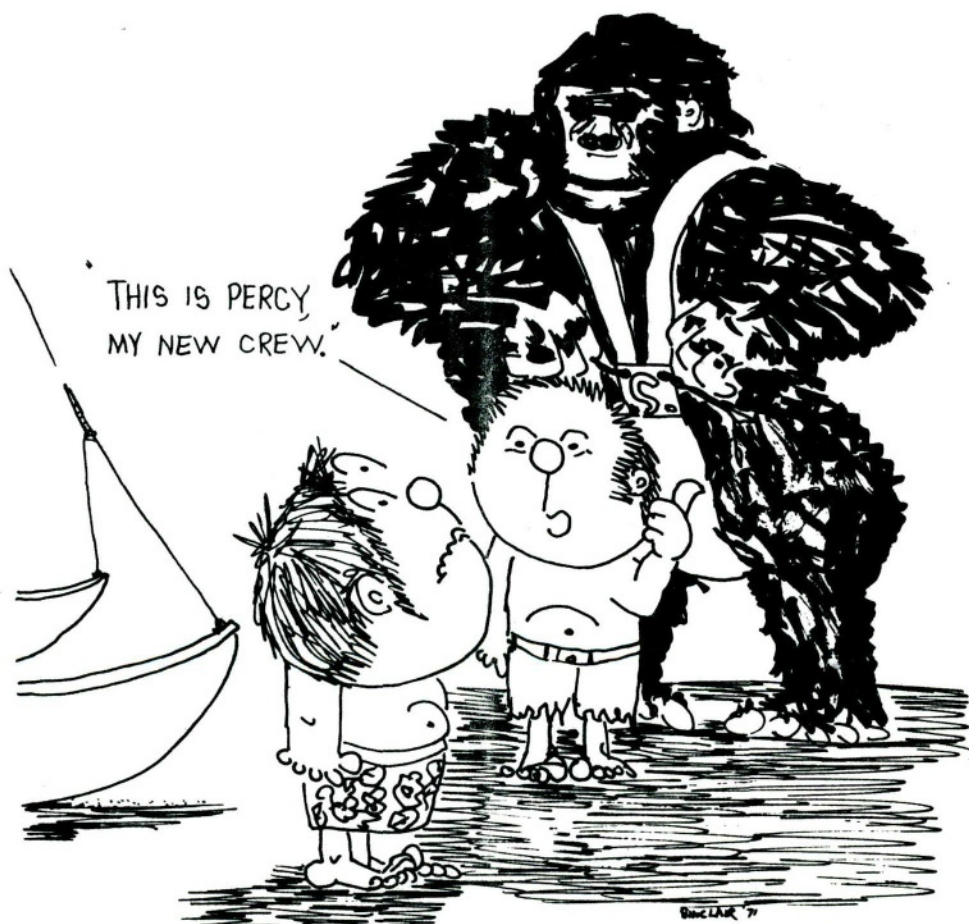


# **HOBIE CAT** **Hot Line**

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#### COVER

The cartoon on the cover was submitted by Dick Sinclair of Tallahassee, Florida. I think the cartoon shows the secret wish of many Hobie 16 skippers on windy days. Any way we thought it was cute and selected it as the winner of the cartoon contest for this month.

#### SKIPPER OF THE MONTH

The skipper of the month for January is a 17 year-old high school senior who walked away with all the marbles at the recent Hobie Cat 14 Nationals. His name is Richard Loufek and he comes from Camarillo (north of Los Angeles), California. Richard really set the Hobie Cat world on it's ear by sailing so well that he had clinched first place before Sunday's race even started. At the conclusion of the regatta, he had a cool 26 1/2-point lead over the second place boat.

Richard's summers are spent in Newport Beach sailing almost every day. When he sails, it is usually with some of the top skippers in Southern California and, of course, he competes in most of the races in the area. In fact, he is currently tied with Wayne Schafer for overall honors in the Southern California racing circuit. Richard has been a top contender at Southern California races for the last two seasons now (he has only been sailing for about four years) and will definitely be one of the skippers to beat in the coming year.

Congratulations, Richard, both for being selected skipper of the month and for winning the title of 1971 Hobie Cat 14 National Champion. Best of luck in 1972.

#### YES SUZIE, THERE IS A HOBIE CAT HOTLINE

I feel I must explain the irregularity in the publishing of the Hobie Cat Hotline in recent months. Although we have made every effort to publish the Hotline on some sort of schedule, something has always managed to foul it up. It all started with the 16 Nationals, then the 14 Nationals, and now two Midwinters, not to mention New Class Rules and trying to arrange a new regatta schedule for 1972.

And here it is the end of January and I have already broken my New Year's resolution to publish the Hotline on time. Unfortunately, it's a lot easier said than done. Again, I can only apologize for the situation and reaffirm my conviction to get it out on time.

We hope to expand the Hotline slightly in 1972. We originally were not going to accept advertising (the poll taken came out 50/50), but in recent months several individuals have developed some interesting products just for Hobie Cats and advertisements in the Hotline seem the best way we know to get the information to you. Consequently, in the near future there will be a page or two of Hobie oriented products in the Hotline. I think you will find the items both interesting and useful.

#### WHAT ABOUT 1972

The 1972 sailing season is just around the corner with loads of fun and activities. We plan to make next year the biggest and best ever. The Association fleet program will be amplified so that each locality with five or more active Hobie Cats may have a challenging, fun-filled season through fleet activities. Of course there will be major regattas sponsored by Coast Catamaran Corporation and the Hobie Cat dealers throughout the country, climaxing in the Hobie Cat National Championships in the latter part of the year. The 1972 Nationals should be the biggest and most exciting regatta of any racing class if our preliminary plans take shape. Dates, locations and other details will be announced when they are firmed up.

1972 will see the birth of another Hobie Cat--an exciting little 12-footer designed especially with the youngsters in mind. This new addition to the Hobie family will prove exciting and challenging for all age groups and will be in a price range that everyone can afford. Here's the perfect opportunity for the whole family to join in the fun and camaraderie of Hobie Cat sailing.

Big things are in store for 1972. We hope that you will climb aboard and help make the 1972 season the best yet.

#### 14 NATIONALS

Well--it's over. The 1971 Hobie Cat 14 Nationals are past for another year. But what a National Championship it was--one that will be remembered for some time. Skippers from eighteen states and four foreign countries competed for honors in five days of highly competitive racing at Apollo Beach, Florida.

The turnout was smaller than expected, only 119 boats, but the quality of the sailors competing was the best I've seen gathered anywhere. The enthusiasm of both competitors and spectators was tremendous.

The opening day of the Regatta was Wednesday, November 24 and consisted of a two-race series for non-qualified skippers. Sixty-five skippers competed for the forty-two qualifying positions still open (we wanted a fleet of one-hundred qualified skippers for the Nationals). Winds were light and variable resulting in only two of the planned four races.

Thursday, November 25 the hundred-boat fleet of qualified skippers competed in a round-robin series to divide into A and B Fleets. That day the winds were moderate and the Committee got in three of the four races planned. At the end of Thursday's three races, the top fifty skippers were assigned to the A Fleet with the remaining fifty in the B Fleet. All unqualified skippers wishing to participate were assigned to a C Fleet. At the conclusion of Thursday's races, Richard Loufek of Camarillo, California was in first; Wayne Schafer of Capistrano Beach, California in second; Richard Hack of Capitola, California at third; John Ross-Duggan, Jr., Newport Beach, California was fourth; and Hobie Alter, designer and builder of the Hobie Cat was fifth. Cappy Sheely, defending National Champion, was in ninth place at this point. All the races Thursday were compiled into one score to count as one race towards the National Championship.

Friday, the A, B, and C Fleet skippers (119 total) sailed three races in light to moderate winds. The competition became quite keen, but Richard Loufek retained his leading position at the conclusion of Friday's racing. Cappy Sheely from Honolulu now moved into second with Wayne Schafer in third; fourth was a young man from Newport Beach, Craig Barto; and fifth Jim McCann from Orlando, Florida, one of the local favorites.

Saturday, all three fleets again sailed three races in light to moderate winds. By Saturday evening, Richard Loufek had increased his lead in first place. Wayne Schafer returned to second with John Ross-Duggan moving into third. Fourth was Reg Jaworski from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and Hobie Alter again in fifth. Cappy Sheely had now dropped back to eighth.

Sunday was the eighth and final race of the Championship Regatta. The wind was very light and variable when the Race Committee went to set the lines. Within a period of about 1/2 hour, the wind did four 180° shifts making it very difficult to set the starting line and select a course. However, the wind finally stabilized out of the east and increased to around ten knots and the race was held.

At the conclusion of the eighth race, the worst score was thrown out and the National Champion for 1971 became Richard Loufek with 21 1/4 points. Second place went to Wayne Schafer with 57 3/4 points. Hobie came in third with 66 3/4 points and John Ross-Duggan placed fourth with 68 points. Fifth place went to Barry Olton of Merritt Island, Florida with 70 points. The defending Champion, Cappy Sheely from Hawaii took sixth with 71 3/4 points. In the B Fleet, first place went to Jack Woehrlé of Jacksonville, Florida; Dave Rogers, Sr., of Cocoa Beach took second with Allan Dewees of Englewood, Colorado in third. Fourth was Tom Whitehurst, Pensacola, Florida with Scott Medlock of Orlando in fifth.

The course used for this regatta was somewhat unusual. Four marks were set in a square pattern and the course chart consisted of a series of diagrams of the pattern of the course to be sailed. The Race Committee could set a starting line at any corner of the square and start a race in any of three directions, according to the wind at that time. The finish was always near the beach so the spectators could view the final action and tired skippers could beach between events for refreshments, repairs and conversation. Course length varied from four miles to eight miles throughout the regatta series.

The 119-boat fleet competing in this regatta were from eighteen states plus Canada, the Bahama Islands, Puerto Rico and Barbados. Skippers came from as far away as Hawaii (which had seven contestants, Maine and California (sixteen participants). Many of these skippers had previously qualified in the regional regatta from their area. The first place winners of most of these regional regattas received free air travel courtesy of Coast Catamaran, plus the use of a new Hobie Cat during their stay. Coast Catamaran sent sixty new boats to Florida to use in this regatta. There were numerous activities in the evening to keep the skippers informed and entertained. Movies were shown most every night with group question and answer sessions following the movies. Thursday night there was a cocktail party and Thanksgiving Banquet.

Sunday the trophies were presented to the top fifteen A Fleet skippers, the top five B Fleet and the top five C Fleet skippers. Besides the Hobie Cat half-models, there was the Mayor of Tampa Trophy which went to the best Florida finisher, Barry Olton of Merritt Island, Florida. Also presented was the Guy Lombardo Trophy which went to the best non-Floridian skipper, Richard Loufek. The event took place at Apollo Beach, Florida directly south of Tampa right on the beach. The Hobie Cat Association reserved the whole Holiday Inn to accommodate skippers and families. Camping facilities were set up in a vacant field adjoining the Inn. Sponsoring this regatta was Coast Catamaran Corporation and the Tampa Sailing Squadron, a group of enthusiastic volunteers that donated an enormous amount of time and energy to help make this regatta a sailing success.

NAME	SAIL #	( ) Indicates throw-out								TOTAL POINTS
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. Richard Loufek Camarillo, California	1315	1	8	7	1	(14)	2	1	2	21 1/4
2. Wayne Schafer Capistrano Beach, California	315	2	15	13	8	15	1	4	(37)	57 3/4
3. Hobie Alter Capistrano Beach, California	3366	5	7	11	(28)	1	18	7	18	66 3/4
4. John Ross-Duggan Newport Beach, California	363	4	9	19	(20)	5	3	9	19	68
5. Barry Olton Merritt Island, Florida	267	20	(22)	5	15	10	12	2	6	70
6. Cappy Sheely Honolulu, Hawaii	1356	9	10	1	4	(48)	11	5	32	71 3/4
7. Reg Jaworski Hamilton Ontario, Canada	5399	8	17	9	14	8	6	11	(30)	73
8. Craig Barto Newport Beach, California	2424	12	1	16	17	12	7	(20)	11	75 3/4
9. Rick Whitehurst Pensacola, Florida	2800	23	6	14	12	6	(39)	8	12	81
10. Joe Neale San Diego, California	410	(45)	16	2	5	2	25	6	34	90
11. J. Allyn Stevens Orlando, Florida	5990	37	3	(40)	7	22	5	15	5	94
12. Rick Naish Kailua, Hawaii	125	22	2	(32)	19	18	24	3	8	96
13. Jeff Canepa Santa Cruz, California	333	6	30	21	9	(34)	8	13	9	96
14. Robert Graham Parsippany, New Jersey	2823	14	5	(41)	38	4	14	12	10	97
15. Jim McCann Orlando, Florida	2222	25	11	8	3	(30)	22	10	20	99
16. Steve Colwell Seabrook, Texas	4565	18	(47)	10	6	11	13	32	21	111
17. Richard Hack Capitola, California	2372	3	51	46	11	17	10	(DNF)	31	123
18. Leith Anderson Honolulu, Hawaii	414	(36)	18	6	25	28	23	25	3	128
19. Ted Hendrickson Corona del Mar, California	300	15	4	DSQB	(34)	3	26	30	1	131 3/4
20. Harold Hutchings Honolulu, Hawaii	774	10	(34)	3	27	35	15	33	14	137
21. Mike Staudt Fontana, California	638	30	32	22	26	(39)	4	27	4	145
22. Jim Cash Sarasota, Florida	5994	7	19	30	13	24	35	19	(35)	147
23. Jared Piety Long Beach, California	348	13	20	(39)	16	9	27	28	36	149
24. John Golden San Diego, California	334	17	31	26	10	25	20	(DNF)	24	153
25. Randy Miller Tampa, Florida	4087	35	13	15	24	(37)	21	31	20	161
26. Tom Wickenhauser Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	5202	38	23	28	17	(43)	42	17	15	180
27. Roberto Bouret, Jr. Puerto Rico	2921	27	14	(45)	23	40	32	39	7	182
28. Bill Sammons Lake Park, Florida	786	46	29	(47)	21	16	36	18	17	183
29. Francis Kalinowski Orlando, Florida	2822	24	12	20	(48)	32	28	40	27	183
30. Bob Anderson Honolulu, Hawaii	4685	29	38	35	18	(44)	9	22	33	184
31. Jeff Faulkner Honolulu, Hawaii	325	11	40	18	30	33	41	(DNF)	26	199

32.	Jim Guinan Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	3355	(48)	34	31	33	21	30	44	13	206
33.	Peter Grote Boston, Massachusetts	1298	41	(46)	43	40	23	16	21	23	207
34.	Louis Salmon Rumson, New Jersey	1359	33	26	42	22	7	44	37	(48)	211
35.	Jack Sammons Lake Park, Florida	5571	47	25	25	39	19	34	23	(47)	212
36.	Kim Whitney Naples, Maine	1780	40	42	12	(47)	38	17	26	41	216
37.	Jim McCain Orlando, Florida	1801	16	37	37	37	36	19	36	(45)	218
38.	Alfred Egan Corona del Mar, California	342	28	24	17	44	(46)	45	38	25	221
39.	Roman Folk Charleston, South Carolina	5297	19	(50)	38	32	47	33	14	43	226
40.	Rob Mairs Camp Springs, Maryland	4144	32	39	36	31	(45)	38	16	39	231
41.	Alan Heath Lake Charles, Louisiana	5155	21	27	44	41	(49)	29	45	28	235
42.	Dave Davis Ypsilanti, Michigan	1638	26	48	(49)	43	20	37	35	31	240
43.	Marilyn Tripp East Tawas, Michigan	1627	34	28	33	46	13	(48)	41	46	241
44.	Robert Crowe Cherry Hill, New Jersey	1507	31	41	(50)	44	26	40	34	29	245
45.	Denis Wilcox Lakeland, Florida	3851	42	36	29	36	41	(47)	29	40	253
46.	Jack Barnhardt Charlotte, North Carolina	5383	44	44	27	29	29	49	42	(DNS)	264
47.	David Rodgers, Jr. Cocoa Beach, Florida	35	39	33	(48)	42	42	31	43	38	268
48.	Don Crowe Cherry Hill, New Jersey	4188	43	49	4	35	(50)	43	DNS	49	271
49.	Ralph Kuhn Savannah, Georgia	2213	49	45	34	49	31	(50)	24	44	276
50.	Harry Stapor Melbourne Beach, Florida	3839	50	43	24	(50)	27	46	46	42	278

Apollo Beach, Florida

1971 HOBIE CAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

November 23-28, 1971

B FLEET		( ) Indicates throw-out								TOTAL POINTS
NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. Jack Woehrlie Jacksonville, Florida	1167	9	7	1	4	(14)	1	9	3	33 1/2
2. Dave Rodgers, Sr. Cocoa Beach, Florida	3620	3	3	4	11	17	2	7	(DNS)	47
3. Allen Dewees Englewood, Colorado	6028	4	9	6	2	2	3	(29)	27	53
4. Tom Whitehurst Pensacola, Florida	3872	(27)	2	14	3	13	4	11	13	60
5. Scott Medlock Orlando, Florida	5932	(22)	8	19	1	10	9	13	5	64 3/4
6. Bruce Nicolle Mount, Minnesota	4808	10	6	5	6	7	22	(DNF)	14	70
7. Bob Allen Shore Acres, New Jersey	5379	6	23	7	(32)	15	20	2	1	73 3/4
8. Dick Beauchamp Corona del Mar, California	5523	(46)	11	2	10	3	30	8	10	74
9. Chris Christensen Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	153	16	1	8	24	(36)	5	1	35	89 1/2
10. John Duke Orlando, Florida	3526	(48)	21	11	8	5	23	10	17	95
11. Henry Starr Silver Spring, Maryland	2037	26	14	(28)	7	23	13	6	15	104
12. John Hennon, Jr. Pt. Pleasant Beach, New Jersey	1257	(40)	13	13	15	34	7	19	6	107
13. Russ Eddington Houston, Texas	5138	14	(DNF)	32	9	20	24	3	7	109
14. Jim Theiring San Jose, California	899	20	27	10	35	1	(38)	14	4	110 3/4

15.	Alan Newhouse Bellaire, Texas	4090	1	28	21	28	12	(29)	4	24	118
16.	Lee Holman Charlotte, North Carolina	2296	12	4	15	20	29	26	12	(DNS)	118
17.	Mac Crowell Jupiter, Florida	792	13	(37)	25	33	26	15	5	2	119
18.	Fred Miller Livonia, Michigan	2418	24	19	12	(34)	27	8	20	9	119
19.	Bob Johnson Honolulu, Hawaii	1584	5	16	22	16	8	DSQA	(30)	21	120
20.	Glenn Reinders Perrysburg, Ohio	5370	(29)	20	9	12	4	28	26	26	125
21.	Hunter Riddle New Orleans, Louisiana	2808	11	26	27	5	18	10	(27)	DSQA	133
22.	George Francis Metedeconne, New Jersey	5305	28	10	(29)	13	25	19	23	16	134
23.	Greg Presnell Orlando, Florida	3338	17	25	(35)	25	11	21	16	19	134
24.	Peter Lord Bridgetown, Barbados	3564	24	29	3	(38)	6	25	15	DNS	138
25.	Roberto Bouret, Sr. Puerto Rico	122	7	36	17	30	33	6	(37)	18	147
26.	David Ehlers Sarasota, Florida	2963	19	24	34	17	31	12	(38)	11	148
27.	Ken Keene Largo, Florida	4935	8	18	(39)	36	19	17	34	22	154
28.	John Ross-Duggan, Sr. Newport Beach, California	3631	18	22	(DNS)	DNS	16	33	18	8	156
29.	Duane Hubbard Clearwater, Florida	2799	21	17	(33)	19	21	31	22	28	159
30.	Gene Carney Charlotte, North Carolina	5616	38	30	18	21	9	14	(DNS)	DNS	165
31.	Bill Geisler Houston, TX	2201	31	12	37	18	(42)	32	28	12	170
32.	Bill Wright Tampa, Florida	5293	15	34	(36)	29	32	11	17	DNS	173
33.	Lloyd Nolby Sarasota, Florida	4478	(41)	5	24	22	35	40	32	20	178
34.	Gaulden Reed Daytona Beach, Florida	4402	23	15	16	23	(DNS)	DNS	24	DNS	179
35.	Jeff Shaddock Houston, Texas	1470	32	31	30	27	(37)	27	25	23	195
36.	Hadley Hasemeier Sarasota, Florida	5139	39	39	23	31	(41)	16	40	DNS	223
37.	Ben Miller Monroe, Louisiana	3755	(36)	32	31	26	30	36	35	DNS	225
38.	Ken Van Duzer Clear Lake, Iowa	3796	(45)	35	40	14	40	37	33	33	232
39.	Paul Hanson Clear Lake, Iowa	3218	(49)	33	20	DNF	28	35	DNS	DNS	232
40.	Richard Jarmer Ocean, New Jersey	5398	42	42	(DNS)	DNS	24	34	21	31	235
41.	Craig Harnden Miami, Florida	843	2	DNS	DNS	DNS	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	249
42.	George Francis, Jr. Bricktown, New Jersey	2815	(44)	41	38	37	38	39	31	30	254
43.	John Tatow Honolulu, Hawaii	3533	30	DNF	26	DNS	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	259
44.	Charlie Hayward Gulfport, Florida	5001	35	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	22	DNS	DNS	DNS	260
45.	John Bowman Pensacola, Florida	4559	(47)	40	41	39	39	41	36	32	268
46.	Richard Humphrey Barbados	4234	37	38	DNS	DNS	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	278
47.	Nick Miller Largo, Florida	723	33	DNS	DNS	DNS	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	280
48.	Wayne King Freeport, Bahamas	5367	34	DNS	DNS	DNS	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	281
49.	John Hogg Miami, Florida	3063	43	DNS	DNS	DNS	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	290
50.	Robert Mattson Riverview, Florida	5594	(50)	UNS	UNS	DNS	DNS	UNS	UNS	DNS	294

<u>C FLEET</u>		( ) Indicates throw-out								<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>SAIL #</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	
1. Chester Smith Naples, Florida	1548	7	(9)	9	2	3	1	3	1	25 1/2
2. Bob Sterling Wildwood, New Jersey	5076	5	1	2	(7)	7	3	6	4	27 3/4
3. Pete Begle St. Clair Shores, Michigan	3691	(DNS)	6	6	6	1	10	1	2	31 1/2
4. Richard Ehlers Sarasota, Florida	5139	(11)	10	3	1	5	6	9	3	36 3/4
5. Bill Conlin Blackwood, New Jersey	5888	8	2	8	4	(11)	4	5	8	39
6. Jon Edd Lakeland, Florida	5251	2	8	5	3	2	(DNS)	DNS	5	39
7. Robert Martin St. Petersburg, Florida	164	1	(12)	10	8	4	5	4	12	43 3/4
8. Gil MacPherson Clearwater, Florida	1413	4	7	1	11	6	(12)	7	11	46 3/4
9. Roch Neller Clearwater Beach, FL	215	9	(13)	4	10	10	2	8	10	53
10. Ned Plumer Henderson, TX	1285	6	3	7	9	(13)	9	10	9	53
11. Jack Campbell Bradenton, Florida	3615	3	11	11	5	(12)	7	11	6	54
12. Howard Whittington Clearwater, Florida	2809	10	5	(12)	12	9	11	2	7	56
13. Edwin Ward Gainesville, Florida	804	(17)	15	DNS	DNS	8	8	12	13	85
14. Joe Bogden Toms River, New Jersey	1258	12	4	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	88
15. Bill Kitchens Hollywood, Florida	1165	(16)	14	13	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	99
16. Tom Corr Apollo Beach, Florida	1942	13	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	100
17. Jim Bradley Ft. Myers, Florida	3237	14	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	101
18. Robert Browning, Jr. Ft. Myers, Florida	981	15	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	102
19. George Corr Apollo Beach, Florida	834	(18)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	104

MIDWINTERS

By the time you receive this Hotline the Midwinters East will be over, and the Midwinters West will be very close at hand. Here's a few last minute details.

Entry fee will be \$5.00 for a Hobie 14 and \$7.50 for a 16. The entry fee will include a T-shirt and hat for skipper (and crew on the 16). Extra T-shirts and hats will be sold Saturday afternoon.

We are planning a shrimp feast Saturday evening complete with Mariachi Band. Price has not been set but I'll guarantee it will be quite reasonable and a lot of fun.

Those of you who are camping should bring extra water containers. Also please bring a supply of plastic trash bags. We want to leave the area spotless so we will be welcome back again. We especially want to keep the local government happy and one of their big complaints about tourists is the trash they leave everywhere.

This is promising to be a super regatta. There will be a lot of boats and more spectators than usual. Many non-sailors are going down just for the fun. I strongly suggest you get there as early as possible so you can fully enjoy the area.

## 1972 HOBIE CAT RACING SCHEDULE ( FEBRUARY &amp; MARCH )

DATE	EVENT	DIV.	PLACE	SPONSOR
Feb. 5	Winter Series # 2	2A	Santa Cruz, Ca.	O'Neill's Yacht Center Contact Jack O'Neill: (408) 475-7500
5, 6	Handicap Races for Multihull & Monohull Sailboats	2	Long Beach, Ca.	Belmont Shore Y.C. Contact Dan Tubbs: (714) 546-4220 (x382)
5, 6	HOBIE CAT MIDWINTERS EAST	4, 5, 6 7, 8, 9	COCOA BEACH, FLA.	COAST CATAMARAN and RODGERS BOATS; Contact Dave Rodgers : (305) 783-2628
11, 12, 13	Mid-Winter Multihulls	7	Miami, Fla.	Miami Yacht Club Contact Mark Albury: (305) 226-0362
12	Fall '72 Series	7	Shell Point, Fla.	HCCA Fleet 43; Contact Robert Cocanougher: (904) 576-9816
13	Frostbite Race	7	Pensacola, Fla. Grand Lagoon Y.C.	HCCA Fleet 35; Contact John Fox: (904) 456-9714
13	Hobie Cat & Sea Spray Fleet Races	4	Texas City, Tx. Texas City Dike	Multihull Sailing Assoc Contact Bert Lynn: (713) 224-9646
13	Valentine Day Races	9	Isla Verde, Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Multihull Assoc; Contact R. Bouret; Box 13484; Santurce, Puerto Rico
19, 20	CATCH 22 MIDWINTER REGATTA (1972 Midwinters West)	1, 2, 2A 2B, 3	SAN CARLOS, MEXICO	COAST CATAMARAN and THE BOAT STORE; Contact (213) 498-1535 or (714) 493-4586
19, 20, 21	Hobie Harbor Race	9	St. Thomas, Virgin Isl.	Virgin Isl Multihull Assoc; Contact Chuck Hornberger: Box 5047, St. Thomas, USVI
26	Fleet 5 Winter Series	7	Gulfport, Fla. Boca-Ciega Bay	HCCA Fleet 5/Adventure Yachts; Contact Charles Hayward: (813) 343-1571 or Ken Keene: (813) 595-4025
27	Miami Hobie Cat Regatta	7	Miami, Fla.	HCCA Fleet 36 and Performance Marine; Contact Don Grisham: (305) 274-8848
27	Frostbite Race	7	Pensacola, Fla. Grand Lagoon Y.C.	HCCA Fleet 35; Contact John Fox: (904) 456-9714
27	Fleet Frostbite Series	2A	Modesto, Ca.	HCCA Fleet 21; Contact Larry Croisant: (209) 529-5573
March 4	4th ANNUAL LAGUNA BEACH WINTER FESTIVAL - HOBIE CAT INVITATIONAL REGATTA	2	LAGUNA BEACH, CA.	CITY of LAGUNA BEACH: Contact Racing Dept at Coast Catamaran: (714) 493-4586
4	Winter Series #4	2A	Santa Cruz, Ca.	O'Neill's Yacht Center Contact Jack O'Neill: (408) 475-7500

DATE	EVENT	DIV.	PLACE	SPONSOR
March				
4, 5	1st ANNUAL HOBIE CUP INVITATIONAL REGATTA	7	ISLAMORADA, FLA.	CALOOSA COVE RESTURANT HOLIDAY ISLE SAILING SCHOOL; Contact Gary James: (305) 661-9161 Howard Gibbs 664-2321
4, 5	Dutchmen and Hobies	9	* Fajardo, Puerto Rico	Flying Dutchman Assoc. Contact: R. Bouret, Box 13484; Santurce, Puerto Rico 00908
12	Hillsburo Inlet Sailing Club Hobie Invitational	7	Pompano, Fla.	Hillsburo Inlet Sailing Club; Contact Eric Orrell: (305)563-0823 or Tom Wickenhauser: (305) 523-0888
12	Frostbite Race	7	Pensacola, Fla. Grand Lagoon Y.C.	HCCA Fleet 35; Contact John Fox:(904)456-9714
11	Winter Series #5	2A	Santa Cruz, Ca.	O'Neill's Yacht Center Contact Jack O'Neill: (408) 475-7500
18, 19	DEEP SOUTH HOBIE CAT CHAMPIONSHIP	4	LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA	HCCA Fleet 9;Contact: Allan R. Heath: (318, 4771698
18, 19	Miami Yacht Club Annual Regatta (All classes)	7	Miami, Fla.	Miami Yacht Club Contact Mark Albury (305) 226-0362
19	Fleet 5 Winter Series	7	Lake Tarpon, Fla. Anderson Park	HCCA Fleet 5; Contact Ken Keene:(813) 595-4025
25	Winter Series #6	2A	Santa Cruz, Ca.	O'Neill's Yacht Center Contact Jack O'Neill: (408) 475-7500
26	Government Cut Trophy Race	7	Miami, Fla.	HCCA Fleet 36;Contact Don Grisham: (305) 274-8848

#### HELP WANTED

We are looking for ambitious, dedicated people to help us run our regatta program during the racing season. We would like one person from each racing division to help coordinate and run the regatta program for that division. In this way we hope to assure an active and fairly uniform program throughout the country.

The people we are looking for should have the following qualifications:

- A) Knowledge of regatta procedure & Hobie Cat Regatta Program
- B) Ability to plan & coordinate regattas
- C) Ability to promote events to local newspapers and magazines
- D) Ability to write information for the Hotline
- E) Ability to organize events well in advance

In short we are looking for people with imagination, ingenuity and ambition. The job doesn't pay much but can be a lot of fun for the right person. It will be a part time deal - probably averaging 3-4 days a week during the season. It will include a lot of travel to the regattas on weekends.

If you think you might be interested in being a part of the regatta program in your division, submit a brief resume to the Hobie Cat Class Association describing your experience and why you think you would be good for the job. Details about the job will be furnished upon request.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE 25.7 MPH?

That's the speed Hobie and crew Reed Price reached during the Pacific Multihull Association's speed trials.

## HOBIE CAT 1977 CLASS RACING RULES

The Hobie Cat was designed to be simple to sail and race with the least amount of cost and trouble to the owner. The object of the Hobie Cat 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 for class racing, (B) To encourage the use of only racing tactics and sailing skill to increase boat speed.

### GENERAL RACING RULES

#### A. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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

1. For each person on board you must carry:
  - a) A Coast Guard approved life-saving device.
  - b) A wearable flotation device. This can be a flotation vest, jacket, trapeze seat, or a wetsuit that covers the majority of the body. Ski belts are not acceptable. The wearable life-saving device must be worn when a life jacket is displayed on the Committee boat.
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.
4. An anchor is not required (this voids NAYRU Rule 23).

#### B. 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.

#### C. SAILS

1. All sails must be stock Coast Catamaran Corp. equipment. A sail may be recut slightly, but complete panels may not be replaced and the overall area may not be altered. Windows and tell-tales may be added as desired.
2. A skipper may not switch sails during a race or regatta unless permission to do so is granted by the Race Committee.

#### D. No friction reducing devices or agents may be employed on a Hobie Cat during competition. Hulls may be rubbed and waxed in the normal process of maintenance.

#### E. Ballast may not be worn by a skipper and/or crew during competition. This includes any water-retaining sweaters, sweatshirts or similar (a single sweater or sweatshirt may be worn for warmth).

#### F. The following alterations may be made to a Hobie Cat 14 and 16:

1. Installation of a boom vang. The boom vang must attach to the boom at the tang and may be attached to the base of the mast and/or movable from side to side for use as a preventer. Vangs which travel on tracks or wires or which can be fastened to both sides of the boat simultaneously are not class legal.
2. Installation of different sheet lines, ratchet and/or boom blocks. Boom bales (block hangers) may be added or relocated as needed.
3. Wires may be changed, but must connect in the same manner to Coast Catamaran shroud adjusters. Wire size may not be reduced from the standard Hobie Cat equipment. Quick release pins may be substituted for the standard pin and ring. Shroud chainplates may be shifted a maximum of one-inch fore or aft on the Hobie Cat 14.
4. The location and type of traveller adjustment cleats may be altered. NOTE: The traveller track may not be altered in any way (the traveller car may be changed or modified but may not have a rotating bearing of any type).
5. 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.
6. Rudder blades may be fine sanded and/or polished to give a smooth surface, but not to the extent of changing their shape. Shims and washers may be added at the pivot points to minimize play and act as pivot bearings. Rudder blades may be shifted slightly but only to reduce undesirable helm. They may not be lowered at all.

7. A single block may be added at the gooseneck to help increase downhaul tension. Downhaul cleats may not be changed.
8. A single line may be secured to the bridle intersection and run to a cleat on the front crossbar. This line may be used to adjust shroud tension and mast rake.
9. A second set of hiking straps may be added to accommodate shorter or taller people. Only one set may be used at a time.

TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1972:

10. Any stock Coast Catamaran all fiberglass batten may be used. Battens may be tapered as desired. (Until June 1, 1972 the Hobie Cat 14 must use stock, untapered battens and the Hobie Cat 16 may use any battens desired.)

G. The following changes may be made to the HOBIE CAT 16 ONLY:

1. The tiller extension may be changed, but must be a single tiller with one end connected to the tiller crossbar in the same location. Telescoping tillers are acceptable.
2. A double trapeze may be added. Trapeze equipment is open to each skipper's desires. This includes footholds and safety lines.

H. MINIMUM WEIGHT

1. Hobie Cat 14
  - a) The minimum weight of a Hobie Cat 14 completely assembled shall be 215 lbs.
  - b) The minimum crew weight shall be 150 lbs. (See H4)
2. Hobie Cat 16
  - a) The minimum weight of a Hobie Cat completely assembled shall be 315 lbs.
  - b) The minimum total crew of eight shall be 285 lbs. (See H4)
3. Safety equipment may not be included in either boat or crew weights.
4. A maximum of fifty pounds of dead (solid) weights may be added to bring crew weight up to a minimum. If more than fifty pounds are needed, additional crew must be carried. NOTE: The word 'crew' includes all personnel aboard the boat.
5. All weights are dry weights.

A skipper has the right of protest and the HOBIE CAT CLASS has the right to declare ineligible any Hobie Cat 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.

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE NEW RULES

A few minor changes have been made to the Hobie Cat Class Rules that we feel make them more fair to all. Keep in mind that the Hobie Cats are strict one-design classes and the rules are written to try to keep all the boats as equal as possible. We always want to be able to take a new boat out of the carton, put it together and tune it up a little and be competitive with the boats which owners have spent a lot of time modifying.

Here are some comments about the Rules which might need explanation:

FLOTATION DEVICES

Coast Guard Approved life vests will satisfy both requirements. If you prefer a more comfortable wearable device, we will accept any flotation vests or coats, trapeze seats with built-in flotation or wetsuits. Remember that you must still carry a Coast Guard Approved device to satisfy Part 4. This is to comply with most state boating laws and insurance requirements.

CREW

The crew you start the regatta with is the one with whom you must finish. You can't go adding extra people (or switch from light to heavy crew) for rough conditions and then lighten ship for light air conditions. The only way you can change crew during a regatta is if your present crew is injured. In such a case, the crew replacement should be about the same weight as the previous crew. Always obtain permission from the Race Committee before replacing an injured crew member.

SAILS

Sails may be recut slightly to adjust the leech and fullness of the sail. However, complete panels may not be replaced and the external dimensions of the sail must be kept the same. Of course, you can add windows and tell-tales if you desire.

#### BALLAST

No ballast may be worn by the skipper or crew. If you were to wear a weight belt and fall overboard, you would have trouble staying afloat. Also, we are ruling out wet clothing such as sweat-shirts for three reasons: 1) If you fall overboard (or capsize) wearing several layers of heavy clothes, you will find it difficult to get back onto the boat. 2) We don't want Hobie Cat racing to become contests of physical endurance--we want sailing skill to be the important factor; and 3) The heavy skipper can't remove weight from his body for light conditions, therefore, it's not fair to allow a light skipper to add weight to his for heavy conditions?

#### BOOM VANG

We want the boom vang to be the simple type. A skipper can tie up a lot of money in an elaborate vang set-up that gives him a definite advantage over others. The rule is pretty self-explanatory--a "single" vang which attaches to one fixed point at a time (it can be moved from point-to-point manually).

#### WIRES

We are allowing the wires to be changed as long as they are at least as large, (in diameter) as the originals wires. NOTE THAT ONLY THE WIRES MAY BE CHANGED--YOU MUST USE COAST CATAMARAN SHROUD ADJUSTERS.

#### TRAVELLER

This is really the only area where we allow you to get elaborate. You can install any kind of sliding traveller car into the existing track and may use any type of adjustment control you desire. Remember that no type of rotating bearing is allowed, either in the track or car.

#### RUDDERS

Rudder blades may be smoothed to reduce turbulence and friction as long as the shape and size is not changed. (This includes cross-section shape). Also, the existing holes may be plugged and redrilled to position the blade to reduce or increase helm as long as the rudder depth is not changed.

#### DOWNHAUL

A single block (with a becket if you desire) may be added at the gooseneck to help increase downhaul tension. Note that the downhaul cleat must remain the same. This is actually an advantage because the smooth plastic support posts may be used as sheaves to give better mechanical advantage.

The only thing that may be changed on the outhaul is the outhaul lines.

#### ADDITIONAL HIKING STRAPS

Often times short people have trouble reaching the standard hiking straps. For this reason, the hiking straps may be relocated or additional straps added. However, note that only one set of hiking straps may be used at one time.

#### BATTENS

We have debated allowing batten changes for some time and have come up with a workable solution that gives just the flexibility desired. THE BATTEN RULE DOES NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL JUNE 1, 1972 to give everyone a chance to prepare for the change. The new rule is meant for both 14 and 16 and is quite simple--you may use any Coast Catamaran all fiberglass batten in either boat. This gives everyone the flexibility of sail shape without allowing the situation to get out of hand.

Until now, a Hobie Cat 14 owner who was unhappy with his sail shape had no recourse but to have it adjusted or recut by a sailmaker. Now, by using a stiffer batten, the sail can be flattened and by tapering the battens, the pocket can be put almost anywhere. From time to time we will publish tips on tuning a sail with battens.

The rules have been expanded to cover the areas where there have been problems in the past. We think they are pretty inclusive. Remember, if you think you have found a loophole, take a look at the "intent and object" clause in the introduction--this covers most areas not specifically covered in this rules. Generally, if you can't find it listed in the rules, it is class illegal. This year we are going to be very strict about enforcing the Class Rules so be sure your boat is class legal before attending any major regattas.

#### HOBIE CAT CLASS ITEMS

Two items are available which should be of interest to Hobie Cat owners. The first is a Hobie Cat Association patch. It is white with black lettering and orange sails (similar to the T-shirt backs). The patch will retail for \$1.50 and is available through your dealer.

The second item is a little lapel pin shaped like a Hobie Cat 14. It is gold with either black or red 'H' logo on the sail. Until March 1, 1972, they are specially priced at \$1.25 each (plus tax if applicable and ten cents postage). When ordering please specify either #1148 (black 'H') or #1148-1 (red 'H'). After March 1, 1972 you may purchase these pins from your dealer for \$1.50.

## HOBIE CAT FLEETS

Now is the for all good Hobie Catters to think about starting or joining a Hobie Cat fleet. The winter is the time to plan for the summer's activities. The summer sailing season is short enough without having to try to plan activities too.

A Hobie Cat fleet offers owners a chance to get together occasionally to exchange ideas and work toward a common goal--fun, family-type activities centered around Hobie Cat sailing. These activities can be the highlight of a Hobie Cat sailor's summer and offer a perfect chance to improve sailing skills through fun, friendly competition.

How do you form a fleet? Simple--just get five or more Hobie Cat owners together and contact the Hobie Cat Class Association for details. The Class Association will want a list of members and officers plus a copy of the fleet By-Laws, but all that can be done once you have gotten together with the other owners.

There may already be a Hobie Cat fleet in your area. Here is a list of existing (or pending) fleets with the names and addresses of the person to contact regarding that fleet. If there's a fleet near you, give it a try--I think you'll find the people friendly and the activity fun for the whole family.

### DIVISION I

HAWAII HOBIE CAT FLEET 8  
Jeff Faulkner, Commodore  
4302 Piikea Place  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

### DIVISION 2

POCHE HOBIE CAT FLEET 1  
Wayne Schafer, Commodore  
35811 Beach Road  
Capistrano Beach, CA 92624

NEWPORT BEACH HOBIE CAT FLEET 2  
Phillip Berman, Commodore  
752 Amigos Way, Apt. 2  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

LONG BEACH HOBIE CAT FLEET 3  
Bob Lakin, Commodore  
3524 Vista Street  
Long Beach, CA 90803

SAN DIEGO HOBIE CAT FLEET 4  
Alastair Robertson  
2740 Shelter Island Drive  
San Diego, CA 92106

VENTURA HOBIE CAT FLEET 15  
Bill Brown, Commodore  
305 S. Signal  
Ojai, CA 93027

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SAILING CLUB  
HOBIE CAT FLEET 16  
Thomas K. McDonnell, Commodore  
735 North Lima Street  
Burbank, CA 91505

MALIBU Y.C. HOBIE CAT FLEET 24  
Jim Cronan, Commodore  
18049 Coastline Drive  
Malibu, CA 90265

MISSON BAY HOBIE CAT FLEET 27  
Ed Malone  
2695 Ardath Road  
La Jolla, Ca 92037

INLAND HOBIE CAT FLEET 30  
J.H. Mullin  
352 West Highland  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

### DIVISION 2A

SACRAMENTO HOBIE CAT FLEET 17  
Chuck Blackwelder, Captain  
4270 Oak Knoll Drive  
Carmichael, CA 95608

SANTA CRUZ RACING FLEET 20  
Richard Jeffries, Commodore  
581 36th Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

HOBIE CAT FLEET 21  
Larry Croisant, Commodore  
1209 May Avenue  
Modesto, CA 95350

### DIVISION 2B

No fleets in area.

### DIVISION 3

SEATTLE HOBIE CAT FLEET 14  
Paul Ulibarri, Commodore  
P.O. Box 8806  
Seattle, Washington 98178

HOBIE CAT FLEET 37  
Don Goodman, Commodore  
3121 West Maplewood  
Bellingham, Washington 98225

### DIVISION 4

LAKE CHARLES HOBIE CAT FLEET 9  
Allan R. Heath, Commodore  
P.O. Box 5308  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

NEW ORLEANS HOBIE CAT FLEET 41  
D.E. Weber, Commodore  
P.O. Box 73353  
Metairie, LA 70003

HOBIE CAT HULLRAISERS FLEET 8  
Jody Duek, Secretary-Treasurer  
515 Richmond #292  
Houston, TX 77027

DALLAS HULLRAISERS FLEET 23  
Larry Stogsdill, Commodore  
2007 Quincy Court  
Arlington, TX 76013

### DIVISION 5

CLEAR LAKE HOBIE CAT FLEET 10  
Mick Minette, Commodore  
Box "E"  
Clear Lake, Iowa 50428

C.R.A.M. FLEET 18  
David J. Davis, Commodore  
1459 Gregory #18  
Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197

HOBIE CAT FLEET 26  
Rick Ahrbecker, Captain  
8062 Charlecot  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46268

MICHIGAN HOBIE CAT FLEET 25  
William Bartell, Commodore  
7013 Loud Drive  
Oscoda, Mich. 48750

HOBIE CAT FLEET 33  
H.F. Motz  
4023 Brittany Court  
Northbrook, Ill. 60062

HOBIE CAT FLEET 40  
Peter Begle, Commodore  
22512 Beach Street  
St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080

### DIVISION 6

CANDLEWOOD HOBIE CAT FLEET 31  
F.H. "Skip" Snyder, Commodore  
Route 5  
Brookfield, Conn. 06804

BEAN TOWN CATS FLEET 28  
Douglas Wielhouwer, Secy-Tres.  
Zero Albert Road  
Weymouth, Mass. 02189

LAKE WALLENPAUPACK HOBIE CAT  
FLEET 29  
Joe Dolgos  
515 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18101

METEDECONK RIVER Y.C.  
HOBIE CAT FLEET 13  
Rob Armstrong, Commodore  
2535 River Road  
Manasquan, NJ 08756

DIVISION 6 cont'

DOWNBEACH CATAMARAN CLUB FLEET 19  
Bill Conlin  
841 Whitman School Road  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

AVALON Y.C. HOBIE CAT FLEET 38  
Michael J. Gratch, Commodore  
808 Cherrywood Apts.  
Clementon, NJ 08021

HOBIE CAT FLEET 32  
Dr. Griffith McRee, Commodore  
312 Cavalier Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

DIVISION 7

HIGH HULL SAILING CLUB FLEET 12  
Frank Miller, Commodore  
3258 Lynnrays Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30340

SAVANNAH HOBIE CAT FLEET 22  
J.E. Ramsey, Jr, DDS, Commodore  
1020 Drayton Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

HOBIE CAT FLEET 5  
Albert W. Moreneault, Commodore  
3436 74th Street North  
St. Petersburg, Fla 33710

ORLANDO HOBIE CAT FLEET 11  
F.S. Kalinowski, Commodore  
16 N. Alder Drive  
Orlando, Fla. 32807

HOBIE CAT FLEET 34  
Ken Starratt, Commodore  
1117 Fernandina Drive  
Fort Pierce, Fla. 33450

PENSACOLA HOBIE CAT FLEET 35  
Bob Cannon, Commodore  
3651 Cherry Laurel Drive  
Pensacola, Fla. 32504

HOBIE CAT FLEET 36  
John Steverding, Commodore  
421 N.E. 77th Street  
Miami, Fla. 33138

HOBIE CAT FLEET 39 (OUTBOARDER)  
Lloyd Molby, Commodore  
4104 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, Fla. 33577

HOBIE CAT FLEET 42  
Bill Wright  
7728 West Elm Street  
Tampa, Fla. 33615

HOBIE CAT FLEET 43  
Robt. Cocanougher, Commodore  
212 Edwards Street  
Tallahassee, Fla. 32304

HOBIE CAT FLEET 44  
Eric Orrell, Commodore  
2731 N. Andrews Ave, "F-8"  
Ft Lauderdale, Fla. 33311

STOLEN BOATS

Two Hobie 14's have been missing for a while now. We hope they will turn up soon. One was stolen from Santa Clara, California. It is hull number 3941 and has ivory hulls and lime decks. There is a \$50 reward for the finding of this boat. If you think you have seen it, please call (408) 249-0448 (collect) and give Victor Hart the information.

The second Hobie 14 was an all-blue hull and deck combination; hull number 1484. It was stolen from the Virginia area. It was on a 1970 Gator trailer, Connecticut license number 32670. The thief got the boat and trailer, but didn't know there was no sail or boom with it. That should be the giveaway--the boat will probably not have the standard boom, sail or running rigging on it. If you see a blue 14 that looks different in that area, notify your local FBI office or Victor Woerheide at (703) 765-6469

ANOTHER STOLEN BOAT

A Hobie 14, white hulls, blue deck; hull number 3496, California Registration No. CF 6428 ET was stolen off a dock at Sausalito Yacht Harbor. The thief only got the hulls and tramp--everything else is not with the boat. If you have any information on this boat, please call Bob Serbin at Yacht Principia, Berth 240, Sausalito Yacht Harbor, Sausalito, CA (415) 322-0579.



The many moods of Hobie Cat sailing include drifting on a windless day. Here we see that Sandy Banks has found a comfortable position to oversee his wife Carol's efforts to drift back to shore.

 <p>H1 Hobie Wind 50% Polyester &amp; 50% Cotton</p>	 <p>H2 Hobie 14 50% Polyester &amp; 50% Cotton</p>	 <p>H3 Hobie Spinaker 50% Cotton &amp; 50% Creslon Acrylic</p>	 <p>H4 Hobie Cat Jacket 100% Nylon</p>
 <p>H5 Hobie Cat 50% Polyester &amp; 50% Cotton</p>	 <p>H6 Hobie Crew 100% Cotton</p>	 <p>H7 Hobie Regatta 50% Polyester &amp; 50% Cotton</p>	 <p>H8 Hobie Cat Nyle 100% Nylon</p>
 <p>H9 Hobie Functional 50% Polyester &amp; 50% Cotton</p>	 <p>H10 Hobie Anchor 100% Cotton</p>	 <p>H11 Hobie Walk Short 100% Cotton</p>	

FOR DETAILS CONTACT YOUR DEALER

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