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1972 HOBIE CAT NATIONALS

The highlight of the 1972 Hobie Cat racing season will be the Hobie Cat Nationals. This year the Hobie Cat 14 and Hobie Cat 16 Nationals will be held concurrently at the same site during October 13-22, 1972. This way these skippers wishing to participate in only the 14 or the 16 Nationals may come for those races; skippers wishing to race in both Nationals may now do so with a minimum of travel expense and time away from work.

The site for this years event is Surfside, Texas, a private beach community located about sixty miles south of Houston and just north of Freeport. It has a long beach with lots of privately owned beach houses we have arranged to rent. These houses are built on stilts and offer an excellent view of everything. You can camp right on the beach or among the houses. There is plenty of beach for boat storage and the racing activity will take place right off shore so everyone can watch the activities. Needless to say there will be lots of parties and activities throughout the regattas.

Among the reasons Surfside was chosen as this years site is it's central location. It is only 1,550 miles from Los Angeles, 1,200 miles from Miami, 1,900 from Boston and San Francisco, 1,300 from Detroit, 1,200 from Minneapolis and 2,300 from Seattle. Houston is reached by several major highways so it should be an easy drive from most everywhere.

We feel we have found just the spot for which we have spent so many months searching. We will release full details on activities, accommodations and travel suggestions in the near future. Meanwhile, start making your plans for the greatest racing vacation of your life.

HOBIE CAT 14 BATTENS

We have redesigned the Hobie Cat 14 battens in conjunction with the new Class Racing Rules. These new battens are quite a bit stiffer, much more durable and are taperable (the new Class Rules allow you to taper the Hobie 14 battens). They will allow you a lot of latitude in sail shape.

Because we feel the new battens are an advantage for the racing skipper, we have worked out a special price for a limited time. The normal retail price for a set of Hobie 14 battens is \$33.00 plus freight. If your order between now and August 1, 1972, you can purchase a full set of already tapered battens for \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. You can either order through your local dealer (who should have a supply in stock the first part of July) or mail your order (and money--\$25.00 total) directly to Coast Catamaran. Remember, this special offer definitely expires August 1, 1972 so place your order early. Specify part number 1101-N.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOO

This month's feature inmate at our infamous zoo (better known as Coast Catamaran) is our National Sales Manager, Paul Collins. Paul is a dynamic, fast moving character of many talents.

Paul's title of National Sales Manager is somewhat deceiving. He is active in all forms of promotion, including the regatta program. He acts as advertising manager, public relations manager, is establishing a line of accessories for Hobie Cat owners and coordinates and directs the efforts of the sales staff and dealers. Needless to say, Paul's day is far from dull.

Mr. Collins is a refugee from the motorcycle industry; he came to us from a similar position at Kawasaki Motors. Prior to Kawasaki, he had been the largest Honda dealer with his Redondo Beach business, Continental Imports. His experience in the sales and promotion field has been varied and extensive.

Paul currently lives in Torrance, (a 45 minute drive to work daily) with his wife, Norma, and four kids--two daughters and two sons. His oldest daughter, 16 year-old Kathy, is already making her mark in the world--she is currently Miss Teenage California and is starting to do commercials in her spare time.

The Collins family is an unusual clan who always manages to liven up any activity. Paul is a devout Hobie enthusiast--he already owned a Hobie 14 and 16 before he came to work for us. With a little coaching he is going to make a fine sailor--he even got out of C-fleet recently by taking first at our La Jolla regatta. Cheer up new skippers--if Paul can do it, anybody can.

Paul is an invaluable asset to the Hobie organization and a pleasure to work with, and he has the unusual talent for making people laugh and enjoy themselves.

RACING DIVISION REALIGNMENT

We have been evaluating our divisional breakdown and feel the time has come to realign our divisions to try to encourage more effective activity. We have even renumbered the divisions to read sequentially from west to east. Here's a list of the new divisions. In some cases only the number has changed--in others the makeup has been altered.

Division 1	Hawaii
Division 2	Southern California
Division 3	Northern California
Division 4	Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska
Division 5	Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona
Division 6	Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana
Division 7	North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin
Division 8	Florida
Division 9	Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina
Division 10	Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan
Division 11	Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington D. C. and Maryland
Division 12	New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont
Division 13	Virgin Islands, Caribbean, Bahama Islands, Puerto Rico, West Indies
International	Out of country, not in Division 13

The racing divisions are by no means meant to confine your activity to a given area. They only serve to aid us in evaluating activity and disseminating information to areas involved. You are more than welcome to compete in regattas outside your division.



THINGS TO DO AND THINGS NOT TO DO AT A HOBIE CAT REGATTA

Many skippers who come to a race are confused about what they should do on and off the race course. There are many things which can make the race committee's life a lot easier and the event more enjoyable for everyone. Here is a list of what we feel should be kept in mind when you attend a Hobie Cat regatta:

1. Be sure to register before the race. This is important as registration not only tells us who is attending the event, but from where. The registration fee also serves as a revenue to help offset the cost of trophies and any other goodies which might be given away at the regatta.
2. Be sure your fleet pennant is located in the proper place and is the proper color. If you are sailing in a regatta where either the 14's or 16's are broken into an A, B or C fleet. The A fleet should have a red pennant flying from the boom, the B fleet should have a green pennant from the lowest batten, the C fleet needs no pennant as the absence of the pennant indicates the fleet.
3. Stay clear of the starting area until it is your turn to start. It is very easy for a skipper to foul up the start of another fleet if he is in the wrong place when they are trying to start. Try to be very conscious of time and who's starting and be sure you are well away from the starting line and the staging area, at least a minute before the start.
4. Do not sail through the start-finish line unless you are starting or finishing. This is extremely important as the race committee has no way of knowing who has sailed the complete course. If you sail through the line during the middle of the race, you will automatically be disqualified.
5. Don't ask the race committee questions like how much time is left or "How did I finish." They should not give out that information in the first place. It is your responsibility to keep track of time remaining before the start, what course you should be sailing and items like that. When you finish and ask the race committee how you did, you could distract them from a busy finish sequence and can cause them to miss a finisher. There is plenty of time when you get on shore to see how you did (if you can't simply count the number of boats in front of you).
6. Clear the finish line as soon as possible after you finish and stay well clear of the finish area while waiting for the next race to start. You can easily drift into the path of a boat about to finish and perhaps cost him a place or two.
7. If you are finishing on a broad reach or a downwind, remember to sheet in just as you cross the finish line so the race committee can read your sail number. It's almost impossible to read the sail number of a boat going downwind across the finish line. Try to keep in mind the race committee's job and make it as easy as possible for them to get your number in the correct position.
8. If you didn't hear a horn when you finish, or hear your sail number called, check with the race committee at the earliest convenience and be sure they have you marked down in the proper finishing sequence. It's helpful to make a mental note of the boat who finished just behind and just in front of you for future reference. Occasionally the finishing committee can miss a boat and the only way they know where he should be is by boats he finished between.
9. If you are going to protest a yacht, be sure you have notified that yacht of your intention to protest and fly a flag at the finish line. A "flag" does not include a life jacket, hat, jacket, shirt, ribbon or other such items. It should be a flag carried aboard expressly for the use of a protest flag. This is part of the sailing equipment and the race committee should not accept any less. I usually specify a 10 x 10 minimum flag shaped item.
10. If you are dropping out of a race, notify the race committee as soon as possible. Often times a race committee will spend many hours looking for a boat which is not finished only to find he went early and packed up and went home. Also, you will receive a different score if you receive a DNF as opposed to a DNS. All our race instructions suggest the race committee give a DNF only to boats who advise them they are not finishing.

Always keep in mind that the race committee's job is to run a smooth regatta and provide as much fun as possible to the participants. These are only of a few of the ways you can help to make their job easier and consequently help make the regatta that much better.

DATE	EVENT	DIV.	PLACE	SPONSOR
June:				
3	Spring Series	6	Lake Forest, MN	Fleet 54 Contact (301) 821-5217
3	Chesapeake Bay Regatta	6	Newark, DL	Fleet 52 Contact (302) 368-9514 or 731-2123
3	Saturday Races #3 & #4	7	Atlanta, GA	Fleet 12 Contact (404) 939-1179
3 & 4	Malibu Hobie Cat Regatta	2	Malibu, CA	Fleet 24 Contact (213) 393-6554
3 & 4	American Lake Hobie Cat Regatta	3	Boston Harbor, WA	Washington Hobie Cat Assn. Contact (206) 943-5483
3 & 4	Fort Worth Boat Club Regatta	4	Eagle Mtn. Lake, TX	Fort Worth Boat Club Contact (817) 267-1436
3 & 4	Contraband Days Regatta	4	Lake Charles, LA	Lake Charles Yacht Club Contact (318) 477-1698
3 & 4	Erie Yacht Club Regatta	5	Lake Erie, OH	Erie Yacht Club Contact (216) 257-7158
3 & 4	Open Multihull Regatta	5	St. Clair, MI	Fleet 40 Contact (313) 779-2145
3 & 4	Bass River Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Bass River, MA	Goodhue Enterprises Contact (617) 537-0991
3 & 4	All Class Regatta	7	St. Petersburg, FL	St. Petersburg Yacht Club Contact (813) 343-1571
3 & 4	2nd Annual Hobie Fireball Regatta	7	Shell Point, FL	Fleet 43 & Apalachee Bay Yacht Club - Contact (904) 877-9470
4	Fleet 20/21 Regatta	2A	San Luis Reservoir, CA	Fleets 20 & 21 Contact (209) 529-5573
4	Fleet 17 Series #4	2A	Modesto, CA	Fleet 17 Contact (916) 944-1974
4	Metedeconk River Yacht Club Spring Series	6	Metedeconk, NJ	MRYC Contact (201) 899-3589 or 892-8303
4	Annual Mug Race	7	Jacksonville, FL	Rudder Club of Jacksonville
4	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	7	Sarasota, FL	Fleet 39, Contact Loyd Molby 4104 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota
4	Hobie Fun Races W/BBQ	7	Miami, FL	Fleet 36, Contact (305) 233-7042 or 666-0882
10	Lake George Yacht Club Regatta	6	Lake George, NY	The Big Sport Center Contact (518) 793-9696
10 & 11	Klamath Yacht Club Regatta	3	Klamath Falls, OR	Sail & Cycle Contact (503) 884-6392
10 & 11	Lake St. Clair (Boston's)	5	Ypsilanti, MI	CRAM Contact David Davis, One Oakwood, Ypsilanti, MI
10 & 11	Off The Beach Regatta	6	Seaside Park, NJ	Surf Sailing, Contact (201) 899-3589 or 892-8303
10 & 11	Stamford Yacht Club Regatta	6	Stamford, CT	NAMSA Contact (914) 698-6158
10 & 11	Bellport Yacht Club/LIMA Regatta	6	Bellport, NY	Bellport Yacht Club & LIMA Contact (516) 757-2454
10 & 11	Annual Royal Gaboot- St. Petersburg to Sarasota Race	7	St. Petersburg, FL	St. Petersburg Yacht Club Contact (813) 343-1571
11	Kahana Bay Regatta	1	Kahana Bay, HI	Fleet 6 Contact (808) 839-4511
11	Santa Cruz to Moss Landing Cruise	2A	Santa Cruz, CA	Fleet 20 Contact (408) 476-2593
11	Fleet Races	4	Lake Grapevine, TX	Fleet 23 Contact (817) 267-1436

MAINTAINANCE TIP

The sailing and racing season is just beginning and most boats have been removed from storage in anticipation of another exciting summer on the water. Here's a checklist which should help prolong your summer enjoyment by preventing possible part failures. We suggest you take a few minutes to go over your Hobie Cat and check these areas:

- Wires: Check all shrouds and halyards for kinks or broken strands. Either can lead to a wire breakage.
- Chainplates
- Hobie 14 - Check the chainplates where they are riveted to the sidebar. Electrolysis can take place on boats used in salt water and the chainplate should be relocated an inch fore and aft every couple of years or the sidebar replaced if the electrolysis goes too far. (When relocating, spray sidebar and chainplate with WD-40 or other non-conducting protectant before installing. Use monel or heavy duty aluminum rivets.)
- Hobie 16 - Be sure your boat has the new anchor bar replacement kit (if your hull number is under 2100). This is a stamped stainless steel fitting that fits under the lip of the hull at the shroud connecting point. Contact your nearest dealer for this replacement part.
- Rudder System
- Rudder Pins: If your rudder pins are badly worn or distorted, you should replace them.
- Rudder Blades: Any nicks, deep scratches or cuts on the blade may result in failure. Consider carrying a spare blade in your car.
- Tiller Connections: Make sure your boat has the new tiller connecting system. If in doubt, check with your dealer.
- Tiller Extension: Inspect the swivel joint on the tiller extension. If the swivel is loose and sloppy, it should be replaced.
- Rudder Gudgeons: Check for cracks around the sharp bends. These are subject to fatigue.
- Trampoline Laces: Should be inspected for wear. It's a let-down when one breaks.

Keeper rings on the shroud adjusters should be replaced if distorted or worn. If you are leaving your boat rigged for a while, tape them so they can't work loose.

Teflon traveller and mast bearings should be replaced if badly worn. To replace the traveller car bearing, cut out the old one; warm the new one so it is pliable and slide it down over the car, pinching the sides together so they enter the track. Work the bearing down with a large screw-driver or similar.

If you have used your boat off a beach a lot, check the bottom for excessive wear.

Remember to tighten all shackles with pliers and always check to see that your drain plugs are in before shoving off.

A little preventive maintainance will assure you of maximum enjoyment of your Hobie Cat during your leisure time. We hope these tips help you have an active, trouble-free season.

HOBIE CAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The scene is being set for the First Annual Hobie Cat World Championship Regatta tentatively scheduled for mid-January 1973 in Honolulu, Hawaii. We are planning to make this truly an international event with competitors coming from Europe, Australia, Mexico, Japan, Canada, United States and other miscellaneous areas. This will be strictly a qualified-skipper event which means only skippers who have qualified in their nation or region will be eligible to enter. We will limit the total number of entries to under fifty, taking approximately five from each major country. Details on the number of skippers who will be eligible from the United States and from each area of the world will be released at a later time. This will truly be the highlight of the Hobie Cat racing season and probably the best international event outside of the Olympics. We will release further details as plans progress.

DATE	EVENT	DIV.	PLACE	SPONSOR
11	Hobie Fun Races W/BBQ	7	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Fleet 44 Contact (305) 233-7042
11	Sheraton Sand Castle	7	Sarasota, FL	Fleet 39 Contact Loyd Molby, 4104 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, FL
17 & 18	Vail Lake	2	Rancho California, CA	Coast Catamaran Contact 493-4586
17 & 18	Miss California Regatta	2A	Santa Cruz, CA	Santa Cruz Yacht Club Contact (408) 476-2593
17 & 18	Heron Lake Regatta	2B	New Mexico	Southwest Yacht Contact (505) 298-4777
17 & 18	Eastern Washington Hobie Cat Regatta	3	Moses Lake, WA	Washington Hobie Cat Assn. Contact (509) 765-5812
17 & 18	Open Multihull Regatta	5	St. Clair, MI	Fleet 40 Contact (313) 779-2145
17 & 18	Adventure Yacht Regatta	7	Tampa Bay, FL	Adventure Yachts Contact (305) 343-1571
18	Fleet Races	4	Lake Grapevine, TX	Fleet 23 Contact (817) 267-1436
18	Manhasset Bay Sailing Invitational	6	Location Unknown	Sponsor Unknown Contact (516) P07-5424
18	Sunday Races #3 & #4	7	Atlanta, GA	Fleet 12 Contact (404) 939-1179
18	Fleet 45 Race	7	Melbourne, FL	Fleet 45 Contact Harry Stapor, P O Box 765, Melbourne, FL
18	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	7	Sarasota, FL	Fleet 39 Contact Loyd Molby, 4104 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, FL
23-25	Arlington Yacht Club Regatta	4	Arlington, TX	Arlington Yacht Club Contact (817) 451-9832
24	Make-Up Races	7	Atlanta, GA	Fleet 12 Contact (404) 939-1179
24 & 25	Kokokahi Sailing Club Regatta	1	Kokokahi Bay, HI	Kokokahi Sailing Club Contact (808) 839-4511
24 & 25	Second Annual Team Races	2	Long Beach, CA	Belmont Shore Yacht Club Contact (714) 526-2088
24 & 25	Inter-Fleet Challenge Races W/Fleet 17	2A	Modesto, CA	Fleet 21 Contact (209) 529-5573
24 & 25	Port Dover Multihull Regatta	5	Port Dover, Ontario	Sponsor Unknown Contact Larry Woods, 26 Ryerse Cr., Port Dover, Ontario, Canada
24 & 25	North Cape Yacht Club Regatta	5	Monroe, MI	MMA, Contact Tom Linton, 22502 Beach Dr., St. Clair Shores, MI
24 & 25	Norfolk Naval Sailing Association Regatta	6	Norfolk, VA	Norfolk Sailing Association Contact (703) 444-6251
24-30	Multihull Caravan Series	4	Texas	Sponsor Unknown Contact (817) 267-1436
25	Santa Cruz Yacht Club One Design Series	2A	Santa Cruz, CA	Santa Cruz Yacht Club Contact (408) 476-2593
25	Multihull	4	Lake Grapevine, TX	Sponsor Unknown Contact (817) 267-1436
25	Annual Dixie Regatta	7	Ormond Beach, FL	Halifax Sailing Assoc. Contact HSA, 49 Capri Dr. N, Ormond Beach, FL
25	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	7	Sarasota, FL	Fleet 39, Contact Loyd Molby 4104 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota
25	Fleet 36 Regatta	7	Miami, FL	Fleet 36 Contact (305) 233-7042 or 666-0882

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July:				
1 & 2	Hobie Regatta at Vel- lecieto	2B	Lake Dillon, CO	Southwest Yacht & Supply Contact (303) 759-9794
1 & 2	Sudden Valley Hobie Cat Regatta	3	Sudden Valley, WA	Washington Hobie Cat Assn. Contact (206) 733-3340
1 & 2	Fourth of July Regatta	4	New Orleans, LA	Fleet 41 Contact (504) 831-1205
1 & 2	Governor's Cup	4	Lake Travis, TX	Fleet 8, Contact Shirley Martin, 12042 Tanager, Houston, TX
1 & 2	Mayor's Cup Regatta	5	Indianapolis, IN	Fleet 26 Contact (317) 293-9271
1 & 2	Roton Point "July 4" Annual Regatta	6	Location Unknown	Sponsor Unknown Contact Dick Blanchard, 219 Lawn Terrace, Mamaroneck, NY
1 & 2	Hampton Yacht Club Regatta	6	Hampton, VA	Hampton Yacht Club Contact Arthur Emory, 16 House St., Hampton, VA
1-3	Tahoe Keys Regatta	2A	Lake Tahoe, CA	South Shore Yacht Club Contact (408) 476-2593
1-4	Bob Wallace Hobie Invitational	2	Cabrillo Beach, CA	Bob Wallace Contact (714) 493-4586
1-4	Leech Lake Regatta	5	Walker, MN	Sports Craft, Inc. Contact (218) 829-1401
2	Hueneme Harbor Days	2	Oxnard, CA	Fleet 15 Contact Bill Brown, 305 S. Signal, Ojai, CA
2 & 3	Second Annual July 4th Handicap Regatta	6	Scranton, NY	Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club & Sports Chalet Contact (215) 433-1007
3 & 4	Fourth of July Regatta	5	Clear Lake, IO	Clear Lake Yacht Club Contact (515) 357-5793 or 382-3535
4	Firecracker Regatta	5	Port Huron, MI	The Boat Place Contact (313) 385-5800
4	Hobie Cat Regatta	6	Avalon Beach, NJ	Fleet 38, Contact Michael Gratch, 808 Cherrywood Apts. Clemanton, NJ 08021
8	Lake Benbrook	4	Lake Benbrook, TX	Fleet 23 Contact (817) 267-1436
8	Skaneateles Lake Regatta	6	Syracuse, NY	Skaneateles Yacht Club Contact (315) 463-8411 EXT. 3280
8	Summer Saturday Races #1 & 7 #2		Atlanta, GA	Fleet 12 Contact (404) 939-1179
8 & 9	Bear Valley Hobie Cat Regatta	2A	Location Unknown	Sponsor Unknown
8 & 9	Hobie Series Race	4	Houston, TX	Fleet 8, Contact Shirley Martin, 12042 Tanager, Houston, TX
8 & 9	Gougeon Bros. Boats Regatta	5	Bay City, MI	Gougeon Bros. Boats Contact (517) 684-7286
8 & 9	Open Multihull Regatta	5	St. Clair, MI	Fleet 40 Contact (313) 779-2145
8 & 9	Fleet Regatta	6	Newark, DL	Fleet 52 Contact (302) 368-9514
9	Fleet Races	4	Dallas, TX	Fleet 23 Contact (817) 267-1436
9	Ponte Vedra Annual Regatta	7	Ponte Vedra, FL	Underwater Designers Contact (904) 247-6729

HOBIE CAT MOVIES

Coast Catamaran has three short sixteen millimeter movies available for your use. Each is approximately 12-14 minutes long and show the many moods of Hobie Cat sailing. If you would like to reserve one for your club, simply write Coast Catamaran with the dates you need it. There is a two-week time limit and a \$5.00 charge for shipping and handling (you may return postage at the post office). Be sure to specify which movie you desire.

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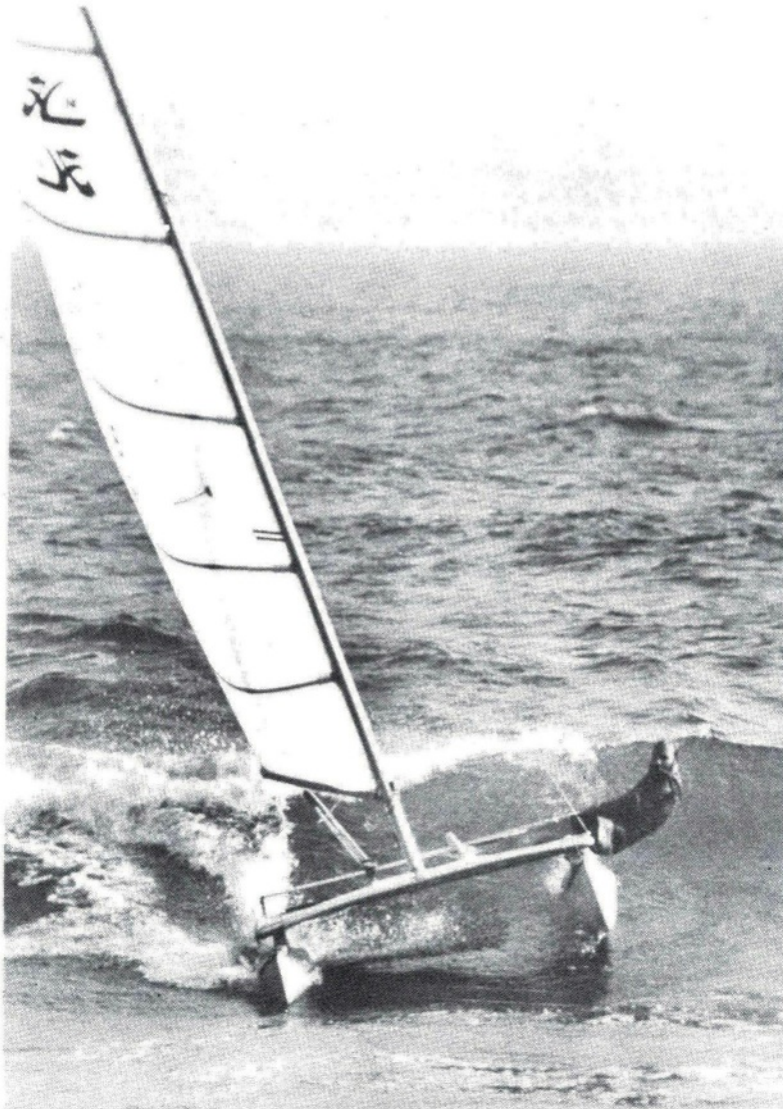
The original Hobie Cat movie showing hull flying, racing and surfing as well as showing the features of the boat itself. A very entertaining movie; it has been a crowd stopper at boat shows for the last three years.

HOBIE SUMMER

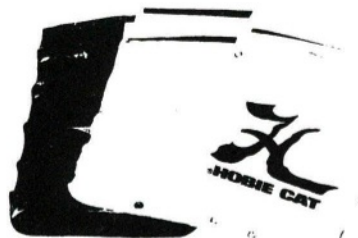
An entertaining film about the many forms of fun and excitement available to Hobie owners each racing season. It emphasizes the family fun found at Hobie Cat regattas.

A SAIL IN THE SURF

An award-winning movie originally made as a short subject to accompany a ski movie for commercial theater showing. This movie talks about the personalities and the boat as it tells the story about the development of the Hobie Cat 14.



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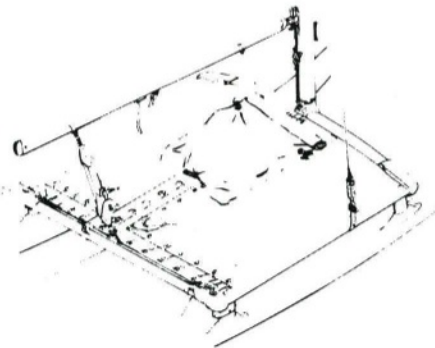
Hobie Regatta Bag

A special bag of heavy vinyl designed to carry all the things the winning sailor needs at a regatta, or the multitude of items wanted on a weekend sail with the family.

Grommets placed in the proper places to tie down to the trampoline, and the clear vinyl top lets you see a course chart inside or whatever you might need.

The velcro lock keeps the bag almost airtight and waterproof. It comes in three colors to match or coordinate with the colors of your trampoline.

If you want to be well equipped asail... this is your bag!



Description	Part No.	Color	Retail Price
Regatta Bag	6110	Red	14.95
Regatta Bag	6111	Yellow	14.95
Regatta Bag	6112	Blue	14.95

