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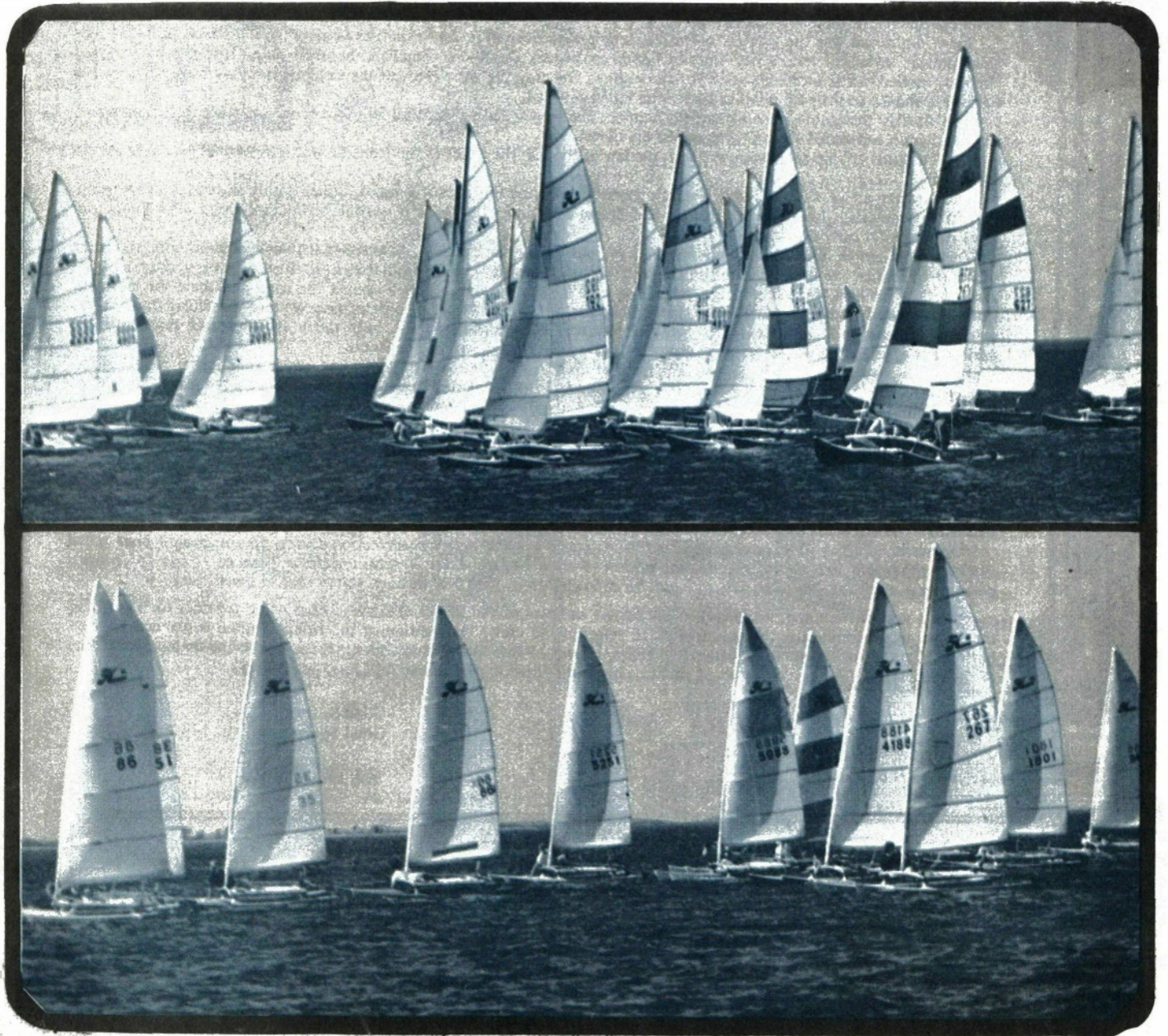
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**HOBIE****CATAMARAN**

THE TRADITION OF SAIL

Hobie PMA Champions

Speed under sail in all its forms has intrigued man for centuries. When wind was the only source of propulsion on the sea, man raced against time, scurvy, diminishing water and food supplies to prove that the world was round, discover and claim continents for their sovereign kings.

Speed under sail was the greatest offensive or defensive weapon in the sea battles of giant naval armadas of the world's naval powers. In world commerce, America's pride of the seas, the Flying Cloud and her sister ships, Down East full rigged clippers, carried tea from China to a young country. Opening the west through their eighty-nine day passages from the Eastern Seaboard to the gold fields of California via Cape Horn.

And finally, the giant five-masted steel barques, the largest sailing ships afloat raced from Australia to England with wool and grain and ended the centuries of the era of sail.

The Tradition of the sea; Admiralty law, the law of the sea; the Rules of the Road at Sea, were tested, tried and proven under sail.

Yacht racing as we know it today is man's way of continuing this quest for speed, utilizing only the power of the wind. Present day materials, boat and sail making and design technique, has made it possible to increase speed a few knots over some of the faster early day vessels.

Then came Hobie Alter. Utilizing a new but yet old polynesian concept, new materials, new production methods, he was able to reduce the drag of water on the hulls by incorporating a unique hull design. He further reduced drag by doing away with a fin keel, by using man's weight was able to apply leverage of sail against the wind and there was born the Hobie Catamaran, fully capable of sailing faster than the wind. The cycle is complete, daily we take our Hobie down to the sea, bay or lake and continue man's age old conquest of speed under sail, only today for the sheer joy, thrill and excitement of sailing in the largest one-design catamaran class in the world—the Hobie.

In the recent 1973 — 8th Annual Pacific Multihull Association Time Trials, the stock production model Hobie catamarans 14 & 16 proved their superiority over all makes and manufacturers of catamarans from the giant C & D Class racing machines to the prototype hydrofoils and one-of-a-kind experimental models.

The superior Hobie design was not only proven in the Time Trials, on a broad reach against the clock, but also in the two day-three race regatta.

The top efficiency rating was won by a stock Hobie 16 skippered by Don Oltmans of Fleet 57, Marina del Rey, California with an *efficiency factor of 2.18; Second place was a Toronado with an efficiency factor of 1.96; Third was a Hobie 14 with 1.7 times wind speed; Fourth and Fifth were experimental models with a factor of 1.6 and 1.5 followed by two Hobie 16's for Sixth and Seventh at about 1.4 factor.

**Efficiency Factor = Boat speed/speed x P.M.A. rating x wind velocity correction factor. In the overall boat speed category the Hobie 16's placed 3rd, 5th, and 6th. In Division 1 of the 2 day Regatta the Hobie Team of 14 and 16's made a clean sweep—with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th corrected time, with 2nd through 4th in first to finish category.*

Once a year there comes a time when the fastest skippers of the fastest catamaran class come together for a battle of the giants to determine the champion 14 & 16 skippers and crew. This edition of the Hobie Hotline is planned to serve both contestants and spectators at the 1973 Hobie 14 and 16 Nationals. In an attempt to explain to the un-informed some of the intricacies of the age old sport of yacht racing as modified by the Hobie Cat Class Association.

Good Sailing
Good Spectating

Bob Johnson, **Editor**

DO YOU RECALL THAT DAY

"The races start; persist for a course; end; then follows a brief period of days or weeks when they provide the material for what the "Hobie" people have been known to call hull flying in the bar.' Soon that too languishes. The races pass into the dustbin of memories, are lost beneath the sea of antiquity.

Races may be given if not immortality at least a decent lease on life in writing. Many people relive their moments of engrossing, and possibly even successful activity; whilst others are enabled to remember during a winter's evening, perhaps decades later, what it meant to race a yacht on one far-away day by lasting written words, jotted fresh after the active moment, a photograph and a dusty trophy." The Hobie Hotline holds that moment of yesterday for your continued pleasure and fond memory.

A Hobie Cat National Regatta Explained

The international Hobie Cat Class Association wishes to welcome wives, friends, the press and spectators to a Hobie 14 regatta. In offering an explanation of our regatta procedure, we will assume that the spectator does not understand yacht racing rules and regulations. If this information seems redundant, please bear with the completely uninformed for which this is intended.

The colorful sight of over 100 Hobie Catamarans skimming over the water at speeds that equal most city speed limits is all fun and games, but to the beau, wife, friend, last nights date or spectator that is trying to find out how their favorite skipper is doing it can be all very confusing.

Hobie 14 & 16 Nationals

A Hobie regatta for the most part is not unlike any yachting event of this type, but still different enough to justify a brief description.

During the period of the last 6 months Skippers from 13 divisions including Hawaii and the Virgin Islands have competed for the top spot, and in winning have qualified for the 1973 Nationals, both in 14 and 16 classes.



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October is Hobie Nationals Month. Shown here are fleets of 14's & 16's taken during the 1973 Midwinters, Apollo Beach, Florida. This is a sample of the starting line-up expected for the 1973 Nationals with fleets of over 50 boats at each start.

This year a 2nd opportunity to qualify was given Skippers of the Continental United States by allowing the top 6 winners of the Area Championships to qualify for the Nationals from each of the 4 areas of the country. (See the Division and area map on Page 21.)

Thursday's four races (weather permitting) will fill the remaining unqualified positions and break out the fleets. The first 50 finishers, including all pre-qualified contestants go into A Fleet; the next 50 finishers into B Fleet and the remainder into C Fleet. The points for the day will go toward a 10 race series as 4 races. The remaining races will be in this fleet order.

There is a separate course chart for the 14 Nationals and the 16 Nationals. Essentially they are the same except that the Lake Havasu chart has an extra buoy or two to allow for contingencies, such as varying wind direction.

All starts are to windward or sailing into the wind from "S" mark, the Committee Boat. The precise course number to be sailed is hoisted on the Committee Boat five minutes prior to the start. This course number is indicated on the chart. The letters on the chart are for a different buoy sequence here again depending on wind directions.

The "F" or starting signals consist of a series of blasts on a horn or a bright Very flare, as a prelude to the hoisting of the white flag and a long blast on a horn, or the firing of a cannon. This signal starts the ten minute countdown to the start. At four minutes, thirty seconds the white flag is struck. At five minutes a blue flag is hoisted, accompanied by a blast on a horn or cannon. At nine minutes thirty seconds the blue flag is struck. At ten minutes a red flag is hoisted, accompanied by the blast on the horn or cannon, signaling the start of the race. Contestants will tack to the next mark to windward, then a reaching leg to the leeward mark, followed by a tack to windward to the finish line.

Should a contestant's boat strike another boat or violate any one of a number of rules of the Class Association, the skipper can clear his record by doing two 360° circles involving two jibes and two tacks. In certain rules infractions he could be disqualified. In striking a marker buoy or the committee boat, the skipper must re-round the mark properly. The vessel on the starboard tack or wind on the right side of the sail has the right of way over a vessel on the port tack with the wind on the left side of the sail. A vessel on the wind or heading into the wind has the right of way over a vessel running off the wind.

Scoring is computed on the order of finishing, with one exception—that first place earns 3/4 point not one point, second is two points, third is three points, etc., with an even number of races a throw out race is allowed. This means that the highest point race is thrown out giving a skipper one race to breakdown in and not be penalized. The total of these places after all races have been sailed and protests heard determines the winner in reverse order, lowest score 1st place, second lowest 2nd place and third lowest 3rd place, etc.

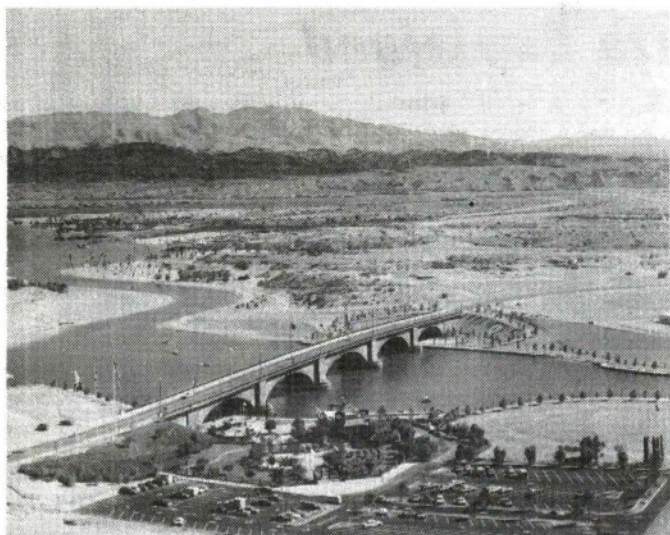
A Hobie Cat regatta is unique in that no where else in the yachting fraternity has the guarantee that the equipment to be used is precisely equal in every dimension and quality of material.

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World famous London Bridge in the foreground with the Nautical Inn in the far upper left. This area is the scene of an exciting around the island fun race Wednesday, October 3. The quaint London Village in the foreground is the community gathering spot.



Dave Shay, Race Committee Chairman, at the helm of the committee launch. Bill Smith, Scorer and Protest Committee Chairman, on the bow.

Hobie Catamaran International Class Association

The racing program is quite unique in that there is no yacht club affiliation required of participants and the program is coordinated and administered by the manufacturer, Coast Catamaran Corporation. Hobie felt that yacht clubs serve an extremely valuable function on the yacht racing scene, but it was unfortunate that small boat racing was so costly (often times exceeding the cost of the boat when you consider yacht club initiation fees and annual dues). Worst of all you couldn't even race a couple of times to see if you enjoyed it before you invested in a club membership! Why not establish a program where all Hobie Cat owners have the opportunity to participate in races as often as they like at minimum expense to them? That way everyone who can afford a Hobie Cat can afford to race with a minimum of bother and cost. Consequently the Hobie Cat races are open to any Hobie Cat skipper who wishes to participate and owners are regularly notified of activities in their areas.

Hobie has always kept in mind the relative expense to the skipper when setting up the racing program and racing rules. It is for this reason that the racing rules are perhaps the strictest of any one-design class anywhere. The thinking on this is two-fold: 1st - encourage skippers to concentrate on sailing techniques to win by discouraging the development and use of "racing goodies" and 2nd - to prevent skippers from engaging in a high cost "equipment" duel. We have even gone so far as to require that all sails used in official Hobie Cat Regattas be purchased through Coast Catamaran. In so doing we insure all stock boats are competitive--no one can go out and have a high priced sail maker make an exotic sail which gives him either an actual or psychological advantage. This idea holds true throughout our rules--the changes allowed are simple, inexpensive, and do not change the actual sailing characteristics of the boat--they just make some things more convenient.

The foremost objective of the Hobie Cat

racing program is to provide each participating skipper with the challenge and fun that is associated with our races. The challenge of competing with other skippers of equivalent ability and experience--the challenge of developing and improving your sailing skills in an effort to sail faster than everyone else. The fun of associating with other skippers who all have a common interest and of participating in the festivities which frequently are included in a regatta program--the barbeques and banquets, the chance to camp on the beach with other Hobie Cat owners and have your boat at your back doorstep--poised and ready for a relaxing frolic between races.

Popularity of the Hobie Cat has skyrocketed as evidenced by the more than 14,000 boats sailing in just four years. Production in 1973 will approach 6,000 out of the four plants in San Juan Capistrano alone. Other plants are operating in Mexico City, Australia, South Africa, France, South America and Japan.

1973 Nationals Typical Daily Schedule

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. &
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening

- Registration. Also, skippers can check out their rental boats if they have them.
- Activities

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

- Registration
- Skippers' Meeting
- First Race -- Qualifying and Fleet Break-Out Race; 4 Races

5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

- Tap the Beer
- Activities

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

- Skippers' Meeting
- First Nationals Race; 2 Races Back-to-Back
- Tap the Beer
- Activities

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
Evening

- First Race; 3 races, 1 & 2 B. to B.
- Tap the Beer
- Activities

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
(All Day)
3:00 p.m. (If not sooner)

- Last Race
- Tap the Beer
- Trophy Presentation

**See You At Longboat Key Saturday and Sunday
October 28-29 (See Page 22)**

Hobie 14 Pre-Qualified Contestants From 13 Divisions and 3 Area Championships

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Recreational Map and Guide

Las Vegas, Nevada to Lake Havasu, Arizona

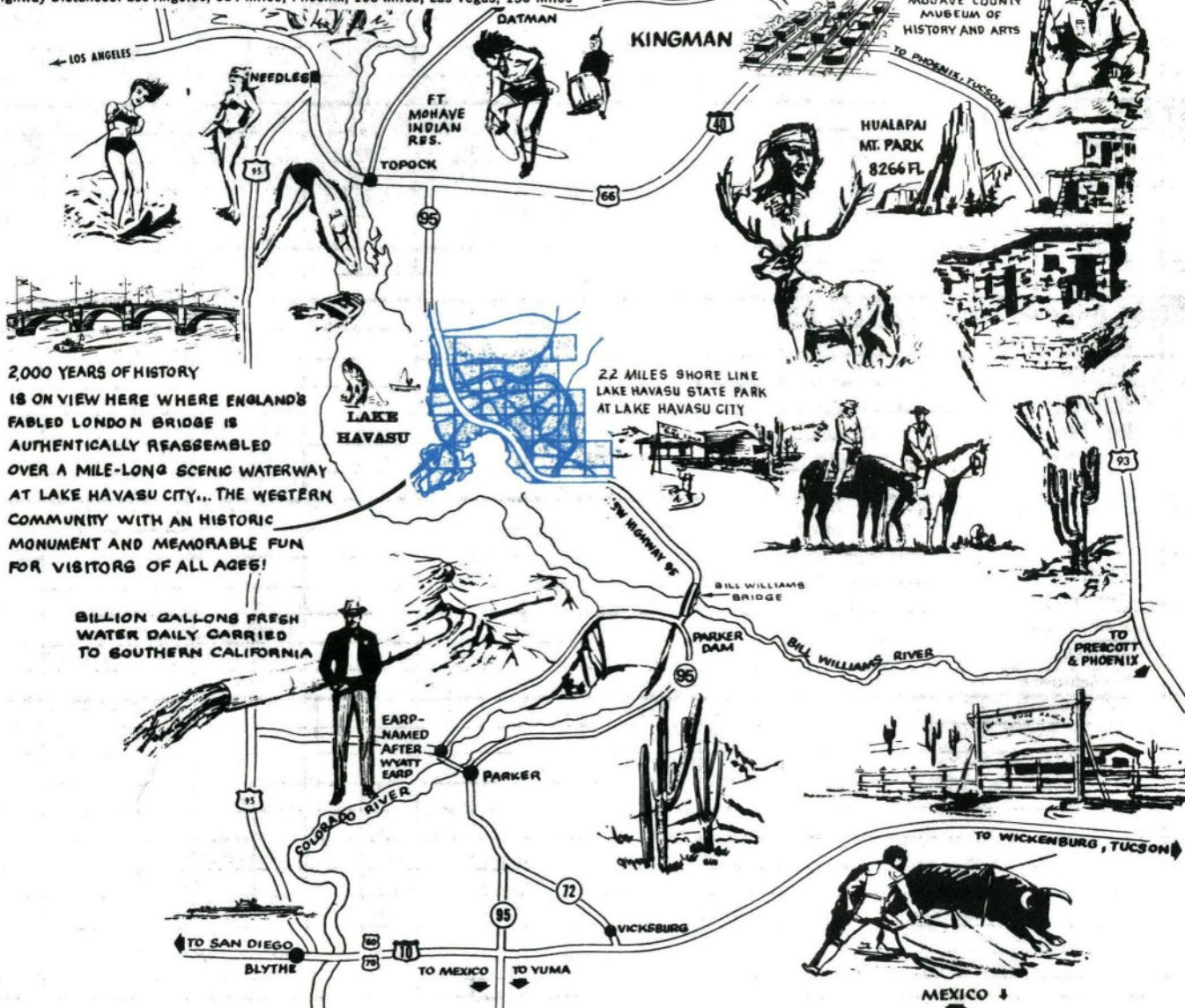
LAS VEGAS

Highway Distances: Needles, 43 miles; Las Vegas, 150 miles; Davis Dam, 72 miles; Hoover Dam, 143 miles; Kingman, 60 miles; Grand Canyon, 250 miles; Parker, 30 miles; Blythe, 78 miles.



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Highway Distances: Los Angeles, 314 Miles; Phoenix, 198 Miles; Las Vegas, 150 Miles



2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY
IS ON VIEW HERE WHERE ENGLAND'S
FABLED LONDON BRIDGE IS
AUTHENTICALLY REASSEMBLED
OVER A MILE-LONG SCENIC WATERWAY
AT LAKE HAVASU CITY... THE WESTERN
COMMUNITY WITH AN HISTORIC
MONUMENT AND MEMORABLE FUN
FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES!

**BILLION GALLONS FRESH
WATER DAILY CARRIED
TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**LAKE
HAVASU**

**22 MILES SHORE LINE
LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK
AT LAKE HAVASU CITY**

**EARP-
NAMED
AFTER
WYATT
EARP**

PARKER

**BILL WILLIAMS
BRIDGE**

PARKER DAM

BILL WILLIAMS RIVER

TO PRESCOTT & PHOENIX

TO WICKENBURG, TUCSON

MEXICO

Lake Havasu Course Chart and Area Map

Meet Your Hobie 14 Nationals Committee

The regatta chairman will be Mr. Robert McCulloch, Jr., president of McCulloch Properties Inc. Host and Co-sponsor of the 1973 Hobie Cat 14 Nationals. "Bob" as all of his catamaran sailing buddies know him has sponsored the Lake Havasu London Bridge Regatta since 1964, an invitational Regatta exclusively for Pacific Catamarans and Hobie Catamarans, growing from 13 entries in 1964 to 246 in 1973.

Dave Shay, Race Committee Chairman duties, include the start and finish line officiating and timing. Serving as Race Chairman for 7 years of the London Bridge Regatta, bringing a wealth of sailing experience to the Lake Havasu area from his extensive background in yachting. Dave has sailed Lightnings, Snipes, Ocean Racers, 12 meters and participated in the Pan American games and the America's Cup Races in the sixties. He is a former commodore of the Lake Havasu Yacht Club and supervisor of employment for McCulloch Corp.


Jess Underhill, Co-Chairman Race Committee in charge of communications and safety patrol. Jess served five years in this capacity for the London Bridge Regatta. As fleet captain of the Lake Havasu Yacht Club, Jess is a senior industrial engineer for the McCulloch Corporation.

Bill Jones, Co-Chairman of the Race Committee in charge of registration, scoring and protests. Bill has seven years experience in the London Bridge Regatta. He is a Hobie skipper and sailed for years in the San Francisco Bay for which we give him credit, in monohulls for which we should fail to mention. Bill is the manager of the Arizona state employment office.

Ned Geary, recently re-elected commodore of the Lake Havasu Yacht Club will be Co-Chairman in charge of social activities. Ned

retired as colonel from the United States Army to Lake Havasu and enjoys the boating scene around the lake.

These are the leaders of an aggressive group of over 40 Yacht Club members and newly formed Hobie Fleet #88 that will serve as your hosts for the 14 Nationals. Give them your consideration in matters of safety and racing instructions.

Again, your hosts and co-sponsors for the 1973 Nationals will be the McCulloch Corporation, headed by Hobie-owner Robert McCulloch, Jr., regatta chairman. The Lawrence Laurie Agency, Lake Havasu Yacht Club, Schlitz Brewing Company, Winnebago Motor Homes, Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce, newly formed Hobie Fleet #88 and, of course, Coast Catamaran. 

Special Hobie 14 National events:

Wednesday and Thursday Evening:

Beer, soft drinks and movies on the lawn in front of the Nautical Inn.

Friday Night:

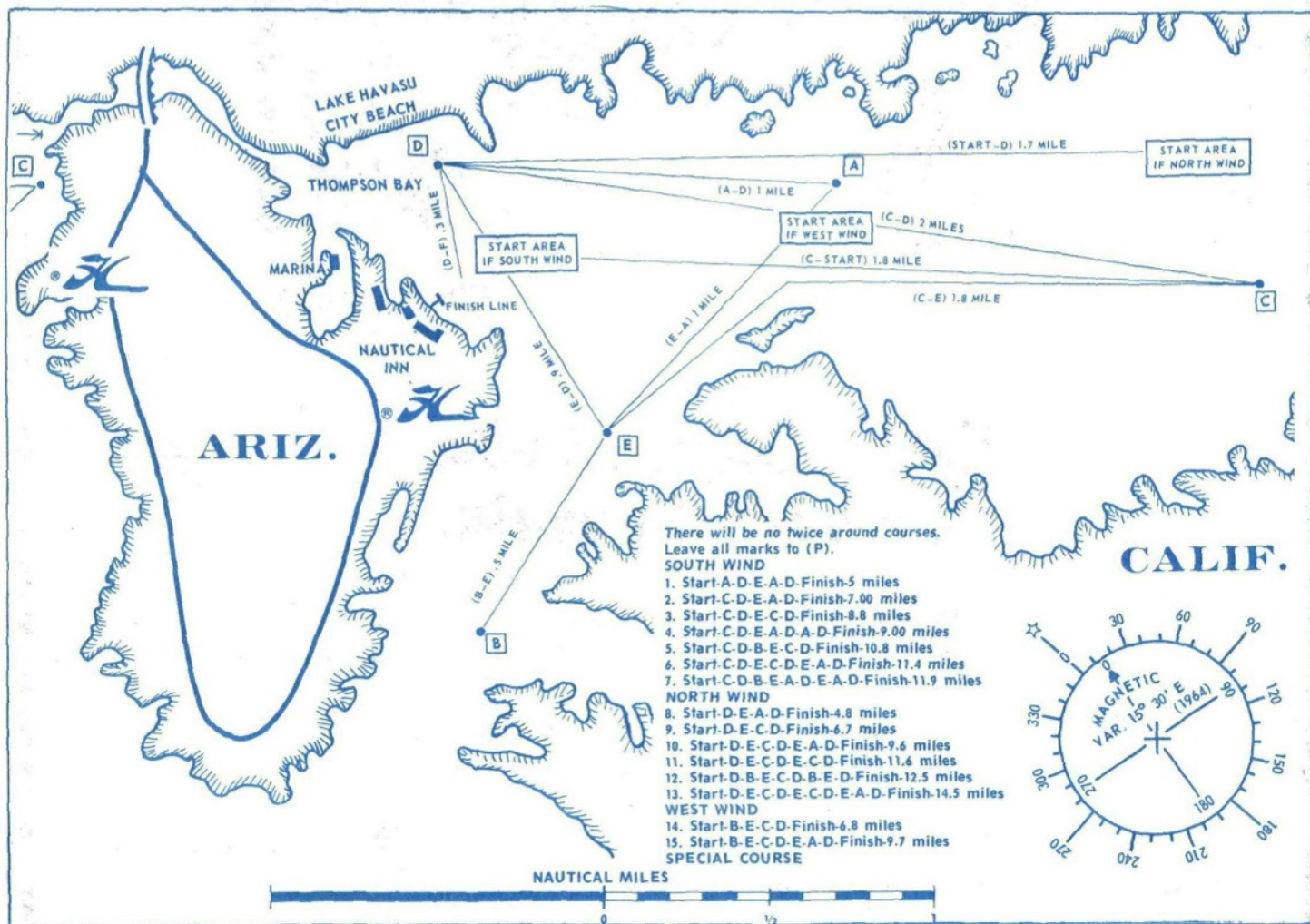
A banquet on the beach at the Nautical Inn.

Saturday Night:

A Hobie Sock Hop in the parking lot, beer, soft drinks and a live band.

Sunday Evening:

Trophy presentation on the lawn by the pool.



BEST TEAM ON THE CIRCUIT



**East coast, west coast,
all around the world.**

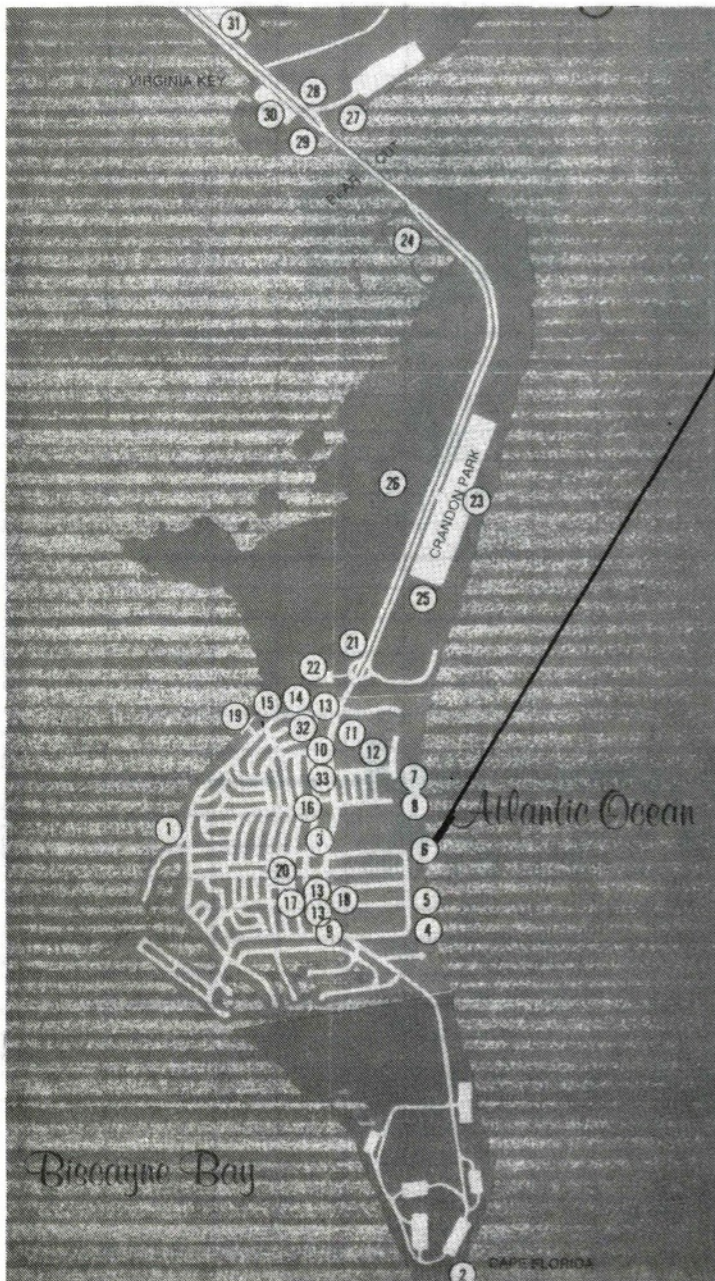
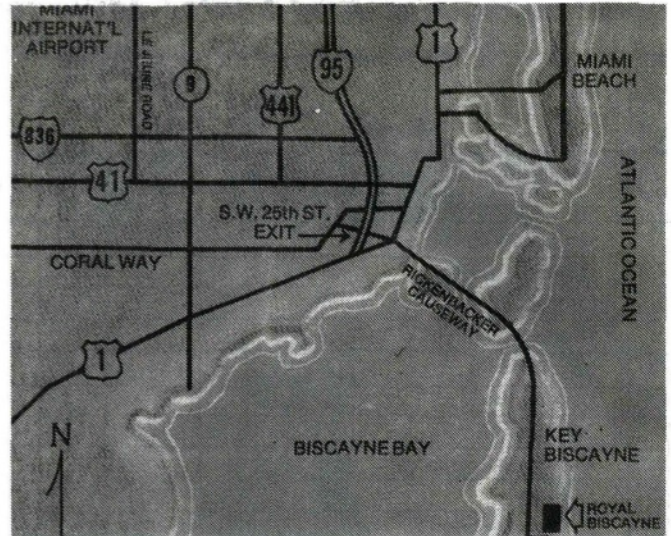
From Manhattan to Madagascar you'll find people enjoying at least one of these famous brews.

Because anywhere you go people are smart enough to know—you can count on Schlitz.

Hobie 16 Pre-Qualified Contestants From 13 Divisions and 3 Area Championships

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Key Biscayne Florida Royal Biscayne Hotel



KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 — Presidential Compound
- 2 — Cape Florida State Park and Lighthouse
- 3 — Key Biscayne Bank and Chamber of Commerce
- 4 — Key Biscayne Hotel
- 5 — Key Biscayne Beach Club
- 6 — Royal Biscayne Hotel (**Hobie Headquarters**)
- 7 — Silver Sands Motel
- 8 — Sonesta Beach Hotel
- 9 — Quality Motel Key Biscayne
- 10 — Crandon Park Motel
- 11 — Key Colony Motel
- 12 — Golf Course
- 13 — 3 Shopping Centers
- 14 — Catholic Church
- 15 — Presbyterian Church
- 16 — Community Church
- 17 — Medical Center
- 18 — Post Office
- 19 — Key Biscayne Yacht Club
- 20 — Key Biscayne Elementary School
- 21 — County Fire Station
- 22 — Calusa Park
- 23 — Crandon Park Recreational Area
- 24 — Crandon Park Marina
- 25 — Crandon Park Zoo
- 26 — Golf Course
- 27 — Federal Bureau of Fisheries
- 28 — Environmental Science Service Administration
- 29 — University of Miami Institute of Oceanography
- 30 — Seaquarium
- 31 — Marine Stadium
- 32 — St. Christophers Church
- 33 — Cove Motel



Special Events of the Florida Hobie 16 Nationals

The Key Biscayne area will be the scene and the Key Biscayne Hotel, the headquarters hotel for the 1973 Hobie 16 Nationals.

This is one of those Hobie excursions that is well worth the trip even if you don't make the "A" Fleet. Many exciting events and things to do and see will occupy every minute of spare time.


Key Biscayne, an island off of the southern tip of Florida, is the location of the Florida White House and is a popular winter "sun spot" for those who can afford it.

Historically speaking, Key Biscayne is a gem. One should hike down the 1½ miles of unspoiled beach through New Cape Florida State Park. To see Cape Florida Light House (newly restored) is a dramatic reminder of young America, shipwrecks, pirates and savage Indian wars. Over 30,000 palm trees line the streets in the area of the Key, which was once a great coconut plantation. Entering the island over the Rickenbacker Causeway, you pass through Crandon Park, one of the country's finest, offering a vast oceanside beach with over 600 acres of beautiful shade trees and lawn, the famous Crandon Zoo with its outstanding collection of wild animals and birds, a roller skating arena and a train ride through a jungle of tropical gardens.

Near-by Miami offers all of the sights and sounds of the fabulous Florida gold coast. Included is the Miami Seaquarium where sea life of all varieties perform seemingly impossible feats; and, of course, a trip to Florida would not be complete without a stop-over at the famous Disney World near Tampa.

Key Biscayne is blessed with plenty of sun, warm, clear water and a dependable tradewind that assures good sailing conditions for this event which is co-sponsored by National Air Lines. National Air Line Logo will be affixed to all furnished Hobie 16's. National will be furnishing complimentary personalized accessories for the contestants and, of course, Coast Catamaran is going all out to insure an enjoyable trip for every skipper and his family. The Neptune Yacht Club of Miami Beach

has offered the services of their members' yachts. These are large beautiful vessels and we certainly appreciate their offer. The Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co. will be furnishing all of the draft beer the Hobie Crowd can consume.

For a slight additional charge, a 3-day/2-night cruise to Nassau on the motor vessel Freeport II is available after the regatta for those who would like to enjoy fabulous Nassau. Nassau boasts a unique International flavor, exciting casinos, glamorous night clubs and a jet-set atmosphere laced with the elegance of British tradition and romantic Bahamian charm. You can shop on Bay Street, where delightful duty-free bargains are to be found from every part of the globe. This will be the highlight of the 1973 Hobie 16 Nationals for those fortunate enough to be able to spend the extra 3 days. Plan now to take the time to enjoy this wonderful 16 Nationals package. Also, for an unheard-of low fee, the package will include a rental automobile to use while you are in the Key Biscayne-Miami area. Please see Page 17 for reservation forms. 

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday and Thursday Evening:

Beer, soft drinks and movies around the pool at the Royal Biscayne Hotel.

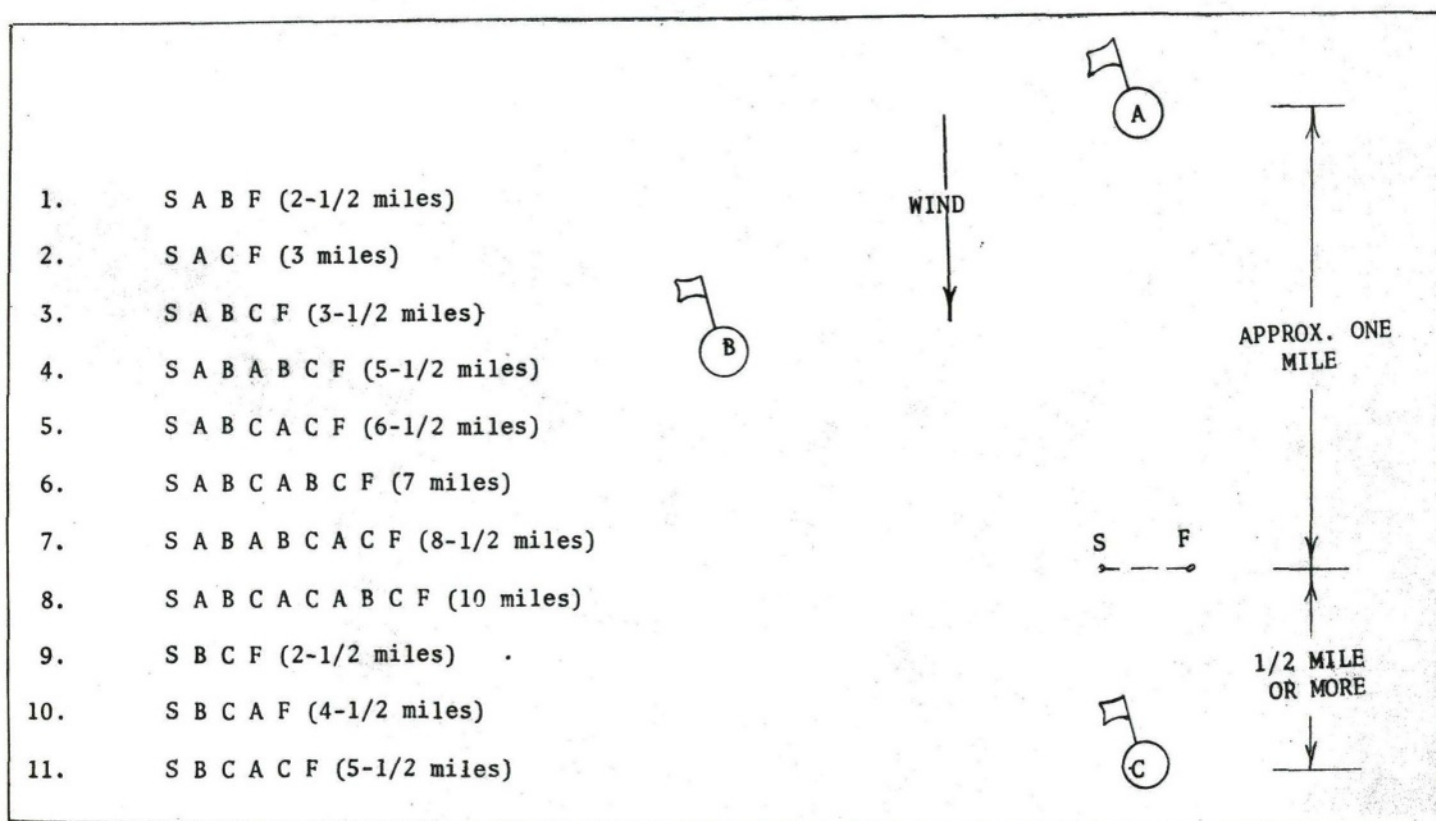
Friday Night: No Host Dinner

Saturday Night: On Your Own

Sunday Evening:

Trophy awards by the pool. Board transportation to the Freeport II for a three day and two night cruise to Nassau.

Key Biscayne Course Chart



The First Official Hobie 12 Regatta



What's in a Hobie Cat Name



The Hobie 12 Mono Cats had their day at Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, California recently. Upper left 4 photos show a series of photos of a start. One way to right a Mono Cat. Rounding B Mark in heavy traffic. A. Leonard with no number flying a hull. M. Snerd, #1067 uses two masts. Series of 3 photos show the Worlds

Champion, Richard Loufek flying a hull then rests after all of the effort. #343, Bill Esch, 6' - 210 lbs tries out his new toy. Mrs. Fletcher Olsen wins the under 120 lb class. The Hobie 12 fits perfectly in a station wagon. A pleasant day was had by all as the sun sank slowly into the west. Skippers meeting.

Regatta Schedule Oct, Nov, Dec

October

Date	Event	Div.	Location	Sponsor
5-7	14' Nationals	2	Lake Havasu, Ariz.	
6-7	Folsom Lake Regatta	3	Folsom Lake, Calif.	Fleet 17 & Tradewinds Sailing Doug Lent 916/428-9409
6-7	Fall Series	5	Callville Bay, Nevada	Fleet 51 - contact Terry Fulbright 734-2904
6-7		9	Lake Norman, N.C.	Fleet 92 - contact Bill Roosa - 6323 Bridlewood, Charlotte N. Carolina
6-7	Connecticut State	12	Lake Candalwood, Ct.	Fleet 31 & Candalwood Y.C. - contact Hugh Greenwald 203/792-1284
7	Points Race	8	Rickenbacker Causeway, Fla.	Fleet 36 - contact John Hogg 593-1702
13	Fleet 12 Regatta	9	Lake Lanier, Georgia	Fleet 12 - contact Stan Sunderland 404/945-6266 or 945-4816
13-14	Foreplay Regatta	8	Royal Biscayne Hotel, Fla.	Fleet 36 - contact John Hogg 592-1702
14	Fleet Series	5	Lake Havasu, Arizona	Fleet 88 - contact Terry Niemeyer P.O. Box 42601 Lake Havasu, Ar.
14	Points Race	8	Rickenbacker Causeway, Fla.	Fleet 36 - contact John Hogg 592-1702
17-21	16' Nationals	8	Key Biscayne, Fla.	
20-21	Lakeway Open Regatta	6	Lake Travis, Texas	Fleet 64 & Austin YC Larry Smith 512/266-1336
21	MSA Flaa Series	6	Galveston, Texas	MSA - contact John Gonnerman 713/526-0545
21	1973 Series	8	Apalachee Bay, Fla.	Robt. Cocanougher 576-9816
27-28	Open Race	5	Lake Havasu, Arizona	Fleet 88 - contact Terry Niemeyer P.O. Box 42601 Lake Havasu City, Ar.
28	Fall Series	2	Mission Bay, Calif.	Fleet 4 - Contact Rich Jeffries 714/582-9146
28	Weekend Race	8	Rickenbacker Causeway, Fla.	Fleet 36 - contact John Hogg 592-1702

November

3	1973 Series	8	Apalachee Bay, Fla.	Fleet 43 & Apalachee YC - contact Robt. Cocanougher 576-9816
3-4	Bob Wallace Regatta	2	Cabrillo Bch. Calif.	Contact Kevin Summerell 714/979-2880
3-4	Fall Series	5	Callville Bay, Nevada	Fleet 51 - contact Terry Fulbright 734-2904
10-11	Cypremont Point Regatta	6	Vermillion Bay, La.	Cypremont Pt. Campground - contact Grady Broussard 318/232-3968
10-11	Fall Florida Multihull	8	Clermont, Fla.	Contact Jim McCann 241-2431
11	Fall Series	2	Mission Bay, Calif.	Fleet 4 - contact Rich Jeffries 714/582-9146

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Hobie 14 Defending Champions Corner Richard Loufek 1972 Worlds Champion

Richard Loufek, age 20 has gone as far as he can go in Hobie 14 competition. In 3½ 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.

In the Worlds competition in Hawaii, Richard maintained a consistent, 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 hobie skippers to follow. Surely the self confidence, the power of concentration and the power of positive thought, gained in his Hobie 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.

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 vengeance. Jeff's training in small boat sailing and handling under these considions 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 1¼ 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.

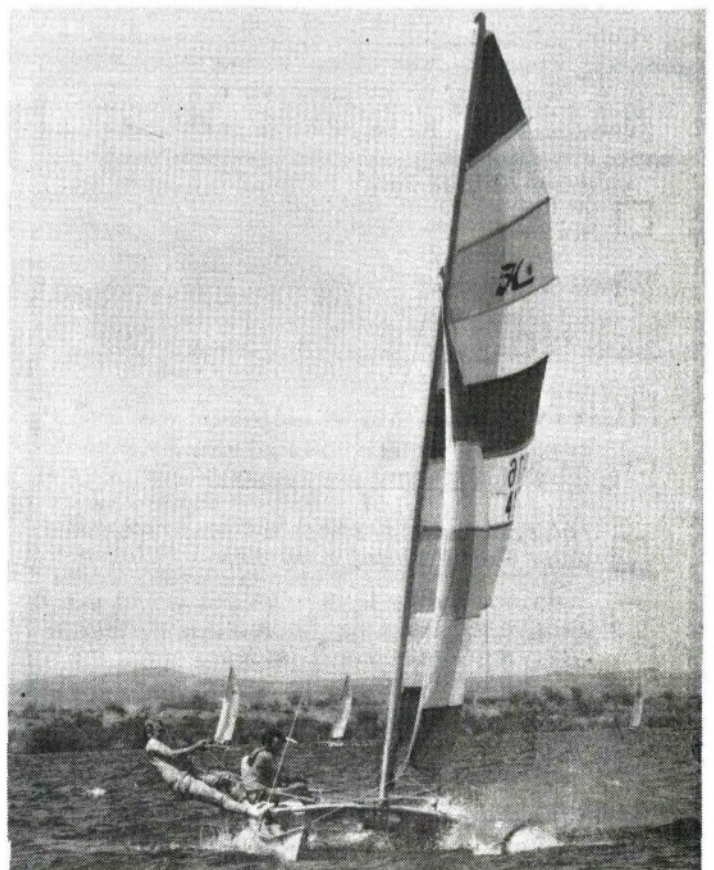
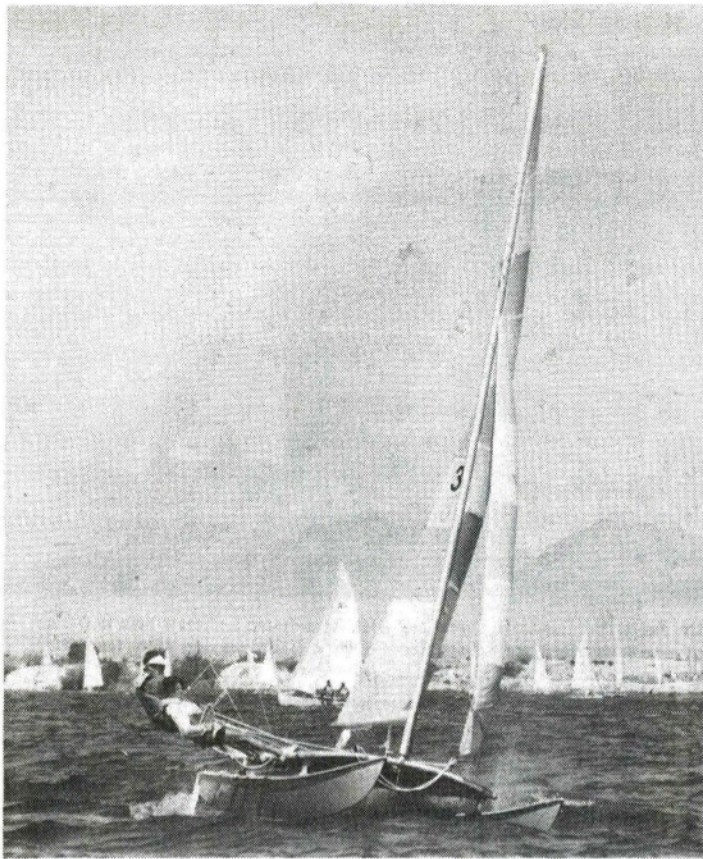
Jeff is now 20 years old and has many friends in National and International Hobie circles.

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 severe muscle spasms, losing only by a margin of 1¼ 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. 



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Upper Left: Our leader, Hobie Alter, wife and crew, Nancy, perform in the 1972 London Bridge Regatta Lake Havasu. Hobie and Nancy placed 2nd after Beach Buddy Wayne Schafer by a small $3\frac{3}{4}$ point margin in this years competition.

Lower Left: Richard Martin in a Hobie 14 has his hands full preparing for a hard reach from "A" mark. This is a standard racing mark supplied by the Lake Havasu Yacht Club.

Upper Right: Ralph Chester and crew smoke along towards "A" buoy. In the prevailing wind, this takes them by a high point, complete with a grandstand ideal for spectator viewing.

Lower Right: Michael Pascal and crew both have their attention on the lee bow, in this reach. Mikes crew is well braced, anticipating a high wire trapeze act around the fore stay.

Rick Naish 1972 16 National Champion

Rick Naish, hails from Kailua, Hawaii, living in a beautiful setting such as this, it is only natural that Rick should take to the sea with gusto. This is exactly what he has done. Rick started out on the Hobie 14 and picked up all of the top trophies in the Islands and some on the mainland. Rick was one of the first Island skippers to take delivery on the new Hobie 16. Recruiting Jeff Faulkner, a top Hobie 14 Skipper, as crew, they proceeded to clean up all of the 16-foot silver.

Rick was the prime mover behind the formation of the highly successful Oahu Fleet #6, also known as the Ko Ko Kai sailing club.

Rick is an instructor at Roosevelt High School in Honolulu. He and his family are a real Hobie family and are together at all Hobie functions. *AL*

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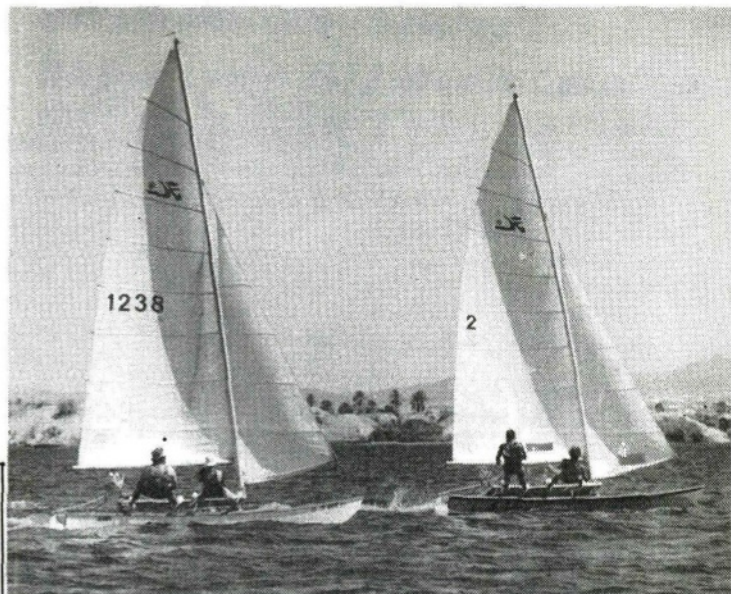
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Dr. Jared Piety and wife, crew and Dick Beauchamp and crew both in double trapeze during the Lake Havasu Regatta. Wind conditions vary at the lake. This gives everyone a go at racking up a low point score.

Holland Scene of European Championships

An unbelievable accommodation, a nice warm sun and wind 3 from east (so a mirrorflat sea) made the first Holland regatta at Hook of Holland (June 16/17) a nearly ideal situation for racing Hobies. Fourteen 14's and two 16's were at the start the whole weekend long. Saturday night the Dutch Hobie Cat Association organized a big barbecue with plenty of meat and french bread for free, which was a big success. A beach full of spectators and thousand of sunseekers watched three fast going official races and one funrace with "Le Mansstart" from the dunes.

The chairman of the Hook's sailing club offered the golden medal for the first place to Loek van der Marel and the Dutch Hobie Cat Association offered a nice colour photograph to the Hook's clubhouse for the hospitality the members gave to the Hobiest. The first three in the first Holland regatta were: Loek van der Marel (4¼ pts), Hans Jochim Müller from Nienburg Germany (5¼ pts) and Bert Sauer (7¼ pts).

Editors Note: The rapid growth of Dutch HOBIE CAT Class Association has lead to their selection as the hosts of the 1973 European championships, to be held 21/22/23 September. Further details in the next Hotline.

HOBIE CAT REGATTA EXPLAINED

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Hobie Alter, built a completely new yacht racing philosophy around this concept and has taken the buying game out of yacht racing and replaced it with the individual sailing ability and applied yacht racing tactics.

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Again, we state that no where in yachting can you go out and race and know that your competition has exactly the same boat you have. The only difference being that the boats may be "tuned" to suit the individual, raking the mask just so, shaping the sail battens to suit. There really isn't much more that can be done short of going out and sailing a better race. *AL*

Published schedules and scoring preceedures, subject to change.

Regatta Schedule

Date	Event	Div.	Location	Sponsor
November				
11	Fleet Series	5	Lake Havasu, Arizona	Fleet 85 - contact Terry Niemeyer P.O. Box 42601 Lake Havasu City, Az.
17	Turkey Regatta	2	Long Beach, Calif.	Fleet 3 - contact Bill Butler 714/496-2756
18	Capistrano Beach Regatta	2	Capistrano Bch., Calif.	Capistrano Chamber of Commerce - contact Jim Elliot 714/493-3528
18	MSA Fall Series	6	Galveston, Texas	MSA - contact John Gonnerman 713/526-0545
18	Fowey Light Point Race	3	Rickenbacker Causeway, Fla.	Fleet 36 - contact John Hogg 592-1702
December				
1	1973 Series	8	Apalachee Bay, Fla.	Apalachee Bay YC & Fleet 43 - contact Robt. Cocanougher 576-9816
2	Points Race	3	Rickenbacker Causeway, Fla.	Fleet 36 - contact John Hogg 592-1702
16	Weekend Race	8	Rickenbacker Causeway, Fla.	Fleet 36 - contact John Hogg 592-1702
23	MSA Fall Series	6	Galveston Bay, Texas	MSA - contact John Gonnerman 713/526-0545
30-1	Key West Regatta	8	Key West, Fla.	Fleet 71 & Tropical Sailboats - contact Jack Woehle 305/745-3804

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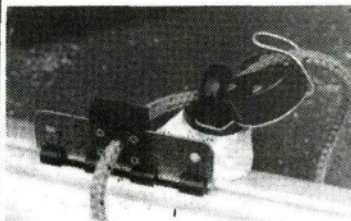
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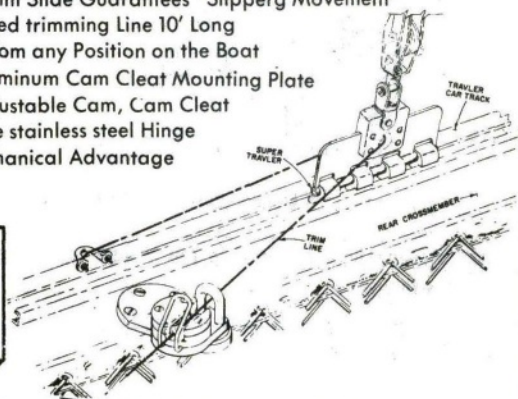
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Hobie 14

POS- TION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
1.	R. Mairs	255	3/4	3	3	3/4	4	11 1/2
2.	L. Morrison	3975	5	3/4	3/4	2	6	15
3.	H. Starr	2037	6	2	5	5	3/4	18 3/4
4.	B. Shoemaker	1552	4	9	4	4	2	23
5.	J. Morrison	3593	2	7	16	7	7	39
6.	J. Johnston	8069	8	14	10	9	3	44
7.	B. Shoemaker	1704	12	6	13	6	10	47
8.	K. Whitney	3400	16	5	2	20	5	48
9.	D. Williams	1227	9	16	9	10	12	56
10.	H. Greenwald	1943	5	17	15	12	9	58
11.	J. Newman	10153	21	4	6	14	13	58
12.	P. McGennis	7830	17	13	11	11	8	60

Hobie Cat 14

POS- TION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	TOTAL POINTS
1.	B. Carpenter	2659	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3
2.	P. Bofinger	2607	4	4	2	6	16
3.	H. Hasson	3605	8	2	3	4	17
4.	D. Paetold	5113	9	5	5	2	21
5.	S. Batzer	8352	7	7	6	5	25
6.	Mahoney	8573	5	3	7	13	28
7.	R. Rubel	2847	13	9	9	3	34
8.	R. Erich	4147	6	6	13	13	38
9.	C. Neola	6598	3	13	10	13	39
10.	F. Nordensvan	10591	2	13	13	13	41
11.	D. Cosby, Jr.	10481	13	8	8	13	42
12.		8478	13	13	4	13	43

Hobie 16

POS- TION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
1.	J. Williams	7321	5	18	10	3	5	41
2.	N. Deebie	5449	27	4	3/4	6	6	43 3/4
3.	F. Dockery	5554	3/4	8	24	3/4	13	46 1/2

4.	J. Flanigan	1200	6	5	17	8	15	51
5.	R. Livingston	527	4	7	27	5	11	54
6.	Dr. Middleton	253	19	12	3	13	7	54
7.	E. Bradbury	2699	11	11	18	14	3/4	54 3/4
8.	G. Frances	6239	13	21	2	16	4	56
9.	P. Johnson	5230	7	24	25	4	9	69
10.	J. Springhorn	6200	10	13	6	22	22	73
11.	C. Abbott	6001	2	3/4	22	18	33	75 3/4
12.	D. Skidmore	3242	25	17	14	28	3	87

Hobie Cat 16

POS- TION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	TOTAL POINTS
1.	B. Brayton	5601	6	3/4	3/4	4	11 1/2
2.	M. Fisher	2427	2	4	3	9	18
3.	D. Johnson	1294	5	6	2	6	19
4.	T. Tursi	4047	3/4	5	9	8	22 3/4
5.	B. Thomas	1316	8	7	4	7	26
6.	A. Evans	7248	11	3	7	10	31
7.	L. Brandolini	894	10	9	8	5	32
8.	B. Shaner	309	9	12	10	3	34
9.	D. Muller	5755	4	2	15	15	36
10.	J. Meany	7242	18	14	6	2	40
11.	E. Pliih	552	15	13	5	11	44
12.	B. Conlen	7060	16	11	17	3/4	44 3/4

Division 9 Championship Lake Lanier, Ga.

Hobie 14

POS- TION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL POINTS
1.	S. Roland	1373	1	1	1	1	1	(2)	5

Hobie Cat 16

POS- TION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL POINTS
1.	D. Major	8368	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	(3/4)	3 3/4
2.	D. Drinkard	1567	2	2	2	(4)	3	2	11
3.	B. Cox	7336	3	3	3	(5)	2	3	14
4.	G. Birdsong	7658	(6)	5	5	5	5	5	25
5.	B. Lanigan	5478	(6)	5	5	5	5	5	25

Hobie Cat 16 A Fleet

POS- TION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL POINTS
1.	L. Holman	3818	2	3/4	3	1	(5)	2	8 3/4
2.	G. Carney	7955	(6)	3	4	2	3/4	5	15
3.	D. Foote	4803	3/4	6	6	5	(7)	3/4	18 1/2
4.	A. Johnston	1000	5	2	2	8	2	(9)	19
5.	O. Pate	7046	9	4	3/4	4	(9)	6	23 3/4
6.	S. Sunderland	3908	4	9	(10)	6	44	7	30
7.	C. Barker	6512	3	10	7	10	3	(10)	33
8.	D. Cochran	7226	(11)	5	8	3	10	8	34
9.	J. Greenley	702	7	12	(14)	7	8	3	37
10.	A. North	7349	10	8	14	14	11	(14)	57
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12.	J. Henley	132	(14)	14	11	14	14	(14)	67



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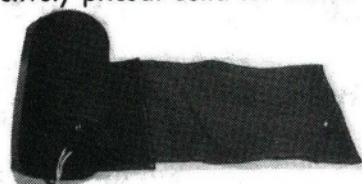
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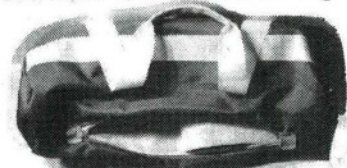
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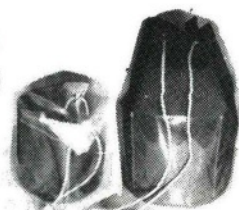
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POSITION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	TOTAL POINTS
1.	F. Olson	4	3/4	3/4	3/4	2 1/4
2.	G. Kearns	7	4	2	3	9
3.	L. Farmer	993	2	4	4	10
4.	S. Hatch	352	3	7	2	12
5.	A. Leonard		5	5	5	15
6.	C. Dyerson	104	6	6	6	18

WEIGHT: Over 120 lbs.

POSITION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	TOTAL POINTS
1.	M. Olson	4	3/4	2	2	4 3/4
2.	M. Mullen	675	2	9	3	14
3.	J.P. Owens	175	8	5	4	17
4.	K. Kearns	1769	17	3/4	3/4	18 1/2
5.	A. Huskey	12	3	6	12	21
6.	G. Foster	6	7	7	7	21
7.	A. Sutton	837	6	8	8	22
8.	J. Dyerson		12	3	10	25
9.	J. Leonard	1	15	4	6	25
10.	J. Borough	1475	5	16	5	26
11.	C. Green	531	9	12	11	32
12.	R. Kreuter	9	13	10	13	36
13.	M. Snerd	1067	4	16	17	37
14.	D. Morrow	539	10	11	17	38
15.	S. Stevens	644	11	13	14	
16.	W. Esch	343	17	14	9	

South Area Championships Pensacola, Fla. Hobie Cat 14

POSITION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
1.	S. Shafer	3588	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	2	5
2.	D. Wilcox	3851	2	3	3	2	3/4	10 3/4
3.	D. Wentworth	3816	4	2	14	3	3	26
4.	J.A. Stevens	12277	5	4	4	7	6	26
5.	B. Olton	267	3	5	2	6	13	26
6.	B. Schroeder	5399	8	6	11	4	7	36
7.	C. Smith	3615	6	10	8	5	8	37
8.	T. Whitehurst	2800	15	7	5	9	4	40
9.	T. Gayle	257	7	13	7	8	5	40
10.	A. Heath	8526	12	8	6	11	12	49
11.	J. Swan	5680	13	11	12	10	9	55
12.	M. DuPre	8598	9	15	9	12	10	55
13.	D. Sinclair	9204	11	14	16	13	11	65
14.	J. LeCain	1801	15	9	10	16	16	66
15.	M. Overton	9441	10	12	13	16	16	67
16.	M. Swan	4550	14	16	16	16	16	78

Hobie Cat 14 B Fleet

POSITION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
1.	J. Parka	7688	2	3/4	2	2	3/4	7 1/2
2.	D. Stafford	11409	5	4	3/4	3/4	4	14 1/2
3.	R. Knight	4134	4	2	3	5	5	19
4.	C. Pankow	5969	5	4	4	4	2	19
5.	G. Hogan	1146	3	4	9	3	3	22
6.	H. Herd	4911	3/4	3	9	6	6	24 3/4
7.	S. Forstall	2808	9	9	9	9	9	45
8.	G. Staltz	7917	9	9	9	9	9	45
9.	S. Thompson	8039	9	9	9	9	9	45

Hobie 16 A Fleet

POSITION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
1.	C. Christensen	37	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	8	11
2.	J. Steverding	7017	4	2	4	9	5	24
3.	J. Sammons	4368	6	11	2	4	9	32
4.	T. Blake	641	2	3	10	8	10	33
5.	J. Duke	5780	10	5	14	3	4	36
6.	J. McCann	2222	5	20	9	7	6	47
7.	J. Radkins	4792	3	12	7	20	7	49
8.	R. Tilton	1499	30	9	5	6	3/4	50 3/4
9.	S. Clarke	4570	8	4	15	12	18	57
10.	J. Dane	3700	30	19	3	5	2	59
11.	P. Rafter	715	9	7	22	16	14	68
12.	T. Hellmuth	4658	30	31	6	2	3	72
13.	D. Foote	4803	30	8	11	17	11	77
14.	R. Eddington	619	7	28	8	22	13	88
15.	S. Smith	2212	14	18	12	21	27	92

16.	G. Renovitch	190	18	21	16	23	17	95
17.	S. Sunderland	3908	12	16	23	26	22	99
18.	B. Whitehurst	4883	15	41	13	13	20	100
19.	B. Beaudoin	4271	30	24	17	15	15	101
20.	M. Garner	102	20	26	25	14	23	108
21.	A. Audleman	4722	25	22	27	24	12	110
22.	E. Horton	8389	21	20	41	11	19	112
23.	B. Rashka	3088	24	23	24	19	24	114
24.	N. McMillan	4027	11	41	18	29	16	115
25.	S. Conklin	4760	27	32	28	10	21	118
26.	C. Mount	5800	19	15	20	30	41	125
27.	C. Barker	6512	30	29	19	25	26	129
28.	J. Sell	3866	31	25	21	27	25	129
29.	O. Pate	7046	16	17	29	41	41	144
30.	F. Bartek	5117	23	23	26	41	41	154
31.	A. Johnson	1000	29	27	41	31	28	156
32.	M. Storrs	2450	41	6	29	41	41	158
33.	L. Holman	3818	22	14	41	41	41	159
34.	G. Presnell	192	30	41	41	18	41	171
35.	J. Ganem	513	15	41	41	41	41	179
36.	B. Connolly	5963	28	41	41	28	41	179
37.	G. Carney	7955	19	41	41	41	41	181
38.	K. Dickson	1015	26	41	41	41	41	190
39.	B. Griffin	4933	30	41	41	41	41	194
40.	G. Allen	5560	30	41	41	41	41	194
41.	B. Cannon	619	41	41	41	41	41	205

Hobie Cat 16 B Fleet

POSITION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
1.	J. Suarez	5031	3/4	3/4	3/4	2	2	6 1/4
2.	B. Becker	4315	2	2	2	3/4	3/4	7 1/2
3.	J. McDaniel	3381	3	3	3	3	3	15
4.	R. Burnup	5319	4	4	5	5	5	23

Hobie Cat 16 C Fleet

POSITION	NAME	SAIL#	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
1.	P. Zent	7520	4	3/4	2	3/4	3/4	8 1/4
2.	B. Roosa	6103	3/4	2	3/4	2	4	9 1/2
3.	S. Plager	7093	3	3	3	3	2	14
4.	D. Byrne	5964	4	4	4	6	3	21
5.	B. Hook	5763	4	4	5	5	8	26
6.	G. Fletcher	5159	2	4	5	8	8	27
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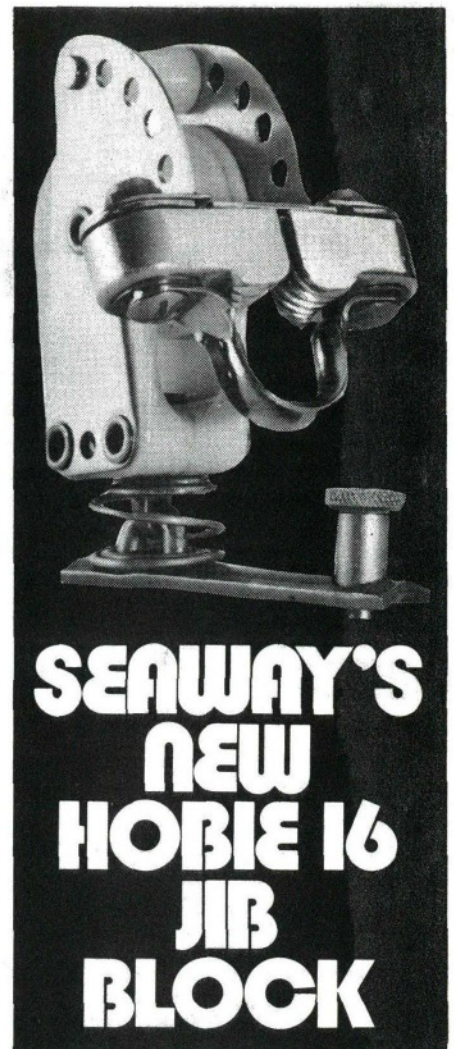
Gulf Stream Sailing Club

Hobie Cat Fleet #44, Gulfstream Sailing Club, had a 30 mile distance race from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. north to Hillsboro Inlet, August 19, 1973. The results are as follows:

14 A FLEET	1. John Terrell
	2. Cliff Kearns
	3. Rick Powers
16 A FLEET	1. Christ Christensen
	2. John Steverding
	3. George Gates
	4. Kevin Bolendar
	5. Tom Wickenhauser
16 B FLEET	1. Oscar Hope
	2. Carl Rosenbush
	3. Wayne Schofield
	4. John Tunison
	5. Jim Donahue
	DNF Paul Pollard
	DNF Odd A. Hope

Hobie Cat Fleet #44, Gulfstream Sailing Club Summer Series Race Results.

POSITION	NAME	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Campbell	11 1/4
2.	Hardman	18
3.	Hope	17
16 A FLEET		
POSITION	SKIPPER/CREW	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Steverding/Simmons	8
2.	Christensen/Christensen	12 1/4
3.	Freund/Freund	13 1/2
4.	Bolendar/Crew	16
5.	Wickenhauser/Patterson	17
6.	Hornburger/Hornburger	27
7.	Pratt/Crew	43
8.	Terrell/Crew	45

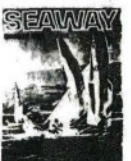


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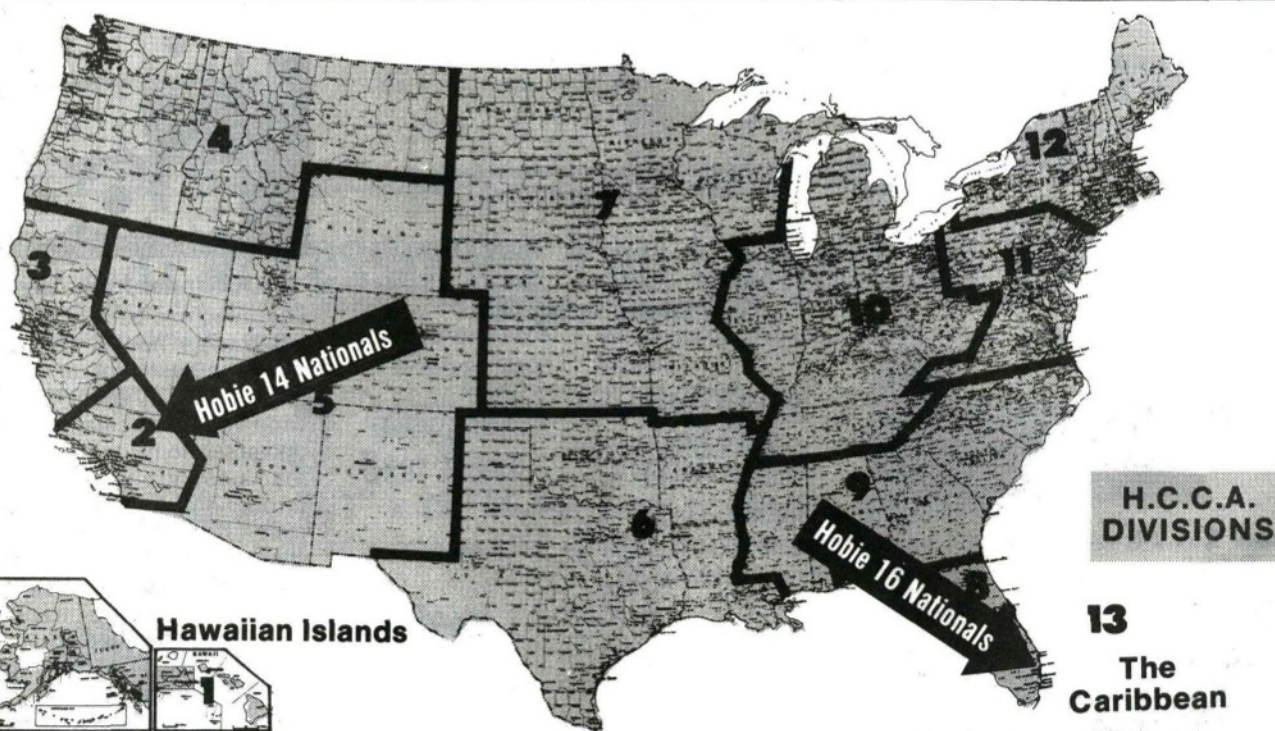
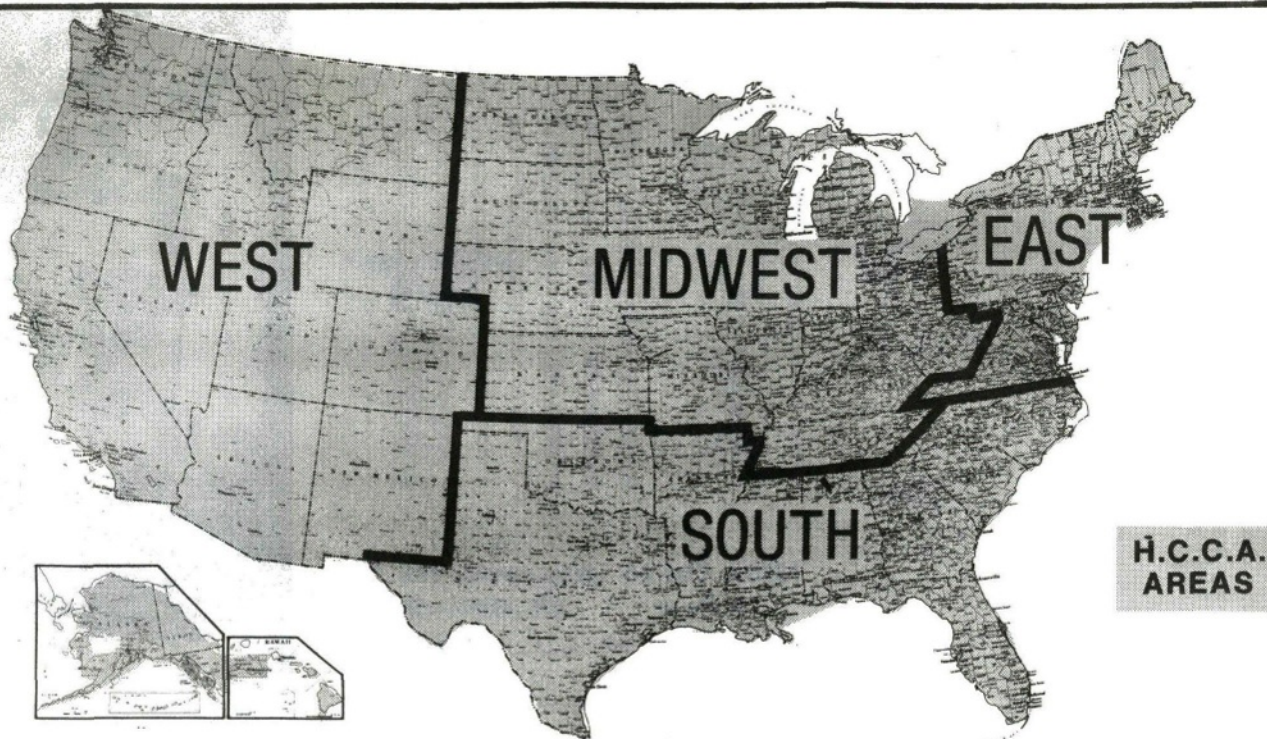
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38,40,47,49,50,52,54,55,56,58,
60,65,73,74,76

the upper maps. The division breakdown within these areas is as per the lower map, the fleet and the division breakdown by number is listed below. Please retain this edition of the Hot Line for future reference for division, area and national regatta activities.

History of the Hobie Cat 14 Nationals

The first Hobie Cat 14 Nationals, held in 1969 in San Diego, California, had a total entry of 75 boats, mostly from Southern California. Leading this fleet was R. Paul Allen and second was Hobie Alter.

In 1970 the fleet moved to Hawaii for the Hobie Cat 14 Nationals. Held on some of the roughest, windiest days of the year, on qualifying day the northeast trades were gusting to thirty knots. Only one-half of the fleet of 27 finished the race. The following three days of racing found the wind diminishing until Sunday, when the Trades returned to their normal fifteen to eighteen knots. The crucible of big wind and rough water gave the Hawaiians and Californians the edge over the midwestern and eastern sailors. Cappy Sheely of Honolulu won by 1/4 point over Hobie Alter, Wayne Schafer of Capistrano Beach, third; Rick Naish of Honolulu, sixth; Leith Anderson on Honolulu, tenth; and Jeff Canepa of Santa Cruz, California, twelfth.

The 1971 Hobie 14 Nationals gave the light air eastern sailors their day as Tampa Bay, Florida fell to a flat calm with very light airs and held for the full race schedule. Nevertheless, young sixteen year old Richard Loufek from California ghosted his Hobie to a decisive lead over 119 contestants with Wayne Schafer second; Hobie Alter third; John Ross-Duggan of Newport Beach, fourth; defending champion Cappy Sheely sixth; Rick Naish twelfth; Jeff Canepa thirteenth; and Leith Anderson sixteenth.

The 1972 Hobie 14 Nationals were held in Surfside, Texas under ideal Hobie 14 sailing conditions. The top five finishers automatically qualified as the USA team for the 1972 World Championship, Jeff Canepa, Wayne Schafer, Rick Naish, Richard Loufek and Denis Wilcox of Florida.

Contestants for the 1970-71-72 Nationals came from qualifying regattas held throughout the year in all of the 13 racing divisions of the



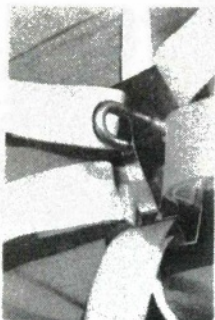
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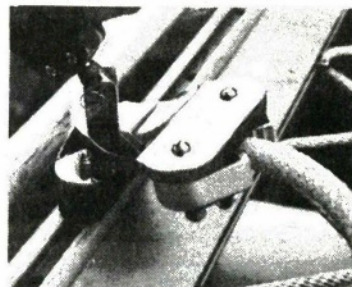
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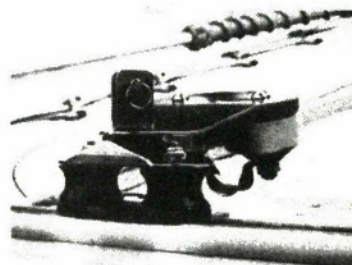
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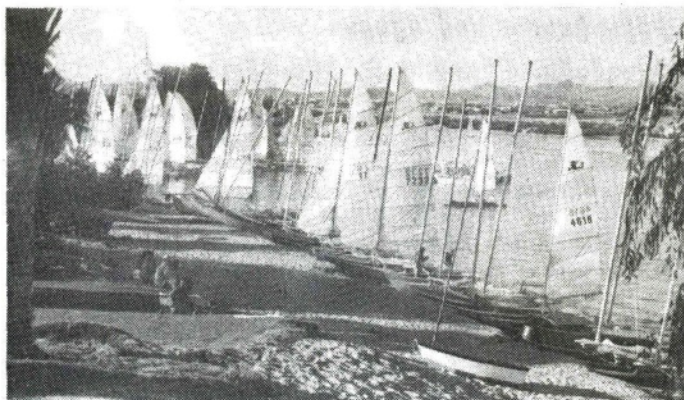
History of the 16 Nationals

The 1971 Hobie Cat 16 Nationals were held at Coronado Island, California in weather conditions varying from light air to much wind. San Diego Harbor off of Coronado is a superb spot to sail in normally in the prevailing North Westerlies, however, this event caught a south easterly storm that brought a cold rain and rough bay chop and made difficult sailing for all contestants. Hobie Alter survived the ordeal to win top position as National Champion.

1972 Hobie 16 Nationals were held at Surfside, Texas on the Gulf Coast. The Hobie 14 Nationals had just been completed under ideal weather conditions on the same location. However, the 16's were not to be so lucky. Thursday's last race had to be cancelled due to heavy wind and sea conditions. Friday, a heavy gulf coast fog moved in and the races had to be cancelled. Saturday, the fog lifted and the wind shifted to the south east and increased to 25-35 knots and races were again cancelled. This condition continued through Sunday. Monday, three races were held in favorable conditions; unfortunately, many skippers could not extend their leave from jobs and responsibilities and had to depart, this included some of the top contenders.

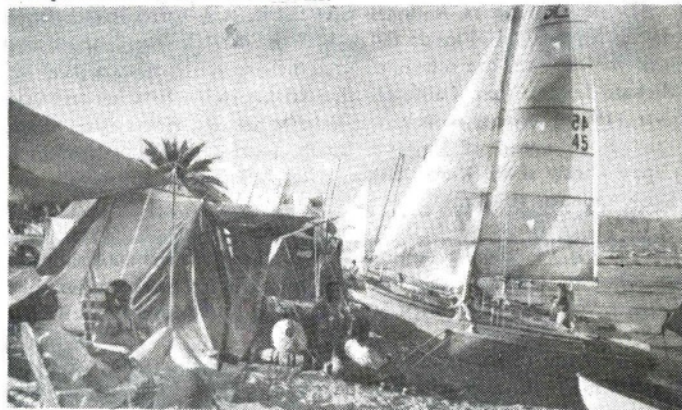
This was definitely a survival championship and first place went to heavy air sailors from Hawaii, Rick Naish and crew Jeff Faulker. Defending champion, Hobie Alter and crew wife Nancy placed second by a narrow 4 point margin. Third was Nick Steel and crew Jerry King of Balboa Island, Calif.

Hobie 16 skippers are looking forward to the 1973 Nationals at Key Biscayne, Florida. Hopefully to a favorable, stable weather condition that will make a good contest for the slate of excellent qualified skippers. 



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LOWER PHOTO: Some of the fleet sitting in front of the Nautical Inn, headquarters hotel for the 14 Nationals.



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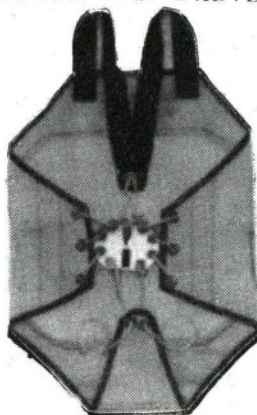
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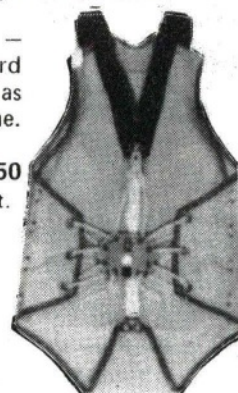
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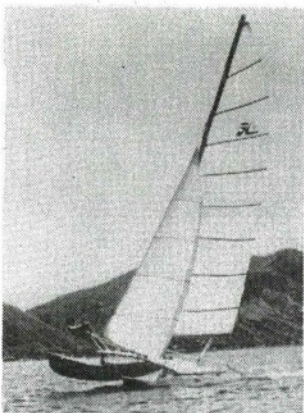


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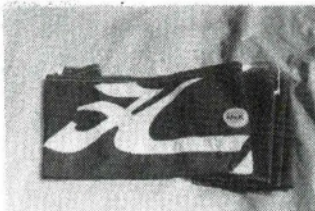
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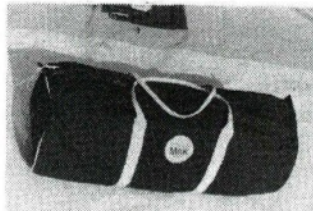
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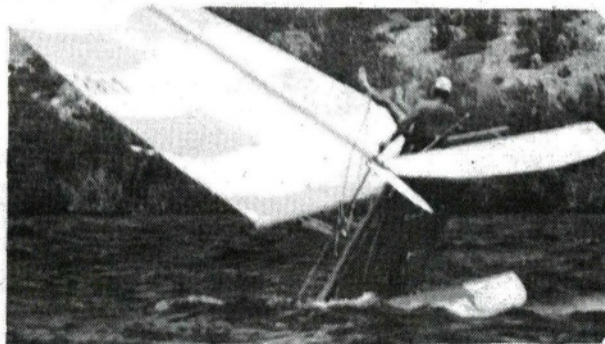
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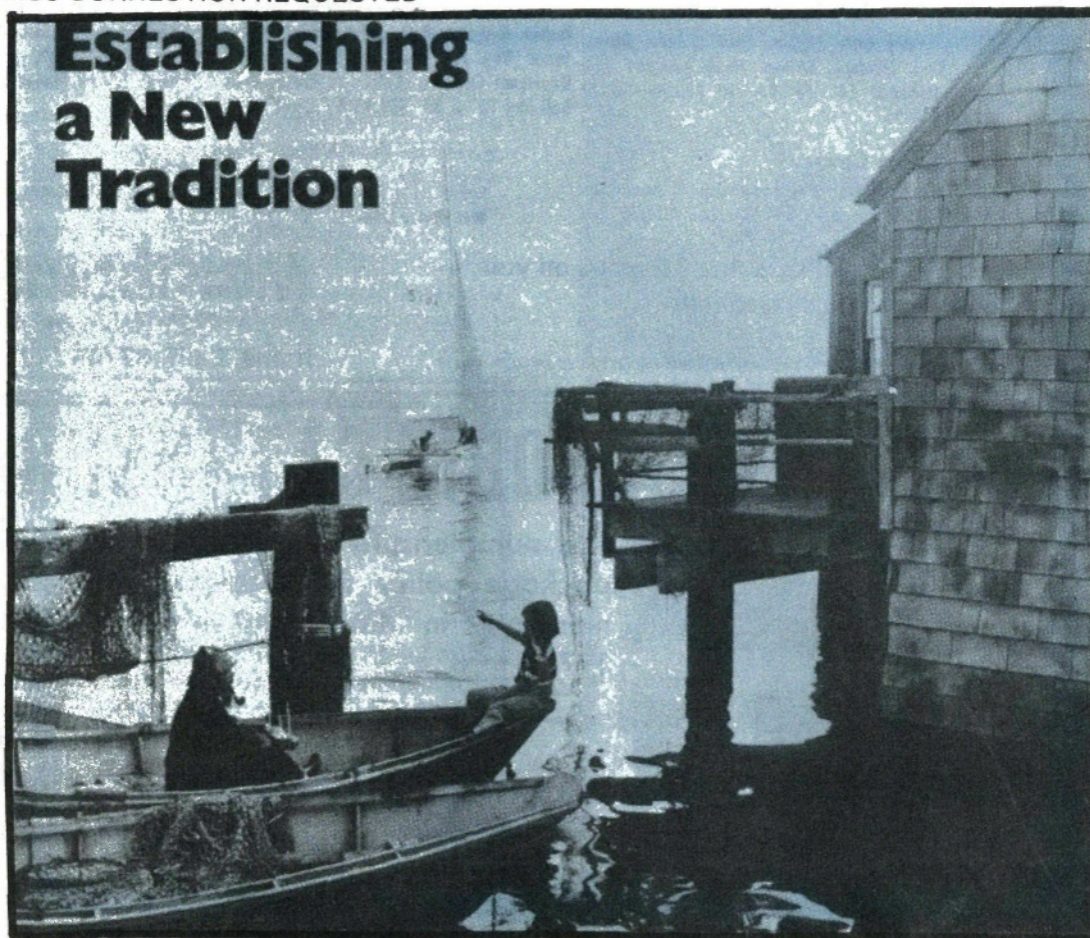
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