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Boats and people fill the beach at the Outrigger Canoe Club, Honolulu, Hawaii, between races at the 1972 Hobie Cat World Championship Regatta. In the foreground, getting an early start is Hobie 14 National Champion Jeff Canepa of Santa Cruz, California. Watching anxiously in the left foreground in white shirt is Jeff's pit crew, his father, Angelo Canepa.



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# The Inside Story of the 1972 Hobie Worlds Championship

**Keith Fuller Race Coordinator** 

The recent World Championship was a milestone for the Hobie Cat Class Association. It was our first World Championship ever and it was a regatta which has no match in yachting history.

How come the Hobie 14 is four years old and this was only the first World Championship? Simple. I have always tried to avoid regattas with meaningless titles. If we hold a Nationals we make every effort to get true national representation. If we had held a World Championship before, it would not have been much more than an extension of our Nationals with little competition coming from other countries. And that was what I was trying to avoid. It was not until this last year that I could see sufficient international activity to justify holding a World Championship and having good representation from around the world.

In late 1971 I sent feelers to each of the other six Hobie Cat manufacturers around the world to see if they felt that their skippers would be interested in competing in a World Championship and if each area could hold a qualifying regatta and send at least their top skipper to compete. The response was enthusiastic.

Throughout the year we made plans for the World. We decided to hold the regatta in Hawaii because it offered fairly reliable conditions and excellent facilities which fit into our requirements. We had some of our skippers in Honolulu help us gather information and make preliminary arrangements. Karl Heyer volunteered to act as liaison for us with the Outrigger Canoe Club as well as any other areas where we needed help. Herb Andresen, a Hobie Cat skipper who works for Pan American Honolulu, got Pan Am to co-sponsor the regatta and made most of the arrangements for us. Paul Collins, our Public Relations Director, approached Primo Beer and got them as a co-sponsor. So the stage was set for a potentially great regatta.

Boats were a problem. I knew I had to furnish boats for all non-Hawaiian contestants but what about sails. Each Hobie manufacturer uses a local sail loft to supply new sails and even though they use our pattern. I was afraid of major discrepancies between sails from different areas. The obvious solution was to provide sails and battens for out of the country skippers. But to allow them a chance to tune the sail, they must be shipped half way around the world. Then at the Nationals, Hank Pauloo, the European manufacturer, commented that he would like to see everyone trade boats. A very interesting proposition.

After the Nationals we went to work full time on the Worlds. We decided to send 54 complete boats, all equipped with identical equipment, including sails. We had the sails all made the same color — yellow, white and blue stripes — with the Pan Am logo on one side and the Primo Beer logo on the other. Care was taken to inspect each boat that was to be used; hulls were weighed to keep them all as close to the same weight as possible. Desirable racing equipment was selected and installed on each boat; "The Slider" manufactured by Pacific

2820 Shelter Island Drive. San Diego, California 92106) was selected as the traveler car to be used; Seaway Racing Blocks, a roller bearing block system from Seaway Marine (available through your Hobie Cat dealer or Hobie Cat Class Association), were used in conjunction with 7 16" mainsheet line for running rigging; super boom vangs were installed; each sail was equipped with tapered Hobie Cat battens; tell tales were added to the sail and shrouds; and a righting line added to each boat.

Since we wanted this Regatta to be a true World Championship. I limited the number of entries from each major Hobie Catting area of the world. The number was based on number of boats, activity and the number of good skippers we could expect to attend. The maximum number from the larger areas was five, with the total number of competitors not to exceed 45. Considerations also had to be given to a qualifying race the day before the actual Regatta.

We wanted to have some way to encourage qualified skippers to attend the Regatta. Therefore we offered free room for each pre-qualified skipper for the five days of the Regatta — all he had to do was get there and feed himself.

A week before the Regatta, four of us from Coast Cat flew in and set about the final preparation for the Regatta. Sandy Banks and Joey Johnson took charge of assembling the boats. Bob Johnson made contact with the local press. And I concerned myself with the Regatta itself and last minute details of lodging, the group flight from Los Angeles, and social events. Throughout this week of preparation our efforts were greatly augmented by the unprecedented cooperation of McWayne Marine Supply the Hobie Cat dealer in Hawaii) and the local Hobie Cat Fleet. Fleet members volunteered for anything that needed to be done. McWayne's supplied any power boats and equipment that we needed and as many personnel as possible. Without the outstanding help of these two organizations the Regatta would not have been the same.

The tremendous amount of volunteer ehlp was utilized throughout the Regatta, both on the water in chase boats and on land as beach help, assisting Joey Johnson in investigating boat problems and moving boats around to keep the beach orderly. It would take a good portion of the Hotline to list names, so we will simply say thanks to all who helped make this world championship a great one.

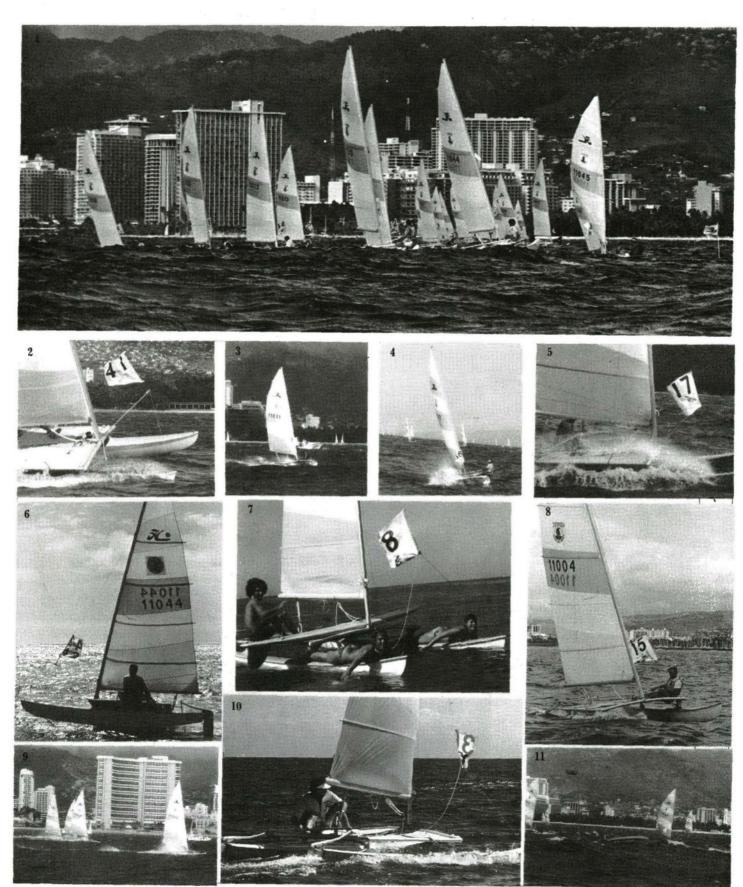
Besides being lucky enough to have all the help we had a great deal of luck in another area — weather. As we have found out all too often in the past weather can completely ruin a well planned Regatta. This time our luck reversed and the weather turned good at just the right time and stayed good throughout the event. Ironically enough the winds had been pretty calm for some time prior to the Regatta and a couple of days after the Regatta strong winds prevailed for some time — so strong that it would have been difficult to safely hold the races.

If you combine all the planning, help and a lot of luck you have the end result — a near perfect Regatta. We hope it becomes a trend for this years Regattas.

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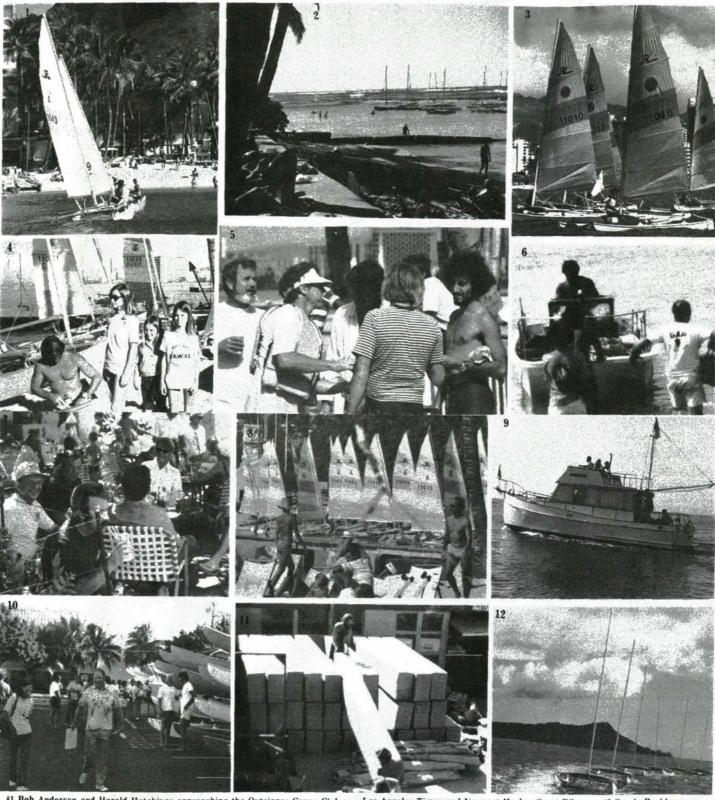
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Starting lineup for Saturday's race. The northeast tradewinds have returned as evidenced by the cloud cover over the Koolau Range—weather end of the line is the flag at right . . . #2 Richard Loutek, California . . . #3 Dennis Wilcox, Florida . . . #4 Hobie Alter, Capistrano Beach . . . #5 Harold Hutchings, Hawaii . . . #6 Leith Anderson, Hawaii . . . #7 Roberto Bouret, Puerto Rico under twin engine, 2

bird power . . . #8 Wayne Schafer, Capistrano Beach . . . #9 Richard Loufek ahead but to leeward of Deane Froome, USA & Hobie Alter in 20 to 25 MPH trades . . . #10 Hobie Alter . . . #11 The lightweight Japanese skippers had difficulty in the heavy seas and winds at the Leeward mark. Larry MacArthur, Hawaii on the left.



#1 Bob Anderson and Harold Hutchings approaching the Outrigger Canoe Club Beach . . . #2 The Outrigger Canoe Club Seawall and deserted beach, the world's fleet is beating out to the Diamond Head buoy . . . #3 Roberto Bourget, Jr., Puerto Rico in the foreground going downward in light air . . . #4 Dennis Wilcox, Florida prepares his boat as wife and daughters look on . . . #5 Bill Amberg, movie cameraman, Hobie Alter, Steve Mann of McWayne's Marie Supply, Paul Collins, Director of Advertising, Roberto Bouret, Puerto Rico . . . #6 Bill Amberg prepares to go out for some more action shots . . . #7 Outrigger Canoe Club, Hau Terrace, the hard working representatives of the Press take a break for lunch. In the foreground is Cris Caswell representing Yacht Racing, Harry Monahan of Sea Magazine, Paul Powers of Yacht Racing and Sailboat Week, Al Lockaby of

Los Angeles Times and Newport Harbor Coast Pilot . . . #8 Carolo Backhausen, Germany, looking for a boat or a girl . . . #9 Conrad Banks Nauti Gal IV furnished by Judge Rudy Buchanan for Committee Boat served well in some of the rough seas and heavy winds . . . #10 Jack Daws of McWayne's Marine Supply is happily filling orders for the world's slightly used Hobie 14s. Over 100 persons appeared at 7:30 AM ready to finalize their deal to buy the boat they had reserved, the demand exceeded the 55 boat supply; a 36 boat shipment was rushed to complete the orders taken . . . #11 Joey Johnson of Coast Catamaran supervises the uncrating and assembly of 55 new Hobie 14's . . . #12 The regatta is over and a string of World's boats are headed for McWayne's Marine Honolulu and a new owner.



Richard Loufek is receiving a word of congratulation upon winning the World Championships from Nadine Kahanamoku, widow of the late Duke Kahanamoku, Honorary Sheriff & greeter of Honolulu.

# Social Events of World's Championship

### GROUP FLIGHT

The preliminary arrangements for this regatta, including transportation and accommodations, took place over a period of months prior to the event. A tour package was arranged with Pan American Air Lines and the Kaimana Beach Hotel, at the Diamond Head end of Waikiki Beach, Honolulu. Transportation for over 100 of the main group in the charter was via a scheduled 747 flight arriving at Honolulu Monday noon, January 15th. Leis were presented to all individuals in the group as they deplaned. A group photo was taken and copies are available through Coast Catamaran.

### Kaimana Beach Hotel

The Kaimana Beach Hotel was the headquarters hotel for contestants, press, and friends. It took the staff of the hotel a few days to recover from the initial impact of over 100 Hobieites hitting the registration desk at one time. All the contestants, with the same thought in mind of getting a boat checked out and doing some test sailing. Upon recovering, the staff and manager were wonderful hosts for our Hobie event.

The first night was on your own with many Hawaiian sights and sounds beckoning the Hobie group.

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Sunsets on the Hau terrace of the Kaimana or the Outrigger Canoe Club closeby are never to be forgotten experiences. The view of the sunset over the reef and the ocean is always different, depending on the cloud cover. The Terrace became a rendezvous every evening for Hobie contestants and friends, discussing race results and events of the day over a cool Hawaiian glass.

The breakfast coffee shop at the Kaimana was the meeting spot for the race committee before sunrise, setting out the day's duties. The Hobie skippers would take over next, with wives and press following. The expansive view included cocoa palms, coral reefs, white surf and sand all covered wall to wall with Hobies.

Tuesday was a day of practice sailing, limited to two hours per skipper, enabling all contestants to have at least two turns each on any one of the 50 boats. Tuesday evening, all of the Hobie group that wished could participate in a Sunset Dinner sail on the Aikane II, a 140 passenger catamaran. Hobie Alter



Right to left World's Champion Hobie skipper Richard Loufek; 2nd place National Champion Jeff Canepa; 3rd place Hobie Alter, 4th place Wayne Schaffer, 5th place Cappy Sheeley, Hawaii 1971 National Champion and received World Hawaiian Governor's trophy for the first Hawaiian to finish in the world's competition.

enjoyed taking the helm for the full cruise from genial skipper Don Lipton.

### QUALIFYING REGATTA DAY

Wednesday was the day all of the non-qualified skippers had been waiting for, their chance at one of the nine remaining places to be filled in the world's Championship Regatta.

The Aikane IV, a 45 passenger catamaran, a prototype of the Hobie asymetrical hull design, was made available to the qualified skippers, wives and press by Rudy Choy, owner of the fleet of four excursion catamarans including his newly acquired Ali Ali Kai, built by the late Henry Kaiser. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of sailing, race-viewing and picture taking from Aikane IV.

# World's Qualifying Races

A beautiful Hawaiian day. Qualifying skippers were down in the Kaimana Hotel beachside coffee shop early, nervously watching the trades whip the overhanging cocoa palms. Since the arrival of the group flight two days earlier, most of the skippers had had an opportunity to test the sea and light sailing conditions. The northeast trade winds had been absent for over ten days but during the night had freshened to about their normal velocity, giving Mainland lake and light air skippers some reason for concern. The sea had built up over the reef, often breaking over the small entrance channel to the Outrigger Canoe Club anchorage. This scene attracted many apprehensive sideways glances between bites of fresh papaya, pineapple and sips of hot coffee.

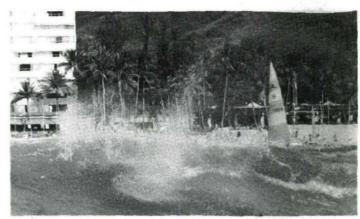
Forty-seven boats had been assigned to contestants, all with the hope of placing in the top nine positions yet open in the World's Championship lineup. These boats were new Hobie 14's, right out of the box, new sails to match special Seaway sheet blocks and Pacific Southwest Marine traveler cars courtesy of Joe Neal. Also ten local skippers were allowed to use their own boat but had to use the special worlds sails.

By the time the first race got underway, the trades had slackened to about 18 to 20 mph. The starting line was void of vessels. Everyone seemed gun shy and holding around the Committee boat with the port favored end of the line completely vacant. The boats that held the starboard tack into the surfline and then laid the weather mark made out. Skippers that split tacks and headed out to sea had a commanding right of way at the weather mark but lost out on the lifts experienced by the rest of the fleet.

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Mox Lippstreu of South Africa is caught up by a wave and heads for the pass through the reef to the beach. Earlier in the race Mox was hit by a sneak wave, he and his boat landed on the reef suffering severe damage to boat and pride.



Many mainland skippers, like Mox were unfamiliar with breaking surf. After a few harrowing experiences they all became experts at sailing in and out of the channel as shown here as Mox finishes his Waikiki sleigh ride.

# Follow the World's Championship Race by Race

Courtesy of Paul Powers, of Sail Boat weekly and Yacht Racing Magazine

# Race 1, Thursday Jan. 18

The first race was a long beat out to the Diamond Head buoy, way out into the seas through swells and chop. Seconds before the start of the race the wind dropped and the whole fleet found themselves foundering around the mark. At least fifteen boats fouled the mark and one another and had to re-round.

As the wind picked up, Mike Holmes of Hawaii broke out into the lead with Keith Logan of Australia on his heels. Within minutes the fleet was spread out over as much as a mile; those who had caught the early wind out in front, those unlucky ones who didn't and those who went too far inshore bringing up the rear.

By the time they reached Diamond Head buoy, Holmes had given it all away and Hobie Alter had come from back in the pack to take a first followed by Dennis Wilcox and Cappy Sheeley. On the way to the third mark, Wilcox began to grind away at Hobie Alter and the lead changed back and forth with every other swell. Cappy Sheeley clung doggedly to his third position. Wind at the third mark was a near calm compared to the wind out to Diamond Head and the boats wallowed sloppily around the pin.

On the way to the finish, Cappy Sheeley split away from the leaders and took a starboard tack back through the fleet. Fourth place boat, Piccolo of Brazil, rounded the third mark 4 ½ minutes behind the leaders. Hobie made a bad tack and lost substantial footage to Wilcox, Cappy Sheeley's indepent tack paid off.

The "Balls Ahead" award in this race went to South African, Mike Cormack. During the last beat to the finish, a tug with a long, long tow line to an old oiler crossed the course and Cormack found himself trapped on the outside. Undaunted, he sailed briskly between the two boats and over the tow line to hold his position in the fleet.

### Race 2

The second race of the day was a beat to the weather mark, run to wreck buoy, reach out to "S" mark and beat back to the finish line off of the Outrigger Club.

Jeff Canepa led the fleet around the course, followed closely by Hobie Alter, John Russ-Duggan, Richard Loufek, Roberto Bouret of Puerto Rico, Leith Anderson of Hawaii, and Keith Baxter of Hawaii.

# Race 3 Friday Jan. 19

We're in the third race now.

The third race got off on a bright clear morning with a fresh clear breeze that donated more than its share of capsizes to the pre-start maneuvering. A Japanese entrant had considerable trouble righting and never did get off to a start. Around the first mark and down to the wreck buoy was Jeff Canepa, winner of the second race followed by Wayne Schafer who was getting it together for this race. Close on their heels came Cappy Sheeley with Hobie in hot pursuit with Mike Holmes of Hawaii and John Ross-Duggan, winner of the eliminations, directly behind.

The reaching leg was a thrilling sight with the boats lifting their weather hulls and the spray flying behind them. On the reaching leg, Hobie picked up two positions to move into third pushing Cappy Sheeley, back to a fifth. Sheeley again tacked away from the fleet early followed by one or two other competitors anxious to capitalize on the maneuver that had won the preceding day, but the leaders weren't buying it this time and tacked over on the same tack to cover.

Then commenced a long beat leg to Diamond Head buoy. Nearly the whole fleet followed Sheeley's lead tacking inshore where the current was reported to run less strong. First to tack off the beach and stand out was Hobie Alter, now a good chance for first spot. Suddenly it became apparent that the boats inshore were continuing to get better lift and move ahead and Hobie reversed his gamble and tacked back into shore for the added lift. Sheeley had stayed inshore too long and he and Hobie found themselves taking bad air from four or five boats led by Hawaiian Mike Holmes. To further compound the felony, Hobie missed a tack and Cappy Sheeley pulled ahead to fifth spot.

Way out to sea, specks on the horizon, a sizeable section of the fleet was also doing its work very well and it became a guessing game as to who would close on the buoy first. Wayne Shafer, one of the most inshore boats, piled on a big drive and pulled out into the lead, followed by Jeff Canepa.

It was no go for the outside boats, however, and at Diamond Head buoy it was Wayne Shafer first after two risky quick hitches, screaming in on a reach Jeff Canepa and John Ross-Duggan; then came Holmes, Sheeley and Wilcox. Where was Hobie Alter? Three boats back in the pack and working hard to catch up.



Danny Kalikimaka, Hawaiian entertainer and master of ceremonies at the Kahala Hilton Hotel, presents the Worlds perpetual trophy to Richard Loufek, Hobie Alter and Nadine Kahanamoku look on.

The long run back downhill to the mark appeared to bore even the competitors and places changed almost not at all. Still Canepa had taken over the lead from Shafer and led on the final beat

Everbody tried everything. Sheeley and Wilcox tacked out, the leaders tacked in. The back of the fleet tacked down the center. Sheeley lost it but Wilcox hung on.

Across the line it was Jeff Canepa to claim his second win in the series. He was followed by Wayne Shafer. John Ross-Duggan, and a spritely duel with Wilcox coming in from his screaming long reach to edge out Mike Holmes in a photo finish.

# 4th Race

Race four was a shallow beat to an onshore mark and a very tightly jammed starting line came off with military precision. Piccolo from Brazil took an excellent start at the favored end but it soon became a dice between Piccolo and a number of other contendors. To make matters worse, Piccolo missed a tack. During all this, Alter took an independent shot down the middle of the fleet and riding a very fair breeze, put himself squarely into contention for first around the mark. Winds were very brisk on this leg and all contestants were hiked out to the limit of their ability to hang it over the side.

Approaching the mark, a heretofore unknown, Deane Frome of Hawaii, looked to be first but couldn't quite lay the mark. and had to port tack into the oncoming starboard fleet. Canepa rounded first followed closely by Sheeley and Keith Baxter. Hobie's strategy had not worked out and he rounded the mark eleventh. The long dead run down to the wreck buoy was not without its excitement with the boats sitting right on top of the surf line and the ever present contingent of surfers and the populate Waikiki Beach. One boat got caught in a burble and almost went flying. Around the mark it was still Jeff Canepa followed by Baxter who had aced out Sheeley. This leg was not to Sheeley's liking either. Chewing away at him were Bob Anderson and Dennis Wilcox, Anderson taking the outside. At the mark he had slipped back into fourth. On the next beat leg everybody took a different tack. Around the mark it was Sheeley still in fourth, Wilcox in third, Canepa in second and Keith Baxter now out in front.

The reaching leg, owing to a wind shift, had become a run, and a dull one at that with positions in the single file procession virtually unchanged.



Left to right Dave Boyle of Newport Beach, past Race Coordinator for the Hobie Cat Class Association, Herb Andresen, Hawaiian 14 and 16 Hobie skipper placed 12th in 16 Nationals but sat out the worlds. Herb, worked out all of the details of the group flight with Pan American Airways. Denis Ljamon, alias wrong way Corrigan, enjoy a Primo Beer while taking in the scene.

The wind began to die and most of the fleet went out in search of some fresh air, found little and came back for a close finish with Keith Baxter holding his first, Canepa clinging to his second. Sheeley had regained third over Wilcox and Froome.

### Race five.

Things got off to a very bad start on this third race of the second day. Winds were generally fluky, light, and confusion reigned at the starting line. There was a recall start with a good number of boats over early, more by drift than poor management. In the jumble of the next start Hobie Alter got thoroughly buried never to recover and Roberto Bouret of Puerto Rico made a beautiful port tack start to establish a lead that he was never to lose throughout the race.

The wind shifted radically and picked up to about fifteen. The leader, reading the writing on the wall, tacked out leaving the rest of the fleet to risk the surf and the lighter winds on shore. Around the pin, Wayne Shafer, Jeff Canepa and Dennis Wilcox slugged it out for second place with the positions changing.

On the long run down to the wreck buoy, the wind went light again to 10-12 and very few could do much about positions from then out.

## Race 6 Saturday Jan. 20

The morning of the third day brought some real Hobie weather as grey cumulus clouds scudded across the horizon and a brisk. 18-25 gusty tradewind blew in across Diamond Head. There were five capsizes on the way to the starting line as the Hobie skippers tested the new wind and wave conditions and pushed their boats to the ultimate.

The first course was a long, long course with a beat to a mark inshore. Hobie, out for revenge after his tank of the second day, led around the first pin followed by Richard Loufek, regattaleader-Caneppa, and Rick Naish. The long run to the wreck buoy was a wild one with a violent jibe at the bottom that caught a number of skippers off their guard.

On the broad reach out to the starting area, the fleet closed in on one another and excitement reigned as everyone jockeyed to get the leaders. Hobie hung on doggedly to his lead, and it was still. Alter. Loufek, Canepa, Shafer, and Sheeley.

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# 1973 Hobie Regatta Schedule

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			Corp Contact Keith Fuller 714/ 493-4586	8	Distance Challenge	8 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Fleet 44 - Contact Port Tack 305/523- 0888
	Spring Series #1	2 San Diego, CA	Fleet 4 - Contact Richard Jeffries 714/582-9146 *	14-15	Sunburn Regatta	8 Biscayne Bay, FL	Biscayne Bay Yacht Club - Contact John
	Deep South Hobie Cat Championships	9 Lake Charles, LA	Lake Charles Yacht Club - Contact Allan R. Heath 318/477-1698	21	Easter Fleet Regatta	8 St. Petersburg, FL	Hogg 305/233-7042 Fleet 5 - Contact Harrison H. Noble 813/581-2260
	Fleet 72 Regatta at Millerton Lake	3 Millerton Lake, CA	Fleet 62 - Contact Mal Ross 209/255- 1213	28-29	Holiday in Dixie Regatta	6 Shreveport, LA	Shreveport Yacht Club - Contact 318/ 631-7414
	Monthly Series Race	6 Clear Lake, TX	Fleet 8 - Contact Shirley Martin 713/ 498-0287	28-29	Baker Yachts Regatta	9 Savannah, GA	Baker Yachts - Con- tack John Baker 912/ 236-5741 or 355-
	Tune Up Races	6 Norman. OK	Thunderbird Lake Sailing Club - Con- tact Bill Hill 405/ 947-1605	29	Spring Seri <b>e</b> s #4	2 San Diego, CA	1475 Fleet 4 - Contact Richard Jeffries 714/582-9146
	Fun Races & BBQ	8 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Fleet 44 - Contact Port Tack 305/523- 0888	29	MSA Spring Series	6 Galveston Bay, TX	MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526-
	Commodore's Regatta	8 Gulfport, FL	Fleet 5 - Contact Harrison Noble 813 581-2260	29	Point Venture Race Open Regatta	6 Lake Travis, TX	0545 Fleet 64 & Austin Yacht Club Contact Larry Smith
	Fleet 39 Regatta	8 Sarasota, FL	Fleet 39 - Contact Lloyd Molby 813/922- 9667 or 955-9424	29	Weekender Race	8 Miami, FL	512/266-1336 Fleet 36 - Contact John Hogg 305/233-
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	MSA Fall-Winter Series	6 Clear Lake, TX	MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526- 0545	5	Fleet 64 Spring Series	6 Austin, TX	Fleet 64 - Contact Lewis Thompson 512/ 452-0434
	Joint Series Races	6 Clear Lake, TX	Fleet 8 - Contact Shirley Martin 713/ 498-0287	5	Florida Hobie Cat Challenge Cup	8 Clearwater, FL	Fleet 5 - Contact Harrison Noble 813/ 581-2260
	Fleet 39 Regatta	8 Sarasota, FL	Fleet 39 - Contact Lloyd Molby 813/922- 9667 or 955-9424	5-6	Contraband Day's Regatta	9 Lake Charles, LA	Lake Charles Yacht Club & Fleet 9 - Con tack Allan R. Heath 318/477-1698
	Fleet 68 Regatta	8 Leesburg, FL	Fleet 68 - Contact Wm. Conner 904/357- 5715	5-6	Baker Yacht Regatta	9 Savannah, GA	Baker Yachts - Con- tact John Baker 912/ 236-5741 or 355-1475
	Spring Series #2	2 San Diego, CA	Fleet 4 - Contact Richard Jeffries 714/ 582-9146	6	Cat 44 Leisurely Cruise & Picnic	8 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Fleet 44 - Contact Port Tack 305/523- 0888
	Fleet 39 Regatta	8 Sarasota, FL	Fleet 39 - Contact Lloyd Molby 813/922- 9667 or 955-9424	12	Fleet 64 Spring Series	6 Austin, TX	Fleet 64 - Contact Lewis Thompson 512/452-0434
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	Family Fun Regatta	8 Dunedin, FL	Fleet 5 - Contact Harrison H. Noble 813/581-2260	12-13	Race Sth Annual La Jolla Invitational Regatta		Pacific Southwest Marine - Contact Joe
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2 Capistrano Beach, CA

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Fleets 46 & 23 Regatta

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Fleets 46 & 23 -Contact Ben Miller 318/322-3785 or W. A. Chiles 214/339-2320

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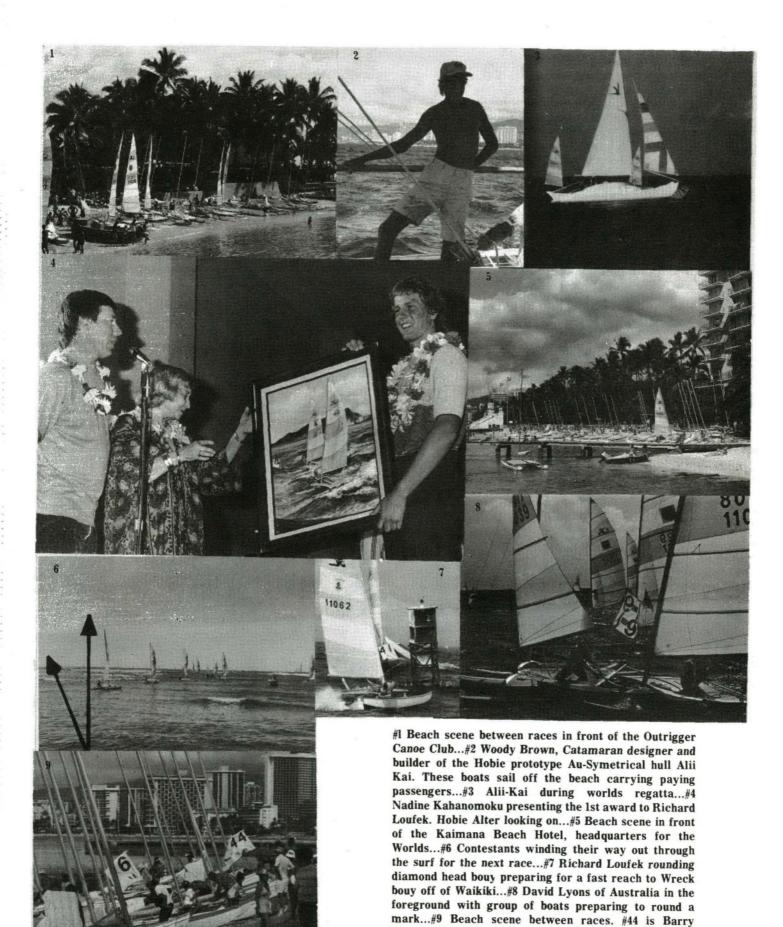
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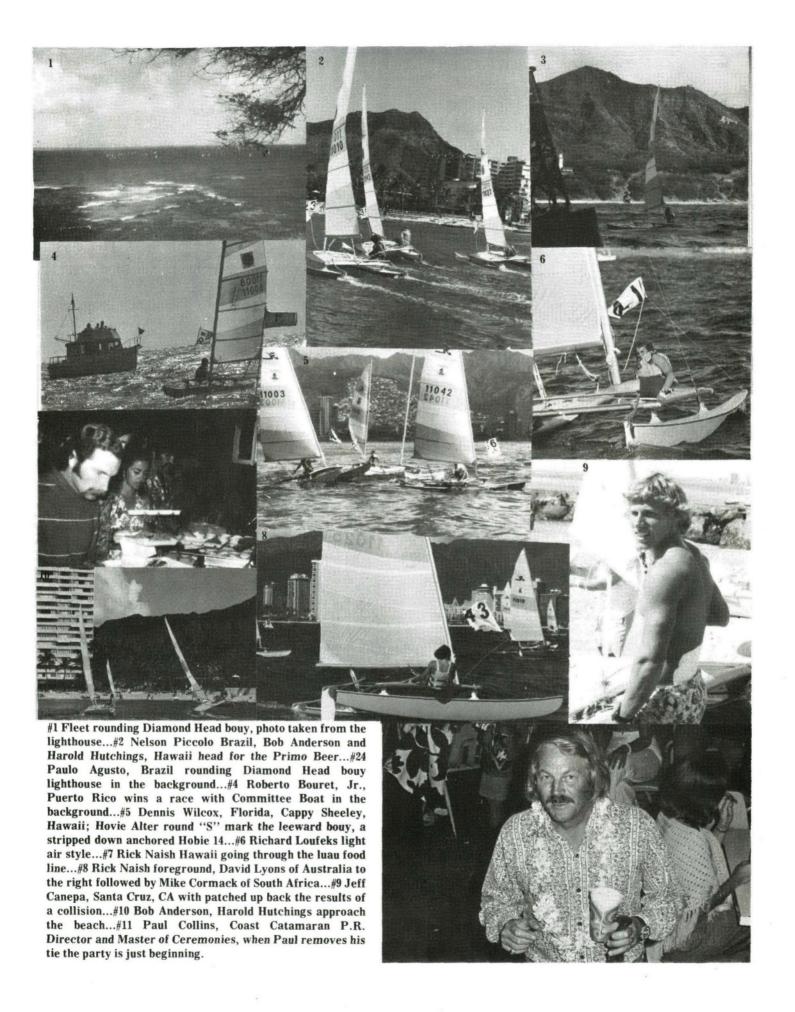
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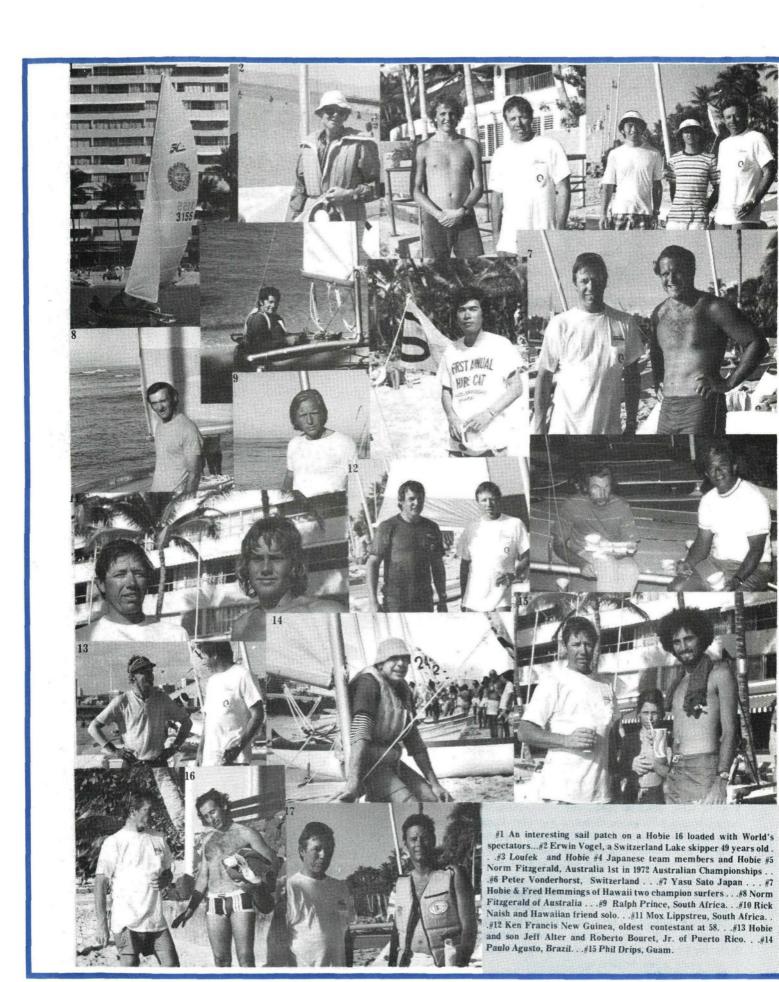
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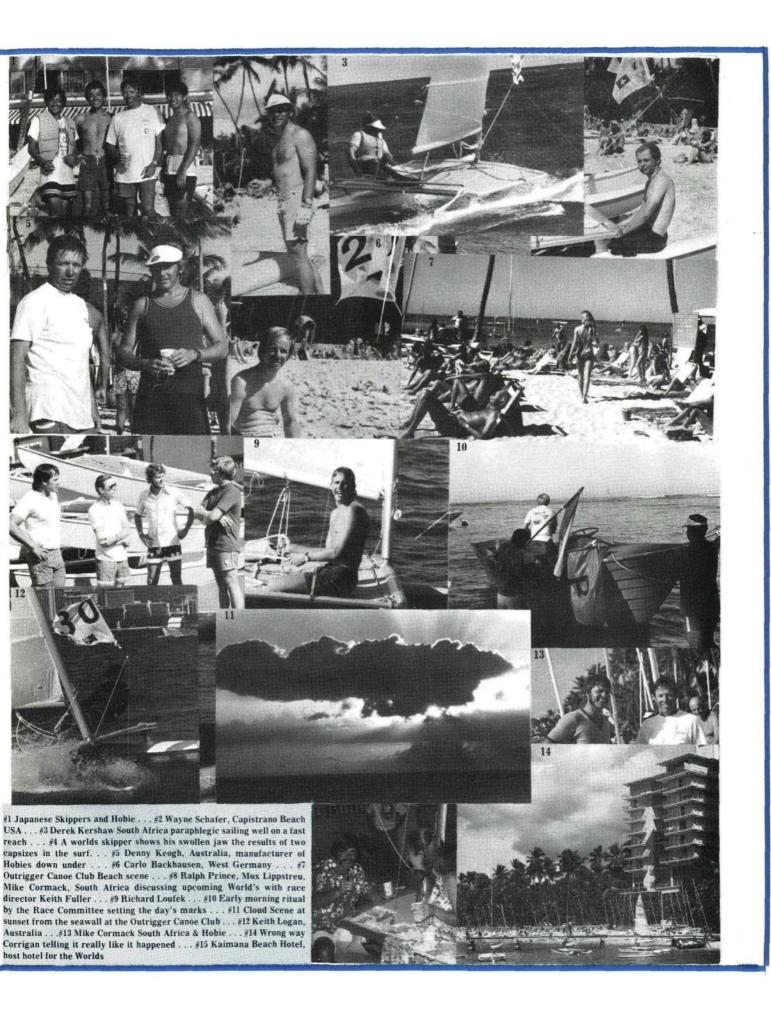
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20	MSA Spring Series	6 Galveston Bay, TX	775-2252 MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526- 0545	30-1	Governor's Cup Oper Regatta	6 Lake Travis, TX	Fleet 64 & Austin Yacht Club - Contact Larry Smith 512/266- 1336
26	Fleet 64 Spring Series	6 Lake Travis, TX	Fleet 64 - Contact Lewis Thompson 512/ 452-0434	30-2	Leech Lake Regatta	7 Walker, MN	Sports Craft, Inc. Contact Gary Trimble 218/547-1727
26-27	Memorial Day Regatta	6 Monroe, LA	D'Arbonne Yacht Club Contact Ben Miller 318/322-3785	30-1	2nd Annual Hobie Warm-Up Regatta	8 Unknown	Fleet 34 - Contact Ken Starratt 305/ 461-2781
26-27	Second Annual			JULY			
		8 Ft. Lauderdsle, FL	Fleet 44 - Contact Port Tack 305/523- 0888	1	Firecracker Regatta	10 Port Huron, MI	The Boat Place - Contact Ed Shumaker 313/385-5811
26-27	Third Annual Fleet 35 Open Regatta	8 Pensacola, FL	Fleet 35 - Contact John Bowman 904/455- 2653	7-8	Third Annual Oakwoo Lake Sails Pine Mountain Regatta	d 3 Groveland, CA	Oakwood Lake Sails Contact Budge Brown 209/982-4618
27	Turnback to Laga Vista Open Regatta	6 Austin, TX	Fleet 64 & Austin Yacht Club - Contact Larry Smith 512/266- 1336	7-8	Pineview Lake Regatta	S Pineview Lake, CA	Fleet 67 - Contact Paul MacKenzie P O Box 22A, Roy, UT
27	Bar-B-Que & Fun Race	8 Miami, FL	Fleet 36 - Contact John Hogg 305/233- 7042	7-8	2nd Annual Thunder Bay Hobie Cat Regatta	10 Alpena, M1	Fleet 60 - Contact Dal Van Acker 517/
26-28	Fleet 72 Regatta	4 Vancouver, WA	Fleet 72 - Contact John Rueter 503/228-		negatta		354-4313 or 596- 6797
26-28	Utah Lake Regatta	5 Utah Lake, UT	9847 Fleet 67 - Contact Paul MacKenzie P 0	14-15	Fleet 38 & Avalon Yacht Club Regatta	11 Avalon, NJ	Fleet 38 & Avalon Yacht Club - Contact Michael Gratch 609/ 967-3649
JUNE 2-3	Wind 'N Sea Regatta	2 Dans Point CA	Box 22A, Roy, UT Wind *N Sea Resta-	14-15	Fleet 52 & Upper Chesapeake Hobie Ca Regatta	11 Lewis, DL	Upper Chesapeke Hobie Cat & Fleet 52 - Con- tack Jim Glanden 302/
3	Second Lake-Tarpon	8 Lake Tarpon, FL	urant- Contact Jim Pfeifer 714/496-1251 Fleet 5 - Contact	14-15	Bemus Point Hobie Cat Regatta	12 Bemus Point, NY	368-9514 Chautauqua Sailcraft Contact Ron Berg 716/386-3337
	Regatta		Harrison H. Noble 813/581-2260	21-22	Fleet 15 Regatta	2 Oxnard, CA	Fleet 15 - Contact
3	Fun Races & BBQ	8 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Fleet 44 - Contact Port Tack 305/523- 0888	21-22	Fleet 67 & Salt Lak	e 5 Bear Lake, UT	Dave Churchill 805/ 252-6841 or 259-0000 Fleet 67 & Salt Lake
3-4	Contraband Days Regatta	6 Lake Charles, LA	Fleet 46 - Contact Ben Miller 318/322- 3785		Sailboats, Inc. Regatta		Sailboats - Contact Burk Berger 801/363- 1306
9-10	Utah Lake Regatta	5 Utah Lake, UT	Fleet 67 - Contact Paul MacKenzie P O Box 22A, Roy, UT	28	Emilio's Ski & Surf Shop Regatta	12 Long Island, NY	Emilio's Ski & Surf Shop - Contact Wini- fred Breuer 516/796- 1565
10	Weekender Race	8 Miami, FL	Fleet 36 - Contact John Hogg 305/233- 7042	28-29	Long Beach Sea Festival Seniors Olympics Sailing Regatta (over 25 only)	2 Long Beach, CA	Long Beach Hobie Cat Contact Frank Ver- sluis 213/597-0335 Bob Johnson 714/493- 4586
10	Sailboats, Inc. Regatta	10 Mt. Clemens, MI	Sailboats, Inc. Con- tact Lolly Boston 313/ 468-1488	28-29	Pineview Lake Regatta	5 Pineview Lake, UT	Fleet 67 - Contact Paul MacKenzie P O Box 22A, Roy, UT
16	Moonlight Sail	8 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Fleet 44 - Contact Port Tack 305/523- 0888	28-29	Fleet 23 Regatta	6 Lake Grapevine, TX	Fleet 23 - Contact Ben Miller 318/322- 3785
16-17	Edgmont Key-Tampa Bay Regatta	8 Tampa Bay, FL	Fleet 39 - Contact Lloyd Molby 813/922- 9667 or 955-9424	Unknown	MSA Summer Series	6 Galveston Bay, TX	MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526- 0545
16+17	First Annual Eastern Hobie Cat Invitational		Fleet 5 - Contact	AUGUS	37		
17	MSA Spring Series	6 Galveston Bay, FL	Harrison Noble 813/ 581-2260 MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526-	4-5	Official Opening Regatta Long Beach Sea FestivaI	2 long Beach, CA	Long Beach Hobie Cat - Contact Frank Versluis 213/597- 0335
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23	Emilio's Ski & Surf Shop Regatta	12 Long Island, NY	Emilio's Ski & Surf Shop - Contact Wini- fred Brueger 516/ 796-1565	18-19	Cat Regatta Fleet 63 Regarta	6 Norman, OK	S13/385-5811  Fleet 63 - Contact Warren Pierce 504/
23-24	Willard Bay Regatta	5 Willard Bay, UT	Fleet 67 - Contact Paul MacKenzie P O Box 22A, Roy, UT	25-26	Bemus Point Regatta	12 Bemus Point, NY	364-1823 Chautaqua Sailcraft Contact Ron Berg
24	Bar-B-Que & Fun Race	8 Miami, FL	Fleet 37 - Contact John Hogg 305/233-				716/386-3337
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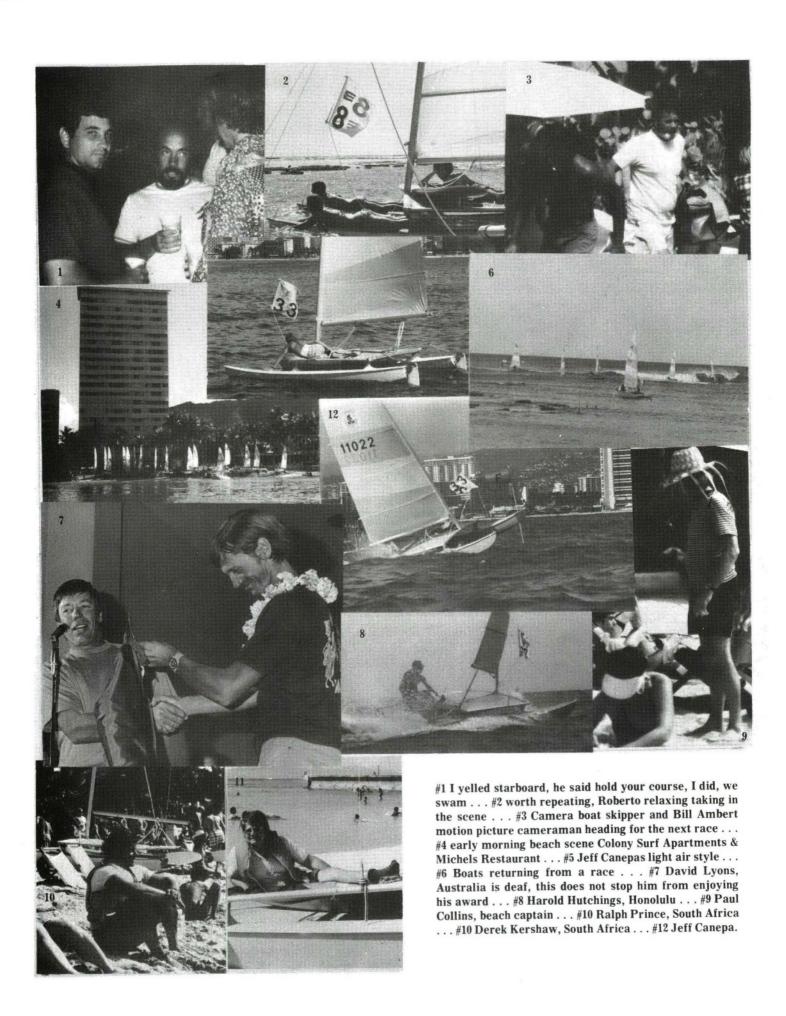


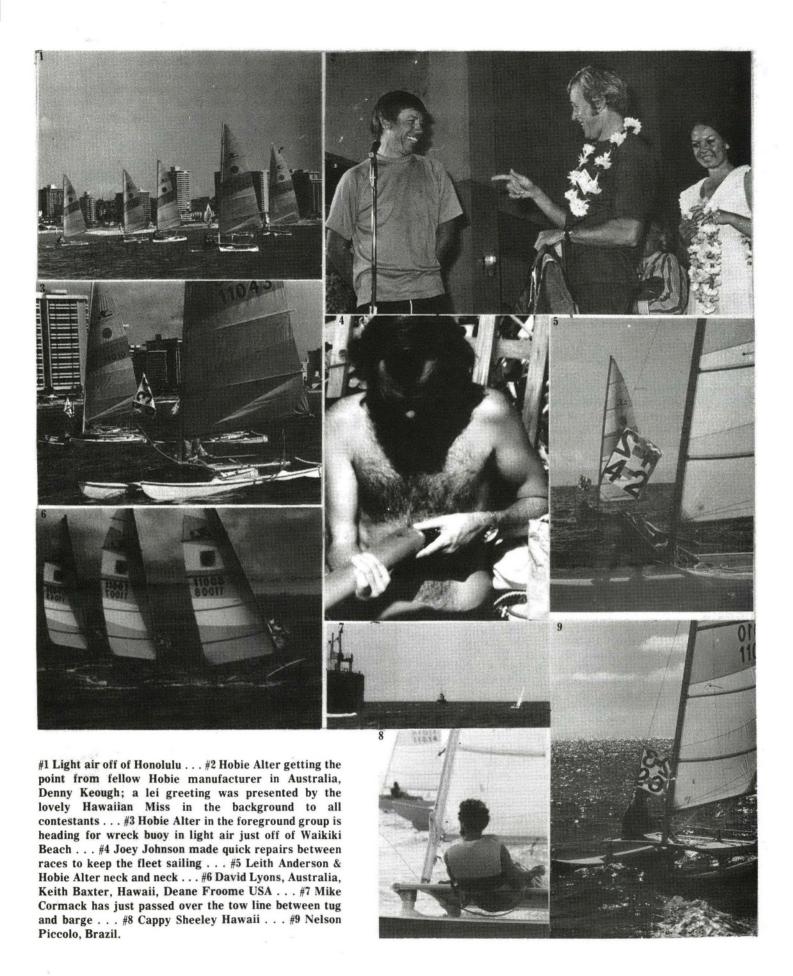
Barrel USA, youngest contestant at 15 years old.











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Hobie Alter led the fleet around to win the first race, followed by John Ross-Duggan of Newport, California, Bob Anderson of Hawaii, Derek Kershaw of South Africa and Cappy Sheeley, Hawaii.

After a lunch break of delightfully refreshing Primo Beer and Outrigger Canoe Club food, the boats left the beach for three races back-to-back under generally the same conditions.

The results for the four qualifying races less one throw-out is as follows:

# **Qualifying Race Results**

1. John W. Ross-Duggan, California, 2-1-1; 2. Bob Anderson, 3-3-1; 3. Cappy Sheeley, Hawaii, 5-2-2; 4. Jack Sammons, Florida, 9-4-3; 5. Derek Kershaw, S. Africa, 4-3-9; 6. Hobie Alter, California, 1-11-5; 7. Larry MacArthur, Hawaii, 5-7-7; 8. Robby Barrel, Hawaii, 6-13-2; 9. Karl Heyer, Hawaii, 12-8-5; 10. Dennis Lhamon, California, 9-11-6; 11. Fred Miller, California, 13-8-6; 12. Glenn Yim, Hawaii, 8-6-15; 13. Gunter Hagen, California, 7-12-11; 14. Jim Tripton, Virgin Islands, 14-10-10; 15. Rolly Pulaski, California, 11-16-9; 16. Gaulden Reed, Florida, 10-14-16; 17. Ted Crane, Hawaii, 7-17-17; 18. Dave Boyle, California, 22-12-12; •19. Russell Davidson, Hawaii, 22-21-8: 20. M. Crowell, Florida, 18-19-22; 21. John Morris, Hawaii, 16-25-19; 22. Richard Marron, California, 19-23-19; 23. Bob Johnson, California, 27-18-16; 24. Jack Morrison, New York, 29-20-13; 25. John Duggin, Texas, 23-25-15; 26. Kirk Sturm, California, 20-23-22; 27. Alfred Egan, California, 21-18-26; 28. Jeff Parker, California, 15-24-26; 29. Atsushi Aoyama, Japan, 24-29-24; 30. Ross McKendrick, Australia, 25-27-27; 31. Ed Bradbury, New Hampshire, 31-31-18; 32. Frank Lederle, New Mexico, 30-30-29; 33. Richard Blake, New Jersey, 31-34-31; 34. Chip Goldeen, California, 39-37-21; 35. Don Stubbs, Washington, 34-33-33; 36. Shirley Martin, Texas, 40-32-28; 37. Lloyd Scott, California, 37-36-30; 38. John K. Ross-Duggan, California, 41-27-35; 39. Roger Gamaunt, California, 33-40-32; 40. Gary Halopoff, California, 35-38-36; 41. John Noyes, Missouri, 38-40-42; 42. Janet Bradbury, New Hampshire, 46-33-42; 43. Dean Sample, California, 43-41-48; 44. Doug Bentz, California, 47-42-48; 45. Marion Tallent, Minnesota, 44-48-48; 46. Arthur Stanten, California, 45-48-48; 47. Paul Hansen, lowa, 48-48-48.

The only major mishap occurred to Shirley Martin, one of two girl contestants who dismasted in the fourth race.

Derek Kershaw of South Africa made the trip half way round the world in the hope of qualifying. Derek's self-confidence was backed by skill and sailing ability in spite of the handicap of not having the use of his legs and body from the wiast down. In the strong northeast tradewinds, Derek maintained complete control and top boat speed without being able to move off of the trampoline and hike out. Derek was the only foreign skipper of four entered in the qualifying race to make the cut, placing fifth.

# World's - Skippers' Meeting

The World's skippers' meeting was held Wednesday evening after the qualifying race. It was held on the sand under the palms of the Outrigger Canoe Club and was the time and place to award gratuities presented by co-sponsors. Primo Hawaiian Beer distributors presented a beer icer and spinaker cap; Pan American Air Ways gave a beach towel and sailing visor to all qualified contestants. All qualified contestants received their identifying number and country flag on a square of sailcloth that snapped to the forestay. This was necessary as boats would be rotated between races and sail numbers could not be used for scoring. All instructions were given for the forthcoming ten race series. The only language communication problem was with the Japanese team, but some of the Japanese skippers understood enough English to translate for the remainder. One young man, David Lyons of Australia, received his instructions by sign language from one of his Australian teammates, as he has been deaf from birth.

The skippers' meeting was a fun affair and had the makings of a good long evening party, forgetting one thing, that the skippers all wanted to get to bed early and get plenty of rest for the rigors of the days ahead. By 9:00 p.m. the beach was deserted; tomorrow was the big day.

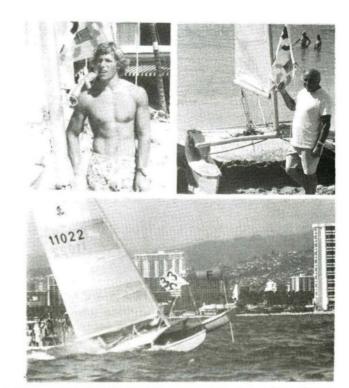
Racing routines, press deadlines, sightseeing occupied the contestants and friends Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Sunday. With plenty of excitement between each race as the boats hit the beach to exchange skippers. This system of boat exchange insured equality of equipment for all contestants. This combined with the fact that all boats had been checked at the factory, repacked, shipped and assembled in Honolulu with all hardware, sails and accessories exactly identical set a precedent in yacht racing circles. The forty to fifty contestants individual seamanship and tactical ability and not his better boat hardware or more expensive sail was the winning factor.

Primo Hawaiian beer was a good refreshment between races and made the run to the beach well worth it. The race starts took place about two miles offshore directly down wind of the Outrigger Canoe Club this made the finish line just off of the reef, interesting for the beach chair and hotel room spectators.

We have what we feel is the best description of our total Hobie Regatta with photos and without embellishments, just as it happened and recorded on tape by Paul Powers of Sailboat Week and Yacht Racing. we would like to share these results with you.



All boats returning from the finish line, to the beach for a Primo Beer and to rotate boats.



Jeff Canepa, Hobie Cat 14 National Champion, and his pit crew Angelo Canepa; Jeff rounding S mark from a fast reach.

# Champions' Corner

# Jeff Canepa 1972 National Champion

Jeff Canepa has been sailing and surfing the Santa Cruz. California water since he was nine years old. Jeff's early sailing experience was in El Toros, Jester Dingys and Newport Flippers; later in Tempests, 505's. Cal 30-38-40 Keel Boats. Santa Cruz waters are not exactly what can be called tropical, as the temperature is pretty low the year around. The Northwesterly prevailing on-shore wind blows with a vengence. Jeff's training in small boat sailing and handling under these conditions has been proven in his recent capture of the 1972 Hobie Cat 14' National Championship in Surfside. Texas, and his near win (second by a 1-3/4 point) of the Worlds Championship in Hawaii. Jeff has been sailing Hobie 14's less than three years, his background in dingy racing combined with his Hobie racing certainly proves the old axiom, practice makes perfect.

Jeff is now 18 years old and has many friends in National and International Hobie circles. His sinewy, muscular build speaks well for his years of sailing, combined with his other favorite sports of surfing, skiing & bike riding. Jeff has a positive self-assurance in his actions whether assembling a boat on the beach in Surfside, Texas or tuning a boat between races at the 1972 World Championship. It would do well for any one interested in rough water sailing and racing to see how Jeff sets up a boat.

When questioned about his most important point of sailing. he stated: "hard weather sailing off the wind and reaching."

On the most important part of boat tuning: "Sail shape, Mast rotation, mast rake, rig tension, batten shape and tension, all determine sail shape."

Jeff's philosophy of Hobie racing is a simple, logical statement that all experienced and novice sailors should study and profit by. "Jeff spent much time with the fine points of tuning a boat and self criticism of his tuning errors until finally he decided to put all of the little problems aside and start to learn how to sail the boat, develop boat speed and get the boat into performing position. Then the fine tuning became a valuable credit.

Sailing tactics will come by trial and error, however, Jeff feels that a thorough theoretical knowledge and study of tactics and racing rules should be given consideration.

Jeff admits that, even now, tacking the 14' gives him some problems. We all know that Jeff misses fewer tacks than the rest of the fleet to come out on top as he usually does.

Jeff brings his own private rooting section along from Santa Cruz. His mother and father enjoy the Hobie races and are pulling all the way for Jeff's success.

The greatest hour for the Canepa team was at the 1972 World Championships, held in Hawaii. Jeff led the fleet with a wide point margin throughout most of the first seven races of the series. In the seventh race he was rammed by another boat and suffered severe muscle bruises on the lower back, an injury that surely would have put most skippers out of the race. However, Jeff made the last day's races with servere muscle spasms, losing only by a margin of 1-3/4 points to his friend and sailing buddy, Richard Loufek. To the spectators and press that made up Jeff's army of rooters. Jeff will be the 1972 International Hobie Champion, due to his outstanding leadership throughout seven races, even to the point of being dismasted, re-stepping the mast at sea and making the starting gun, a superhuman task in anyone's book.

Jeff's shining good sportsmanship in his loss of the first position by such a narrow margin should be a good example for all Hobie skippers to follow and we will put Jeff Canepa at the top of our list for the sportsmanlike way he played the game. After all, isn't this what our Hobie lifestyle is all about.

# World's Awards Banquet And Luau

# Kaimana Beach Hotel Hau Tree Terrace

Sunday two races started early and were over in plenty of time for contestants to enjoy the beach scene, Primo Beer, a swim before the evenings festivities.

Cocktails preceded the fabulous Hawaiian luau and entertainment planned for the Awards Banquet by Karl Heyer Hobie skipper of Hawaii. An air of suspense and excitement prevailed throughout the afternoon and evening as the results of the regatta series were not available and all Race standings were in question including the close first place position between Richard Loufek and Jeff Canepa.

The Luau was enjoyed by all, and the succulent Hawaiian dishes were well prepared and served buffet style. Over 200 skippers' families, guests, press and Hobie friends overflowed the Hau Terrace and onto the beach using parked Hobies as tables and chairs. There was sufficient food left over for many more after guests had enjoyed 2nd and third helpings.

The award banquet was held in the lobby of the Hotel Kaimana overlooking the Hau Terrace and the beach with the sound of the surf in the background. Contestants were called up to receive their trophies in reverse order, all contestants received an award starting with a Lei greeting, the presentation of a flower Lei and a kiss by a lovely Hawaiian Miss. The non-qualifying skippers received a flaming red sailing jacket with an official sailcloth emblem on the back. World's competing skippers received a blue sailing jacket with the sailcloth emblem on the back and an embroidered world's patch on the left breast indicating 1st through 20th place and "contestant" for the remaining 25 positions. 1st through 20th place received Hobie 14 pen sketches with letter signifying event and place. 1st place received the World's Fulpetual trophy, 1st through 6th received a bottle of champagne.

The first Hawaiian finisher, Cappy Sheely of Honolulu. received a special Governor's trophy, a handsome monkey pod kava bowl.

The event was covered by Channel 6 TV live, and local press and radio. Representatives of the offices of Mayor Frank Fasi of the city of Honolulu, and Governor Burns of the state of Hawaii, were present at the affair and assisted in the trophy presentation.

The World's championship trophy was presented to Richard Loufek by Nadene Kahanamoku, widow of the late honorary Sheriff and official greeter of Honolulu, Duke Kahanamoku. It was befitting that Mrs. Kahanamoku should be in a Hobie affair for, as Duke literally "invented" surfing as we know it today. Hobie Alter "modernized" it by reducing the board from a 12 130-lb. solid wood "plank" to the foam filled fiberglass covered style that is popular today.

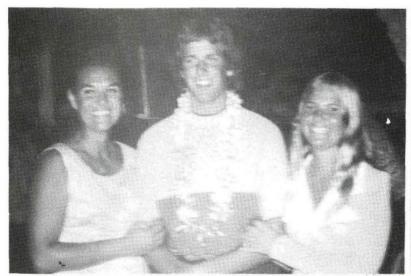
The 1972 World's perpetual trophy for 1st place was awarded by Danny Kalikimaka, popular Hawaiian vocalist and entertainer appearing at the Kahala Hilton.

A wonderful time was had by all, and finalized a perfect racing series with excellent Hawaiian weather 85-degree water and air with plenty good wind with no major protests in fourteen races. Excellent accommodations, at the Kaimana Beach Hotel, good welcome and hospitality given by Karl Heyer and the members and management of the Outrigger Canoe Club. Lots of cool, refreshing Primo Hawaiian Beer courtesy Louis Shell of Primo Breweries. And as always excellent transportation and greeting arrangements by Pan American World Airways Hawaiian Division. With a special word of "Kokua" (thanks in Hawaiian) to Don Adams and the Pan Am staff, and great Hobie skipper Herb Andreson for special Pan Am sailing visors, and all lei arrangements (flowers that is).

By Noon Monday skippers and guests had departed for worldwide destinations. The Hotel was vacant, the beach cleaned up, all the Hobies towed away. The humble Hobie 14 had left it's mark in the Hawaiian yacht racing scene, having received more publicity from all elements of the Hawaiian news media than had any yachting event of it's kind in the past. Not a soul in Hawaii could avoid hearing or reading, of this great Hobie happening.

The 1972 World's Hobie Cat Championship is history.

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Date	Event	Division -Location	on Sponsor	21	MSA Fall Series	6 Galveston Bay, TX	MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526- 0545
Unknown	MSA Summer Series	6 Galveston Bay, TX	MSA - Contact	NOVEMBE	ER .		
			John Gonnerman 713/526-0545	3-4	Fleet 46 Fall Regatta	6 Shreveport, LA	Fleet 46 - Contact Ben Miller 318/322-
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10	Blue Water Labor Day REgatta	10 Port Huron, MI	The Boat Place Contact Ed Shumaker 313/385-5811	3-4	Cross Lake Regatta	6 Shreveport, LA	Fleet 46 - Contact Ben Miller 318/322- 3785
1-2	Fleet 72 Regatta	4 Portland, OR	Fleet 72 - Contact Jim Severs 503/774- 0691	18	MSA Fall Series	6 Galveston Bay, TX	MSA- Contact John Gonnerman 713/526- 0545
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1-3	Hobie Fleet 67 & Burkhard Berger Regatta	5 Bear Lake, UT	Fleet 67 & Burkhard Berger - Contact Burk Berger 801/ 363-1306	9	Quarterly Race	8 Gulfport, FL	Fleet 5 - Contact Ken Keene 813/595- 4025
Unknown	MSA Summer Series	6 Unknown	MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526- 0545	10	Hobie Cat Fall Race Series #4	8 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Gulfstream Sailing Club - Contact Tom Wickenhauser 305/523
OCTOBE	R						0888
6-7	Fleet 31 & Candle- wood Yacht Club Regatta	12 New Fairfield, CT	Fleet 31 & Candle- wood Yacht Club	23	MSA Fall Series	6 Galveston Bay, TX	MSA - Contact John Gonnerman 713/526- 0545
20-21	Lakeway Open Regatts	a 6 Austin, TX	Fleet 64 & Austin Yacht Club - Contact Larry Smith 512/266- 1336	30-1	Key West New Year's Regatta	8 Key West Florida	Unknown - Contact Florida Multihulls, 5600 Banana River Blvd. #10, Cocoa Beach, FL





Richard Loufek being congratulated by Mrs. John Ross-Duggan and daughter of Newport Beach, California. John Ross-Duggan, Jr. placed 6th in the World's competition. John Ross-Duggan Sr. participated in the Qualifying Races.

# Champions Corner

# Richard Loufek 1972 Hobie World's Champion

Richard Loufek, age 18 has gone as far as he can go in Hobie 14 competition. In  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years of sailing and racing Hobies, he has claimed the National Champion title fourth in the 1972 Nationals and now the 1972 Worlds Championship in Honolulu. Richard's sailing experience over a period of six years has been extensive in the dinghy fleet, having sailed Lido 14. Sabots, Sunfish, Windmill, Cal Cats, Aqua Cats and finally Hobies. Quite frankly Richard says that the thing that sold him the Hobie is the racing program. No other fleet offers the variation of sailing locations and the mobility that the Hobie Class Association offers.

Richard feels his strongest point of sailing is going to weather, however, he feels that he can pick up positions on any point of sailing. The most important area of tuning in getting top boat speed is first proper mast rake, next sail shape and all combined with proper boat trim.

His personal philosophy of Hobie racing: a good start, then getting the boat moving and going to weather on the first leg, maintain your position on the reach and down wind leg.

Keep your cool, never get upset regardless of how serious your mistake, lots of concentration and getting into the groove mentally, not being distracted by who just passed who, but paying attention only to other boats that can influence your air or position. Confidence: think you are going to win, know you are going to win, go out and win.

Richard likes ocean sailing off of the southern California coast and lots of wind, however, light air is his favorite, he does not get upset at slow boat speed, but sets about calmly to try to get the boat moving, staying still on the trampoline getting into deep concentration and meditation be satisfied with what wind their is ease the sheet a little keep calm, keep the boat moving, as the apparent wind builds up you begin to build more headway creating more apparent wind, etc.

For all of us that are spooked by light air this should be a good lesson and will pay dividents if we will endeavor to adopt these principles.

We know it works, we watched Richard at the 1971 Nationals in Tampa in the extremely light air Richard moved ahead of everyone and claimed the distinction of having finished the race, put his boat away, showered, dressed and made it back to the beach in time to watch the 2nd place boat finish.

In the Worlds competition in Hawaii, Richard maintained a consistant, comfortable 4th to 8th position during the stiff competition of the heavy air days, only to pick up the necessary points to win when the wind dropped to light air.

More likely than not the hard wind skippers beat themselves by loosing their cool when the wind dropped, instead of following Richards advice and keeping calm and concentrating on the problem of getting the boat moving in these conditions.

Richard is a good example for the younger hobic skippers to follow. Surely the self confidence, the power of concentration and the power of positive thought, gained in his Hobic Racing Career will be of great value to him as he plays the game of life.

A Salute to the fastest Hobie 14 skipper in the world, Richard Loufek.

# Yachting Magazine

### ANNOUNCES A-JUNIOR CONTEST!

The editors of Yachting announce the opening of their seventh annual Junior Article Contest, open to juniors who have not reached their 18th birthdays by April 15, 1973.

CONTEST RULES: (1) Articles should be approximately 1,000-1,500 words long; (2) subject matter may vary, but it should be concerned with some phase of your boating experience and interest, and must be your own work; (3) the article may be accompanied by photographs and/or drawings (done in fine dark lines or ink), preferably your own work, but if these are not your own work this fact should be specified; (4) all articles should be neatly typed, doublespaced, and should be sent with your photograph and a letter telling your age, school, and interests; (5) entries should be mailed to Yachting Publishing Corp., 50 W. 44th St., New York, N.Y. 10036, should be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, and should be postmarked no later than April 15, 1973. First prize is a check for \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25. Winning entries will be announced in a summer issue and published.



The arrival of the group flight via Pan American Air Lines was marked by a genuine Hawaiian aloha, including flower lei presentation, pineapple juice and a group photograph.

# Race 6 Continued

Then began the long, long beat to Diamond Head. Hobie was still in the lead, around the buoy, Loufek had hung on to second but Sheeley had snuck in ahead of Canepa. Action around the buoy was wild with a twenty knot wind blowing and the heavy surf. It was fascinating to watch these people tack and round with the boats virtually flying out of the water. More capsizes around the mark gave the latecomers some additional tactical problems.

Down the long downwind leg back to the starting area the boats were having the ride of their life racing down the face of the big rollers, shifting their weight aft to prevent the bows from purling and flying off the crest of the lead edge. Back at the finish, the leaders chose to risk the wild surf line and come up in the slightly less choppy waters that lay just outside. The fleet by now had stretched out over three and a half miles with many boats not yet making the Diamond Head Buoy. But that's Catamarran racing where the penalty for the slightest of errors can cost you hundreds of yards. Loufek was pushing Hobie hard for first place and right on the top of them was Cappy Sheeley waiting for some mistake to slip through. Canepa had now slipped back quite far and had little chance of anything better than fourth.

In an attempt to protect his lead and weather berth, Hobie took a short tack and this quickly proved risky. Once he read the situation, he tried to tack back for the line but it was too late. Loufek got him in a photo finish and Sheeley almost did him out of second.

But the excitement wasn't over. Keith Baxter screamed in from nowhere on a reach and stole fourt from Canepa hailing starboard to a very surprised Canepa. Canepa was forced into a tack and lost another place to Rick Naish and had to settle for sixth.

# Race Seven

The wind was continuing to honk in at better than fifteen and the chop and surf had continued to build since morning. Clearly the boys had their hands full for this one.

Just before the start of the first race, Jeff Canepa's mast jumped out of its pin and came tumbling down. Not to be left out, Jeff stripped the sail and in those rought seas stepped the mast and got the sail up in little more than seconds before the five-minute gun.

The weather end of the line was clearly favored and the boats began a long procession down from the end of the committee boat. Hobie had stayed outside the line ready to dive in and tack out, but by the time he got ready, a sea of traffic prevented it from working. First off was Piccolo. As they approached the shore, Hobie - well back in the pack - seemed to remember his surfing experience tacked over and flew like a bird off the face of a friendly wave and went dashing out in front, virtually in seconds. Wayne Shafer followed the master's ways and reached the mark second, surfing like a banshee. Behind him were Cappy Sheeley and Leith Anderson, Hawaiians who knew a little about surfing too.

The downwind leg was so unlike the others in this wind and surf. Here in one wave a boat could gain seven or eight lengths on a competitor only to sit in the trough while the competitor flew past him. Speeds were the most exhillarating we had seen so far in the race and our chase boat log, showed some of the boats surfing at 20 kts. Spray flew everywhere.

Jeff Canepa steadily worked his way up from the back, but nobody was to touch Hobie's lead on this one. Several boats got caught in breaking waves and with the foam swirling about them, came to a slushing standstill only to shoot away seconds later to full tilt on the face of the next wave. Few times has sailing been such a spectator sport as on this run.

At the wreck buoy Hobie led by 150 yards. Second was Wayne Shafer, third Bob Anderson and in fourth Cappy Sheeley. A youngman named Harold Hutchins from Hawaii suddenly flew out of the fleet as if powered by twenty tin-screw diesels, only to end in a lump, boneyarding with both bows in a capsize fatal to his hopes. A capsize caught Anderson right after the mark, giving Sheeley third place. I can think of almost no two legs in any yacht race as exciting as this run and reach legs. Boats were literally flying through the air with skippers working desparately to keep them upright and moving at top speed.

By now, with the beat back inshore, the wind had piped up to 25 knots, with whitecaps everywhere. Hobie had kept all of his lead but Loufek had snuck into second. Keith Baxter was behind Loufek. Wayne Shafer, his second place having turned to a sour fourth had only the satisfaction of stealing the position from Sheeley. Then Mike Holmes of Hawaii who had shown occassional flashes of brilliance, was just coming to life, then Cappy Sheely's third turned to sixth.



Richard Loufek's winning light air style of sailing.

At the finish, it was Alter and Baxter. Mike Holmes pulled a surprise third, Sheeley recovered fourth and Wayne Shafer caught a fifth followed by Loufek.

# Race Eight

The course was a short one with a beat leg inshore, a long run down to the wreck buoy, back out to the reachingmark, and a beat to finish. The short timing caught many competitors unaware at the starting line and the start was a bit disorganized.

Dennis Wilcox, Roberto Bouret and John Ross-Duggan got off in the best positions from the favored end. Wilcox couldn't seem to keep it going and dropped back fairly rapidly while a number of other skippers came up from the middle of the line. The starboard end tackers had taken a wide hitch out to sea intending to reach down on the mark. Ross-Duggan made the mark first, but his joy was short lived as Roberto Bouret screamed in on a reach to pass him seconds after rounding. Around the running mark it was still Bouret now having widened his lead to about fifty yards, followed by Ross-Duggan and Harold Hutchings, of Hawaii.

15 year old Bobby Barrel the youngest skipper in the Regatta, of Hawaii, suffered a dismasting and was towed ignominiously home during the middle of the race.

On the beat back to the finish, Roberto Bouret pulled a real fast one slipping along shore to cross the finish minutes before any of the others. It was an impressive lead. John Ross-Duggan pulled a second followed closely by Wayne Shafer. Hobie had worked steadily up from the back throughout the race and in a photo finish was just narrowly edged out by Jeff Canepa. Harold Hutchings of Hawaii finished next with Cappy Sheeley coming up fast.

At this point, Cappy Sheeley found he couldn't make the line and was forced into an abrupt tack. Dennis Wilcox and Loufek slipped underneath him.

# Race 9 Sunday January 21

The morning of the final day brought lighter winds than the regatta had yet seen. Blowing gently out of the west, the sea was only slightly rippled but inshore the big breakers rolled in from the south.

Jeff Canepa, unless he fell apart, had the regatta virtually locked in. He could do as bad as ninth in both races and still come out on top. The real battle was for second place between Hobie Alter, Cappy Sheeley, and Dick Loufek. With only a four or five point spread these three, anything could happen to second, third and fourth places.

An hour and 45 minutes after the scheduled start they finally got off a light air race with the first leg out to sea to the southwest. Cappy Sheeley came up to the line in what looked like the best starboard start. Hobie Alter, Loufek and John Ross-Duggan had come in on a port tack that didn't look too good. Keith Baxter who had gotten there early had to tack over but pulled a miracle and scooched out in front on a port tack and a good lead. Hobie Alter and Rick Naish also recovered well. Sheeley led the starboard tackers.

Kieth Baxter's lead disappeared when a cruising boat suddenly appeared in the middle of the course a scant 100 yards from the line. Baxter tried to get by in front of the cruising boat didn't yield. Baxters shrouds caught on the long bowsprit. By the time he got out from under, three-quarters of the fleet had sailed away.

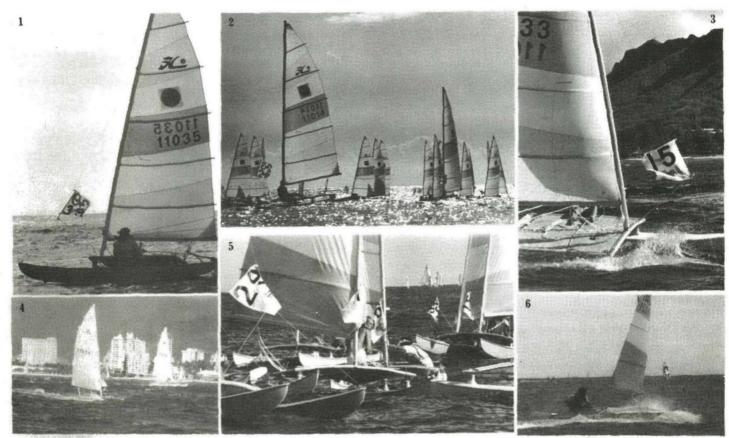
Hobie and Sheeley, on separate tacks, were the leaders. Some of the boats way in shore on port tack began to move with the light breeze, but they were a long way from the mark. Rick Naish continued to lift up to weather and ate away at Hobie's lead. Loufek also had moved up to weather ahead of Hobie but it was still too early to determine how well the outbound tack would pay off. Now Loufek began to eat away at Naish's lead. It began to appear as if Sheeley had overstood out to sea and was not going to reach the mark in contention. Loufek continued to show his light weather ability and pile up more and more yardage. By now, John Ross-Duggan also had a lead over Hobie. Rick Naish and Hobie now began to use the surf to their advantage and Naish pulled out into the lead and Hobie recovered his second. Around the mark, Loufek barely held on to his position with Naish coming in bow to rudder. Hobie and Hohn Ross-Duggan rounded simultaneously with Ross-Duggan holding the weather berth. Barrel from Bobby Hawaii. followed by Wayne Shafer, rounded next. Sheeley had thoroughly tanked, and virtually brought up the rear of the fleet.

Japan made its best showing of the regatta with Suchi Kuriyama running in seventh place. In eighth was David Lyons of Australia. Jeff Canepa could now be in a bit of trouble. He was running fourteenth or fifteenth in this race and he could comfortably stand no poorer showing than 10th.

Once on the reach, he began to work his way back into contention. The same order prevailed around the reaching mark with John Ross-Duggan having widened the advantage of his weather berth to a substantial lead over Hobie. Canepa had made up a good deal of distance and rounded in ninth. Carlo Backhausen of Germany had improved his form and was now eleventh ahead of Dennis Wilcox.

The wind began to freshen a little, much to the relief of competitors and spectators alike.

The course to the finish was slightly to weather. Hobie and Dennis Wilcox took an early tack. Loufek finished with two minutes to spare. John Ross-Duggans early tack paid off to give him a second over Rick Naish. Hobie's tack, on the other hand had backfired, and Keith Logan and Barry Barrel slipped in ahead.



#1 Bob Anderson of Hawaii . . . #2 Nelson Picolo, Brazil in foreground with David Lyons, Australia, #19, and Leith Anderson, Hawaii, #42 on the right . . . #3 Wayne Schafer on the way to Diamond Head buoy . . . #4 Cappy Sheeley to leeward, Hobie Alter to windward head for finish line . . . #5 John Ross-Duggan caught in

the squeeze watches apprehensively, as his bow pokes into the "S" mark buoy, a Hobie 14, Cappy Sheeley #29 on the left, Hobie Alter #36, Wayne Schafer #15, Bob Anderson #38, bear down.

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### Race 10

By the time the afternoon race got off, the wind had shifted to the east and picked up to a sufficient degree to encourage the committee to try another long course. The first leg was a long beat out to Diamond Head buoy. Adding excitement to the race was the fact that Canepa was now in danger of losing the lead in the regatta to Dick Loufek. Cappy Sheeley was pretty much out of the running for any of the top four or five places and needed a strong comeback to even make the top ten.

Hobie Alter and Dennis Wilcox were sparring it out for second or third. The start was marred by three recall starts. Immediately after the start, Hobie Alter was over early and had to re-round. Out in front in the middle of the fleet was Rick Naish with Harold Hutchings of Hawaii holding a weather berth behind Naish. Also in the running was Thane Roberts of France and David Lyons of Australia.

As can only be seen in Hawaii, a fleet of porpoise began to lead the pack down to diamond Head buoy, their glistening grey-silver bodies diving and rising very much like the slim hulls of the Hobie cats that followed them. The wind was still not heavy and the fleet began splitting tacks every which way.

Loufek tacked up along the shore and looked as if he might make it at first but the outshore fleet was bearing down on him heavily. Then the wind outside went soft and it was Loufek by a mile. Following him was Jeff Canepa, forced into an early tack, but pulling a rabbit out of the hat and getting clear air seconds before he would have been in fouling position with another competitor. Then came Wayne Shafer, and Keith

Baxter. Cappy Sheeley, looking much better in this race rounded next.

On the long run down to the inshore mark, Loufek widened his lead while the others jockeyed for position. Coming into the mark five minutes behind Loufek were 12 boats - practically a brand new race. First out of the jumble was Hobie Alter, Denny Keogh of Australia, Deane Froome, Cappy Sheeley and Canepa was now running ninth - a very dangerous position for him to be in. Standing to weather, Canepa began working on his project.

Coming up to the mark, the number of boats in the lump had increased to sixteen trying to get along or to find a breath of clean air. First around was Deane Froome, Jack Sammons of Lakeland Florida pulled a second, then came Leith Anderson of Hawaii, Canepa, in the middle of the pile, was trying so hard he fell off his boat. Bounding back on he got it under control. Next to slip through was Cappy Sheeley. Boats began to bounce together and Canepa slipped around to leeward in about 12th position.

At the finish line, Loufek had plenty of time to pose for photographers and sail about the course as he still had fhis five minute lead on the rest of the fleet. Next to finish was Deane Froome, Jack Salmons, then came Cappy Sheeley, Leith Anderson and Wayne Shafer. And Canepa had not made it.

Richard Loufek, Newport Beach, Calif. USA. won the regatta by 1¼ points. 19 years old. 1971 National Champion, sailing 6 yrs. Fastest one-design sailor in the annals of yachting won in 2-6 mph southerly winds. 1972 Hobie World Championship Results.

1972 Hobie World Championship Results.  Posi- Sail Race Race Race Race Race Race Race Race													
Posi- tion	Name & Country	Sail #	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10	Total Points
1	Richard Loufek	41	15*	4	8	7	6	3/4	4	8	3/4	3/4	391/4
2	U.S.A. Jeff Canepa	33	8	3/4	3/4	2	2	6	10	4	7	16*	40%
1 3	U.S.A. Hobie Alter	36	3	2	14	12	39*	2	3/4	5	6	8	52-3/4
4	U.S.A. Wayne Schafer	15	17*	8	2	14	3	7	5	- 3	8	9	59
5	U.S.A. Cappy Sheeley	29	3/4	10	6	3	16	3	6	12	21*	4	60-3/4
6	Hawaii John Ross-Duggan	11	20	3	3	13	34*	8	9	2	2	5	65
7	U.S.A. Denis Wilcox	7	2	11	4	6	4	17	37*	7	11	15	77
8	U.S.A. Keith Baxter	38	12	7	12	3/4	10	5	2	26*	18	17	83-3/4
9	Hawaii Roberto Bouret, Jr.	8	28	5	19	4	3/4	9	7	3/4	24	44*	97⅓
10	Puerto Rico Harold Hutchings	17	5	12	7	9	24	15	31*	6	15	14	107
11	Hawaii Leith Anderson	42	29*	6	9	18	19	11	11	18	12	6	110
12	Hawaii Nelson Piccolo	23	4	9	17	10	12	12	13	9	27	30*	113
13	Brazil Rick Naish	43	9	22*	16	22	14	4	8	19	3	22	117
14	U.S.A. Deane Frome U.S.A.	3 7	13	20	10	5	5	29*	23	22	23	2	123
15	Mike Holmes Hawaii	16	6	16	5	27*	23	18	3	16	26	31	144
16	Claudio Kunze Brazil	20	14	17	27	11	9	24	21	34*	17	7	147
17	Geoff Horsley Australia	34	25	18	11	17	21	13	16	28	35*	13	162
18	David Lyons Australia	19	7	34	15	35	8	14	24	17	9	37*	163
19	Denny Keogh Australia	28	21	15	18	23	41*	10	19	27	22	11	166
20	Robby Barrel U.S.A.	44	10	21	28	21	17	27	30*	20	5	21	170
21	Keith Logen Australia	30	40*	14	26	38	27	23	12	20	4	10	174
22	Paulo Henning Brazil	24	27	13	25	15	7	20	18	29	33*	23	177
23	Bob Anderson Hawaii	39	37*	31	13	8	15	26	20	10	29	34	186
24	Norm Fitzgerald Australia	26	26	24	23	32	33	19	14	11	37*	32	214
25	Karl Heyer Hawaii	25	34	25	22	16	25	16	29	26	43*	28	221
26	Mike Cormack South Africa	35	18	36*	31	30	13	35	26	25	25	24	227
27	Thane Roberts France	6	31	39*	20	34	35	31	27	24	16	12	230
28	Carlo Backnusen West Germany	21	22	28	29	28	32	34*	33	31	10	18	231
29	Max Lippstreu South Africa	40	11	26	32	37*	30	33	35	13	19	36	235
31	Roberto Bouret, Sr. Puerto Rico Philip Drips	1	33	19 32	38*	33 25	38*	30	15	32	32	26	235
32	Guam Larry MacArthur	32	36	30	34	29	26	22	22	14	38*	33	246
33	Hawaii Ralph Prince	31	39*	29	37	20	36	25	25	23	31	25	251
34	South Africa Jim Smith	18	23	23	30	24	28	28	39*	30	34	40*	259
35	Puerto Rico Jack Sammons	27	19	27	21	45	45	45	45	45*	14	3	264
36	U.S.A. Peter Vonderhorst	4	35	38	33	31	18	40*	32	33	28	38	286
37	Switzerland Yasuo Sato	10	45*	40	35	19	11	41	34	38	41	27	286
38	Japan H. Nakazawra	14	16	35	36	26	20	37	45	45	45*	35	295
39	Japan Keuchi Kiriyama	13	42	41	42*	36	37	38	38	36	13	29	310
40	Japan S. Nakagawa	5	24	42*	39	39	22	36	36	35	40	41	312
41	Japan Ken Frances	3	38	45	41	41	29	32	17	45*	36	42	321
42	New Guinea Derek Kershaw	45	30	33	42	45	45	45	45	45*	30	20	335
43	South Africa Michio Saito	2	44*	43	40	40	40	40	39	37	42	43	364
44	Japan Irwin Vogel	9	41	44	42	45	45*	39	45	45	27	39	367
45	Switzerland Ernest Barge Canada	12	43	37	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45*	395
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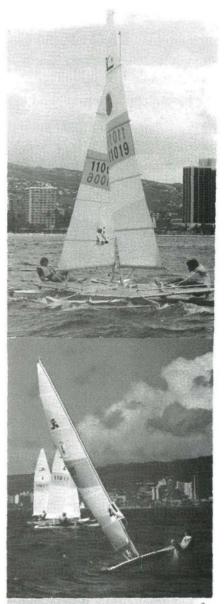
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Top to Bottom — Richard Loufek shows his hiking position. Mike Holmes lets it all hang out. Richard Loufek on the port tack watches apprehensively as Keith Logan of Australia on starboard holds his course astern.







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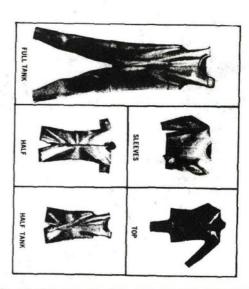
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