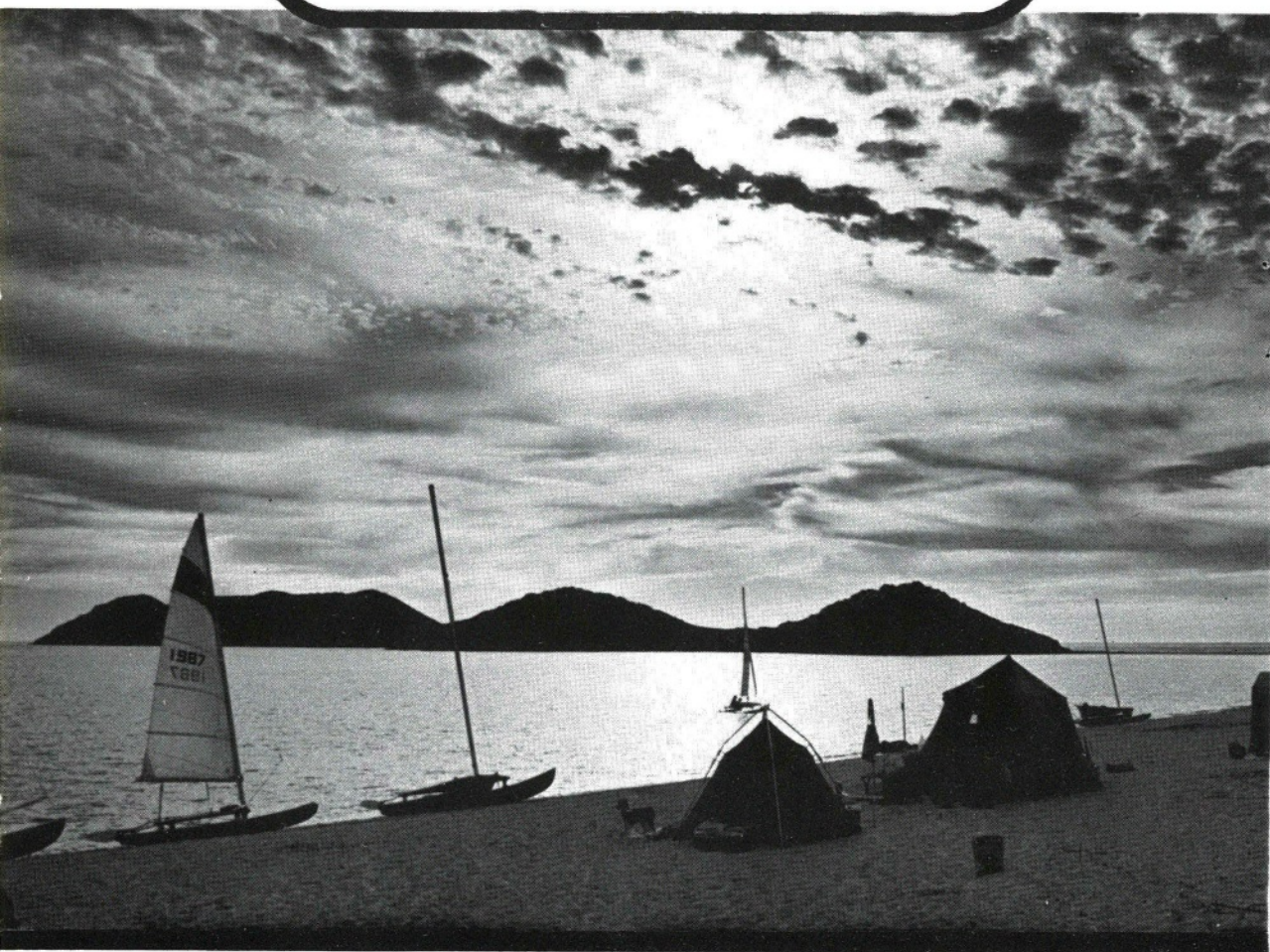


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COVER

This picture depicts the casual care-free atmosphere which surrounded the recent midwinters-west in Mexico. Would you believe this white sand beach ran over a mile-more than ample room to store 74 Hobie Cats.

SKIPPER OF THE MONTH

The skipper of the month for March is a Hobie Cat owner who's face is a familiar sight at most regattas in Florida and some in Puerto Rico. His name is Chris Christensen and he is one of the best sailors in the Florida area (and probably the most active). Chris has owned as many as four Hobies at one time and has shipped his boat to the Bahamas, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to race. He also personally recovered a stolen Hobie 14 last year and returned it to the owner.

Chris has travelled all over to race, including bringing three 16's to the Nationals so the Floridians would have their own boats to sail. At the 16 Nationals he was the only person to sail single-handed (he weighs slightly over 235 lbs. so with 50 lbs. of weights he is just over the 285 lb. minimum).

Chris's sailing style is quite unique. Sailboat Week recently put it this way: "This giant of a man sails his craft standing up, much like a Roman chariot driver."

On top of all this, Chris is one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. It's people like that that make Hobie Catting so much fun. Congratulations, Chris for being selected skipper of the month.

MAINTANANCE TIP/Batten Tapering

Batten tapering is viewed by many as a mysterious art whose secrets are known only by expert sailors. Consequently, when we recently announced we would soon allow tapered battens in the Hobie Cat 14, we received several complaints that we are favoring the expert sailor and hindering the novice. We feel we are giving everyone more flexibility and hope this article will simplify everything.

The most important thing you will have to know before you start batten tapering is how you want your sail to look when you're done and what sail shape do you want? This is probably the hardest for a novice and may require a little study and research.

The next step is to set your boat up someplace where you have room enough to tip it on it's side with the mast and sails up. This is the easiest way to accurately judge existing sail shape and to tell when you have achieved your ideal shape. Simply sheet in tight (like you do when you are sailing) and look at the sail from the top of the mast. You should be able to easily see where the sail needs attention. You can see the location of the pocket, the draft and any hard or soft spots which might exist. We suggest you check your sail with the existing battens--it may be fine the way it is now.

If your sail is too full, or you would like to move the pocket forward, a stiffer set of tapered battens will do the trick. If the pocket is where you like it, but the sail is too full, then you can get away with stiffer, untapered battens. If you wish to move the pocket forward, start tapering the batten at the luff end (the end near the mast). As a starter, taper approximately two inches by two and a half inches. See how that affects the sail shape--you can work on each batten from that point until you achieve the desired shape.

How do you taper a batten? It's simple. The new battens (available soon for the 14--we'll let you know) have a "hump" on both sides. If you want to taper two inches of the batten, start two feet from the luff end and gradually remove the hump. The taper should be uniform; gradually getting deeper as it approaches the end of the batten until all the hump is removed at the end. This should be the same on both sides of the batten.

You may find you want to mix the old style batten with some tapered ones. For instance, maybe use the old style for the top one or two and tapered for the rest. You'll find the right combination with a little experimentation.

We feel allowing tapered battens will allow a skipper tremendous versatility in sail shape. Most sail problems can generally be corrected with battens and an effecient sail shape can be attained easily and inexpensively.

This month the spotlight is on a young man who has been associated with Hobie one way or another for nearly ten years. He is also the first employee Coast Catamaran hired. Sandy is also one of the stars of the Hobie Cat movie--he is the bearded fellow talking to Hobie at the beginning of the film.

Sandy had always been a "water person" (commonly called a beach bum); so it was only natural for him to go to work for a surfboard manufacturer after graduation from high school. He worked for Hobie Surfboards for about five years performing many different functions during that time including glassing, laminating and shaping surfboards.

During this time, Sandy became interested in catamaran sailing and built a little 12-footer which was sailed off Poche Beach quite regularly. This little boat was one of the things that convinced Hobie a simple little boat was more fun than a larger, more complicated boat. Thus, Sandy was instrumental in the design and testing of the Hobie Cat. Since he worked for Hobie and played at Poche Beach, he helped Hobie nurture his idea and make it become reality.

It was only natural when Hobie was ready to go into production on the Hobie Cat that he hire Sandy away from his surfboard company and put him on the payroll at Coast Catamaran. This was September, 1967 and Sandy and Hobie set to work building molds for the newly designed hulls.

As the Company started to grow, more employees were hired and Sandy became plant manager, a position he held until 1969. As plant manager, he was directly in charge of all manufacturing functions. In late 1969 the management of Coast Catamaran decided they needed a bright, energetic person to oversee the dealer network and develop racing in Southern California so Sandy was asked to fill this position. Sandy served as Regional Sales Manager for Southern California making sure dealers were active and informed, so they could better serve the customers.

Just recently Sandy inherited another job--that of Customer and Dealer Relations. He has the responsibility of administering our new warranty policy as well as trying to solve all customer and dealer problems concerning the boats.

Sandy and his wife, Carol, have a little business venture of their own--a health food store in Dana Point called "Mother Nature's Market". It's a cute little market which caters to "health nuts" and is doing quite well.

Sandy is an excellent Hobie Cat sailor and does well in races when he has the opportunity to sail. However, he is more noted for being the best Hobie Cat surfer. If you don't believe me, take a close look at the Hobie Cat movie next time it's on, you'll see Sandy get some fantastic rides on some nice waves.

Sandy has been an active part of Coast Catamaran and the Hobie Cat from the beginning and has made countless contributions toward the boat and the company. We feel it's time to recognize Sandy as more than just a star of the Hobie Cat movie.



MIDWINTERS WEST

The 1972 Hobie Cat Midwinters West attracted 72 boats and well over 200 people. All these people had to drive at least 300 miles to reach the beautiful beach and cove where the regatta was held, in San Carlos (just north of Guaymas), Mexico. The site was the "Catch 22" beach (so named because this was the location where the movie "Catch 22" was filmed) and a beautiful site it was. A long, white sand beach ringing a beautiful blue cove with rugged islands and hills framing the cove inlet. Looking inland, you see a flat valley extending back a couple of miles and ending abruptly at a range of jagged peaks that reminds one of a moonscape.

During the week before the race, we usually had wind--and lots of it. By two o'clock in the afternoon the wind was usually blowing hard enough to blow tents over and pelt sunbathers with sand. That's why we were very surprised when Saturday, the day of the race, arrived with very little wind. It was a pleasant day for sunbathing and watching the mass of sails bobbing on the water, but not very exciting sailing. To complicate matters even more, the downwind mark of the triangular course was in a giant windless hole--boats would come sailing up to within a couple hundred yards of the mark and suddenly run completely out of wind. It took some boats a half-hour to round C-mark and drift back out to the windline. Because of the light wind conditions, we only managed to complete one race on Saturday.

Saturday night we had a big fiesta complete with serenading mariachi band, fish and shrimp dinner, and lots of beer. I haven't seen a party like that in a long time--people were even dancing in the sand!

Sunday morning the sea was perfectly glassy as far as the eye could see. Unfortunately, it stayed that way into the early afternoon. We bought some beer to keep everyone happy and sat and waited and waited. However, just as we were about to cancel the races, a breeze materialized. We put the future of the regatta to a vote and the skippers voted to go ahead and try to race--no one was going home that evening anyway. With that, the wind picked up and we completed one race and got the second one started when the wind dropped and drifting again played an important part in the race. We did manage to complete the second race, though, and awarded the trophies on the basis of the three-race series.

This was the second year we have raced in San Carlos and the second year we have had the unusual light wind conditions. The local people tell me the odds against that happening are about a thousand to one!!! Oh well, nobody was too upset because the beauty of the area and the fun more than made up for the poor sailing conditions.

The trophies were specially made gold medallions, about three inches in diameter. On the front was a Hobie 14 with the words "1972 CATCH 22 REGATTA--GUAYMAS, MEXICO". First place winners were as follows: 16 "A" FLEET: Wayne Schafer, Capistrano Beach; 16 "B" FLEET: Pete Hutchinson, San Juan Capistrano; 14 "A" FLEET: Willis Boyd, Long Beach; 14 "B" FLEET: Conrad Banks, Long Beach; 14 "C" FLEET: Byron Watson, Dana Point, California. Entries included skippers from New Mexico, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii.

February 19 & 20 HOBIE CAT 1972 MIDWINTERS WEST Guaymas, Mexico

NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	TOTAL POINTS
14 A Fleet					
1. Willis Boyd Long Beach, California	864	3/4	3/4	6	7 1/2
2. Tom Hartsook San Diego, California	916	5	2	3/4	7 3/4
3. Mike Staudt Fontana, California	638	3	6	2	11
4. Terry Neale San Diego, California	410	6	4	3	13
5. Mike Bolman San Diego, California	1089	8	5	4	17
6. Jeff Jones Newport Beach, California	4800	4	9	5	18
7. Randy Hatfield Long Beach, California	378	2	8	10	20
8. Gunter Hagen Malibu, California	561	7	7	8	22
9. Bob Schwinck Long Beach, California	32	12	3	9	24
10. Alan Raphael Phoenix, Arizona	5480	9	10	7	26
11. Van Bagley Newport Beach, California	5735	11	11	11	33
12. Gary Radig Lakewood, California	3247	10	DNS	DNS	34

14 B Fleet

1. Conrad Banks Long Beach, California	5501	5	3/4	3/4	6 1/2
2. Burt Scott Malibu, California	4118	4	2	2	8
3. Bill Batzloff San Diego, California	2253	3	5	4	12
4. Don Dally San Diego, California	2433	2	8	3	13
5. Charles Ross Seattle, Washington	292	3/4	3	10	13 3/4
6. Mary Breckenridge San Diego, California	654	7	4	5	16
7. D. A. Goodwill San Diego, California	2505	6	7	9	22
8. Dick Rex Rancho Cordova, California	1352	DNS	6	8	23
9. Jack Herron Modesto, California	1179	DNS	DNS	DNS	27

14 C Fleet

1.	Byron Matson Dana Point, California	1987	3/4	3	2	5 3/4
2.	Larry Webb Phoenix, Arizona	4541	2	3/4	4	6 3/4
3.	Andy Parker Albuquerque, New Mexico	5187	5	4	3/4	9 3/4
4.	Frank Lederle Albuquerque, New Mexico	2487	8	2	3	13
5.	Rod Lancaster Weston, Connecticut	6419	4	7	5	16
6.	Amos LaFon Long Beach, California	2061	10	5	DNF	20
7.	George Nail Albuquerque, New Mexico	4781	7	6	DNS	28
8.	John Bartley Aptos, California	4961	DNS	8	6	28
9.	Phil Thurman Long Beach, California	5665	3	DNS	DNS	31
10.	Ken Russell Whittier, California	1295	6	DNS	DNS	34
11.	Robert J. Johnson Albuquerque, New Mexico	4493	9	DNS	DNS	37
12.	R. K. Hooks Albuquerque, New Mexico	5713	11	DNS	DNS	39
13.	Ann Hagen Malibu, California	4520	12	DNS	DNS	40
14.	Shirley Libo Albuquerque, New Mexico	4684	DNS	DNS	DNS	42
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SAIL #</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>

16 A Fleet

1.	Wayne Schafer/Regan Sherick Capistrano Beach, California	315	2	3/4	4	6 3/4
2.	Dick Beauchamp/Mark Pick Corona Del Mar, California	1981	5	2	2	9
3.	Joe Neale/Edie Neale San Diego, California	101	4	5	5	14
4.	Dick Hatfield/Lula Hatfield Long Beach, California	66	10	4	3/4	14 3/4
5.	Jared Piety/Darlene Piety Los Alamitos, California	1238	3	6	10	19
6.	Bob Johnson/Dave Johnson Honolulu, Hawaii		7	3	12	22
7.	Dale Braegger/Kenneth Piety Huntington Beach, California	2100	8	13	3	24
8.	Sandy Banks/Knowles Pittman Dana Point, California	345	9	8	7	24
9.	Bob Beauchamp/Richard Loufek Corona Del Mar, California	1400	6	9	11	26
10.	Jim Pfeifer/Susan Pfeifer Capistrano Beach, California	2002	13	7	9	29
11.	Kent Wilson/Teri Wilson Redlands, California	77	11	12	8	31
12.	George Fox/Linda Fox San Diego, California	270	16	10	6	32
13.	Rolly Pulaski/Marilyn Pulaski Newport Beach, California	1915	3/4	15	DNS	32 3/4
14.	Everett Baggs/Carol Banks Dana Point, California	1685	14	11	13	38
15.	Frank Robinson/Wandy Maberry Huntington Beach, California	990	15	14	14	43
16.	Bob Wallace/Pat Wallace Long Beach, California	310	12	DNS	DNS	46
17.	Paul Garnett/Alfred Kumalae Long Beach, California	1808	17	DNS	DNS	51

16 B Fleet

1.	Peter Hutchinson/Pam Hutchinson San Juan Capistrano, California	50	2	3/4	DSQ	11 3/4
2.	Jerry Wetzi/Dave Spencer Corona Del Mar, California	2166	3/4	2	13	15 3/4
3.	Dennis R. Key/Tom Buck San Diego, California	2119	4	11	3/4	15 3/4
4.	Joan Butcher/Cheryl Butcher Big Bear Lake, California	1428	12	3	4	19
5.	R. B. Alexander/Gary Hill Long Beach, California	1945	5	5	10	20
6.	Terry Loomis/Danny Harris San Diego, California	1540	6	4	11	21
7.	Gene Byrnes/Kathe Byrnes Klamath Falls, Oregon	905	11	6	5	22
8.	Dan Finch/Dana Lynn Finch Phoenix, Arizona	1724	8	7	7	22
9.	Jack Garrison Fair Oak, California	1534	9	9	DSQ	26
10.	Mike Mullen/Scooter Landis Balboa Island, California	1548	14	10	6	30

11.	Dick Woodside/Laura Woodside Long Beach, California	787	10	12	9	31
12	Don Oltmans/Georgia Lunt Marina Del Rey, California	1819	17	13	8	38
13.	Bob Harvey/John Sebelius San Diego, California	2101	13	17	12	42
14.	Jack Gartlan/Vern Bybee Phoenix, Arizona	2325	3	DNS	DNS	43
15.	Bob Jones/Ken Jones Anaheim, California	360	15	14	15	44
16.	Ed Noice/Chris Noice Cypress, California	2129	18	15	14	47
17.	Jake Jacobs/Kathy Jacobs Sunset Beach, California	1991	7	DNS	DNS	47
18.	Paul Collins/Norma Collins San Juan Capistrano, California	374	DNS	8	DNS	48
19.	Mike Circle/George Adkins San Diego, California	850	16	16	DNS	52
20.	Don Graves/Jan Graves Escondido, California	1637	DNS	DNS	DNS	60

1972 EUROPEAN REGATTA SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
April 1 & 2	Porto Taverna, Sardegna Italy	Base Velica c/o Karl Backhausen 07020 Vaccileddi Porto Taverna, Sardegna Italy
April 29 & 30	Lake Como, Italy	Punto Mare S.R.L. Via Arco 2 20121 Milano, Italy
May 27 & 28	Hendaye, France	Coast Catamaran France Le Viet, Route de Pierrefeu, 83 Hyeres
June 17 & 18	Wassenaar, Holland	Firma Schuitemaas Catamarans Clematislaan 23 Wassenaar, Holland
July 8 & 9	Lake Thunersee, Switzerland	Swiss Catamarans Racing Squadron c/o Dr. Tschannen Hirschengraben 11 CH-3000 Berne, Switzerland
August 19 & 20	Travemunde, Germany	Boots-Boutique c/o Mr. Gisch G. Dupweg 6 2 Hamburg 61, Germany
Sept. 23-24-25	Hyerres, France	Coast Catamaran France Le Viet, Route de Pierrefeu, 83 Hyeres

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1972 HOBIE CAT RACING SCHEDULE (TENATIVE)

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	SPONSOR
April 1, 2	Culebra Regatta	Fajardo, P.R.	P.R.M.A. & Jose Rodriguez Reyes
1	WFUN Regatta	Rickenbacker Causeway Miami, Fla.	WFUN Radio Station & Performance Marine
15, 16	9th ANNUAL LONDON BRIDGE REGATTA	Lake Havasu, Arizona	Coast Catamaran Corp. & McCulloch Properties
15, 16	Pearl Harbor Yacht Club Invitational	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	Pearl Harbor Y.C.
16	Gulfstream Hobie Invitational	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Gulfstream Sailing Club
22	Flying Point Regatta	Bush River, Maryland	J.P. Moore
29, 30	New Orleans Hobie Cat Assoc. Regatta	Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans, La.	B.C. Goodwin
May 7	Port Tack Distance Challenge	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Fleet 44
13, 14	La Jolla Hobie Cat Regatta (Tenative)	La Jolla, Cal.	Pacific Southwest Marine
14	2nd 'Round the Keys Race	Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, Fla.	Fleet 36
14	Mother's Day Race	Isla Verde, P.R.	P.R.M.A.
27, 28	Hobie Memorial Regatta	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Fleet 44
27, 28	Memorial Day Regatta	Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans, La.	Fleet 41
28, 29	Memorial Day Races	St. Croix, V.I.	C.M.A.
June 3, 4	Malibu Hobie Cat Fleet Regatta	Malibu, Ca.	Fleet 24
10, 11	Klamath Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	Klamath Falls, Ore.	Columbia Sailboat Sales
17, 18	1972 Miss California Regatta	Santa Cruz, Ca.	S.C.Y.C.
18	"El Conquistador Regatta"	Fajardo, P.R.	C.N.P.R.
July 1, 2, 3, 4	"Bob Wallace Hobie Invitational"	Cabrillo Beach, Ca.	Robert A. Wallace
1, 2	Fourth of July Regatta	B.S.A. Sea Base Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans, La.	Fleet 41
1, 2, 3	Governor's Cup Regatta	Lake Travis, Austin, Tx.	
1, 2	Florida Warm-Up Regatta	Lake Mangonia, Lake Park, Fla.	Jack Sammons "Batjak"
9	Ponte Verde Hobie Cat Regatta	Ponte Verde Beach, Fla.	Underwater Designers
15, 16	Budge Brown Regatta	Pine Mt. Lake, Ca.	Oakwood Sales
15, 16	Tawas Hobie Cat Regatta	Tawas Bay, Mich.	Sail-Fish Marine
16	Hagood Brothers Regatta	Disney World, Fla.	Jim McCann, Hagood Brothers, Inc.
23 - 25	Puerto Rico Multihull Championships	Isla Verde, P.R.	P.R.M.A.
29, 20	3rd Annual Cape Cod Hobie Cat Regatta	Lewis Bay, Hyannis, Mass.	Goodhue Enterprises, Inc.
29, 30	Wrightsville Hobie Cat Regatta	Wrightsville Beach, No. Carolina	Sailing Associates, Inc.
Aug. 5, 6	Hobie Cat Caribbean Championships	Fajardo, P.R.	P.R.M.A.
12, 13	Sail House Hobie Invitational	Alpena, Mich.	The Sail House
12, 13	Dorado Beach Sail-In	Dorado, P.R.	C.N.P.R.
19, 20	Annual Hobie Cat Invitational	Long Beach, Ca.	Belmont Shore Y.C. & Coast Catamaran Corp.
19, 20	2nd Annual Hobie Cat Regatta	Eagle Creek Res, Ind.	Ideal Equipment, Co.
20	Charlevoix Hobie Cat Regatta	Lake Charlevoix, Mich.	Irish Boat Shop
26, 27	Lake Winnepesaukee Hobie Cat Regatta	Gilford, New Hampshire	Goodhue Enterprises, Inc.
26, 27	Armand Hauser Regatta	Fond du Lac, Wisc.	Kiekhaefer Mercury
Sept. 2, 3	Quiet Cannon Hobie Cat Regatta (?)	Dana Point, Ca.	Quiet Cannon Restaurant
2, 3, 4	Labor Day Regatta	Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans, La.	Fleet 41
2, 3, 4	Labor Day Regatta	St. Thomas, V.I.	V.I.M.A.
9, 10	Summer Finale	Lake Tahoe, Ca.	Fleet 17
9, 10	Clear Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	Clear Lake, Iowa	Minette Sail Boats & Fleet 10
Oct. 7, 8, 9	Columbus Day Regatta	St. Croix, V.I.	C.M.A.
Nov. 25, 26	Thanksgiving Day Regatta	Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans, La.	Fleet 41

Periodically we feel we should introduce our field representatives to you, our owners, so you will know a little about them when you meet one. Therefore, we will occasionally write about one of our regional sales managers and how they fit into the Hobie Cat picture.

This month we'd like to introduce John Schuch of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. John has been with us for nearly two years and has been instrumental in promoting the Hobie Cat and establishing the racing program in his territory. John is responsible for sales in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky.

John is an excellent sailor and competent seaman in his own right. He started sailing about twelve years ago in the Penguin Class. In 1962 he went to Argentina to participate in the Pan American games. Through the years he has crewed on many winning boats:

1962-First in the Thistle District Championship
1967-Second in two Big Thistle Races
1969-First in the MORC Sarnia-Alpena Race
1971-First in the Mackinack Race on Lone Ranger

These are but a few of the winning boats on which John has crewed. He is reported to be a very enthusiastic and able crew.

John's whole life is sailing. He worked for Boston Sails through high school and college (he has a Bachelor's in Business Administration) and was managing their sail loft when he agreed to come to work for Coast Catamaran. He doesn't limit his activities to sailboats because of the limited season--he continues sailing right through winter on ice boats. What a way to keep your sailing skills sharp!!

Janet, John's charming wife, doesn't mind his love affair with sailing--as long as he includes her. She loves to sail, too, and was often seen crewing for him on a Hobie Cat 16 last summer.

John has been a valuable asset to the Hobie Cat program in his area. He is an energetic, dynamic young man whose life revolves around sailing.

AN ADDITION TO THE 360° RULE - A GRADUATED PENALTY

PART IX

If the protest goes to the Protest Committee, the skipper found guilty of a rule infraction shall be penalized in the following way:

- DSQ (A) Penalty for minor fouls--the finish position plus 30 percent of the number of finishers (not to exceed the number of finishers plus three).
- DSQ (B) Penalty for fouls costing offended skipper more than one position at the time and as a direct result of the infringement--the finish position plus 60 percent of the number of finishers (not to exceed the number of finishers plus three).
- DSQ (C) Disqualification for fouls causing material prejudice or serious damage-- the number of finishers plus three.

A WORD ABOUT THE GRADUATED PENALTY SYSTEM

The graduated penalty system (Part IX of the 360° Rule) is designed to be as simple and fair as possible. Our purpose is to give the skipper who is in doubt about his guilt a chance to go to the Protest Committee with the dispute and if found guilty, come out with a penalty roughly equal to the 360°'s. This penalty system is by no means meant to replace the 360°'s. On the contrary; if you are fairly sure you are wrong, we urge you to sail your 360°'s. Taking obvious infractions to a Protest Committee is a waste of everybody's time and frowned upon by the Class Association. The 360° Rule should be used whenever possible.

The penalty system is simple to administer. First off, nobody is moved up in finish position. When a penalty is assessed, it is simply added onto the score for that race. If you are found guilty of a rule infraction and your offense did not cost the other skipper more than one position at the time of the infraction, you would receive a DSQ (A) and have 30% of the finishers added to your score. If you had cost the other skipper two or more positions, you would receive a DSQ (B) and have 60% of the finishers added. Note that the other skipper's loss of position must be at the time of the rule infraction and as a direct result (for instance you knocked him into irons and three boats sailed by him before he got straightened out).

The worst penalty you can get is a DSQ (C). This can only be assessed if you do serious damage to a boat or put a skipper completely out of the race. The penalty for a DSQ (C) is simply the number of finishers plus three.

MIDWINTERS EAST

Eighty-eight boats and about 200 enthusiastic people gathered at Cocoa Beach, Florida for the 1972 Hobie Cat Midwinters East Regatta. The event was to be a five-race series in the ocean with launching off the beach and through the surf. However, things were not to work out as simple as that.

Saturday morning dawned just about right--a nice fresh breeze blowing down the beach and the surf just about the right size to keep everyone happy. As race-time approached however, the wind increased to 25 to 30 MPH and started to swing so that it was no longer blowing down the beach but more out to sea. Then things started to fall apart. The strong wind discouraged about twenty skippers from even getting off the beach. As the race got underway, all but one of our chase boats suffered mechanical failure and either limped back to port or had to be towed back by the Coast Guard. There we were with only one chase boat and well over a dozen Hobie Cats upside down and drifting out to sea in the strong offshore breeze. The Race Committee was kept busy trying to finish boats and keep track of the capsized ones to be sure they made it back to shore okay. Of the sixty some boats that started that race, only twenty-four finished!! When everyone had been righted and we were sure all was alright, the Race Committee took stock of the situation and decided the lack of chase boats and the offshore wind created a very dangerous condition and the remaining two races scheduled for Saturday were cancelled. It was decided to move the race to the nearby Banana River so we could be assured of two races on Sunday to make it a regatta.

Saturday night there was a buffet dinner at the Hotel, proceeded by a cocktail hour hosted by Coast Catamaran. Almost 200 people attended and enjoyed the food and some fine movies of the 1971 Hobie Cat 14 Nationals, produced and narrated by John Hogg of Miami.

Sunday dawned nice and sunny--and windless. Who'd have believed it. The race had to be postponed about an hour for lack of wind!! We finally got enough wind to hold our two races and completed the ill-fated regatta.

This regatta attracted skippers from as far away as Indiana, Texas and Puerto Rico. In the 16 Fleet there were 36 competitors with top honors going to Jim McCann of Orlando, Florida. The top skipper of the 31 Hobie Cat 14 A Fleet was Roberto Bouret, Jr. from Santurce, Puerto Rico. The 14 B Fleet had 21 boats with Marilyn Swan of Cocoa Beach, Florida taking first.

1972 HOBIE CAT MIDWINTERS EAST

HOBIE CAT 16

	NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Jim McCann/Mark Theiss Orlando, Florida	689	4	3	3/4	7 3/4
2.	Dale Barrett/John Barrett Coral Gables, Florida	175	2	8	2	12
3.	J. Allen Stevens/Jim Maylor Orlando, Florida	642	6	4	5	15
4.	Craig Harnden/Peter Branning Miami, Florida	1162	5	6	7	18
5.	Mike Robertson/ St. Petersburg, Florida	1973	7	3/4	DSQ	20 3/4
6.	Paul Weakley/Paul Theiss Orlando, Florida	192	13	2	8	23
7.	Randy Palmer/T. Meekins Ft. Lauderdale	1398	12	9	6	27
8.	Ren Tilton/Jim Dragseth Jensen Beach, Florida	1499	9	7	16	32
9.	Jerry Stegena, II/Tom Norwich Coral Gables	255	8	12	14	34
10.	Tom Wickenhauser/Carol Beck Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	1173	11	15	11	37
11.	John Holmes, Jr./Kevin Rodgers Atlantic Beach, Florida	1018	DNF	11	12	37
12.	Howard Whittington/Marsha Largo, Florida	179	DNF	24	3	41
13.	Paul Johnson/Jean Johnson Cocoa Beach, Florida	834	DNF	5	22	41
14.	Jose Reyes/Chris Christensen Puerto Rico	2171	3/4	18	25	43 3/4
15.	Peter Kent/Steve Kerman Daytona Beach, Florida	1193	DNF	21	10	45
16.	Don C. Munato/Lisa/Pam Munato St. Petersburg, Florida	839	DNF	10	21	45
17.	Randy Besley/Dennis Rubey Miami Lakes, Florida	2264	10	19	17	46
18.	Scott Medlock/Mike Medlock Orlando, Florida	647	3	20	23	46
19.	Patrick Raftz/Pat Jr. W. Palm Beach, Florida	715	DNF	23	15	52
20.	Loyd Kiernan/June Kiernan Tayares, Florida	143	DNF	13	26	53
21.	Joe Thiaville/Joe Thiaville, Jr. Orlando, Florida	627	DNF	29	13	56
22.	Ken Parker/Phyllis Parker Atlanta, GA	1707	DNF	16	28	58
23.	H. B. Lidkea/Cheryl Lidkea Satellite Beach, Florida	226	DNF	26	19	59
24.	Billy Kennedy/Mack Weathers Orlando, Florida	437	DNF	22	24	60
25.	Janet Dickson/Bill Dickson Orlando, Florida	2174	DNS	17	9	62
26.	Breck Johnson/Bob Johnson Umatilla, Florida	446	DNS	14	18	68
27.	Richard Kheel/Jippy Kheel Pompano Beach, Florida	2112	DNF	27	27	68

28.	James Liberty/Sandra Liberty Pompano Beach, Florida	1619	DNF	28	29	71
29.	Louise Simmons/Kate Avery Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	1890	DNF	DNF	DNS	80
30.	Armando Diaz/Kerru Rankin Freeport, Texas	995	DNF	DNS	DNS	86
30.	Gerald Dennis/Gary Dennis Decatur, Georgia	1304	DNF	DNS	DNS	86
30.	Bill Earley/Jacque Earley Tampa, Florida	1628	DNF	DNS	DNS	86
30.	Jeff McClanathan/Danny Harden St. Petersburg, Florida	2063	DNF	DNS	DNS	86
34.	James Peele/Jennifer A. Peele Richmond, Indiana	1525	DNS	25	30	91
35.	Robert Cocanougher/Ann Tallahassee, Florida	190	DNS	DNS	DNS	108
35.	George Toler/Gary Herscher Indialantic, Florida	1072	DNS	DNS	DNS	108

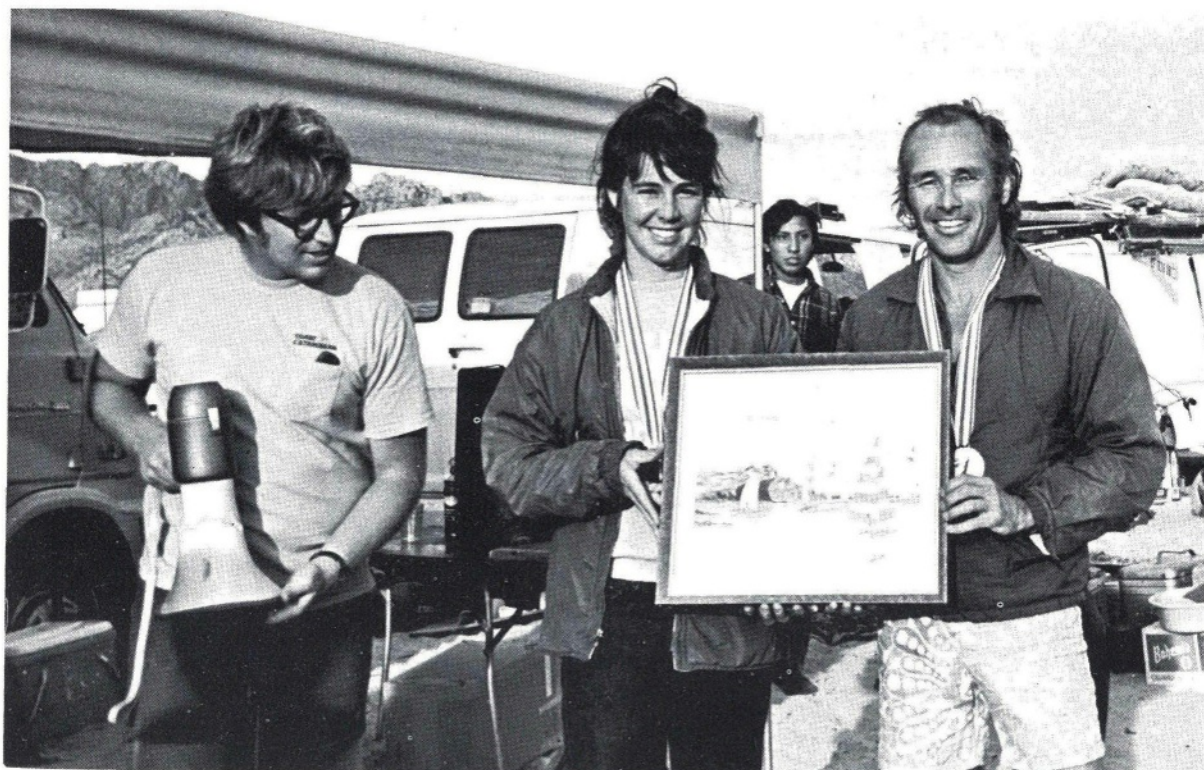
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	NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Roberto Bouret, Jr. Santurce, Puerto Rico		3/4	6	3/4	7 1/2
2.	James Simmonds Miami, Florida	5496	4	9	6	19
3.	Gaulden Reed Daytona Beach, Florida	4402	3	7	10	20
4.	Ken Keene Largo, Florida	4935	DNF	2	8	22
5.	Bill Sammons Gainesville, Florida	786	DNF	4	7	23
6.	Barry Olton Merritt Island, Florida	267	DNF	3/4	12	24 3/4
7.	Jack Sammons Lake Park, Florida	5571	6	10	15	31
8.	Greg Murphy Eustis, Florida	6045	DNF	16	5	33
9.	Jim LeCain Orlando, Florida	1801	2	18	13	33
10.	Jim Guinan Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	3355	9	5	19	33
11.	Lloyd Molby Sarasota, Florida	4478	DNF	21	2	35
12.	John Duke Orlando, Florida	3526	DNF	17	9	38
13.	Harry Stapor Melbourne Beach, Florida	3839	10	13	17	40
14.	Francis Kalinowski Orlando, Florida	2822	DNF	24	4	40
15.	Denis Wilcox Lakeland, Florida	3851	DNS	8	3	42
16.	Steve Shafer Grand Island	4947	DNF	11	21	44
17.	Carlos Rivera Hiialeah, Florida	3847	DNF	23	11	46
18.	Jack Woehrle Jacksonville, Florida	1167	7	14	DNF	47
19.	David Rodgers, Jr. Cocoa Beach, Florida	35	8	28	18	54
20.	Roberto Bouret, Jr. Santurce, Puerto Rico	122	11	22	22	55
21.	Jim Pantano Jacksonville, Florida	2949	DNF	20	23	55
22.	Bert Cox Cocoa Beach, Florida	3328	DNS	3	24	58
23.	James Bradley, Jr. Ft. Myers, Florida	11	DNS	15	14	60
24.	Chester Smith Naples, Florida	1548	DNF	25	25	62
25.	William Paul Cocoa Beach, Florida	784	DNF	19	DNS	62
26.	J. Collins Unknown	1082	5	DNS	DNS	67
27.	Bill Wright Tampa, Florida	5293	DNS	12	DNF	69
28.	Jim Leonard Holmes Beach, Florida	5046	DNS	27	16	74
29.	Bob Martin St. Petersburg, Florida	5886	DNS	26	20	77
30.	Steve Nelson Anna Maria, Florida	898	DNS	DNS	DNS	93
30.	John Hogg Miami, Florida	3063	DNS	DNS	DNS	93

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	NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Marilyn Swan Cocoa Beach, Florida	4350	DNF	4	3/4	9 3/4
2.	Gregory A. Presnell Orlando, Florida	3338	DNF	3	6	14
3.	Jay Swan Jacksonville, Florida	5680	DNF	7	3	15
4.	Ritchie Riddle Tampa, Florida	2808	DNF	5	5	15
5.	John Antweiler Coral Gables, Florida	1824	3/4	9	8	17 3/4
6.	Bill Epler Jupiter, Florida	2825	DNF	10	7	22
7.	Howard Elwell N. Palm Beach, Florida	3650	DNS	3/4	2	22 3/4
8.	Eric Orrell Ft. Lauderdale	671	3	15	9	27
9.	Jim Harper Tampa, Florida	132	DNF	12	10	27
10.	Charles Hayward Gulfport, Florida	5001	DNF	2	DNS	28
11.	George Ewell Belleair Beach, Florida	4774	2	6	DNS	29
12.	Bert Shoemaker College Park, Maryland	1704	DNF	13	11	29
13.	Robert Myers St. Petersburg, Florida	164	DNF	14	13	32
14.	Unknown Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	801	DNS	8	4	33
15.	Nick Miller Largo, Florida	723	DNF	11	DNS	37
16.	Rocky McCullen Miami, Florida	4132	4	DNS	DNS	46
17.	Paul Matheny North Palm Beach, Florida	5181	DNS	16	12	49
18.	H. H. Noble Largo, Florida	1550	DNS	DNS	DNS	63
18.	Randy Besley Miami, Florida	3843	DNS	DNS	DNS	63
18.	James Masciocchi Plant City, Florida	5137	DNS	DNS	DNS	63
18.	Jon Edd Lakeland, Florida	5251	DNS	DNS	DNS	63



Wayne Schafer and Regan Sherrick wear their medals and display the painting they won at the 1972 Catch 22 Regatta, Guaymas, Mexico

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Fleet 6 - The newly elected Officers for 1972 are as follows:

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SCHEDULED RACES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
March 12	Hawaii Hobie Cat Regatta	Kailua Bay	Fleet 6
25, 26	*Kokokahi Regatta	Kaneohe Bay	Kokokahi Sailing Club
April 1, 2	*Kokokahi Regatta	Kaneohe Bay	Kokokahi Sailing Club
22	Chucks Steak House Regatta	Portlock	Chucks Steak House-- Hawaii Kai Shopping Center

*Kokokahi Sailing Club: Saturday races--Two races, first start at 1:00
Sunday races--Three races, first start at 10:00 AM,
second race starts at 1:30 PM, third race follows.
Work party on Saturdays at 9:00 AM.

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