakonnet Challenge /Portsmouth, RI	Chris Titcomb	
Sep 11-12	San Diego Classic	Brian Borcherding	619.501.6784	496 Jun 19-20	Hampton Beach /Hampton Beach, NH	Dave White	978.232.9270
Oct 8-10	Pinata Regatta & GEP	John Eger	520.749.4295	28 Jul 10-11	Block Island Distance Race/New Bedford, MA	Nancy Worth	781.821.9386
DIVISION 3 Contact Gary Russell: 707.869.2464 / 707.291.3363 or grussl@hotmail.com				209 Jul 24-25	Lipton Cup Area A Qual/Quincy, MA	Dave White	978.232.9270
Wed eves - Fleet 17 Folsom Lake 5% Ramp, Kirk Jeffries 916.454.3966 kirk@inland-hobie.com				448 Jul 31	Pine Point /Scarborough, ME	Dave Fortier	207.294.7397
2 May 1-2	TreeSmacker Fun Regatta /Black Butte	Adam Borcherding	831.427.1732	448 Aug 7-8	Learning Connection/Quonset Point, RI	Tony Ramos	401.431.5009
20 May 22-23	Wet & Wild /Woodward Reservoir	Dave Atwater	530.582.6831	448 Aug 14	RI Summer Classic /Quonset Point, RI	Mark Wood	401.539.0585
194 Jun 12-13	Round Tri/Alameda	Margaret Harris Martin	408.399.4742	448 Aug 22	Island Hop/Westport, MA	John Smith	508.636.8210
62 Jun 26-27	Commodore's /Huntington Lake, CA	Dave Marean	559.298.1251	448 Aug 22	Megrew's Cup/Quonset Point, RI	Dave Heroux	401.647.3203
28 Jul 17-18	Otter /Monterey Bay	Gary Russell	707.869.2464	448 Sep 4-5	Block Island Days/Matunuck, RI	Mark Wood	401.539.0585
17 7/31-8/1	Whitecaps /Union Valley Reservoir	Dave Collier	916.965.8167	209 Sep 11-12	NH State Champs /Ellacoya in Exile (TBA)	Scott Malcolm	603.926.7451
62 Aug 7-8	Mile High /Huntington Lake, CA	Dave Marean	559.298.1251	186 Sep 18-19	Roton Point /Rowayton, CT	Marty Roth	203.852.0915
D2 Aug 21-22	Wine & Roses /Santa Barbara, CA	Steve Leo	562.856.7774	448 Sep 25	Quonset Quickie/Quonset Point, RI	Mike Levesque	401.934.3003
240 Aug 28-29	Moss Landing Challenge /Santa Cruz	Adam Borcherding	831.427.1732	DIVISION 13 See Fleet Directory (next page) for specific country contact information			
281 Sep 25-26	Shark Feed /Bodega Bay	Mike Montague	707.799.4556	236 Jun 5-6	Regata de la Marina /Valle de B.	Armando Noriega	52.55.5631.5555
281 Oct 9-10	Turkey /Monterey Bay	Gary Russell	707.869.2464	904 Jul 16-18	Copa Megamak /Progreso	Alberto Ponce G.	52.999.930.1300
DIVISION 4 Contact Laura Sullivan: 425.432.7749 or mslauras@earthlink.net				904 Aug 7-8	Multisur-Pac Nav /Progreso	Gerardo Diaz	52.999.926.5811
95 May 29-30	Splash Regatta /Kirkland, WA	Jerry Valeske	425.432.7749	236 Sep 16-18	Regatas de Independencia /Valle B.	Armando Noriega	52.55.5631.5555
214 Jun 19-20	Jericho Hobie Classic /Vancouver, BC	Mark Jones		236 Oct 2-3	Oktoberfest /Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52.55.5631.5555
214 Jul 3-4	Waves Regatta /Vancouver, BC	Mark Jones		236 Oct 16-17	Copa Marinazul /Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52.55.5631.5555
95 Jul 10-11	Sudden Valley Regatta /Sudden Valley, WA	Jerry Valeske	425.432.7749	236 10/30-11/1	Nacionales /Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52.55.5631.5555
Aug 6-8	Northwest Area Champs /Lake Quinalt, WA	Laura Sullivan	425.432.7749	236 Nov 13-14	Copa Federaci3n /Valle de Bravo	Armando Noriega	52.55.5631.5555
95 Aug 14-15	Smoke on the Water /Skamokawa, WA	Peter Nelson	206.772.2662	DIVISION 14 Contact Mark Bengé: 405.733.0395 or rmbenge@aol.com			
214 Sep 4-5	Full Moon Over Harrison /Harrison, BC	Mark Jones		63 May 1-2	Thundering Hulls /Lake Thunderbird, OK	Bryan Rainbow	405.321.5112
DIVISION 5 Contact Bryan Frahm: 785.443.1067 or frahm@starband.net				91 May 15-16	Catdown Cats /Baja Beach, Lk Benbrook, TX	Gary Godbold	817.731.0542
48 May 29-30	Memorial Day D5 Champs /Heron Lake, NM	Mark Grimes		241 May 28-30	Sand Snakes & GEP /Lake Maumelle, AR	Bob Edmonds	501.868.8801
50 Jun 12-13	Prairie Winds /Boyd Lake, CO	Sean Tracy		23 Jun 12-13	Mid America's /Lake Texoma, OK	Laurie Cronan	972.625.4736
61 Jun 26-27	Tropical Dreams /Lake McConaughy, NE			25 Jun 26-27	Tulsa Cat Fight /Keystone Lake, OK	Stu Bernd	918.865.2777
156 Jul 17-18	One Particular /Glendo Reservoir, WY	Nick Hopkins	307.265.3530	27 Jul 10-11	Prairie Regatta /Lake Cheney, KS	Scott Mathia	316.744.8513
198 Aug 7-8	Angostura Division Champs /Angostura, SD			27 Aug 28-29	Catchase /Lake Cheney, KS	Scott Mathia	316.744.8513
67 Aug 21-22	Wild Bill Thrill /Flaming Gorge	Jarrod Marx	801.562.5461	251 Sep 11-12	Okie Champs /Lake Lawtonka, OK	Jim Cottingham	580.248.3149
61 Sep 3-5	Mac Attack /Lake McConaughy, NE			23 Sep 18-19	Daggerboard /Lake Tawakoni, TX	David Mimitch	903.447.4024
DIVISION 6 Contact Mike Rohrer: 512.335.2865 or mrohrer@militho.com				25 Sep 25-26	16 Divisionals /Keystone Lake, OK	Stu Bernd	918.865.2777
128 May 22-23	Long Neck /Canyon Lake, TX	Betty Reeh	210.656.5278	23 Oct 2-3	Shegatta (WOW) /Lake Ray Roberts, TX	Sheila Holmes	940.637.2485
8 Jun 5-6	GBCC /Galveston Bay HYC	Cyndi Bohannon	281.482.8224	23 Oct 9-10	Dallas Regatta /Lake Lewisville, TX	John Webster	972.250.1152
99 Jul 10-11	Sand Dunes /Port Arkansas, TX	Betty Reeh	210.656.5278	241 Oct 16-17	Arkansas State Champs /Lake Maumelle, AR	Bob Edmonds	501.868.8801
8 Aug 7-8	Texas Cat Champs /Palacios, TX	Cyndi Bohannon	281.482.8224	DIVISION 15 Contact Brad Stephens: 850.235.2281 or sunjammerpcb@aol.com			
Sep 4-5	Ruff Rider/Labor Day /South Padre, TX	Scott Kee		2004 Events TBA			
8 Sep 25-26	Wayward Winds /Texas City Dike, TX	Cyndi Bohannon	281.482.8224	DIVISION 16 Contact Kevin Wilson: 315.430.6678 or div16@twcny.rr.com			
DIVISION 7 Contact Paul Bommersbach: 605.371.3169 or pbommersbach@sio.midco.net				204 May 21-23	Madcatter & GEP /Oneida Lake, NY	Adam Atherton	315.699.8184
10 May 22-23	North-Central Area Champs /Clear Lake, IA	Chris Wessels	641.357.4577	May 29-30	Guelph Lake, ON	John Liefeld	519.823.1066
192 Jun 12-13	Bent Mast /Lincoln, NE	Fred Graber	402.592.3268	183 Jun 5-6	Wellers (D16 Champs) /Weller's Bay, ON	Dan Borg	416.431.8074
475 Jun 26-27	SLOBS /Storm Lake, IA	Andy Larson	712.732.1532	Jun 12-13	Regatta de Gatos /Port Burwell, ON	Jeff RabidouX	248.641.7358
52 Jul 10-11	Bald Eagle Regatta /Green Lake, MN	Kevin Chase	651.429.7971	New Event, Hosted by Divisions 10 and 16!			
474 Jul 24-25	Spirit Lake Regatta /Spirit Lake, IA	Slim Johnson	507.375.4226	183 Jun 12-13	Come Sail a Hobie Day/Toronto, ON	Karen-Ann Xavier	416.597.2352
291 Aug 7-8	Division 7 Champs & GEP /Ankton, SD	Marquis Erickson	605.334.5785	183 Jun 26-27	Flying High, EYC Toronto, ON	Karen-Ann Xavier	416.597.2352
84 Aug 21-22	30 Something Reunion /Des Moines, IA	Tim Olson	515.984.7600	Jul 3-4	Sandbanks, ON	Dave Robertson	416.450.1806
DIVISION 8 Contact Bob Johnson: 813.960.1937 or Hobiebob@aol.com				Jul 5-9	NAF-18 NA Champs/Quebec City, QU		
2004 Events TBA				172 Jul 10-11	Kingston Multihull Regatta /Kingston, ON		www.cork.org
DIVISION 9 Contact Loyd Graves: 919.787.0222 or lwgraves@mindspring.com				119 Jul 16	Hobie Kenobie Distance/Angola, NY		716.992.2245
32 May 22-23	Virginia Beach /Virginia Beach, VA	Fritz Klocke	641.357.4577	119 Jul 17-18	Hobie Kenobie (Buffalo) /Angola, NY		716.992.2245
53 Jun 19-20	Sandlapper /Charleston, SC	Steve Shapiro	843.795.3126	Jul 24-25	TMC/ Toronto, ON	Scott Brown	416.757.8324
174 Aug 14-15	Ya Gotta Regatta /Myrtle Beach, SC	Ted Watts	843.651.6931	7/31-8/1	Ontario Open /Rochester, NY	Marie Gibson	585.234.2453
100 Aug 28-29	Camp Hattaras /Rothanthe, NC	Kyle Harrison	919.304.6167	204 Aug 7-8	D16 Youth Champs /Oneida Lake, NY	Rob Jerry	315.559.9768
92 Sep 11-12	CatFest /Lake Norman, NC	Jeff Price	704.892.1936	183 Aug 7-8	Water Rats/Toronto, ON	Marvin Coulson	905.709.0646
12 Sep 25-26	Gone With the Wind /Atlanta, GA	Tammy Duran	770.531.0397	238 Aug 14-15	Great Sacandaga /Albany, NY	Tom Miller	845.855.0868
141 Oct 2-3	Outback Cup /Columbia, SC	David Mosley		441 Aug 21-22	Burl. Beach Bums/Burlington, ON	Stephen Clarke	905.634.0701
DIVISION 10 Contact Jeff RabidouX: 248.321.7194 or jeff.rabidouX@sbcglobal.net				183 Sep 4-5	Scotch Bonnet LD/Weller's Bay, ON	Dan Borg	416.431.8074
Jun 12-13	Regatta de Gatos /Port Burwell, ON	Jeff RabidouX	248.641.7358	183 Sep 25-26	Ben Hur/EYC Toronto, ON	Karen-Ann Xavier	416.597.2352
	New Event, Hosted by Divisions 10 and 16!			Sep 25-26	Canadaigua Open/Canadaigua, NY	Lee Patterson	585.586.1492

2004 International Trapseat Championship Notice of Race

July 12-16, on Whiskeytown Lake, 15 miles west of Redding, CA. Please contact Mike Strahle @ (530) 245-0964 or trapseat@c-zone.net for more details. Boats are not supplied, but there are local race boats that can be chartered from the owners at a low cost. Races will start after the skippers meeting on Monday @ 11:00 am at Brandy Creek Marina located on the Southwest side of Whiskeytown lake. Regatta Headquarters will be the Redding Hilltop Inn/Best Western and all racers are encouraged to attend the Regatta Cocktail Reception at the Hotel on July 11, 2004 @ 7:30 pm. There will be a two day training seminar on July 10-11, 2004 @ Whiskeytown lake starting @ 11:00 am.

...to establish and promote the highest standards of Hobie Cat sailing / racing...

HCA Directory of Fleets

Fit	Commodore	City	Phone	Div	Fit	Commodore	City	Phone	Div	Fit	Commodore	City	Phone	Div
BELIZE														
930	Troy Ginzer	Belize	512.917.7100	13										
CANADA														
COUNTRY CONTACT: Mike Walker 905.891.6328 mike.walker@rogers.com														
ALBERTA														
446	Dave Dawson	Calgary	403.271.3944	4										
BRITISH COLOMBIA														
14	Vikki Ulibarri	Victoria	250.474.7580	4										
130	Tammy Machtaler	Penticton	250.493.5034	4										
214	Mark Jones	Vancouver	604.983.2319	4										
261	John Alexander	Victoria	250.658.8490	4										
263	Ron Rubadeau	Kelowna	250.868.0388	4										
446	Dave Dawson	Calgary	403.271.3944	4										
MANITOBA														
Paul Bommersbach: 605.371.3169 or pbommersbach@sio.midco.net														
NOVA SCOTIA														
38	Paul Harvey	Baddeck	902.295.2758	12										
417	Sid Archer	Dartmouth	902.435.0631	12										
ONTARIO														
183	Karen Ann Xavier	Toronto	416.597.2352	16										
298	Theo Burtick	Nepean	613.726.6983	16										
441	Jeff Glenn	Burlington	905.522.6470	16										
QUEBEC														
187	Andre Pilon	St Luc	514.359.1090	12										
257	Serge Nadeau	Quebec City	418.889.9938	12										
SASKATCHEWAN														
242	Henry Schubach	Regina	306.757.4303	4										
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC														
289	Jose Maria Acosta	Santo Domingo	809.563.8730	13										
EL SALVADOR														
	Alberto Ferracuti	San Salvador	503.271.1031	13										
GUATEMALA														
COUNTRY CONTACT: Juan Maegli Tel +502.331.8317 Fax +502.360.0573 jemaegli@tecun.net.gt														
138	Juan Maegli	Ciudad de Guatemala	502.331.8317	13										
138	Martin Keller		502.333.3904	13										
MEXICO														
COUNTRY CONTACT: Armando Noriega Tel. +52.5.631.55.55 Fax +52.5.645.74.18 hobiemex@hotmail.com														
236	Enrique Ambrosi	11000 Mexico	52.55.96.26.7713											
469	Pancho Limon	San Felipe	52.657.7.11.80	2										
904	Alberto Ponce	Yucatan	52.9.993.13.0013											
PUERTO RICO														
133	Alfredo Figueroa	San Juan	alfredofigueroa40@hotmail.com											
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA														
ARIZONA														
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