

HOBIE CAT HOTLINE

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This is the first in a series of monthly newsletters directed to all Hobie Cat skippers---both racers and pleasure sailors. We will attempt to print timely articles covering every facet of Hobie Cat sailing. Hopefully everyone will find items of interest in each publication.

We will cover many topics each month. Among them will be: National regatta schedules, local racing information, fleet news, general sailing and maintenance tips, major events concerning Hobie Cats, new product news, news from Coast Catamaran regarding new designs and factory expansion, and much more. We are also inviting articles of interest from skippers, so if you think you are a journalist sit down and rip off an article. We will look it over and see if we can use it. All we ask is that you keep it relatively short as we are limited on space.

In the future our deadline for information will be the 10th of the PRECEDING month. We will try to mail between the 20th and 25th so we must have all information well in advance.

"SKIPPER OF THE MONTH AWARD"

Starting this month we are going to try to institute a "SKIPPER OF THE MONTH" Award. This will be awarded to an outstanding Hobie Cat skipper or personality each month. The recipient will be selected by Hobie, Dave Boyle and Keith Fuller based on either personal knowledge or reports received. If you know someone whom you think deserves recognition, send us the details and we will seriously consider him or her. By the way---there are no prizes involved---just a pat on the back.

This month our "SKIPPER OF THE MONTH" is Wayne Schafer - Hobie Cat 14 #315. Wayne is the top skipper in Southern California for 1970---which is no easy fete. Among his trophies is a 1st Place (HC 14)-California State Championships, 1970; 3rd Place - National Championships, 1970; and a 5th Place - National Championships, 1969.

Wayne is one of the original Hobie Cat skippers - he owns the beach on which the Hobie Cat was developed (you've heard of Poche Beach) and had his finger in the pie in the development of both the 14 and 16. Congratulations, Wayne, for being selected "SKIPPER OF THE MONTH" for February.

PHOTO CONTEST

Camera buffs - here's your big chance!! Coast Catamaran is going to sponsor a photo contest!! How about you wives who sit on the beach each weekend wondering why you came along? Why not grab the family camera and try to capture the fun and action on film? Each month a winning picture will be selected and printed on the cover of our newsletter and the winner will receive \$25 in Hobie Cat merchandise of his choice. There are just two stipulations - the picture must somehow involve a recognizable Hobie Cat, if your picture is selected as a winner the picture and negative become the property of Coast Catamaran, and the picture must be heretofore unpublished.

MIDWINTER REGATTAS

The Hobie Cat Midwinter Regattas are rapidly approaching. The Hobie Cat Midwinters - West are slated for San Carlos, Mexico for February 13 and 14. It looks like we'll have over 75 boats competing in this regatta! If you haven't made arrangements to go better do so immediately as there's not much time left. Besides the normal racing activities there will be a Beach Party - Fish Fry Friday evening and a full Mexican Fiesta complete with live music Saturday night. This should be a super regatta!

If you can't make San Carlos (or even if you can) you have a second opportunity to participate in a terrific Hobie Cat Midwinter Regatta. The Hobie Cat Midwinters - East will be held at Apollo Beach, Tampa, Florida on the weekend of February 27 and 28. We have been promised good breezes as well as nice warm water and plenty of sunshine. Plans are being made for a banquet Saturday night and Hobie said he will be there with some great footage of the Nationals in Hawaii plus other exciting movies of Hobie Cats in action. If you are interested in attending send us your name, address and sail number and indicate Midwinter's East - we will send you all the details as they develop. If you wish to make arrangements for accommodations contact Charlie Hayward at Adventure Yachts, 5001 Tangerine Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33707, Phone (813) 343-1571.

PLUG KITS

The long awaited plug kits are now ready and should reach those of you who requested them soon. We're sorry they took so long but we wanted to be sure they would solve the leakage problems. The new type of foam plugs we developed to solve the shrinkage problem work fine in the hull posts and the base of the mast, but proved unsatisfactory for the top. When the boat tipped over the water pressure would force the plug way into the mast and you'd still end up with a mast full of water. Consequently, we developed a plastic plug for the top of the mast - this plug will withstand the pressures and, if properly sealed with silicone sealant, will eliminate leakage into the mast. If you haven't ordered your plug kit send us your name, address, sail and hull number. Specify self-tapping screws unless you have access to a heavy duty pop-rivet gun, in which case you should specify pop-rivets.

NEWS FROM COAST CATAMARAN

Coast Catamaran is expanding very rapidly. The little company that started making cats in a Quanset hut July 5, 1968 has now expanded to become an international concern. Besides producing boats in two factories at San Juan Capistrano, California, Hobie Cats are now being produced in Mexico, Australia, South Africa and France.

In this country the Hobie Cat 14 has set new records with its explosive growth. At the end of 1970 over 4,000 Hobie Cat 14s were sailing and, if predictions hold true, the end of 1971 should find over 10,000 enthusiastic owners.

The Hobie Cat 16 also promises to be a very popular boat. Since its introduction in August of 1970 over 400 boats have been sold. If they are this popular during the slack season, what's going to happen when summer arrives?

To attempt to meet the demand, we are constructing another factory next to our existing one. This new one will be as large as the existing plants and will increase our production capabilities greatly.

HOBIE CAT RACING

The Hobie Cat racing program offers every Hobie Cat owner a great opportunity for extending his enjoyment of sailing. Organized racing of one-design boats provides the ideal training environment for improving your sailing ability.

We've all enjoyed the task of learning to sail. Once we master the basics of making the Hobie Cat go, we immediately start thinking about making it go fast. It's really great to feel the power of the wind in the sheetline and, as each puff hits you, the acceleration of your Hobie Cat. Who hasn't been scooting along and yanked in on the sheetline to get a little more, only to find ourselves promptly slowing down. When you're new at it you figure---well, the wind must have let up a little.

However, if you were sailing next to another Hobie Cat, you would have noticed the next guy didn't slow down. Chances are you over-sheeted to the point that you spoiled the air flow over your sail and simply stalled. After you try racing a few times you learn that you can over-sheet---there's a point where the sheet tension is just about right and any extra pull on the line is detrimental. You also gradually learn downhaul tension and proper setting of the traveler. At the same time you learn how high to point, how to make consistent tacks (you always miss once in awhile), and how to steer into the puffs and out of the lulls. You learn all this because when racing you get a quick demonstration of whether your technique is right or not by observing the other skippers around you. You learn by watching and talking to other Hobie Cat skippers who are going faster than you. They don't necessarily have a faster boat; they are just sailing it more efficiently.

Organized competition gives Hobie Cat skippers an excellent opportunity to greatly improve their boat handling ability. And, the more you learn the more fun you have. Races are held in all types of sailing conditions and you soon learn to handle the Hobie Cat in almost any kind of wind or sea. This not only increases your overall enjoyment of the boat but also gives you more confidence in yourself and your equipment.

Regattas can be fun for the family too. The BBQ's, beer busts, and camp outs all help bring the whole group of Hobie Cat skippers together for a great time. Many times fun races with crews are included in the race program so the rest of your family can get into the act too. And there's nothing like a women's race for the non-racing gals to perk up the activity.

So come on out and join the fun. We'd like to see you at the next race and help you make that cat really go.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Periodically a major boating magazine will publish an article on Hobie Cats. Also, some magazines regularly publish regatta results. We will try to alert skippers to any articles of this nature, as well as articles we feel would be of special interest.

The month of January found quite a bit in print about Hobie Cats. ONE DESIGN & OFFSHORE YACHTSMAN published an excellent account of the 1970 Hobie Cat Nationals. This article gives an excellent description of the action that took place---most skippers in the race didn't even know what occurred! Those of you who like good articles should pick up a copy of SAILING. We understand they have a neat spread on Hobie Cats, although we haven't seen it yet. Also, if you have access to English or Australian magazines you will find a Hobie Cat 16 on the cover of MULTIHULL INTERNATIONAL (English) and a good article in AUSTRALIAN SAILCRAFT on the Hobie Cat 14.

Future articles that we know of are: An article on Hobie and Coast Catamaran in BOATING for either March or April and an article on the top daysailers (which includes a Hobie 14) in the June issue of PLAYBOY. We'll try to keep you posted when we know articles will be appearing. If you find one that we missed let us know.

RACING SCHEDULE FOR 1971

With the real racing season still more than 3 months off, the Hobie Cat Class Association already has 135 regattas scheduled across 30 some states and the Virgin Islands. By the time the warm weather hits in April and May we expect to have well over 200 regattas on the list. To give you a preview of the action to come, we have printed up an advance list of races we already have scheduled.

Most of the dates indicated are set but a few may be changed as the race schedule is expanded. By organizing and coordinating the regatta activity, the Class Association will offer the most complete racing schedule possible. In regions where we have a large number of Hobie Cat owners we'll try to schedule a great number of races all over the region so skippers may be somewhat more selective as to which races they travel to. In regions where owners are more spread out, we'll try to stagger the dates of races to give skippers a chance to travel to all of them in their area.

In addition to the master race schedule there'll be local group racing, in many cases on a weekly basis, conducted by Hobie Cat Fleets. The Association will be assisting the local fleets get started by providing communication between Hobie Cat owners and helping to schedule local competition.

We're working through every source we can to expand organized Hobie Cat racing. There are 10 Coast Catamaran Regional Representatives in the field and over 200 Hobie Cat dealers working toward setting up regattas in their respective areas. There are also several yacht clubs, a few cities, and a number of private land developers contributing to the program.

You Hobie Cat owners can help too. Any of you that are members of yacht clubs which are not now offering Hobie Cat races let us know. Maybe we can help you get something started. The Chamber of Commerce of many cities organize an annual activity festival of some sort and they often are happy to incorporate a sail boat race as part of their program. The Hobie Cat is a unique boat and makes a great attraction where a race site can be situated for spectator participation. We're finding that most developers of water front recreation property are also interested in supporting sail boat racing. The color of boats and sails in action demonstrates the recreational activity they are promoting and creates an ideal setting for promotional photography.

If any of you have any ideas, don't hesitate to jot them down and send them in. We welcome your help.

1971 HOBIE CAT RACING SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

DATE	EVENT	DIV.	PLACE	SPONSOR
Jan. 8, 9, 10	Caribbean Midwinters	8	St. Thomas, V.I.	St. Thomas Y.C.
10	Shell Pt. Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Shell Pt., Fla.	Charles J. Benda
16, 17	Sunshine Regatta	7	Miami, Fla.	M.Y.C.
15, 16, 17	12th Annual Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta	2	Lake Pleasant, Ari.	A.Y.C.
31	Gasperiella Day Regatta	7	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Sailing Squadron
Feb. 13, 14	Hobie Cat Midwinters West		San Carlos, Mexico	Coast Catamaran
13, 14	Lake Mongonia Hobie Cat Regatta	7	W. Palm Beach, Fla.	Pieces of Eight
19, 20, 21	Midwinter Multihull Regatta	7	Miami, Fla.	M.Y.C.
27, 28	Hobie Cat Midwinters East		Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Sailing Squadron & Adventure Yachts
27, 28	Marina del Rey Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Marina del Rey, Ca.	Hobie Del Rey
March 6	Laguna Beach Winter Festival Hobie Cat Invitational	2	Laguna Beach, Ca.	City of Laguna Beach
14	Lake Monroe Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Lake Monroe, Fla.	Jim McCann
13, 14	Lake Mead Hobie Cat Regatta	2,2B	Lake Mead, Nevada	Todd Sailboats
13, 14	Oklahoma Deep Freeze Regatta	4	Ketchum, Okla.	Port Carlos & Grand Lake Hobie Cat
20, 21	Morro Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	2,2A	Morro Bay, Ca.	Central Coast Catamaran
20, 21	Midwinter All Class Regatta	7	Miami, Fla.	M.Y.C.
20, 21	South Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	2	San Diego, Ca.	Pacific Southwest Marine
27, 28	Oceanside Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Oceanside, Ca.	Peter Mol
April 3, 4	Kickoff Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Santa Cruz, Ca.	O'Neill's Yacht Center
3, 4	Lake Pontchartrain Hobie Cat Regatta	4	New Orleans, La.	B.C. Goodwin & Co.
3, 4	Annual All Class Regatta	7	Mt. Dora, Fla.	Mt. Dora Y.C.
3, 4	Pensacola Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Pensacola, Fla.	Hobie Cat Sales of Pensacola
18	Maryland Spring Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
18	Sinnott Memorial All Class Regatta	7	Ft. Pierce, Fla.	Intercoastal Sailing Club
18	Whiskeytown Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Whiskeytown, Ca.	Gene Mondro
17	Cooper River Yacht Club Regatta	6	Collingswood, N.J.	Cooper River Y.C.
17, 18	Surfside Hobie Cat Regatta	4	Freeport, Texas	Southwestern Catamarans
17, 18	Folsom Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Sacramento, Ca.	Kermit Parker Yacht Brokerage
25	Maryland Spring Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
24, 25	London Bridge Regatta	2B,2A	Lake Havasu City, Arizona	McCulloch Properties, Inc.
24, 25	Lake O'Pines Hobie Cat Regatta	4	Lake O'Pines, Texas	Sails East
24, 25	Annual Spring All Class Regatta	7	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Yacht & Country Club

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May 2	Maryland Spring Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
1, 2	Lake Oroville Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Lake Oroville, Ca.	Catamaran Boat Sales
1, 2	Hobie Cat Beach Regatta	7	Naples, Fla.	Marine Center, Inc.
8	Lake Lanier Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Lake Lanier, Ga.	J. C. Matrangos
9	Maryland Spring Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
8, 9	Long Beach Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Long Beach, Ca.	The Boat Store
8, 9	Wichita Falls Hobie Cat Regatta	4	Wichita Falls, Texas	Midwest Catamarans
15	St. Mary's River Hobie Cat Regatta	6	St. Mary's River, Md.	Southern Maryland Sailing Center
16	Maryland Spring Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
15, 16	Ft. Lauderdale Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Pieces of Eight
22, 23	Tomales Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Tomales Bay, Ca.	Barbary Coast
22, 23	Santa Barbara Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Santa Barbara, Ca.	Hobie Pacific Yachts
22, 23	Daytona Beach Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Aloha Marine
22, 23	Penn Manor Sailing Club Regatta	6	Morrisville, Pa.	Penn Manor Sailing Club
22, 23	Lake Jacomo Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Kansas City, Mo.	Marshall Long
30	Fern Ridge Hobie Cat Regatta	3	Fern Ridge, Wash.	Oregon Hobie Cats
29, 30	Groton Memorial Day Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Groton, Conn.	W. C. Spicer
29, 30	Mission Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	2	San Diego, Ca.	Pacific Southwest Marine
29, 30	Contraband Days Regatta	4	Lake Charles, La.	L.C.Y.C.
29, 30	Annual Memorial Day Regatta	7	Gulfport, Fla.	Boga Ciega Y.C.
29, 30	Newport Beach Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Newport Beach, Ca.	Cap'n Ed's
30, 31	Potomac River Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Potomac River, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
June 5	Weymouth Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Weymouth, Mass.	Multihull Associates, Inc.
6	San Pablo Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Vallejo, Ca.	North Bay Catamarans
5, 6	Oxnard Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Oxnard, Ca.	Buchanan Yacht Sales
5, 6	Jolly Rogers Sailing Club Regatta	6	Toledo, Ohio	Jolly Rogers S. C.
5, 6	Shell Pt. Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Shell Pt., Fla.	Charles J. Benda
13	Bantam Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Bantam Lake, Morris, Conn.	R. G. Smith, Inc.
13	Wahler's Festival Hobie Cat Invitational	6	Sag Harbor, N.Y.	Peerless Marine
13	Lake St. Clair Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Lake St. Clair, Mich.	Sailboats, Inc.
12, 13	Lake Elsinor Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Elsinor, Ca.	Coast Catamaran
12, 13	Lake Norman Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Lake Norman, N.C.	William G. Leonard
12, 13	Oshikosh Yacht Club Regatta	5	Lake Winnebaugo, Wisc.	O.Y.C.
12, 13	Annual St. Johns Regatta	7	Jacksonville, Fla.	Underwater Designs
12, 13	Seabrook Sailing Club Regatta	4	Seabrook, Texas	Seabrook Sailing Club
12, 13	Seneca Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Cambridge, Ohio	Terra Marine Company
12, 13	Woodward Lake Hobie Cat Invitational	2A	Modesto, Ca.	Skip & Barrie's Hobie Cat Sales

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June 19	Devils Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	3	Devils Lake, Oregon	Oregon Coast Catamaran
19	Lake Ontario Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Rochester, N.Y.	Shumway Marine
19	Hampton Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Hampton Bay, N.Y.	Emillio's Yacht Sales
19, 20	Bear Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	3, 2B	Bear Lake, Utah	Salt Lake Sails
19, 20	Yale Reservoir Hobie Cat Regatta	3	Yale Reservoir, Wash.	Starboard Tack
19, 20	Adventure Yachts Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Boga Ciega Bay, Fla.	Adventure Yachts
26	Cherry Creek Hobie Cat Regatta	2B	Cherry Creek Dam, Colo.	Bill Thomas Motorcycles, Inc.
27	Potomac River Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Potomac River, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
27	Alameda Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Alameda Bay, Ca.	J. C. Beery Co.
26, 27	Lake Michigan Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Little Traverse Bay, Michigan	Irish Boat Shop
26, 27	Bellport Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Bellport, N.Y.	Bellpat Marine
26, 27	Clear Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Clear Lake, Iowa	Minnette Sail Boats
26, 27	Captain's Anchorage Hobie Cat Invitational	2	Dana Point, Ca.	Captain's Anchorage Restaurant
July 3	Flying Pt. Park Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Bush River, Md.	J. Patrick Moore
4	Lake Wallenpaupack Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa.	Sports Chalet Ski & Sail Shop & L.W.Y.C.
4	4th of July All Class Regatta	7	Eau Gaillie, Fla.	Eau Gaillie Y.C.
4	Polson Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	3	Polson Bay, Montana	Bear-Grove Co.
3, 4	Rockport Hobie Cat Regatta	4	Rockport, Texas	O. C. Bailey Co.
10	Portland Harbor Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Portland Harbor, Maine	Trepel Systems, Inc.
10	Skaneateles Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Skaneateles Lake, N.Y.	Mar-Marine
10, 11	Dana Point Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Dana Point, Ca.	D.P.Y.C.
10, 11	Red Grant Regatta	6	Perth Amboy, N.J.	Raritan Y.C.
10, 11	Diamond Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Cassopolis, Mich.	W. L. Burrough, Co.
17	Patuxent River Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Patuxent River, Md.	Southern Maryland Sailing Center
18	Potomac River Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Potomac River, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
17, 18	Malibu Y.C. Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Malibu, Ca.	M.Y.C.
17, 18	Sail-Fish Marine Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Tawas Bay, Mich.	Sail-Fish Marine
17, 18	Sebago Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Sebago Lake, Maine	Naples Marine
25	Lewis & Clark Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Lewis & Clark Lake, Nebraska	John H. Smith
24, 25	San Pedro Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Los Angeles, Ca.	Bill's Islander
24, 25	Monroe Boat Club Regatta	5	Toledo, Ohio	Monroe Boat Club
24, 25	2nd Annual Cape Cod Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Lewis Bay, Cape Cod	Goodhue Enterprises
31	Noyac Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Noyac Bay, N.Y.	Peerless Marine
31, 8/1	Lake Berryessa Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Lake Berryessa, Ca.	Barbary Coast
Aug. 1	Bedford Industries Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Lake Okabena, Minn.	Bedford Industries, Inc.
7, 8	LaJolla Hobie Cat Regatta	2	LaJolla, Ca.	Pacific Southwest Marine

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Aug. 7, 8	Milford Harbor Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Milford, Conn.	Milford
7, 8	2nd Annual Ocean Pines Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Ocean City, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
6, 7, 8, 15	Key Largo Race Del Valle Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	7 2A	Key Largo, Fla. Del Valle Lake, Ca.	M.Y.C. Salty Green Marine
14, 15	Bay Sailing Association Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Long Beach, Ca.	Bay Sailing Association
14, 15	Mt. Desert Island Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Mt. Desert Island, Maine	Goose Cove Marine Col
14, 15	Houston Yacht Club Annual Invitational	4	Houston, Texas	H.Y.C.
21, 22	Princeton Harbor Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Princeton Harbor, Ca.	Flying Hull & Sierra Ski & Dive Shop
21, 22	Eagle Creek Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Eagle Creek Reservoir, Indiana	Ideal Equipment
29	Anchor Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	5	Anchor Bay, Mich.	Sailboats, Inc.
29	Breezy Pt. Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Breezy Pt., Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
28, 29	Ancient Mariner Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Newport Beach, Ca.	Ancient Mariner Restaurant
28, 29	Lake Winnepesaukee Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H.	Goodhue Enterprises
28, 29	Division 7 Championships	7	Eau Gaillie, Fla.	E.G.Y.C.
Sept. 4, 5	Sacramento River Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Stockton, Ca.	Kermit Parker Yacht Brokerage
5, 6	Labor Day Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Ft. Pierce, Fla.	Intercoastal Sailing Club & Earl H. Crittendon
11, 12	Big Bear Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Big Bear Lake, Ca.	Hobie Cats Inland
19	Maryland Fall Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
18, 19	2nd Annual Indian Summer Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Santa Cruz, Ca.	O'Neill's Yacht Center
26	Maryland Fall Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
Oct. 3	Maryland Fall Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
2, 3	Lake Isabella Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Lake Isabella, Ca.	Craig Clifton
2, 3	2nd Annual Sea Gunn Hobie Cat Regatta	4	Rockport, Texas	James W. Langham
2, 3	2nd Annual Sahara Tahoe Hobie Cat Invitational	2A	Stateline, Nevada	Sahara Tahoe Hotel
9, 10	Clear Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	4	Clear Lake, Texas	Southwestern Catamarans
17	Maryland Fall Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
24	Maryland Fall Series	6	Annapolis, Md.	Hobie Cat Sales
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS to be announced at a later date				
Nov. 6, 7	South Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	2	San Diego, Ca.	Pacific Southwest Marine
11	Veterans Day Regatta	7	Gulfport, Fla.	Boga Ciega Y.C.

NOTE: All races open to any Hobie Cat 14 or 16.

SAILING TIP - TACKING

Coming about in any catamaran is more difficult than in a conventional single hulled boat primarily due to the long, fine hulls tending to resist a short radius turn. Catamarans require a longer, more gradual turn in tacking.

The Hobie Cat 14 requires a little extra skill, being without a jib to help blow the bows around during a tacking maneuver. Also, its extremely light weight causes it to stop shortly after the driving force of the wind is lost. Heavier boats have a certain added momentum which tends to carry them forward through the eye of the wind, even without the sails filled.

However, the Hobie Cat can be tacked quickly and efficiently with a little practice. It's just that the margin for error is smaller. Also, we feel that the simplicity of the cat rig and its adaptability to single-handed sailing more than makes up for any loss in tacking ability.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

- 1) Before tacking, be sure you're sailing at a high angle to the wind with fair speed (well sheeted in and traveler not more than 4 inches to lee of center).
- 2) Make a smooth, gentle turn to windward using no more than one-half the amount of the rudder throw (turning rudders too sharply will only stall the boat).
- 3) As you start your turn, slide smoothly to the rear of the trampoline. Release about 8 to 12 inches of your sheet line as your bows come into the eye of the wind.
- 4) Remain on the same side of the boat (which will become your new lee side). This will help your hulls get a quicker bite and allow the bows to be blown farther off the wind.
- 5) As soon as you've turned far enough to be on your new tack, move to the windward side of the boat and sheet in (as you shift your weight to the windward side, do so with a smooth and uniform motion).

CAUTION:

Never, at any time, let go of your rudders once you've started to turn. It's important to maintain your turn until you're on your new tack and moving forward. Also, in high winds, be alert while you're on the lee side of the boat - you could blow over.

NOTE:

In case of extremely high winds and/or choppy water, you may miss your tack no matter what you do. Watch closely the direction of water flowing by your rudders. If the boat starts to move backward, reverse the rudders, again only about one-half throw, and hold them there until the boat backs around far enough to get the wind on the proper side of your sail. At this point, the boat will lose its backward motion and begin moving forward again. As soon as you see this forward movement, shift your rudders back in the direction of your new course, sheet in, and you're on your way. One way to keep from turning the rudders too sharply is to tie a line from the center trampoline lacing, under the rear cross-bar, to the tiller extension swivel so that the rudder turn will be limited to one-half throw.

Again, it only takes practice.

HOBIE CAT 16 MODIFICATION KIT

Those of you who have been cussing the angle of the jib cam-cleat, your problem has been solved. We now have available, free of charge, a wedge kit that lowers the angle of the cams the way they should be. This kit consists of two (2) nylon wedges and four (4) longer stainless steel screws and is extremely simple to install. Now there's no excuse for you to complain about the hard to cleat jib sheet.

If you are interested in obtaining one of these kits send us your name, address, sail and hull number and specify jib cleat modification kit. We will send the kit as soon as possible so that you may enjoy your boat with absolutely no problems.

HOBIE CAT 16 RACING RULES

The Hobie Cat 16 was designed to be simple to sail or race with the least amount of cost or trouble to the owner. The object of the Hobie Cat 16 Racing Rules are: (A) To keep each boat as equal, simple and cost free as possible by rigidly maintaining, without deviation, the one-design features of the Hobie Cat 16 for class racing, (B) To encourage the use of only racing tactics and sailing skill to increase boat speed.

A) A Hobie Cat 16, during official competition against other Hobie Cats, must be completely stock Coast Catamaran Corp. factory equipment, including sails, and must be assembled according to factory specifications. The following minor changes are allowed:

- 1) Installation of a boom vang.
- 2) Installation of different size lines.
- 3) Installation of different ratchet and/or boom blocks.
- 4) Installation of different jib cam-cleat assemblies and/or jib clew blocks.
- 5) Installation of double trapeze equipment. NOTE: Trapeze equipment may be modified to suit each skipper.
- 6) Battens may be altered as desired. Batten pockets may not be altered in any way.
- 7) The location and type of traveler adjustment cleats may be altered. NOTE: The traveler track may not be altered in any way (the traveler car may be modified).
- 8) The tiller extension may be lengthened but must connect to the tiller crossbar at the same place.
- 9) Mast rotation stops may be altered but the mast must be free to rotate from stop to stop and may not have controls to permit adjustment while racing.
- 10) Rudder blades may be fine sanded and/or polished to give a smooth surface, but not to the extent of changing their shape.
- 11) A block may be added at the gooseneck to help increase downhaul tension.

B) SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All Hobie Cats must carry the following safety equipment while racing:

- 1) A Coast Guard approved buoyant cushion or life vest for each person on board.
- 2) Paddle.
- 3) A righting line of 3/8 inch minimum diameter and 14 foot minimum length must be securely attached and readily accessible from each side of the boat.

C) MINIMUM WEIGHT

- 1) The minimum weight of a Hobie Cat 16 shall be 315 pounds including spars, rigging, hardware, rudders, tiller and sails.
- 2) The minimum combined weight of skipper and crew shall be 285 pounds. A maximum of 50 pounds in dead weight may be added to meet the minimum weight requirement. The weight may be either permanently fixed or moveable, but must be tied to the boat at all times.

D) CREW

The same crew must be used throughout a race or regatta. Crew may not be added, deleted or changed without the permission of the Race Committee.

E) SAILS

All sails must be stock Coast Catamaran Corp. equipment. A sail may be recut or adjusted slightly as long as the sail area is not altered. A skipper may not switch sails during a race or regatta unless permission to do so is granted by the Race Committee. NOTE: Battens may be switched freely.

A skipper has the right of protest and the HOBIE CAT CLASS has the right to declare ineligible any Hobie Cat 16 which does not conform to the spirit, object, and intent as well as letter of these rules, including the official drawings made and held by COAST CATAMARAN CORP.

HOBIE CAT ACCESSORIES

Coast Catamaran has been working on a sailing accessories brochure and expects to have it ready within the next few weeks. Included in the accessories line will be a custom designed wet suit featuring seat pads for extra cushioning while hiking out over the side bar. These may be ordered now by letter to Coast Catamaran, Box 667, San Juan Capistrano, California 92675 with payment of \$35.00 for Long Johns or \$23.00 for Shorties.

All wet suits are made of top quality Rubatex Rubber with a Rufftex outer surface which reduces the slipperiness typical of most wet suits. This material is light weight and extremely flexible such that you scarcely notice you're wearing a wet suit. Velcro closure at the shoulder is the only moving part. Few seams and no zippers mean low leakage and high durability. Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL. Special order women's suits - specify dress size.



SAILING JACKETS

We now have available a specially designed sailing jacket made specifically for Hobie Cat sailors. The jacket is made of waterproof, navy blue nylon with a distinctive white horizontal stripe around the midsection. A concealed hood made of high visibility, yellow nylon is an added safety feature. A large breast pocket has been sewn inside the jacket so that you may keep cigarettes, course charts, sandwiches, or whatever snug and dry. Other features include two outside slash pockets, elastic closures at the wrist and draw strings on the hood and around the bottom of the jacket. It is available in S, M, L, and XL.

FLEETS

Now is the time for all good Hobie Cat skippers to organize into fleets. It is the perfect chance for you to have racing right at your back doorstep. All we require is five (5) willing participants per fleet. Fleet charters are issued on a first come first serve basis so if you want a low number, I suggest you send in your letter of application immediately.

As you develop into fleets we hope you will develop some form of activity schedule. We also hope you will send us a copy so that we may publicize any of your activities that are open to non-fleet members. It is imperative that we receive news of activities at least 45 days in advance.

If any of you need help in forming your fleet either contact your local dealer, sales manager or us.



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