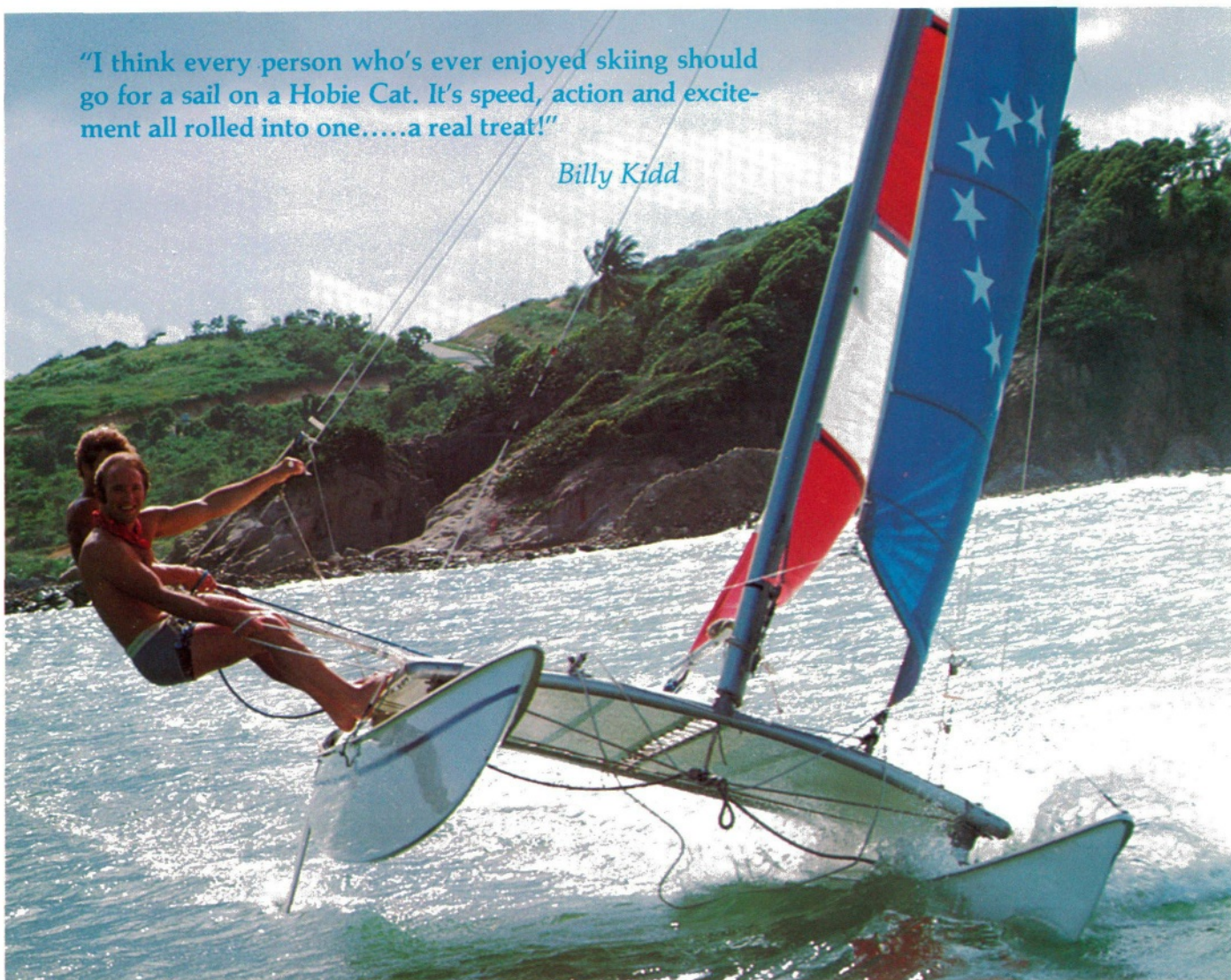


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"Racing down snow-covered slopes at speeds over 65 mph is an exciting challenge. Like all skiers, I'm an action-minded guy and really enjoy the balance of physical activity, mental concentration, speed and motion that goes into skiing.

I've tried a lot of sports in my life but have never found one that I, a skier, could relate tountil I got into Hobie Cat sailing. My first sail on one was such a stoker I couldn't believe it. You know, a Hobie Cat even *looks* like a pair of skis!

A skier is used to things that "happen"; and on a Hobie Cat, things are happening. I feel as if I'm part of the boat, sensing its movement and balance. I watch the "terrain" ahead—the action of the water, wind and waves—and I can see when to respond physically. I can make a Hobie Cat maneuver very quickly—actually "carve" a turn—just by a touch of the tiller. And when

I'm flying across the water, out in the trapeze, leaping from one swell to another, it's very much like skiing through moguls. In a good wind I can reach speeds over 25 mph—and while this might not be fast compared to ski racing, the relative illusion is fantastic!

'One of the things I like most about ski racing is the feeling that I can push myself right to the edge.....and if I make a mistake, well, at least I won't kill myself. I need to be able to test myself *beyond* my limits—to find out where they are and how to conquer them. On a Hobie Cat I can do this.....it's fun, and if I go over it's no big deal—I can right it and be off again in less than a minute.

I think every person who's ever enjoyed skiing should go for a sail on a Hobie Cat. It's speed, action and excitement all rolled into one.....a real treat!"

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DANGER!

Extreme caution must be observed when launching and sailing near overhead wires. A mast near a wire could be fatal!

Letters to the Editor

A STOKED 3.5 SAILOR

Dear Ed:

Just wanted to tell you how much I like my Hobie 3.5. My dad, Jerry, works for Coast Cat, and being a sailor himself, he decided it was time for me to get involved also. I'm glad he did — my 3.5 is lightweight, fast, and easy for me to handle. My dad races his 14' at regattas, and I go with him now and race my 3.5. I'm really having a lot of fun with it!

Sincerely,
Chet Dyerson
Yorba Linda, Calif.



Chet Dyerson on his Hobie 3.5 — "I'm really having a lot of fun with it!"

"THE CAT HOUSE" — SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Dear Ed:

Please add Dave Smith and Bob McFarland of 'The Cat House,' San Diego, to your list of outstanding Hobie-type people.

Due to the Post Office losing the package for over a month, a very small mail-order has gone through substitution, refund, re-substitution and re-refund. I'm sure this "hassle," coupled with the tons of correspondence they sent to me apologizing for the Post Office's mistakes, has cost The Cat House twice what the order was worth.

To all the Hot Line readers: they are prompt and courteous and have a great catalog . . . not to mention name!

David Danielson
New Canaan, Conn.

"WORLDS"IMPRESSIONS . . .

Sandy Banks
Director, Hobie Class Assoc.

Dear Sandy:

It's cold and snowbound here in Connecticut, but I'm writing this letter still warm (and even tan) from my week in Puerto Rico. There is no way I can write individually to each person that I met at Palmas del Mar during the Hobie 14 World Championships. However, I do want to say to all of them how much I was impressed with the Hobie 14 and the organization of their class. As a writer, observer, protest committee member and somewhat

of a competitor, I had the opportunity to experience many different aspects of the regatta. It's rare that an outsider is made to feel a part of a group in such a short time. The Hobie 14 is a fine racing boat, and the people who race it are among the friendliest I have met. My thanks to you and Hobie, Bob Brown, Kevin Summerell and everyone else who raced and made the racing possible.

It may have grown to a cliché among long time Hobie sailors, but for someone like me it means a great deal when I say that both socially and competitively, I really had a Hobie Day.

Yours truly,
Major Hall, Senior Editor
"YACHT RACING"

Major Hall, who just recently joined the "Yacht Racing" staff as Senior Editor, has been designing and running instructional racing programs in different areas for 12 years, the last one as course director of "Y.R.'s" Class Racing Clinic at Association Island. A champion sailor in several one-designs, he has produced valuable material for virtually every racing skipper regardless of experience, and is author of the book, COMPETITIVE SAILING: REFLEX AND DECISION. It was a real pleasure to have Major join us at the "Worlds" . . . he's a great guy, as well as a great sailor.

Ed

Dear Hobie Class:

The Hobie 14 World Championships are over, but certainly not forgotten. Derek and I had the experience of a lifetime, even though we didn't do as well in the racing as we would have liked to, I'm afraid we were totally unprepared for the ocean sailing with the huge waves and unfamiliar surf. However, the trip was not in vain as we absorbed a lot of sailing tips from our fellow competitors. We also enjoyed the excellent camaraderie, and we now know what "Hobiemanía" is all about!

Yours truly,
Marjorie Innes
"Worlds" Competitor
London, Ontario, Canada

GIVE US MORE ACTION.

Dear Ed:

Without a doubt, the Hot Line makes Hobie ownership all that much better! Your interesting articles and photos, plus the ads for new accessories, makes your magazine the most waited for item of the month around our house. Keep up the good work!

Now, about your Photo Contest. To me and my sailing friends (and probably everybody else in the world) the Hobie Cat is an ACTION BOAT — up on one hull, blasting across some body of water, raising the hair on everyone watching. But the photos that seem to be winning the monthly contests are the peaceful, "cruising along" pictures where everyone is laying around on a mid-summer's afternoon. To me, this is not the image that comes to mind when I think of a Hobie Cat. Take for instance the Nov./Dec. issue winners — there the boats are, lazing along . . . hardly inspiring enough to make someone go out and buy a Hobie. But now look at September's Honorable Mention — that is a Hobie Cat picture!

Scooter Barefield
Austin, Texas

Dear Scooter:

I know what you mean — action photos are certainly the most exciting to look at, and probably best convey most people's "image" of the Hobie Cat. With regard to the Hobie Photo Contest, however, the judges, when deciding upon a winner, must take into consideration not only the subject matter but also originality, photographic skill and photo composition. Still, they would like to see more action photos entered in the contest, as well as more entries in the black and white category too. (This was mentioned in the Nov./Dec. issue, by the way.)

So, Scooter and friends, next time you're out "blasting across some body of water" on your Hobie Cats, why not snap a few photos and send them in — could be you'll "raise the hair" on our judges!

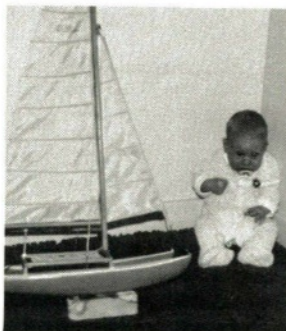
Ed

Dear Ed:

This is a picture of my model Hobie 16 sailboat which I made myself, along with my wife, who sewed the sails. The little baby beside the boat is my son David, who was only three months old when this picture was taken. He is now two years old, and I believe he is a future sailorman. If possible, I would like very much to see this funny photo in the Hot Line — it will be a nice souvenir to keep and show him later.

Sincerely yours,
Gaitan Lyonnais
Trois-Rivieres, Quebec

FUTURE SAILORMAN



Dear Gaitan:
Glad to oblige!

Ed

THANKS FOR A GREAT BOAT!

Dear Ed:

My family bought a Hobie 14 about a year and a half ago. I must say I have never before enjoyed sailing so much as I have since we got our Hobie Cat. In the past several years we have gone through a catboat, a Tartan 27, and a Lightning. I have to admit they were nice boats, but I'd say in a year and a half our Hobie has gotten as much use or maybe more than the others combined.

The feeling of shooting across the Essex Bay on one hull, or passing power boats that have slowed down in a headway speed zone, is fantastic. People literally beg us (my brother and I) to give them rides, kids and parents alike. They all walk away having enjoyed the ride very much. Since we got ours, two other families in our yacht club have bought Hobies, and more are considering. Thanks again for a great boat!

Jeffrey Calder
Babson Park, Ma.

HOBIE WORKSHOP

Dear Ed:

I know enough about sailing to have fun on my Hobie 14, but I do not understand the use of the traveler, what it means when people talk about raking the mast, techniques for flying the hull, tips on righting the craft, rudder adjustments and other things like that which could improve my sailing. If you know of someone in the area who might be willing to start a workshop for new Hobie owners, it would sure be great!

Sincerely,
Jim Ramsey
Whittier, Ca.

Dear Jim:

I suggest you contact Hobie Fleet #57 in Los Angeles. They are a very active fleet and often have lectures, demonstrations and boat clinics regarding all aspects of Hobie sailing, for both new and experienced sailors alike. Write to: Tressie Crocker (Sec./Treas.), 6511 W. 84th St., L.A. 90045.

Ed.

TECHNIQUE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WEIGHT

In the last issue of the Hot Line a question was asked, "How much does weight actually handicap a heavy skipper in Hobie 16 racing?", and we answered that improving technique was a far better solution than trying to find a miniature crewmate. To illustrate this, we mentioned the case of 285-pound Tom Long who sailed with his 45-pound dog Bonnie and still didn't make the top 60 in 'C' fleet. Tom, however, has since replaced Bonnie with a 125-pound brunette named Dede who is not only capable of hiking out and working the jib, but is also a much better companion on those long downwind legs. And you know what — at the Mid-winter's West Tom placed 14th overall in a fleet of 71 boats! Way to go, Tom!!

Ed.

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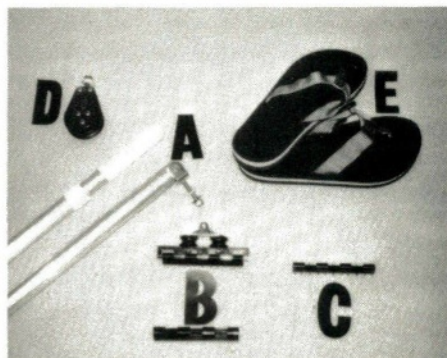


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Photo by Craig Vaughan

THE 3.5 CAN REALLY CARRY A LOAD!

The ideal weight for the new Hobie 3.5 may be 140 pounds, but I proved she will sail with nearly 300 pounds!

This past summer, my cute, yellow Hobie 3.5 and I took a Red Cross sailing course on Lake Marburg, a beautiful lake at Codorus State Park in Pennsylvania. As part of this sailing course, we were all required to capsize our boats. As I had never capsized before, I was quite hesitant about doing it, even though everyone said there was nothing to it. My instructor suggested that one of the other members of the class go out with me when it was time for the capsize, so I would feel more at ease. I thought this was a good idea. Little did I know that the other member weighed nearly 200 pounds — and with my 110 pounds, we sure did lower the hulls a bit! We had a few laughs and were told that we looked like we were taking a funny kind of bath. But, we were sailing! There wasn't much wind, but we were moving along, leaving a steady stream behind us. The capsize was a cinch and we had Hobie upright within five seconds. I tried it again by myself, and now I am no longer afraid of capsizing. Like everyone said, "There is nothing to it!"

As for the added weight on the 3.5 — I ended up sailing most of the summer with a friend, and we always moved along nicely!

DoLores E. Schauben
York, Penn.

KEEP THAT BODY BEAUTIFUL.....AND NON-GREASY, TOO!

As a Hobie sailor, I find that one of the biggest problems I have is the battle with the sun—especially if I plan to be out for six or seven hours. Since I have been receiving the *Hobie Hot Line*, I have seen no reference to any type of sun protector. In fact the only reference to sun protectors I have seen has dealt with the grease they leave behind on ropes, trampolines, etc.

My dermatologist has recommended a sun screening agent to me that is not greasy and does not sweat off. It allows me to remain out in the sun for prolonged periods of time without burning. The product he recommended is called Pre Sun. According to the label, Pre Sun may be effective in preventing premature aging of the skin and skin cancer.

I hope that this is of good use to all Hobie sailors.

Sincerely,
Bruce Latour
Austin, Tx.

DON'T CARRY DEAD WEIGHT, GET YOURSELF A CREW!

REF: Nov/Dec Hobie Forum Letter, "Don't Burden Lightweights with Dead Weight." I am a relatively light Hobie 14 sailor at 155 pounds. My nine year old son, Tim, weighs 55 pounds. Last summer Tim asked to sail with me in one of our local races. Expecting strong winds that day, I agreed, hoping that his extra weight would help me hold down the boat. However, the Wind God took the afternoon off and we sailed three races in light air.

I was quite surprised when I found the boat's performance not to be affected to any great degree by Tim's extra weight.

Tim sailed with me several times during the summer and fall with the same negligible effect in light air. He really enjoys it, is a good companion, a great help when it blows, and I enjoy having him along. So, in November I invited him to join me in the S.W. Florida Championships at Ft. Myers. I knew his presence would keep me out of contention, but it would be an adventure for him and a salve to my guilt feelings at leaving my family for another weekend.

The first day at Ft. Myers was a drifter, but even with Tim's 55 pounds we finished 3-2-1 in the 14A Fleet; another great surprise! Granted, four of the state's top sailors racing with us were competing separately in a trial "AA" Fleet, but our finishes in the combined 14A/AA fleet were 3-4-3. The next day we had wind, scored 3-6, and took home the 14A first place trophy. (The sixth was due to skipper stupidity, not the presence of a crew.)

I didn't write this letter to blow my own horn but to pass along my "H-14 with crew" experience. There are two points I wish to make. First, we scored well against top competition, in light air, with extra weight of a crew. Obviously, 210 pounds creates more drag than 155 pounds and the lighter boat should be faster. However, my experience with Tim indicates that a 55 pound difference in total crew weight is not as significant on a Hobie 14 as one would initially think...I do not believe that I would have done any better in the light winds without his weight...if as well!

Second, I do believe that a two-man crew weighing 210 pounds has advantages over a 210 pound skipper or a light weight with dead weight. Among these advantages are:

- A. The ability to move your "ballast" or split the crew weight, resulting in better stability.
- B. The ability of your "deadweight" to hike.
- C. An extra hand being available when you really need one.
- D. The great "on-the-job training" provided for a future skipper.
- E. Someone to talk to and to scream, "Lookout", just before that collision.

Naturally, I don't recommend a 200 pound crew, nor do I recommend crews on all "14's". But, if you weight 135 pounds, I do believe that a crew weighing up to 90 pounds would be an overall benefit. (Boosts morale if she's good looking, but may hurt concentration.)

Tacking is no problem provided that your crew is disciplined. If you have your boat balanced before the tack is commenced, the crew *must* remain stationary until the tack is completed or you'll be in irons. So, you light skippers, get rid of those weights and sweatshirts, and bring a friend. Then, maybe, I won't feel so silly being the only "14" out there with a crew!

Hap Walter
Stuart, Fla.

A LITTLE SPRAY, AND HOIST AWAY!

I read with interest of the problem John Hendricks has in getting up the main on his Hobie 16. I solved the problem easily by simply spraying both the luff rope as well as the mast groove. with silicone spray lubricant periodically. This stuff does not tend to gather dirt and crud and seems to be far more slippery than parafin. Try it — you'll like it!

Sid Sytsma
Big Rapids, Mich.

ATTENTION EYEGLASS WEARERS

I am an owner of a new Hobie Cat 14. As I have to wear eyeglasses while sailing, I am worried that I might lose them when capsizing. Are there spectacles that can somehow be secured? Contact lenses are no help as I cannot wear them. Hopefully you or one of your readers may have a solution, and if so, I would appreciate hearing about it.

Sincerely,
Wolfgang Hardt
West Germany

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WELCOME, COLEMAN!

Since the Hobie "grapevine" moves faster than the Hobie Hot Line, I'm sure by now you've all heard the news that Coast Catamaran has been purchased by The Coleman Company, Inc. of Wichita, Kansas. I'd like to take this opportunity to confirm that fact, and also to assure you that the change of ownership will in no way effect the Hobie Class Association or patented "Hobie" trademarks and designs. In addition, The Coleman Company has assured us that "the past high standards of quality and workmanship will remain unchanged and that Coast Catamaran will continue to be dedicated to exciting and innovative programs and products."

Hobie himself feels that the acquisition will prove to be a positive step for Coast Cat, especially in terms of new product development, and he is convinced that the Company, employees, dealers, and customers will have a bright and exciting future together. Our Fearless Leader will retain his seat on the Board of Directors, and continue to head up the research and development team.

The only new member of Coast Cat's top management is Douglas Campbell, the Chief Executive Officer. A professional engineer, Mr. Campbell joined Coleman in 1955 and during his career has held several key executive and top management positions prior to joining us here at Coast. Doug is a really neat guy and I think he'll fit in just fine around here.....in fact, his first week on the job he gave away a closet full of tailored suits in exchange for a year's supply of Hobie T-shirts and Levi's!



Doug Campbell....I think he'll fit in just fine around here!

On behalf of everyone in the Hobie Class Association I would like to welcome Doug and The Coleman Company (lanterns, stoves, coolers and all!) to the "wonderful world of Hobie".

Mary Edwards
Editor



hobietorial

San Felipe (Photo: Guillermo De Lemos)



THE 6TH ANNUAL HOBIE M



Saturday morning was beautiful.... (Photo: Matthew J. Hartwig)

Thursday afternoon, on the 5th of February, there was nothing unusual about the little Mexican fishing village of San Felipe, lying 120 miles below the California border on the Sea of Cortez. It was just like any other day: sunny and warm; shrimp boats bobbing in the bay; and quiet, except for an occasional "Que Paso!" But during the next twenty-four hours, the town literally metamorphasized into the "Hobie Capitol of the World", as a steady stream of Hobie skippers and their families — totalling nearly 700 in all — arrived for their first big get-together of the year.....The Sixth Annual Hobie Midwinter's West. The fact that the population of

their village had just about doubled during the night didn't seem to bother the locals much, their only comments being, "Hey, Juan, I theenk theese happen last year, too — no?" "Si, Jose. San Juan Capistrano has eets swallows..... we get los Hobie gringos!"

Despite the possibility of getting rained-out (it had been pouring all week long in Southern California), 274 boats turned out for the season's first points regatta, topping the record-breaking attendance of last year's event by 120. Weather-wise, Friday showed every indication that it would be a dynamite weekend for racing. The sun was shining, the sky was blue, and the wind, well, it was blowing alright —

about 25 to 30 knots. If anything, this velocity was a bit of an overkill, and everyone hoped that it would die off a little before morning. (Boy, were they in for a surprise!)

By Friday evening the whole gang had arrived, and San Felipe started hoppin'. After checking in at either the El Cortez Motel or the adjacent Club de Pesca campground, it was off to dinner "down-town". Deciding between one of the two "hot tickets" — a deluxe enchilada combo at Arnolds Cafe or the turtle steak special at El Toro's — was tough, but those who chose Arnolds were apparently the "lucky" ones.....they got to see Bob McFarland, proprietor of The Cat House in San Diego, perform his

HWINTER'S WEST

famous feat of eating a lit cigarette for dessert. (You know, we always thought Bob was a bit freaky, but now we're sure of it!) After dinner, a few people got together at the Miramar (San Felipe's answer to the local malt shop, complete with a dance floor, and a juke box that will still play you three 1960's hits for only a quarter), and as others stopped in to say hi, the gathering eventually turned into a reunion of sorts, and the socializing went on for hours into the night.

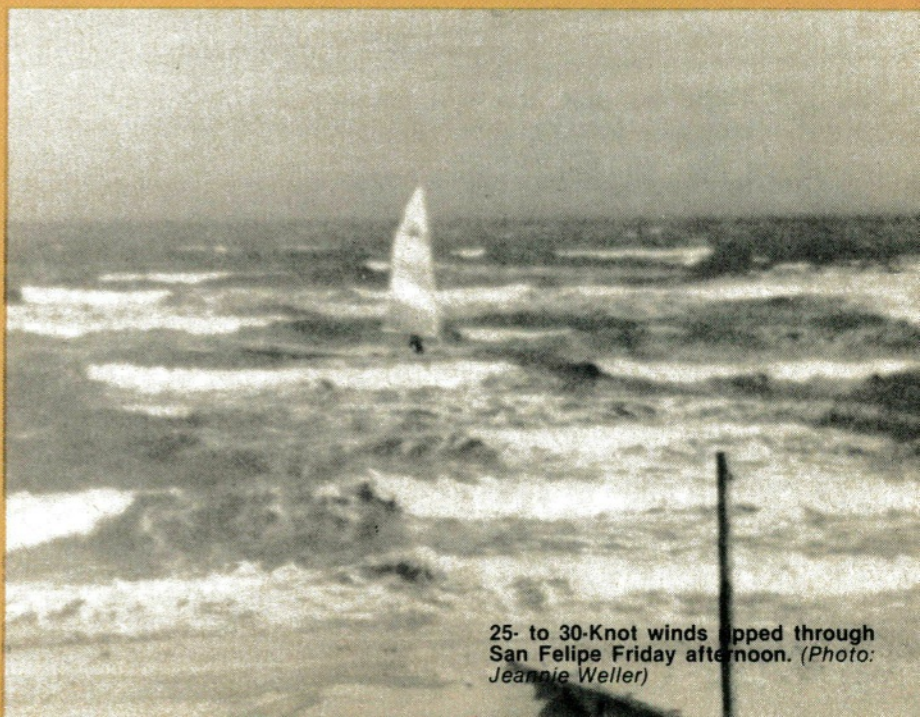
Saturday morning was beautiful — about 70 degrees, rays of sunshine sparkling on the water, and a slight breeze blowing in from the bay. Spirits were high, and the familiar "ping-ping" of halyard wires echoed along the beach as everyone scurried about, rigging and tuning their boats, preparing for the first race that would get underway about noon.

Meanwhile, up on the sand dune overlooking the bay, thirteen

Hobie Hawk flyers were testing their skill at precision maneuvers, attempting to knock down a stack of empty beer cans with their planes. The contestants in this not-too-serious just-for-fun event were divided into A, B and C "fleets", and the winner in each

was awarded a beer stein trophy. In the C's the winner was Denny Nielsen of Santa Cruz, in the B's it was Doug Mihoky of San Diego, and in the A's, guess who.....Hobie Alter.

Back down to the beach, and time for the first race. Uh, oh.....



25- to 30-Knot winds ripped through San Felipe Friday afternoon. (Photo: Jeannie Weller)



Thirteen Hobie Hawk flyers test their skills in a just-for-fun contest Saturday morning. (Photo: Matthew J. Hartwig)

what happened to the sun? And where's the wind?? GONE?! Yup, that gorgeous morning, and all that wind everyone was so worried about the day before, had suddenly vanished. And in their place were gray, cloudy skies, light to very moderate winds, and to top it all off, a strong incoming tide which would certainly be hard (if not impossible) to sail against. Within a matter of hours, the whole scene had turned into a real bummer.

Nevertheless, there was still enough wind to give it the old college try. The 16A's got underway without too much trouble, but the 14A's had just barely inched across the line before the wind all but died. The 16B start was the real Waterloo.....the in-

coming current had gotten even stronger, and with hardly a breath of wind left, only ten of the seventy boats made it across the line at the proper time. The remaining fleets — 14B's and C's, 16C's, 12's, 10's and 3.5's — seeing sixty or so 16B's still behind the line, thought there had been a general recall, but the race committee continued to announce the starting sequences. About ten minutes after the last scheduled start, however, they found it necessary to make an additional announcement over the loud hailer.....something to the effect of, "Hey, you guys, everyone should have started by now!" You can well imagine the reaction this got, especially from those poor skippers who suddenly realized that others in their fleet were

probably already heading for the first mark. What a mess.

Out on the course, the A fleets were battling it out at breakneck speeds, somewhere between 2 and 3 mph. In the 16A's, Ron Atwood, who had gotten off to a good start, was in the lead with Dick Beauchamp closing in slowly but surely from behind. Mike Staudt was out front in the 14A's, a position he maintained all the way to the finish line.

It remained cloudy and dismal all day, and in terms of action, the race was for the most part fairly uneventful. A few places did change hands in the 16A's between 'C' mark and the finish line. Dick Beauchamp managed to pass Ron Atwood to claim first place, but Ron stayed right behind him to take second. John Hauser, Ron Gross, Hobie, Noble Warrum, and Jerry King (sailing with Keith Baxter who was visiting from Hawaii) all fought vigorously against the shifty winds and strong current to claim the other top places. G. Poll finished first in the 16B's, and C. Bannert, Jr. won the C's; in the 14' class Dean Marlow claimed first place in B fleet, with Richard Blount taking it in the C's; Ann Hagen skippered her 3.5 to a first, as did Robert Poitras with his 10', and Bret Churchill with his 12'.

Saturday evening, some 600 people congregated on the patio of the El Cortez for a delicious shrimp dinner prepared by our Mexican hosts. Unfortunately, they had not expected to have to feed such an overwhelming number of people, and in an attempt to ration the food supply, "dinner" was reduced down to little more than a snack. The shrimp was good, mind you (fresh out of the Gulf), but the portions they served would hardly appease the appetite of a



Around noon on Saturday, the clouds moved in and the wind began to die. (Photo: Matthew J. Hartwig)

"munchkin".....let alone a hungry sailor! Needless to say, everyone was a little disappointed, and unanimously agreed that next time around we'll have to make some other arrangements.

Those who went to bed Saturday night praying that a beautiful day would follow were in for a rude awakening Sunday morning. At first, it was hard to tell whether the sun was going to shine or not, as it kept popping in and out of clouds from one minute to the next. Finally, though, the clouds moved in *en masse* and engulfed the sun for good, leaving a cold, gray shadow over San Felipe. But, there was wind — not much, but enough to prompt the race committee into action. They moved the starting time up in an attempt to get in two or three good races, and although their call was an hour premature, the first race eventually got underway in winds that were moderate with signs of

possibly picking up later on. In this race, Hobie Alter, who won last year's event, edged out Dick Beauchamp for first place in the 16A's, while Paul Mayeski claimed it in the 14A's.

The wind did manage to increase a little for the start of the day's second race, and some boats were even using their trapezes. But it was short-lived optimism, and before long, the wind pooped out again and another element took over.....rain. Everyone went ahead and finished the race, but hopes of a third one were sadly forgotten. Dick Beauchamp scored another victory in the 16A's, as did Mike Staudt in the 14A's. Their wins gave them the series, and, based on the new points system, both will automatically be qualified to compete in the National Championships next fall.

Overall winner in the large 16B fleet was Doug Halliday, and in the even larger C fleet, the honors

went to Steve Votaw. Dean Marlow edged out Jim Hecht by a mere 1/4 point to take top honors in the 14B's, and Richard Blount made a clean sweep in the 14C's. Ann Hagen went on to take first overall in the 3.5 class, with Robert Poitras claiming it in the 10's, and Bret Churchill in the 12's.

Trophies this year consisted of wood-mounted barometers and thermometers, along with an "ancient cultural statue" which the Mexican Tourism and Convention Committee awarded to the top three finishers in the 14 and 16 A fleets.

Sunday evening, after the last goodbyes were said, "The Hobie 700" hit the trail home, and the population of San Felipe returned to normal once again.

And that wraps up the '76 Mid-winter's West.....perhaps not the most ideal regatta we've ever had (thanks to Mother Nature), but nevertheless, a fun one!



Preparing for Saturday's first — and only — race. (Photo: Matthew J. Hartwig)



Dick and Carol Beauchamp (their competition out of sight) claimed first overall in the 16A's. (Photo: Matthew J. Hartwig)



The 16A's get ready to start Sunday's first race. (Photo: Matthew J. Hartwig)



The Mexican Tourism and Convention Committee awarded an "ancient cultural statue" (foreground) to the first three finishers in the 14 and 16 A fleets. (Photo: Matthew J. Hartwig)

Janie Mihoky thanks Rich Jeffries for her husband's first place trophy. (So that's how Doug does it!)





Chug-a-lug! (Photo by John Butler)

The Second Annual P.B.R.

(Pacific Beer Race)

by Lynne McElhaney



Launching through the surf at Rothchild's.
(Photo: John Butler)

While "normal" people spent their New Year's Day at home in front of the television watching the bowl games and nursing their New Year's Eve hangovers, Hawaii Hobie Catters found a unique way to start 1976. Thirty Hobies turned out for the Second Annual P.B.R. (Pacific Beer Race) at Lanikai Beach on Windward Oahu. Warm, sunny skies and 15 to 18 m.p.h. winds made it an ideal racing day.

The P.B.R. differed slightly from our usual races. The only requirement for the boat was that both 14's and 16's have a co-ed crew or a reasonable facsimile. Impersonators were accepted, so there was a wide assortment of low voiced, hairy chested female shipmates. The race course also deviated from the norm in that once the race began there were no rules. Needless to say, rounding the first mark was interesting — with half of the fleet taking it to starboard and the rest to port! Fortunately, there were no serious collisions and no protests (of course, with no rules, protesting would have been a waste of time, right?).

As the name of the race suggests, each boat was required to consume several cans of beer — which proved to be a slight prob-

lem for those suffering the effects of the night before! The race got underway with a LeMans beach start during which the skipper or crew, or both, downed a beer. After pushing the boats off from the beach, the racers reached 2 miles down Kailui Bay through the surf to the Rothchild home, where the boats were beached. Skippers and crews ran to a ton of ice cold beer, drank one, deposited the can in the trash and launched their boats out through several sets of breakers to return to Lanikai. The course was repeated, with the winner being the first boat to complete both laps and five (or more) cans of beer. By the end of the day, even those who started the race feeling a bit queezy were in festive spirits befitting of the New Year.

Trophy presentations and more beer completed the afternoon. Top honors in the 16 fleet went to Herb and Susie Andresen, while Rick and Carol Naish won first place on their 14. (We're not sure if sailing skill or chugging ability played a part in their victories!) The Poor Cat award went to the last place finisher. Other special awards were given for the Best Pitch Pole, the Best Boobs, the Most Com-



Scott and Erroll — in drag — preparing for the race. (Photo by Lynne McElhane)

patible Couple, and the Best Shipmate Impersonator.

Special thanks to Peter Rothchild for donating the trophies and T-shirts, and to Rainier Beer for supplying the suds.



The P.B.R. winners, and some losers, too! (Photo by John Butler)

1976



NATIONAL QUALIFYING SYSTEM

1975 proved to be a very successful regatta season. Attendance was up at events all across the nation, and the quality of the regattas themselves were exceptionally high. Because of last year's success and general overall approval, we plan to follow basically the same lines again this season. Once again, a selected number of regattas in each division will count as points events. These regattas have been selected based on past performance and on input from fleet officers in the division. A list of guidelines for points regattas has been drawn up by the Hobie Class Association; should it be brought to our attention that any of the guidelines listed below are "grossly" infringed upon, the Hobie Class Association will remove its sanctioning of that regatta.

1. Either a Hobie Class Association Fleet, a Coast Catamaran Corp. approved dealer (or a representative of either) must be on the race or the regatta planning committees.
2. Each Hobie class must have its own separate start (i.e., 16', 14', 12', 10', and 3.5).
3. All Hobie Class Association Rules must apply.
4. Races must be run in a professional manner, **with the safety of the competitors** foremost in the minds of the race committee.
5. Regatta sites must be capable of handling the divisions's average attendance with regard to launching, parking, beaching, motels and camping.
6. All regattas must have a **minimum** of 1 chase boat capable of reaching any competitor anywhere on the course.
7. All regattas must be scheduled for two days.
8. If the regatta sponsor awards trophies, even if there is only one race, it will be recognized as a points regatta.
9. All around-the-buoys races must have no less than one competitive windward and leeward leg.

Skippers may earn points in any division; however, those points will remain with the division in which they are earned. A skipper may qualify with points from any division, but may qualify at a Divisional Championship only of his own residence. If a division holds 5 points regattas, the best 3 will count for 1976 points; if they hold 6 or 7 points regattas, the best 4 will count; if they hold 8 or 9, the best 5 will count; and if they hold 10, the best 6 will count.

There have been four major changes made in this year's program. The first, is that each points leader will receive a free, non-transferable loaner boat for his or her use at the National Championships. (In the past, it was the divisional champion who received the loaner boat.) Secondly, if a person is both a points qualifier *and* a divisional championship qualifier, he will be considered the divisional qualifier, and the next person in line in point standings will be considered the points qualifier. Third, the Divisional Championships will **not** be points regattas; this will allow those skippers who wish to qualify for *both* the 14 and 16 Nationals a chance to do so. And fourth, we've selected six area championships which will qualify the first place skipper in both the 14' and 16' class directly to the Nationals. These regattas are 1) Midwinter's West, Mexico; 2) Midwinter's East, Florida; 3) Northwestern Championships, Washington; 4) Northeastern Championships, Massachusetts; 5) Midwestern Championships, Minnesota; and 5) Mid-Americas, Texas.

It is important that race results be sent to the Hobie Class Association within one week after the event. Only complete results will be accepted, and failure to comply may result in disqualification of the event as a points regatta.

NO. OF NATIONAL QUALIFIERS FROM EACH DIVISION

| Division | Thru pts. | Thru Div. Championships | Total |
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| 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 2 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
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| 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 8 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 10 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 11 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 12 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 13 | 2 | 2 | 4 |

Sailing in the Virgin Islands...

By Randy Hatfield

Different!!! And Fun!!! Yes. The Virgin Islands are a mixture of constant change in wind and sea conditions. Each day is a new challenge to the skipper and how his boat performs. Fast, flat seas, or wind speeds steady at 30 MPH with six- to eight-foot seas. Never the same, but always plenty of air (averaging 15 to 20 MPH) to double trapeze.

After sailing a Hobie 14 in the Worlds at Puerto Rico and losing first place to Jeff Canepa in what was probably the toughest race I'd ever encountered (winds clocked at 55 MPH and seas eight to ten feet high . . . off the boat four times — capsized once), I flew over to St. Thomas, forty miles east of the racing grounds on Puerto Rico, with a group of participants from ten countries. Sandy Banks, Rich Jeffries and Pat Hogan had pre-arranged this side trip for a Caribbean Holiday after the races.

The friendliness and warm hospitality of the Virgin Islanders was extended immediately by the St. Thomas Yacht Club members, who are all avid sailors. We got our first look at their fantastic sailing conditions when they showed us movies of their races, and also of the Sunfish Worlds. Needless to say, everyone was very impressed. Seeing this, they invited us to stay on a few weeks and enter the Club's 11th Annual Mid-Winter Regatta, which, for the first time in the regatta's history, would include a class for Hobie Cats along with the six other classes entered.

My girlfriend, Kim, and I decided to stay for the event and take advantage of the extra time to explore the beautiful sailing waters and white sand beaches that ring the islands.

Then the fun began. Sandy introduced me to Bob Siddall, the local Hobie dealer, and his "Hobie Gang." Believe it or not, these guys have a "Hobie Hut" right on the beach — probably the only one in the world! It is the meeting place for Hobie Fleet #19, and has a workshop loaded with tools of every description. No dues — everyone contributes hamburgers, liquid refreshments and joins in the fun. Everyone offered me their boats to

sail and I finally ended up with the loan of a new Hobie 16 "Flamer."

The day before the Mid-Winter Regatta, the wind speed indicators registered a steady 30 MPH, and the Hobie Gang was rearing to go. The next morning, with our boats rigged on the beach waiting for race time, the wind speed moved up to 40 to 42 MPH. No one seemed nervous, but even in this warm Caribbean climate wet suits were slipped on, and off we went to the starting line. Each class was started at five-minute intervals, with Hobies last, five minutes behind the Solings (a fast monohull). The race course was the one used for the Olympic Gold Cup Races: starting line, ABCAC marks, to finish line. There'd be three races on Saturday and two on Sunday, with one throw-out allowed.

During the second race, the winds at the start reached 50 MPH and raised the seas to eight feet with white crests — really! The Hobie 14 skippers took a beating every time they crested a wave as the wind would get under their trampoline and topple them over. The Hobie 16's had their share of problems too, mainly with broken rudders or twisted gudgeons.



Photo: Randy with "runners up" Bob Siddall (rt) and his crew, Sammy Harthman (lt).

Despite the radical conditions, the Hobie Cats outperformed every other class by starting last and finishing first, with a fantastic display of speed against the slower monohulls. Jibing around "B" mark with following seas over eight feet gave us an unprecedented thrill to surf down to "C" mark.

The Pearson 26 Class, with spinnaker sails flying, started to bury their bows on the downward run and were forced to sail under main only. Solings, straining with the strong winds pushing their sleek hulls, experienced difficulty controlling the rudders (due to their deep keel) in the surfing seas. Without doubt, the Hobie 16's proved to be the fastest and most sea-worthy racing machines in the regatta, and were applauded for a thrilling show of seamanship by the skippers and crew, plus superb boat performance.

Bob Siddall, skippering a Hobie 16 with 370 lbs. aboard, mastered the winds and seas to take second place. Kim and I took first place, but this was attributed to the "air foil" under my trampoline which raised my Hobie 16 up over the seas like a hydrofoil (so Bob says!). If true, maybe Hobie Alter should rename the boat "The Hobie Hydrofoil!" In the Hobie 14 class, Colin McCullough came in first, and Aimery Caron (proving that sailors are real sportsmen) came in second after mistakenly being declared the winner.

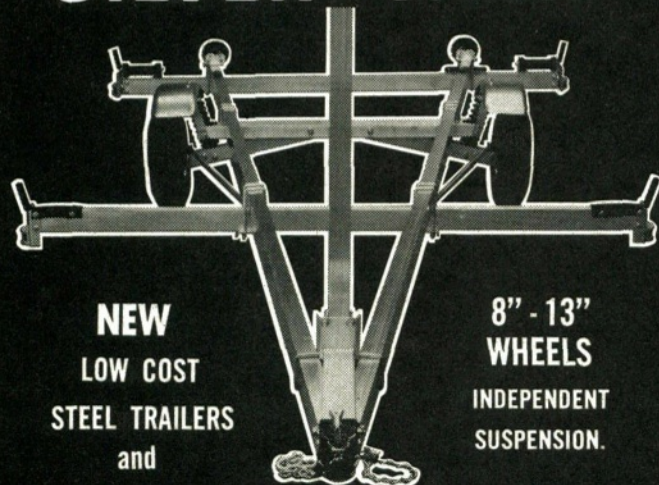
We all received our share of bruises and sore muscles and the boats had marks of a beating, but the Hobie Gang was soon patching and tightening up their hulls and sails, getting ready to go again.

As I write this a week later, the wind is still blowing 20 MPH with gusts to 30 . . . and no signs of letting up!

I will close by saying that if they ever hold the Hobie 16 World Championships here, I will certainly come back from California for another thrill in the best and hardest sailing I have ever known.

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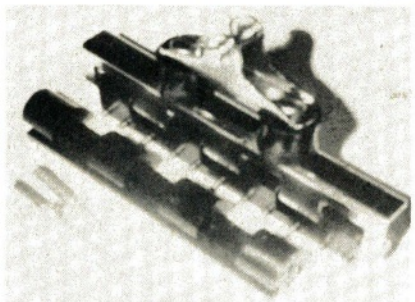
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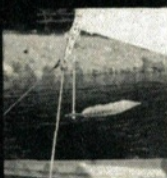
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"A GOOD TIMES" FLEET 170 ESCAPADE

By Mary Lou Moore

Here in Maryland, New Year's Day 1976 dawned crisp and cold, and with a majority of Hobie sailmen snuggled into their eiderdowns. The only impressionable noises at 7 a.m. were confetti wafting around rumpus rooms and a few Alka Seltzers slowly fizzing down to the lowly depths of tumblers.

But, hark! What is this insane activity in Joppatowne and Olney Farms, where even the horses are having a few snorts? Is

this 'Big Foot' dragging up the stairs with beady eyes glimmering in the dawn? Good grief — it's a 47-year-old male clad in a sexy black wet suit! And cold on his heels, snapping six wads of bubble gum, trips his 15-year-old daughter, who has been coaxed, cajoled, conned and connived into THE GREAT RACE.

At the farm, the pigs are grunting, the sheep are booing — pardon me — bah'ing, and the horses are crying, "Nay-Nay", as Tim Mommers bounces down the ice-rutted lane with his Hobie 14 that is turning blue from the cold.

By 11 a.m. a surging throng of twenty hardy spectators, one hundred fifty shrieking grackles and a curious civet cat (skunk, to you) line the bleak shores of the brackish Bush River to witness The Great Race. There was, however, one person missing — Bob Ball. For the past three New Year's Days, Bob, former Commodore of Fleet 54, has participated in these freezing fiascos. But when he put it to his Hobie 14 this year, and watched it turn "cowardly yellow" before his very eyes, he instead bought two tickets for sunny California. However, when the airlines wouldn't let his Hobie on the plane, he took his wife. (He was certain Pat Moore couldn't track him down in California as the only phone number Pat knows out there is Coast Cat's.)

Due to lack of a starting horn, the skippers waited for a big crack in the ice as their signal to challenge the briny deep. Two local reporters wrote it up as an "ice boat race" . . . admittedly, it was hard to tell the difference. No one really won — it was enough that they still had the strength to crawl ashore! Later in the day, however, Mrs. Mommers and Mrs. Moore presented each racer with a trophy — gleaming spheres donated by a brass ape.

Lisa, who crewed on a 16' in the event, spent the next four hours up to her pretty chin in a boiling bubble bath, while the remaining crowd of teeth-rattlers guzzled "The Recipe", our special punch which goes great with 35-degree days. (Yes, Rich Jeffries, occasionally it does get too cold for beer!)

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Timmy Mommers — raising a little New Year's Day hull.



A 35-degree day and a 25-knot wind . . . what a way to sail into '76!

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The Bush River Big Foot?!



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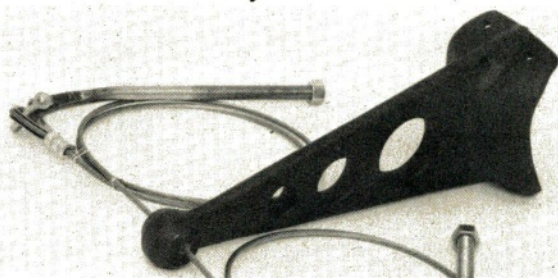
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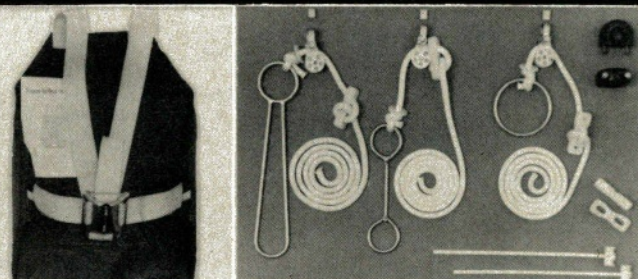
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Denver, Colorado — The Mile High City — hosted what has to be the most unusual winter sporting event ever held:

“The First Annual Celebrity Sports Center High Altitude Indoor Hobie Sailing Regatta”

Photos by Lyn Alweis



The teams were for the most part representatives of Denver's major restaurants.

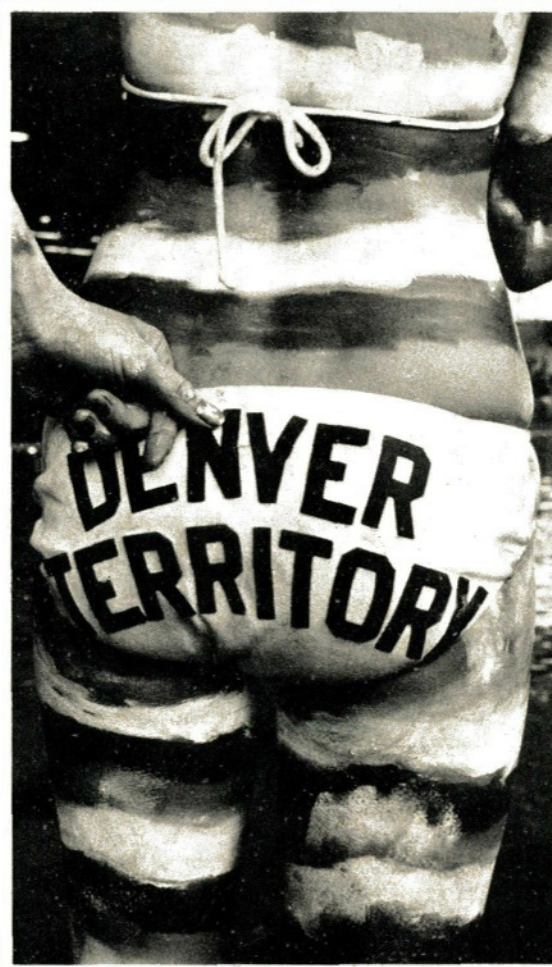
1. The relay event began with a push start for the first sailor.....“And the-e-r-e they go!”
2. Local T.V. personality Barbara Finn provided exciting commentary throughout the afternoon..... and Hobie evidently enjoyed her style!
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Twenty-four teams of "sailors" competed in the indoor sailboat race at Celebrity Sports Center on Saturday, January 31. The relay event was held in the large swimming pool at Celebrity (25 yards x 50 meters) and the competitors raced in Hobie 10's provided by Rocky Mountain Marine of Denver. The wind was generated by large fans providing a good eight-knot wind for each leg of the three-leg course.

The teams, comprised of two men and a woman or two women and a man, were for the most part representatives of Denver's major restaurants. Many of the teams were decked out in matching outfits that were — to say the least — original, ranging from T-shirts and bathing suits to body paint and bloomers!

The relay elimination event began with a push start for the first sailor who then raced one lap around the course, back to the exchange area where the



second sailor took over, raced lap number two and then passed the boat off to the final sailor who completed the race. More than 1,000 spectators and supporters witnessed the unique event while local radio and TV personalities, Bob Lee and Barbara Finn, provided exciting commentary and color throughout the afternoon.

Hobie Alter, a special guest at the regatta, presented the awards, with the first prize — a Hobie Cat 14 — going to the "Hatch Cover" restaurant's winning team of Steven Campbell, Sam Towne and Lynn Vosbeck. The second place prize — a Hobie 10 — was awarded to the "Great American Music Machine" restaurant and their team of sailors Norb Hancock, Connie Ellis and Tim Schumacher.

The overwhelming enthusiasm and interest now sets the stage for The Second Annual Event to be held in January, 1977. *FL*



Planning A Points Regatta

After noticing the many comments and questions of other fleets pertaining to running a regatta, I thought you might be interested in our Regatta Check List. This list details some of the many items necessary to make a points regatta a well-organized success,* and while I hope I've included everything, I'm sure there are a few things which can be added by individual fleets to suit their particular requirements. In parentheses I have placed an "ideal" time schedule.

Sue Olson
Vice Commodore, Fleet #57
Los Angeles, Calif.



REGATTA CHECK LIST

1. Choose date. (6mo.)
2. Obtain confirmation of locations from governing body of area — County, City, Department of Parks, etc.
3. Send dates to Hot Line. (6 mos.)
4. After confirmation has been received: (do these in writing)
 - a. Contact the local lifeguards to discuss any problems or special arrangements such as area for beaching boats, launch area, restroom facilities, lighting, etc.
 - b. Contact the parking authority to discuss fees and passes.
 - c. Contact local police for possible help with traffic, security, etc.
5. Decide on giveaways and order them. (You need to have an approximate number; include in that number those to be given away as thank you's, make arrangements for ordering extras, decide what you will do if you have leftovers.) (6 mos. with delivery 1 mo. before regatta)
6. Decide on trophies and order them. (6 mo.)
7. If you are going to have a meal, decide on menu and cost. (4 mo.)
8. Figure the cost per boat for a probable minimum turn-out, then prepare the flyer for Coast Catamaran (see officers guide). (4 mo.)
9. Find committee boat — get firm commitment. (4 mo.)
10. Find two chase boats — preferably one avon for easy beaching. (4 mo.)
11. Determine race committee (3 people + boat owner), and people manning chase boats (2 people per boat). (3 mo.)
12. Appoint someone to prepare all equipment for race and take responsibility for its being at the right place at the right time.
 - a. Marks and Start-Finish Markers
 - b. Hailer (2 are preferable, one for shore and one for committee boat).
 - c. Flags — Red, White, Blue, Recall, Postponement.
 - d. Air Horns and Extra Cans of Air
 - e. Binoculars
 - f. Race Committee Box:
 - (1) Course Charts
 - (2) 3 Clip boards
 - (3) Pencils
 - (4) Order-of-Finish Papers
 - (5) Wind Vane line-setter
 - (6) Waterproof plastic bag to send final results to beach
 - (7) Large course and class numbers
 - g. Walkie-Talkies
 - h. Lunches for Race Committee and chase boat people
13. Prepare registration needs. (2 mos.)
 - a. Pre-registration cards (completed except for signature)
 - b. Course charts
 - c. Registration forms
 - d. Pencils
 - e. Ribbons
 - f. Giveaways
 - g. Address labels to send results to participants
 - h. Dinner tickets
 - i. File box for completed registrations (File by fleet, then numerically.)
 - j. Containers for money (Include some starter change.)

14. Signs for: registration, directions, name of regatta, posters for display by local Hobie dealer. (2 mos.)
15. Select a protest chairman who forms a protest committee and also arranges to have all protest materials ready.
 - a. Protest forms
 - b. Pencils
 - c. Blackboard to display sail numbers of boats involved
 - d. Rule books
 - e. Small boats and marks to illustrate situation
16. Publicity — Contact local media (T.V., Radio, Press) and local businesses involved with Hobie people. Procure money and/or prizes from sponsors, and arrange for someone to take pictures. (2 mos.) (Be sure sponsors' names are displayed and announced, also have sponsors aid in trophy presentation.)
17. Parts Van — fully equipped. (2 mos.)
18. Form committee to handle parking, boat unloading and launching. (1 mo.)

ONE TO TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO REGATTA:

1. Make final contact with life guards, parking supervisor, police, etc.
2. Have Food Committee purchase as much food as possible.
3. Check out sight; note and discuss any potential problems — resolve problems.
4. Meet with all committee heads for final rundown. Decide on all announcements for skippers meeting (e.g. time for start of first race, are they back-to-back?, order of starts, will there be a throw-out?, position of committee boat, description of marks, number of races on second day, time of skippers meeting on the second day, description of local problems like launching through the surf, beaching restriction, etc.) If these are written down, they won't be forgotten at the time of the skippers meeting. Once the announcements have been made, try to adhere to them as much as possible.
5. Form a Landlubbers Committee to stay at the registration area all day. In the morning they can help with registration,

keep the supply of hot coffee, tea, and hot chocolate full. During the day they can maintain the coolers of cold drinks. They will help prepare the food for dinner. They should also prepare the result cards, record results, set out protest forms and answer questions. The second day they can prepare the trophies for presentation.

NIGHT BEFORE:

1. Set up as much as possible at regatta site.

DAY OF REGATTA:

1. Everything has been taken care of, so just follow your schedule and enjoy the events!
2. The final recording of the results should occur while the protests are being heard. It is advisable for the race committee chairman to read the results while 3 people record:

| | |
|--------|-----|
| a. 16A | 14A |
| b. 16B | 14B |
| c. 16C | 14C |
| d. 10 | 12 |

 Tabulate the results and present trophies as quickly as possible.
3. Arrange for someone to phone the results to the local papers as soon as possible. Our papers require: place, first and last names of skippers and crew, also their hometown.
4. Clean up area so that you leave a good final impression.

DAY AFTER:

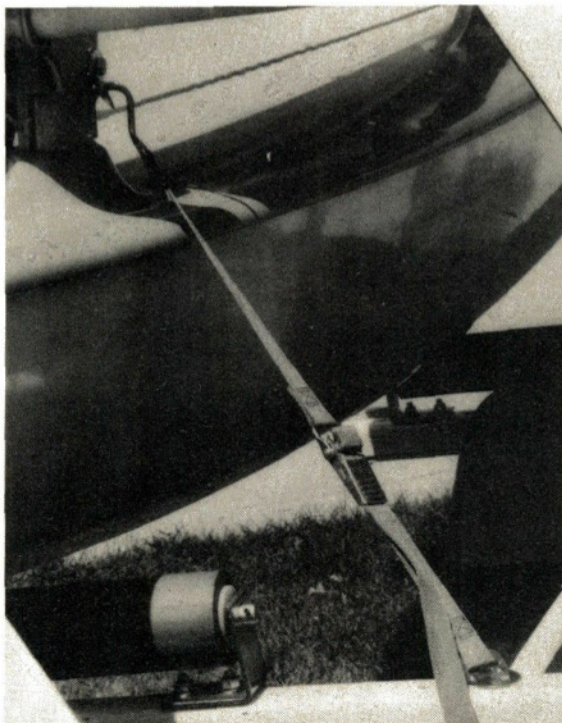
1. Have group of people get together and put results into Hot Line order-of-finish form.
2. Type list and send to Hot Line, and also to people who requested them.
3. Prepare financial report.
4. Send thank you's to appropriate organizations and people.
5. Prepare summary report of regatta for next year.
6. Revise this check list so that the next time it will be even more perfect.
7. Relax . . . it's almost time to start planning for next year!

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I had such a great time on that 14', that I finally persuaded my husband to come for a ride. Needless to say, he loved it. Now that there were two sailors in the family, the 14' didn't meet our needs. So, we decided to buy a Hobie 16. We bought it in July, and it was a beauty. It had the new Flamer sail and people came from

all over to see it, to take pictures of it, and three paintings were made of it. But the most fun was sailing it. We spent most of the summer on the Hobie, practically forgetting the skiing, the swimming, and the power boating.

This winter, while looking through the Hot Line, I started reminiscing about the experiences we had last summer. I ended up writing a poem, which I would like to share with the many others who I imagine have had similar adventures on their Hobies.

Sincerely yours,
Marilyn (Lynn) Kempke
Cincinnati, Ohio

HONEY OF A HOBIE



On the beach sits the Hobie,
all shiny and new,
Still on a trailer,
awaiting its crew.
With bittersweet hulls,
and shimmering spars,
Plus a bright yellow tramp —
can't believe that she's ours!

With slight hesitation,
we step-up the mast,
Then secure all the shackles,
our nervousness past.
With great expectation,
we hoist up the main,
Oh! What a sight,
her sails aflame.

Launched for the first time,
there's no need to worry
With her sails cracking loudly,
she tells us to hurry.
Now everything's ready,
the shrouds take the strain,
But the wind's getting stronger,
and it's starting to rain.

A little bit wary,
we get under way,
She springs into life,
on this glorious day.
I push on the tiller,
she responds like a dream.
She's my kind of boat,
of the Cat's, she's the cream.

A gale's now blowing,
the rain pouring down,



The Cat leaps the whitecaps,
with a thunderous sound.
Her shrouds screaming loudly,
her hull starts to fly,
The cold spray engulfs us,
as the hours rush by.

Finally spent and exhausted,
homeward we run,
To rest till tomorrow,
and hope for some sun.

I've sailed many hours,
since that first rainy day,
But each time it's different,
a challenge, per se.

On rough days, I've flipped her,
from the trapeze I've fallen,

I've been fined by the Coast Guard,
for no throwable allowin'.
On days that are lazy,
my dogs like to come,
We dive from the hulls,
or bask in the sun.



The weather gets colder,
the snow starts to fall,
My Hobie now hangs,
from some hooks on the wall.
We re-live adventures,
with stories re-told,
And make plans for next summer,
with voyages bold.

Lynn Kempke

HOBIE PHOTO CONTEST

JUNE 1, 1975 THRU MAY 31, 1976

HOBIE 16 — Grand Prize awarded for "BEST OVERALL" photo!

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HOBIE HAWK — One awarded every month for "PHOTO OF THE MONTH"!

HOW THE CONTEST WORKS...

Subject matter must consist of either a Hobie sailboat or a Hobie Hawk sailplane.

Photos will be judged on a monthly basis, beginning June 1975 and ending May 1976. Each month a "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" will be selected from among the month's entries and the winner awarded a Hobie Hawk radio-controlled sailplane (less R/C gear). "PHOTOS OF

THE MONTH" will be judged on photo composition and photographic skill and may be either black & white or color. Entries must be postmarked DURING THE month being judged, i.e., to be eligible for the JUNE "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" award, entries must be postmarked no earlier than June 1, 1975 or later than June 30, 1975.

From the twelve (12) "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" winners, the "BEST BLACK & WHITE", "BEST COLOR" and "BEST OVERALL" photos will be selected in June 1976. Winners in the "BEST BLACK & WHITE" and "BEST COLOR" categories will each be awarded a HOBIE 3.5; the winner in the "BEST OVERALL" category will be awarded the GRAND PRIZE — a HOBIE 16! (All prizes will be awarded.)

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

Subject matter must consist of either a Hobie sailboat or a Hobie Hawk sailplane.

1. The contest is open to all interested photographers. Employees of Coast Catamaran and their families are not eligible.
2. Entries in the color category must be 35mm, 2 1/4 x 2 1/4, 4x5 or 8x10 transparencies. Black & white prints must be on either 8x10 or 11x14 paper. All nonconforming entries will be disqualified.
3. Each entry must be labeled with the photographer's name, address, the location of shooting, film and equipment used and exposure data if available.
4. No more than two (2) photographs in each category may be submitted each month.
5. All entries become property of Coast Catamaran Corp. and may be used by them at any time for publication and within any context. Entries WILL NOT be returned.
6. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry blank.
7. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of qualified judges on the basis of originality, photographic skill and photo composition. The decisions of the judges will be final. Prizes will be awarded for the best photo each month (either in black & white or color), and from these for the best black & white photo, the best color photo and the best overall photo. The judges may select other entries in each category for Honorable Mention.

8. All entries showing any recognizable persons must be accompanied by a signed release from the person(s) in the photograph(s). The release must include the name, address and phone number of the person. Entrants under 18 must submit a signed release from parent or legal guardian.
9. The prizes include only those items specifically stated. All other expenses including any applicable taxes will be the responsibility of the winner.

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"Summer of '75"

A Diary of My First Hobie-Catting Year

By Sue Wagner
Member of Fleet #113 — Milwaukee, Wisc.

Jim and I had just purchased a Hobie Cat 14 and had never sailed before, so it was with great anticipation that we attended our first Fleet #113 meeting in May of '75. After paying dues and reserving a spot for our boat, we listened to the new schedule, saw Hobie movies and heard about all the fun that the fleet members had had the previous year.

By the second week in May, we had arrived, wearing wet suits, to the big moment — our first sail. We didn't get far and we didn't go fast, but I think it was one of the most thrilling moments we've ever shared. The last weekend in May was the first of the fleet series regattas. All the big talk of racing techniques and competition had scared Jim, and he was filled with trepidations . . . for nothing. Everyone was super friendly, calling out encouragement and helpful hints. He came in last, but had a good feeling of belonging.

The June series race was held on the second Sunday, and by then Jim had a feeling of confidence. No wind made it a lazy race, filled more with fun than competition. The last weekend in June we held a fun regatta; there were beer can races and a balloon race . . . Jim really had a panic trying to stay on course and pick balloons out of the water! It was at this regatta that a fellow with a Hobie 16 had no crew, so I filled in. It was my first attempt at crewing, but Jerry (the skipper) made it seem so easy that, in no time, we really started moving. It was the first time I'd flown a hull, and I can still feel my heart jump as I remember. The feeling of exhilaration just cannot be matched. The rest of June was filled with fixing up boats, exchanging techniques and trying to beat Peter, our Fleet Commodore, in beer can races for a six-pack. (I don't think Peter had to buy once all summer!)

There were several out-of-town regattas in July, but we hadn't bought a trailer yet, and Jim didn't feel ready for advanced competition. Most of July was filled with sailing for fun, impromptu barbecues, or a meal and drinks in one of the local bars on Okauchee.

August turned out to be the busiest month all summer. Besides the usual series race, we went to two out-of-towners. Almost the entire fleet went to an invitational for Hobies in Marinette, and a multihull regatta in Oshkosh the following weekend. We drove up in a caravan at the crack of dawn; it was comforting to know that if anyone had trouble, someone would be there to help. After the long trip, I thought we'd crash in the rooms. Hah! Everyone had to set up their boat, eager to try the lake. It was really gusty and I think most were afraid to try out before the race, but a few die-hards, including Jim, couldn't resist and to this day I hear of the thrills they had. Again, we were amazed at the friendliness of everyone. They were all there to win, but no one was overtly aggressive. After the races, it was partying and more fun. Commodore Peter won as usual, and we were all proud that it was someone from our fleet. Again, more people meant more ideas and more new friends.

September proved to be the last sailing month for most of us. Besides the series race, we held a "Last Chance Regatta" on the last weekend. After a barbecue and beer, we sat around a bonfire recalling the triumphs and tragedies of the season. All the jokes and fun of the past summer were re-lived. We had a good time, but there was an underlying melancholy at the loss of the sailing season.

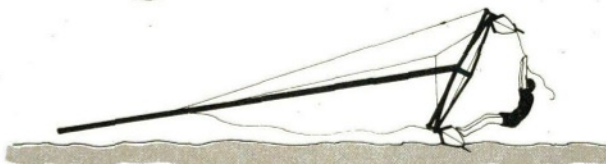
Jim and I sailed twice in October. By then he really knew what he was doing, thanks to all the help the fleet had given us. He had us flying a hull on a 14-footer with three people aboard . . . and that's an accomplishment! We had been hooked.

We've had the happiest summer of our lives and something to really look forward to. At the fleet awards dinner Jim received a trophy, and I've seen his eyes sparkle like that on only a few occasions. We held the election of officers for the '76 season, had a great meal, listened to several impromptu speeches and decided what we wanted out of next year.

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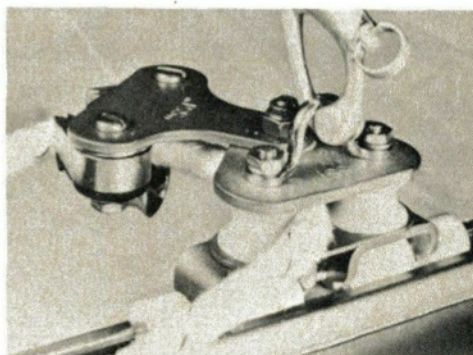
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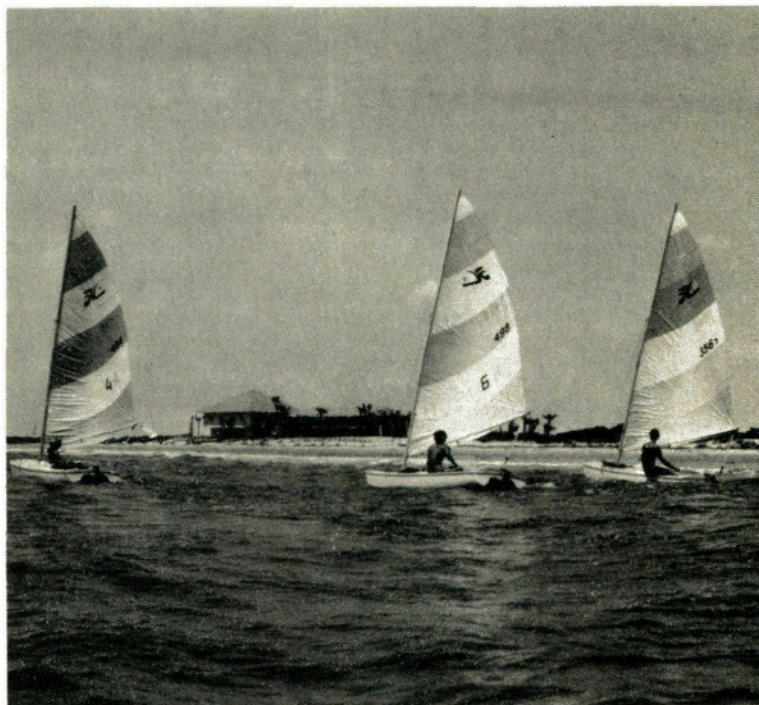
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A typical day on Seabrook's three-mile beach finds youngsters and adults hiked out in a good ocean breeze. The sailing course is in an area sheltered by a long sandbar known as Deveaux Bank. The bar is also the rookery for thousands of gulls, terns and the comical Brown Pelican.

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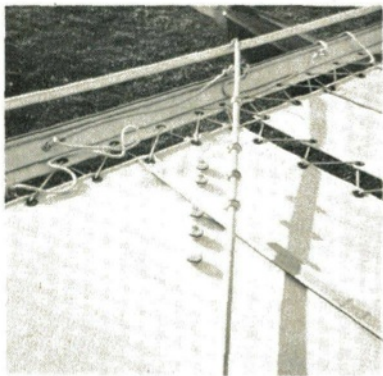
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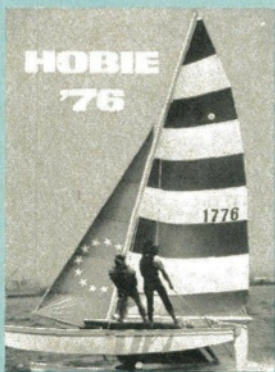


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About a year ago, we were rather surprised but very delighted to see Hobie Cats featured on the cover of what is probably the nation's oldest and most "traditional" boating publication — "YACHTING." We considered it to be not only an honor for Hobie Cat but also for multihulls in general. Now, "YACHTING" 's done it again! Their February '76 cover features another beautiful Hobie shot — the fantastic masthead view of a 16' which was taken by our Photo Contest winner Bob Cocanaugher, and first appeared on the cover of the Sept./Oct. '75 Hot Line. Congratulations, Bob!

Also in this same issue of "YACHTING" is an excellent article entitled "A Different Way to Cruise" by Kenneth Henwood. In it, the author tells of his journey 350 miles down the Gulf of California beach-hopping and camping on a Hobie 16 — a good writing style and beautiful pictures makes this an adventure we're sure you'll all enjoy reading (and dreaming!) about.

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THIRD ANNUAL UTAH SKI YACHTING

IF YOU CANNOT DECIDE WHETHER TO STILL SKI OR TO START SAILING, THEN COME TO THE COMBINED COMPETITION OF THE THIRD ANNUAL UTAH SKI YACHTING APRIL 17 AND 18, 1976 IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. LAST YEAR'S EVENT DREW COMPETITORS FROM CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, WYOMING AND UTAH. FREE SNOWBIRD SKIPASS FOR ALL OUT OF STATE COMPETITORS FOR FRIDAY APRIL 16, 1976.

SAILING: SATURDAY AT UTAH LAKE, THREE RACES EACH FOR HOBIE 14', HOBIE 16' AND LASER, HELD BY THE UTAH SAILING ASSOCIATION.
SKIING: SUNDAY AT SNOWBIRD, TWO GIANT SLALOMS ON A NASTAR COURSE, EACH COUNTS LIKE A SAIL RACE. AN INTERMEDIATE CAN SKI IT.

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Fourth Annual Keys Cat Challenge

25-Knot Winds . . . And A Clean Sweep For Christensen!

Forty-five catamarans from all over the state of Florida and three from as far north as Canada competed in the Fourth Annual Keys Cat Challenge on November 28-30 in the Atlantic off Smathers Beach in Key West.

This event, which was sponsored by Hawaiian Tropic and conducted by Hobie Fleet 71 of Key West, began on Friday afternoon with perfect catamaran sailing conditions. Two races were sailed in winds of 12-15 knots and temperatures about 80 degrees.

Rather than sailing a closed course around buoys, the two races on Friday were made more interesting by using a course which took the boats around the west end of the island, into the ships channel to a finishing line located just off shore from the Mallory Dock and the heart of old Key West. This gave the sailors a chance to see some of the sights around the waterfront when they weren't dodging passing traffic in this narrow, heavily traveled and fast-flowing channel. The second race took them from Mallory Dock back to their original starting point near Smathers Beach by way of a course set further out in the ocean.

Friday night the local Hobie fleet served a seafood dinner featuring Florida lobster tails and fish to all of the sailors and their families at the Driftwood restaurant.

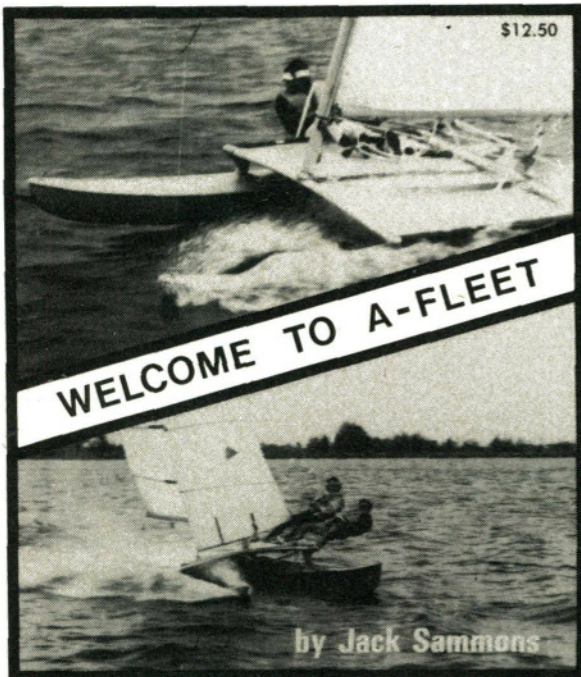
On Saturday morning when the sailors returned to Smathers Beach to begin the day's racing, they found that the wind had increased in strength and the ocean was considerably rougher than it had been. Many of the boats capsized while sailing the 12-mile course around the markers off Smathers Beach and one-third of the fleet DNF'd. The race committee wisely decided to cancel the remaining two races scheduled for Saturday. It was estimated the wind was blowing between 20-25 knots with gusts to 30 and more.

Trophies were presented to the top skippers and crews Saturday afternoon. Although Chris Christensen dominated the 20-boat Hobie 16 class with his three firsts, local Hobie 16 sailors did



Chris Christensen (#37) dominated the Hobie 16 Class with his three firsts.
(Photo: Corey MacDonald)

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exceptionally well, winning four of the six trophies. Newcomer Greg Delavan, sailing in his second major regatta, finished second, and Greg Henry of Melbourne was third.

The one-man open class was won by Bill Ridolf, sailing a Hobie 14; Bill was closely followed by Larry Williams of Key West, also on a Hobie 14.

DISTANCE RACE TO SAND KEY . . .

Race Committee Chairman Jack Woehrle got the distance race underway shortly before noon on Sunday. Winds were still strong out of the east at 18-22 knots.

Ten boats (four Tornados, three Hobie 16's, two Prindles and one Hobie 14) participated in this free-for-all, 19-nautical-mile event which was divided into two heats. Each class was given a time allowance at its start so that all boats would finish the first heat at Sand Key at the same time. How well the handicap worked is indicated by the fact that all the boats finished this downwind leg within a couple of minutes of each other. The staggered starts also were used on the return to Key West but since the entire distance was a beat to weather the Tornados finished well ahead of the rest of the fleet.

After sailing 2½ miles west from Smathers Beach to the inner range tower, and 7 miles southwest to Sand Key, Chris Christensen of Ft. Lauderdale, singlehanded his Hobie 16, was first to cross the outbound finish line located near Sand Key. The trip out to Sand Key took about an hour and 15 minutes.

The boats were beached on Sand Key while the sailors stopped for lunch which had been brought out by the committee boat, a Hobie 16 provided by Hawaiian Tropic and sailed by John Knight of Key West.

The race back to Key West took about an hour, with the Tornados the first four boats to finish. Chris had decided to reef his main thinking it would give him an advantage in the heavy air. However, the wind dropped off slightly and Chris was the ninth boat to finish. So, the first three places in the distance race went to the Tornados, with Chris fourth and Hobie 16 skipper, Jay Stevens, fifth.

REGATTA SCHEDULE

Points Regattas are noted in color.

DIVISION I

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| Mar. 14 | Keelhi Lagoon Regatta/Fleet #6 | Keelhi Lagoon, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Mar. 28 | Pearl Harbor Regatta/Fleet #6 | Pearl Harbor, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Apr. 3 | Comm 14 Invitational/Fleet #6 | Pearl Harbor, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Apr. 4 | Spring Series #3/Fleet #6 | Kaneohe Bay Y.M.C.A., Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Apr. 10, 11 | Kalua Pig Regatta/Fleet #6 | Nanakuli, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| May 2 | Auwe Stay Broke Regatta/Fleet #6 | Portlock, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| May 9 | Summer Series #1/Fleet #6 | Kaneohe Bay Y.M.C.A., Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| May 15 | Maritime Day Race/Fleet #6 | Keelhi Lagoon, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| May 29-31 | Don Ho Regatta/Fleet #6 | Lanikai, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| June 12 | Pan Am Regatta/Fleet #6 | Kualoa, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| June 13 | Pan Am Regatta/Fleet #6 | Kualoa, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| June 20 | Hele On Regatta/Fleet #6 | Bellows, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| June 27 | Summer Series #2/Fleet #6 | Kailua, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| July 4 | Hawaiian Tropic Regatta/Fleet #6 | Waikiki, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| July 18 | Fall Series #1/Fleet #6 | Kaneohe Bay, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| July 24, 25 | KSC Benefit Regatta | Kailua, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Aug. 1 | Fall Series #2/Fleet #6 | Kaneohe, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Aug. 7, 8 | Hobie 14 States | Kaulua, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Aug. 15 | Fun Races/Fleet #6 | Kailua, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Aug. 22 | Fun Races/Fleet #6 | Kaneohe, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Aug. 28, 29 | Hobie 16 States/Fleet #6 | Portlock, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Sept. 5 | Portlock Regatta/Fleet #6 | Kailua, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Sept. 12 | ABC Race/Fleet #6 | Kaulua, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Sept. 19 | ABC Race/Fleet #6 | Waikiki, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Sept. 26 | Team Race #2/Fleet #6 | Keelhi, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Oct. 3 | Keelhi Lagoon Regatta/Fleet #6 | Ala Moana, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Oct. 17 | Winter Series #1/Fleet #6 | Waikiki, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Oct. 24 | Team Racing #3/Fleet #6 | Waikiki, Oahu | Herb Andresen/808-239-9416 |
| Oct. 31 | Fun Race/Fleet #6 | | |

DIVISION II

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| Mar. 14 | Late Winter Series #4/Fleet #3 | Long Beach Marina, Calif. | John Hauser/714-536-1901 |
| Mar. 14 | Spring Series #2/Fleet #1 | Dana Point Harbor, Calif. | Niki Brown/714-496-7283 |
| Mar. 14 | What's a Regatta? Regatta/Fleet #57 | Lake Castaic, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Mar. 20 | Spring Series/Fleet #4 | Santa Clara, Calif. | Miles Wood/714-488-3670 |
| Mar. 20, 21 | Ides of March Regatta/Fleet #66 | Lake Roosevelt, Arizona | Dick Karpinski/602-838-0047 |
| Mar. 21 | Spring Trophy Races/Fleet #180 | Castaic, California | F. Brackenridge/805-252-4089 |
| Mar. 27 | Fleet #167 Regatta | Wollomes, Calif. | Phil Auer/805-324-7286 |
| Mar. 28 | Spring Series #3/Fleet #1 | Dana Point Harbor, Calif. | Niki Brown/714-496-7283 |
| Apr. 3 | Spring Series/Fleet #4 | Chula Vista, Calif. | Miles Wood/714-488-3670 |
| Apr. 10 | Spring Series #4/Fleet #1 | Dana Point Harbor, Calif. | Niki Brown/714-496-7283 |
| Apr. 11 | April Showers Race/Fleet #57 | Lake Castaic, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Apr. 11 | Navigational Regatta/Fleet #66 | Lake Roosevelt, Arizona | Ray De Costa/602-948-9355 |
| Apr. 18 | Half Ton Races/Fleet #180 | Castaic, Calif. | F. Breckenridge/805-252-4089 |
| Apr. 22 | Tune Up For Summer Series/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Apr. 24 | Spring Series #5/Fleet #1 | Dana Point Harbor, Calif. | Niki Brown/714-496-7283 |
| Apr. 24 | Spring Series/Fleet #4 | Mission Bay, Calif. | Miles Wood/714-488-3670 |
| Apr. 24, 25 | Fleet #167 Regatta | Buena Vista, Calif. | Phil Auer/805-324-7286 |
| Apr. 29 | Tune Up For Summer Series/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| May 6 | Summer Series 1 Race 1/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| May 7-9 | London Bridge Regatta | Lake Havasu, Arizona | Hobie Class Assoc./714-979-2880 |
| May 8 | Spring Series/Fleet #4 | Chula Vista, Calif. | Miles Wood/714-488-3670 |
| May 13 | Summer Series 1 Race 2/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| May 16 | Spring Fun Races/Fleet #180 | Castaic, Calif. | F. Breckenridge/805-252-4089 |
| May 20 | Summer Series 1 Race 3/Fleet #3 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| May 22, 23 | 4th Annual Lake Powell Regatta | | |
| | Page Lake Boating Club | Lake Powell, Arizona | Charles Stoddard/602-645-9244 |
| May 23 | Fleet #167 Regatta | Buena Vista, Calif. | Phil Auer/805-324-7286 |
| May 27 | Summer Series 1 Race 4/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| May 29, 30 | Oxnard Regatta/Fleet #15 | Oxnard, Calif. | Jack Moore/714-737-7214 |
| June 3 | Summer Series 1 Race 5/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| June 5, 6 | Wind & Sea Points Regatta/Fleet #1 | Dana Point Harbor, Calif. | Elmar Hughes/714-496-3285 |
| June 10 | Summer Series 2 Race 1/Fleet #7 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| June 12, 13 | Cabrillo Beach Regatta/Fleet #3 | Cabrillo Beach, Calif. | Rick Schultreis/714-962-6876 |
| June 13 | Fleet #167 Regatta | Lake Isabella, Calif. | Phil Auer/805-324-7286 |
| June 17 | Summer Series 2 Race 2/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| June 20 | First Mate's Regatta/Fleet #66 | Lake Roosevelt, Arizona | Rob Smith/602-938-0009 |
| June 24 | Summer Series 2 Race 3/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| June 26, 27 | San Diego Classic/Fleet #4 | San Diego, Calif. | Miles Wood/714-488-3670 |
| June 27 | Team Races/Fleet #66 | Lake Roosevelt, Arizona | Lee Aguiar/602-838-0371 |
| July 1 | Summer Series 2 Race 4/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| July 8 | Summer Series 2 Race 5/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| July 15 | Summer Series 3 Race 1/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| July 17, 18 | 4th Annual Del Rey Regatta/Fleet #57 | Playa Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| July 17, 18 | Fleet #167 Regatta | Lake Isabella, Calif. | Phil Auer/805-324-7286 |
| July 18 | Iron an Regatta/Fleet #66 | Lake Roosevelt, Arizona | Bill George/602-948-6107 |
| July 22 | Summer Series 3 Race 2/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |

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| July 29 | Summer Series 3 Race 3/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Aug. 5 | Summer Series 3 Race 4/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Aug. 12 | Summer Series 3 Race 5/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Aug. 14, 15 | Todos Santos/Fleet #4 | San Diego, Calif. | Miles Wood/714-488-3670 |
| Aug. 15 | Fleet #167 Regatta | Lake Isabella, Calif. | Phil Auer/805-324-7286 |
| Aug. 15 | Slalom Races/Fleet #66 | Apache Lake, Arizona | Mike Hager/602-962-1736 |
| Aug. 19 | Summer Series 4 Race 1/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Aug. 26 | Summer Series 4 Race 2/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Sept. 2 | Summer Series 4 Race 3/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Sept. 5 | Fall Series #1/Fleet #66 | Phoenix, Arizona | Phil Henry/602-247-6919 |
| Sept. 9 | Summer Series 4 Race 4/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Sept. 11, 12 | Fleet #167 Regatta | Lake Isabella, Calif. | Phil Auer/805-324-7286 |
| Sept. 16 | Summer Series 4 Race 5/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Sept. 19 | Fall Series #2/Fleet #66 | Phoenix, Arizona | Dick Karpinski/602-838-0047 |
| Sept. 23 | Summer Series Fun Race/Fleet #57 | Marina Del Rey, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Oct. 3 | Fall Series #3/Fleet #66 | Phoenix, Arizona | Dick Karpinski/602-838-0047 |
| Oct. 10 | Great Pumpkin Race/Fleet #57 | Lake Castaic, Calif. | Tressie Crocker/213-645-9857 |
| Oct. 17 | Fall Series #4/Fleet #66 | Phoenix, Arizona | Dick Karpinski/602-838-0047 |
| Oct. 22, 23 | London Bridge Sailing Society 5th Hobie Invitational | Lake Havasu, Arizona | Bob Mann/602-855-4406 |

DIVISION III

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| Apr. 3, 4 | Fleet #17 Regatta | Lake Folsom, Calif. | Jim Hecht/916-444-5926 |
| Apr. 4 | Winter Series #6/Fleet #87 | Princeton Hrbr., Half Moon Bay | Jim Nixon/415-547-1459 |
| Apr. 10, 11 | Pippin Perpetual/Glover Marine | Half Moon Bay, Calif. | Glover Marine/415-493-4311 |
| May 1, 2 | O'Neill's Kickoff Regatta/Fleet #20 | | |
| | O'Neill's Yacht Club | Santa Cruz, Calif. | Ed Mable/408-476-5705 |
| May 15, 16 | Wet & Wild 76/Fleet # 21 | Oakdale, Calif. | Paul Hedburg/209-524-0529 |
| May 29-31 | 3rd Annual Tahoe Regatta & Fleet Challenge/Fleet #20 | Lake Tahoe, Calif. | Ron Gross/408-427-2270 |
| June 12, 13 | Otter Regatta/Fleet #20 | Monterey, Calif. | Ron Gross/408-427-2270 |
| June 19, 20 | Washoe Lake Invitational Sierra Yacht Club | Wahoe Lake, Reno, Nevada | Mark Harris/702-358-9100 |
| July 10, 11 | San Luis Wind Bash/Fleet #20 | San Luis Reservoir, Calif. | Doug Cox/408-289-9878 |
| July 17, 18 | Points Regatta | Woodward or Hogan Lake, Calif. | George Erbele, Jr./209-524-2585 |
| July 24, 25 | Division 3 16' Championships/ Fleet #17, 20, 21, & 87 | Alameda, Calif. | Ron Gross/408-427-2270 |
| Aug. 21, 22 | Mile High Regatta/Fleet #62 | Huntington Lake, Calif. | David Mooneyham |
| Sept. 25, 26 | O'Neill's Indian Summer Regatta Fleet #20 & O'Neill's Yacht Club | Santa Cruz, Calif. | Ed Mable/408-476-5705 |
| Nov. 6, 7 | 2nd Annual Turkey Regatta/Fleet #20 | Monterey, Calif. | Ron Gross/408-427-2270 |

DIVISION IV

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| Mar. 14 | Nut Freezer #6/Fleet #95 | Lake Washington, Wash. | Eldred Smith/206-746-0657 |
| Apr. 10 | Spring Fever Regatta/Fleet #95 | Vasa Park, Lake Sammamish, Wash. | Lorraine Carter/206-364-4327 |
| May 8, 9 | Sand Point Regatta/Fleet #14 | Sand Pt. Lake, Washington | Paul Ulibarri/206-782-8080 |
| May 16 | Blossom Time Regatta/Fleet #37 Hawleys Marina | Lake Sammamish, Wash. | Gary Baker/206-734-9471 |
| May 29, 30 | American Lake Regatta/Fleet #95 Sailboats N.W. | American Lake, Tacoma, Wash. | Eldred Smith/206-746-0657 |
| June 6 | Mercer Island Cruise-Clinic Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #95 | Lake Washington, Wash. | Doug Paeth/206-232-0116 |
| June 19, 20 | Pt. Townsend Regatta/Fleet #14 | Pt. Townsend, Wash. | Don Dally/206-362-8614 |
| June 26, 27 | Can-Am Invitational/Fleet #14 | Juan De Fuca Straits | Paul Ulibarri/206-782-8080 |
| July 3, 4 | Sudden Valley Regatta/Fleet #57 Hawleys Marina | Lake Whatcom, Bellingham | Gary Baker/206-734-9471 |
| July 17, 18 | Northwestern Championships Fleet #14 & 95/Hobie Cats N.W. | Golden Gardens, Seattle, Wash. | John Rueter/206-822-0068 |
| July 24, 25 | Columbia River Regatta/Fleet #72 | Portland, Oregon | Jim Severs/503-282-1444 |
| Aug. 7, 8 | Yale Lake Regatta/Fleet #72 Windjammers West | Woodland, Wash. | Jim Severs/503-282-1444 |
| Aug. 14, 15 | Blake Island Cruise/Camp Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 | Puget Sound, Seattle, Wash. | Dan Carpenter/206-827-1129 |
| Aug. 21, 22 | Division 4 Championships Wash. Coast Cat/Fleet #77 | Ocean Shores, Wash. | J.T. Quigg/206-533-1531 |
| Sept. 12 | Preparation H Series/Fleet #14 Hobie Cats N.W. | Sand Pt. Lake, Wash. | John Rueter/206-822-0068 |
| Sept. 18 | Year End Race/Dinner/Fleets 14, 37, 72, 77 & 95 | Seattle, Wash. | Paul Ulibarri/206-782-8080 |
| Sept. 26 | Preparation H Series/Fleet #14 Hobie Cats N.W. | Shilshole Bay, Seattle, Wash. | Paul Ulibarri/206-782-8080 |
| Oct. 10 | Preparation H Series/Fleet #14 Hobie Cats N.W. | Seward Park, Seattle, Wash. | John Rueter/206-822-0068 |

DIVISION V

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| Apr. 17, 18 | 3rd Annual Utah Ski Yachting Salt Lake Sailboats | Salt Lake City, Utah | Salt Lake Sail/801-581-6351 |
| May 15, 16 | Lake Pueblo Regatta | Lake Pueblo, Colorado | |

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| May 30, 31 | Memorial Day Classic/Fleet #61 | Boyd Lake, Colorado | Bob Crew/303-722-8883 |
| June 12, 13 | Hobie Invitational/Fleet #61 | Cherry Creek Reservoir, Colo | Bob Crew/303-722-8883 |
| July 3-5 | Eric Hoff Memorial/Fleet #67 | Bear Lake, Utah | Brenda Cole/801-268-6056 |
| Aug. 14, 15 | Division #5 Championships/Fleet #67 | Bear Lake, Utah | Brenda Cole/801-268-6056 |

DIVISION VI

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| Mar. 14 | St. Pat's Race/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Mar. 27 | Series #1 Regatta/Fleet #64 | Austin, Texas | Chuck Sicking/512-836-7432 |
| Mar. 27, 28 | Deep South Regatta/Fleet #9 | Lake Charles, La. | Alan Heath/318-478-7437 |
| Apr. 4 | Series #1 Regatta/Fleet #64 | Austin, Texas | Chuck Sicking/512-836-7432 |
| Apr. 3, 4 | 3rd Annual April Fools Regatta | Lake Jackson, Texas | Tom Jakubik/713-297-5041 |
| Apr. 17, 18 | Burns-Run Regatta/Fleet #23 | Lake Texoma, Texas | L. Moore/817-267-1436 |
| Apr. 18 | Easter Bunny Regatta/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Apr. 24, 25 | Cajun Classic Regatta/REAMCO/Fleet #93 | Cypremort Pt. Beach | George Church/318-233-2151 |
| May 1 | Series #2 Regatta/Fleet #64 | Austin, Texas | Chuck Sicking/512-836-7432 |
| May 1, 2 | Contraband Days/Fleet #9 | Lake Charles, La. | Alan Heath/318-478-7437 |
| May 9 | Madre Day Race/Fleet #102 | Laguna Madre, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| May 9 | Series #2 Regatta/Fleet #64 | Austin, Texas | Chuck Sicking/512-836-7432 |
| May 15, 16 | Fleet #63 Annual Regatta | Lake Thunderbird, Okla. | Warren Pierce/405-364-1823 |
| May 15, 16 | Shackle Race/Fleet #177 | Galveston, Texas | Don Nanninga/No Phone |
| May 22, 23 | Turnback Canyon Regatta/Fleet #64 | Austin, Texas | Chuck Sicking/512-836-7432 |
| May 29-31 | Mid-Americas/Fleet #23 | Lake Texoma, Texas | Larry Moore/817-267-1436 |
| June 6 | Fathers Day Race/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| June 12, 13 | 1976 Lake Sabine Catamaran Championship/Port Arthur Yacht Club | Lake Sabine, Texas | Bruce Warren/713-722-0111 |
| June 12, 13 | Lake Arrowhead Regatta/Fleet #146 | Wichita Falls, Texas | Mick Dickerson/817-692-1209 |
| June 19, 20 | Fleet #23 Annual Regatta | Lake Lewisville, Texas | Larry Moore/817-267-1436 |
| June 19, 20 | Powder Puff Race/Fleet #177 | Galveston, Texas | Don Nanninga/No Phone |
| June 20 | Long Distance Ditch Race/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| June 26, 27 | Governors Cup Multihill Regatta/Fleet #64 | Lake Travis, Texas | Chuck Sicking/512-836-7432 |
| June 26, 27 | Summer Frolic Regatta/Fleet #41 | New Orleans, La. | W. Jablonowski/504-945-3658 |
| July 4 | 200 Years Hobie Regatta/Fleet #102 | Laguna Madre, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| July 17, 18 | Bermuda via 25th St. Race/Fleet #177 | Galveston, Texas | Don Nanninga/No Phone |
| July 18 | Tip of Texas Hull-Flying Context/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Aug. 1 | August One Race/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Aug. 14, 15 | Summers End Regatta/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Sept. 12 | Back to the Rat Race/Fleet #102 | Laguna Madre, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Oct. 9, 10 | 3rd Annual Queen Isabella Days Regatta Fleet #102 | Laguna Madre, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Oct. 17 | Point Venture Regatta/Fleet #64 | Austin, Texas | Chuck Sicking/512-836-7432 |
| Nov. 7 | Full Moon, Night Race/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Nov. 28 | Turkey Day Race/Fleet #102 | Laguna Madre, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Dec. 4, 5 | 2nd Annual Mexico Open | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Dec. 21 | Mustang Island Race/Fleet #102 | Corpus Christi, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |
| Dec. 26 | Blue Northern Regatta/Fleet #102 | Port Isabel, Texas | Pat Haley/512-943-2810 |

DIVISION VII

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| May 8, 9 | 1st Annual Prairie Regatta/Fleet #27 | Wichita, Kansas | Gerald Pauls/316-683-4986 |
| May 22 | Learn to Sail & Race Clinic | Grays Lake, Des Moines, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| May 28, 29 | Memorial Day Regatta/Fleet #27 | Cheney Lake, Kansas | Gerald Pauls/316-683-4986 |
| June 5, 6 | Iowa Ocean Regatta/Fleet #84 | Lake Rathburn, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| June 13 | Weekend Race/Fleet #84 | Big Creek Lake, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| June 19, 20 | Midwest Hobie Open/Fleet #10 | Clear Lake, Iowa | Jerry Sedars/515-357-6398 |
| June 20 | Weekend Race/Fleet #84 | Big Creek Lake, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| June 27 | Weekend Race/Fleet #84 | Big Creek Lake, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| July 4 | Colossus Cup Regatta/Fleet #27 | Cheney Lake, Kansas | Gerald Pauls/316-683-4986 |
| July 4 | Weekend Race/Fleet #84 | Big Creek Lake, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| July 11 | Weekend Race/Fleet #84 | Big Creek Lake, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| July 17, 18 | C.S.S.A. Regatta/Fleet #27 | Cheney Lake, Kansas | Gerald Pauls/316-683-4986 |
| July 17, 18 | Fleet #103 Points Regatta | Sioux Falls, South Dakota | Mac Hasvold/605-339-3844 |
| July 17, 18 | Fleet #84 Summer Regatta | Big Creek Lake, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| July 24, 25 | Governors Day Regatta/Fleet #10 | Clear Lake, Iowa | Jerry Sedars/515-357-6398 |
| July 31, Aug. 1 | Fun Trip to Lake Rathburn/Fleet #84 | Lake Rathburn, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-244-7334 |
| Aug. 7, 8 | Iowa Cup Regatta/Fleet #10 | Clear Lake, Iowa | Jerry Sedars/515-356-7398 |
| Aug. 21, 22 | 3rd Annual Ames Big Creek Regatta Fleet #84 | Ames Big Creek, Iowa | Scott Tursi/515-357-6398 |
| Aug. 28, 29 | Division 7 Championships/Fleet #27 | Cheney Lake, Kansas | Gerald Pauls/316-683-4986 |
| Sept. 4, 5 | Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #27 | Cheney Lake, Kansas | Gerald Pauls/316-683-4986 |

DIVISION VIII

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| Apr. 16-18 | Midwinters East/Tampa Sailcraft | Bay Harbor Inn, Tampa, Fla. | Tampa Sailcraft/813-839-4706 |
| Apr. 18 | Fleet Race/Fleet #178 | Choctawhatchee Bay | James Tucker/904-242-4003 |
| May 1, 2 | 2nd Annual Batten Buster Regatta/Fleet #120 | Panama City, Florida | Larry McNeerney/904-763-6146 |
| May 1, 2 | Fleet #34 6th Warm-up Regatta | West Palm Beach, Florida | Ben Miller/305-585-3089 |
| May 8, 9 | 2nd Annual East Coast Hobie Cat Charity Regatta/Fleet #39 | Sarasota, Florida | Kevin Summerell/813-924-6646 |
| | Hobie Class Association | | |
| May 15, 16 | Hawaiian Tropic World Open/Fleet #80 | Daytona, Florida | Danny Heyse/904-253-5269 |
| May 16 | Fleet Race/Fleet #178 | Choctawhatchee Bay | James Tucker/904-242-4003 |
| May 29-31 | Jetty Park Ocean Regatta/Fleet #45 | Jetty Park, Florida | Harry Lidkea/305-773-6376 |
| May 30-31 | Open Regatta/Fleet #178 | Choctawhatchee Bay | James Tucker/904-242-4003 |
| June 5, 6 | Florida Fence World Open | Clearwater, Florida | Ken Keene/813-531-0385 |

REGATTA SCHEDULE

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| June 12, 13 | 4th Annual Gulfstream Regatta | Ft. Lauderdale, Florida | Mike Mikkelsen/305-565-9709 |
| July 3 | Fleet Race/Fleet #178 | Choctawhatchee Bay | James Tucker/904-242-4003 |
| July 3-5 | 4th of July Multihill Regatta/City of Dunedin | Dunedin, Florida | Janet Wallis/813-733-4151 |
| Aug. 7, 8 | 1976 Jax Beaches Annual Hobie Regatta | Jacksonville, Florida | Dick Wren/904-396-1123 |
| | Fleet #111/Sailboat Supply | | |
| Sept. 4, 5 | Open Regatta/Fleet #178 | Choctawhatchee Bay | James Tucker/904-242-4003 |
| Oct. 10 | Fleet Race/Fleet #178 | Choctawhatchee Bay | James Tucker/904-242-4003 |

DIVISION IX

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| May 22, 23 | 6th Annual Fleet #35 Pensacola Open | Pensacola, Florida | Marshall Whitehurst/904-456-7855 |
| Mar. 27, 28 | Kerr Lake Regatta, Fleet #97 | Kerr Lake, North Carolina | Jay Swan/919-929-7654 |
| Mar. 27, 28 | Fleet #141 Open | Columbia, South Carolina | Bobby Dial/803-787-1169 |
| Apr. 3, 4 | 3rd Annual Hull-Raiser Regatta/Fleet #98 | Clark-Hill Lake, Ga. | Mark Babcock/404-736-4772 |
| | Augusta Sailing Club | | |
| Apr. 10, 11 | Fleet #134 Regatta | Lake Enid, Tenn. | Rooke Sails/901-398-3140 |
| Apr. 17, 18 | Lilly Bowl/Fleet #70 | Ocean Springs, Miss. | Al Johnston/601-875-9585 |
| Apr. 24, 25 | Kerr Lake Regatta/Fleet #97 | Kerr Lake, North Carolina | Jay Swan/919-929-7654 |
| Apr. 24, 25 | Fleet #92 Regatta | Lake Norman, N.C. | James Hudson/704-596-7902 |
| May 15, 16 | 3rd Annual Salter Path Hobie Cat Regatta | Raleigh, North Carolina | Jay Swan/919-929-7654 |
| | Fleet #97 | | |
| June 5, 6 | 1976 Points Regatta/Fleet #101 | Wrightsville Beach, N.C. | B. Croughwell/919-256-2145 |
| June 19, 20 | Division 9 Championships/Fleet #92 | Charlotte, North Carolina | James Hudson/704-596-7902 |
| June 26, 27 | Henderson Point Regatta/Fleet #97 | Kerr Lake, North Carolina | Jay Swan/919-929-7654 |
| July 3, 4 | 76 Hobie Bicentennial/Fleet #76 | Fairhope, Alabama | Larry Palmer/205-342-1669 |
| July 17, 18 | 6th Annual Lake Lanier Drifter/Fleet #12 | Lake Lanier, Ga. | Clyde Shepherd/404-981-8414 |
| Sept. 4 | Shearwater Regatta/Fleet #70 | Oceansprings, Miss. | Al Johnston/601-875-9585 |
| Oct. 9 | Fall Fling/Fleet #170 | Gunpowder Park, Maryland | Jim Huggins/301-243-3217 |
| Nov. 27 | Wish Bone Regatta/Fleet # 70 | Oceansprings, Miss. | Al Johnston/601-875-9585 |

DIVISION X

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| May 1, 2 | 2nd Annual Cowan Lake Spring Regatta | Cincinnati, Ohio | James Wessel/513-662-6835 |
| | Fleet #47 | | |
| May 15, 16 | Annual Spring Fling Regatta/Fleet #85 | Columbus, Ohio | Ron Marshall/614-882-0345 |
| May 15, 16 | Clark Lake Ice Breaker/Fleet #58 | Clark Lake, Mich. | L. Vermeulen/517-529-9736 |
| June 5, 6 | Mayor's Cup/Fleet #26 | Eagle Creek Lake | Harold Haney/317-293-8731 |
| | | Indianapolis, Ind. | |
| June 6 | Ford Lake Hobie Regatta/Fleet #171 | Ypsilanti, Michigan | Bob Jewell/313-485-4569 |
| June 19, 20 | Diamond Lake Regatta/Fleet #89 | Diamond Lake, Mich. | Bill Lytle/312-852-4147 |
| June 26, 27 | Indiana State Championships | Eagle Creek Lake | Harold Haney/317-293-8731 |
| | | Indianapolis, Ind. | |
| Aug. 7, 8 | Annual Lightning & Catamaran Regatta | Roscommon, Michigan | Fred Krauss/313-663-1011 |
| | Higgins Lake Boat Club | | |
| Sept. 11, 12 | Whale of a Sail/Carlyle Sailing Assc. | Carlyle Lake, Ill. | Jack Morris/314-846-9628 |

DIVISION XI

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| Apr. 24, 25 | Tune-Up Regatta/Fleet #54 | White Marsh, Maryland | Rex Scaggs/301-667-6380 |
| May 1 | Tune-Up Day/Fleet #170 | Gunpowder St. Park, Maryland | Pat Moore/301-679-7224 |
| May 2 | Spring Series Part 1/Fleet #170 | Gunpowder St. Park, Maryland | Jim Huggins/301-243-3217 |
| May 8, 9 | Gunpowder Spring Regatta/Fleet #54 | Baltimore, Maryland | Ed Plitt/301-255-5827 |
| May 15, 16 | Spring Regatta/Fleet #54 | White Marsh, Maryland | Rex Scaggs/301-667-6380 |
| May 22 | Spring Series Part 2/Fleet #170 | Gunpowder St. Park, Ma. | Jim Huggins/301-243-3217 |
| May 22, 23 | Lake Hopatong Spring Regatta/Fleet #137 | Lake Hopatong, New Jersey | Ralph Baker/201-398-5121 |
| June 5, 6 | Shore Acres Regatta/Fleet #65 | Shore Acres, New Jersey | Nick Inperato/201-895-2616 |
| June 5, 6 | Erie Yacht Club Open/Erie Yacht Club | Erie, Pa. | Mark Santia/814-864-5900 |
| June 12 | Sailing Clinic/Fleet #170 | Edgewood, Maryland | Martin Hoover/301-679-7346 |
| June 19 | Fathers Fun For All/Fleet #170 | Edgewood, Maryland | Martin Hoover/301-679-7346 |
| June 19, 20 | Wildwood Surfbanger/Fleet #54 | Wildwood, New Jersey | Rob Sterling/609-522-7133 |
| June 26, 27 | Wye River Regatta/Fleet #54 | St. Michaels, Maryland | Ted Leach/301-384-5233 |
| July 3-5 | Hobie Bicentennial Regatta | Potomac River, Wash. D.C. | Warren Hathaway |
| July 10, 11 | Lewes Yacht Club Regatta/Fleet #54 | Lewes, Delaware | Jim Glanden/302-368-9514 |
| July 17, 18 | Patriot Regatta/Fleet #170 | Edgewood, Maryland | Martin Hoover/301-679-7346 |
| July 24, 25 | Atlantic City Hobie Classic/Fleet #190 | Atlantic City, New Jersey | Harry Sweeney/609-344-5278 |
| July 31 | Summer Series Part 1/Fleet #54 | Bay Ridge, Maryland | Ed Plitt/301-255-5827 |
| July 31, Aug. 1 | Yacht Club of Pleasantville/Fleet #73 | Lake Bay, Pleasantville, N.J. | Nick Tallotti/609-653-8337 |
| Aug. 7, 8 | Hampton Regatta/Fleet #32 | Hampton, Virginia | Pete Price/804-851-1950 |
| Aug. 14 | Summer Series Part 2/Fleet #54 | Gibson Isle, Maryland | Ed Plitt/301-255-5827 |
| Aug. 28 | Summer Series Part 3/Fleet #54 | Edgewood, Maryland | Ed Plitt/301-255-5827 |
| Sept. 11, 12 | Fall Regatta/Fleet #54 | Sandy Point Park, Maryland | Bob Banbury/301-255-2340 |
| Sept. 18, 19 | Betterton Bash Open/Fleet #170 | Betterton, Maryland | Tim Mommers/301-877-7012 |
| Oct. 2, 3 | Frostbite Regatta/Fleet #54 | White Marsh, Maryland | Rex Scaggs/301-667-6380 |

DIVISION XII

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| Apr. 24, 25 | Second Annual Polar Bear Regatta/Fleet #136 | Madison, Conn. | Pedal & Sail/203-245-9605 |
| Apr. 24, 25 | 1976 2nd Annual Polar Bear Regatta/Fleet #136 | Madison, Connecticut | Steve Tsolis/203-399-9142 |
| May 9 | Bemus Pt. to Ensenada Cruise | Lake Chautauqua, N.Y. | Dan Pihlbad/716-358-3645 |
| | Fleet #78/Hobies Foote | | |

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| May 15, 16 | Length of Lake Chautauqua/Fleet #78 Hobies Foote | Lakewood, N.Y. | Dan Ala/716-763-8795 |
| May 15, 16 | 1976 Constitution St. Regatta/Fleet #136 | Madison, Connecticut | Pedal & Sail/203-245-9605 |
| May 22, 23 | 2nd Annual Mulligans Metz Smeach Fleet #119/Hobies Foote | Sunset Bay, Lake Erie, N.Y. | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |
| May 22, 23 | Fleet #28/Race Clinic | Wakeby Lake, Cape Cod, Mass. | Bill Pierce/617-477-1756 |
| May 29, 30 | Hamburg Town Beach/Fleet #119 | Hamburg Town Beach, N.Y. | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |
| June 5, 6 | Hobie Sounders Invitational Regatta/Fleet #136 | Madison, Connecticut | Pedal & Sail/203-245-9605 |
| June 5, 6 | Hampton Beach Regatta/Atlantic Hobie | Hampton Beach, N.H. | Atlantic Hobie/603-964-6807 |
| June 5, 6 | Sea Cliff 17th Annual Multihull Regatta/Fleet #109 | Seacliff, N.Y. | Jamerson Hook/516-627-5249 |
| June 12, 13 | Niagara Invitational/Fleet #108 & 119 Hobies Foote | Bay Beach Ontario | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |
| June 12, 13 | Cape Ann Championship/Sandy Bay Yacht Club | Rockport, Mass. | Bruce Reed/617-546-7297 |
| June 19, 20 | Mulligans Challenge Cup/Fleet #119 | Mulligans Sunset Bay | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |
| June 19, 20 | Hobies Foote | | |
| June 26, 27 | Nantucket Sleighride II/Fleet #28 Lake George Multihull Championships | Falmouth Heights, Mass. Lake George, N.Y. | Ed Andrews/603-883-6541 Mel Smith/518-793-9696 |
| June 26, 27 | Big Sport Center/Mel Smith Division 12 Championships/Fleets 28 & 139 | Lake George, N.Y. | John Ninphius/603-673-6052 |
| July 3, 4 | Bolton Landing Chamber of Commerce Sunset Bay Bicentennial/Hobies Foote Sunset Bay Assn. | Evangola State Park | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |
| July 3-5 | Babylon Yacht Club Regatta/Fleet #124 | Bellport, N.Y. | L. Deering/516-286-1754 |
| July 10, 11 | Bellport Open Annual Regatta/Fleet #124 | Bellport, N.Y. | L. Deering/516-286-1754 |
| July 10, 11 | North American Hobie Cat Championships Fleets #108 & 119/Hobies Foote | Sherkston Beach, Ontario | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |
| July 17, 18 | Great Sacandag Lake Open/Edinburgh Marine | Edinburgh, N.Y. | Fred Sterner/518-925-3622 |
| July 17, 18 | Westport Regatta/Fleet #28 | Westport Harbor, Mass. | John Mills/617-862-1886 |
| July 21-25 | Marblehead Race Week for Hobie 16 Marblehead Racing Association | Marblehead, Mass. | Phil Lynn/617-599-2686 |
| July 24, 25 | New York State Championships/Mar Marine | Mexico Beach, Pulaski, N.Y. | Bill Martin/315-475-9708 |
| July 24, 25 | Sundance/Fleet #78/Hobies Foote | Bemus Point, N.Y. | Dan Ala/716-763-8795 |
| July 31-Aug. 1 | Down East Regatta/Fleet #28 | Kennebunkport, Mass. | John Cleary/207-967-2765 |
| Aug. 7, 8 | 1976 Seneca Lake Regatta/Fleet #86 SLSA/Boats-a-Sail | Dundee, N.Y. | Jim Peele/607-243-8444 |
| Aug. 14, 15 | Northeastern Championships/Fleet #28 Goodhue Ent. | Falmouth Heights, Mass. | Jerry Sears/802-254-5852 |
| Aug. 21, 22 | Canadian Nationals/Lake Couchiching Yacht Club | Orillia, Canada | Reg Jaworski/705-325-3349 |
| Aug. 28, 29 | Can-Am Beaver Open Championships Fleet #108 & 119/Hobies Foote | Sherkston, Ontario | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |
| Aug. 28, 29 | Nationals Tune Up-Keep In Shape Regatta for Fleet #28 Members | Falmouth Heights, Mass. | John Nimphius/603-673-6052 |
| Sept. 4, 5 | Lake Champlain Hobie Can-Am/Hobie Cat of Montreal/Davis & Lemish Inc. | Lake Champlain, Montreal | Ron Lemish/514-273-7400 |
| Sept. 11, 12 | Mulligans Fall Regatta/Fleet #119/Hobies Foote | Mulligans Sunset Bay | Jim Foote/716-627-9221 |

DIVISION XIII

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| Mar. 20-22 | Roosevelt Road Regatta/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| Apr. 10, 11 | Easter Bunny Regatta/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| Apr. 17, 18 | Copamarina Regatta/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| May 8, 9 | Spring Opening at A.Y.I.V./Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| May 29-31 | Culebra Race/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| June 12, 13 | Summer Opening at A.Y.I.V./Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| June 27 | San Juan Cup (14's)/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| July 10, 11 | Ponce Yacht Club/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| July 24-27 | Puerto Rico Championships/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| Aug. 21, 22 | Caribe Championships-Palmas Del Mar Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| Oct. 23-25 | Southern Championships/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| Nov. 19-21 | Open Regatta/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |
| Dec. 4, 5 | Year End Race/Fleet #133 | Sauturce, Puerto Rico | Roberto Bouret/723-2364 |

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| Mar. 20, 21 | Autumnal Equinox Regatta/Fleet #79 Pago Pago Yacht Club | Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa | Donald Graf |
| Apr. 17, 18 | Easter Regatta/Coast Catamaran/France Yacht Club of Monaco | Monaco, France | Mr. Solaro |
| Apr. 17, 18 | Samoa Flag Day Regatta/Fleet #79 Pago Pago Yacht Club | Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa | Donald Graf |
| May 1, 2 | Club Nautique De Bendor Regatta Coast Catamaran France | Bandol, France | Jean-Marc Pedroletti |
| May 27-30 | Emeraude Marine Regatta Coast Catamaran France | Dinard, France | Yves Bucaille |
| May 30-31 | Memorial Day Regatta/Fleet #79 Pago Pago Yacht Club | Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa | Donald Graf |
| June 5-7 | Rendez-Vous Francais Pitiac Marine Coast Catamaran France | La Baule or Piriac | Marc Roche |
| July 4, 5 | Bicentennial Regatta/Fleet #79 Pago Pago Yacht Club | Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa | Donald Graf |
| July 17, 18 | Societe Nautique De La Ciotat Coast Catamaran France | La Ciotat | Mr. Dechesne |
| July 24, 25 | Regatta Speed Trials/Coast Catamaran France | Quimper | Patrick Carn |

REGATTA RESULTS

MID-WINTERS WEST SAN FELIPE, B.C. MEXICO

FOURTH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FLORIDA HOBIE CHAMPIONSHIPS November 22 & 23, 1975

POSITION SKIPPER SAIL # TOTAL POINTS

HOBIE 16A

| | | | |
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| 1. | D. Beauchamp | 2 | 3 1/2 |
| 2. | R. Atwood | 271 | 9 |
| 3. | H. Alter | 36 | 11 1/4 |
| 4. | D. Oltmans | 11217 | 24 |
| 5. | D. Mihov | 2453 | 25 |
| 6. | J. Hauser | 11454 | 27 |
| 7. | N. Warrum | 1981 | 28 |
| 8. | W. Schuler | 315 | 30 |
| 9. | King/Baxter | 14 | 31 |
| 10. | P. Parich | 10509 | 33 |
| 11. | R. Off | 6110 | 38 |
| 12. | S. Leo | 121 | 44 |
| 13. | J. Arnold | 7561 | 50 |
| 14. | J. Piety | 1238 | 52 |
| 15. | R. Gross | 9198 | 54 |
| 16. | D. Cotter | 18569 | 55 |
| 17. | T. Lindley | 14492 | 55 |
| 18. | R. Eddington | 164 | 58 |
| 19. | S. Finley | 4634 | 59 |
| 20. | S. Murray | 2098 | 62 |
| 21. | B. Seaman | 7898 | 67 |
| 22. | P. Hernandez | 6501 | 71 |
| 23. | D. Cox | 6501 | 71 |
| 24. | E. Mabie | 33 | 77 |
| 25. | P. Hart | 1850 | 77 |
| 26. | B. Huber | 17567 | 79 |
| 27. | R. Lowe | 4497 | 79 |
| 28. | W. Ward | 38 | 80 |
| 29. | D. Churchill | 5081 | 88 |
| 30. | S. Grimshaw | 125 | 91 |
| 31. | D. Crocker | 9573 | 93 |
| 32. | S. Nichols | 1086 | 94 |
| 33. | D. Brown | 4510 | 99 |
| 34. | D. Woodside | 787 | 100 |
| 35. | B. Wagner | 11961 | 102 |
| 36. | G. Mabie | GM 110 | 110 |
| 37. | J. Matthews | 4504 | 114 |
| 38. | J. Mullin | 1154 | 120 |

HOBIE 16B

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|-----|----------------|-------|--------|
| 1. | D. Halliday | 11075 | 17 |
| 2. | G. Griley | 1900 | 22 |
| 3. | J. Brooks | 16098 | 24 |
| 4. | T. Abair | 10984 | 26 |
| 5. | J. Owen | 13064 | 34 |
| 6. | D. Hershfield | 1862 | 38 |
| 7. | P. Hutton | 789 | 38 |
| 8. | G. Poll | 11144 | 39 1/4 |
| 9. | N. Farquhar | 14864 | 43 1/4 |
| 10. | M. Wood | 6 | 44 |
| 11. | N. Brady | 5141 | 45 |
| 12. | K. Smith | 8516 | 53 |
| 13. | G. Munsey | 5823 | 55 |
| 14. | J. Olson | 7878 | 55 |
| 15. | S. Payne | 4183 | 55 |
| 16. | N. Carter | 4287 | 56 |
| 17. | M. Banuelos | 500 | 60 |
| 18. | R. Weismann | 466 | 60 |
| 19. | J. Mitchell | 13941 | 65 |
| 20. | S. Palmistier | 4471 | 65 |
| 21. | K. Dawson | 12728 | 65 |
| 22. | W. Rose | 9036 | 65 |
| 23. | J. Moore | 9497 | 66 |
| 24. | G. Cook | 5969 | 69 |
| 25. | P. Hinkle | 2691 | 72 1/4 |
| 26. | J. Unn | 9569 | 73 |
| 27. | J. Beauchamp | 26 | 76 |
| 28. | W. Mayberry | 1044 | 76 |
| 29. | R. Decosta | 6257 | 77 |
| 30. | D. Moxley | 12796 | 78 |
| 31. | D. Polly | 11566 | 82 |
| 32. | J. Clark | 8006 | 86 |
| 33. | J. Hillebrecht | 3 | 96 |
| 34. | J. Grimes | 15673 | 99 |
| 35. | F. Melton | 8209 | 99 |
| 36. | J. Raigh | 8866 | 99 |
| 37. | B. Cockrell | 2118 | 105 |
| 38. | D. Mulvey | 13958 | 106 |
| 39. | G. Sampa | 3255 | 111 |
| 40. | W. Schultz | 13316 | 114 |
| 41. | E. Pennock | 5627 | 118 |
| 42. | A. Banders | 17142 | 120 |
| 43. | G. Hansen | 10619 | 138 |
| 44. | S. Shenkel | 12455 | 142 |
| 45. | B. Miebach | 10980 | 143 |
| 46. | 16543 | 149 | |
| 47. | R. Kauhold | 10429 | 157 |
| 48. | T. Neale | 101 | 163 |
| 49. | D. Smalin | 3659 | 164 |
| 50. | S. Elmer | 4137 | 166 |
| 51. | D. Stumpe | 13069 | 168 |
| 52. | R. LaFleur | 13275 | 169 |

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HOBIE 16C

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| 1. | S. Votaw | 10384 | 13 1/2 |
| 2. | P. Piper | 1764 | 18 |
| 3. | R. Hutchinson | 10078 | 25 |
| 4. | C. Elmore | 11882 | 27 |
| 5. | J. McQuiklin | 6873 | 34 |
| 6. | E. Kirven | 14975 | 38 |
| 7. | M. Monahan | 8779 | 39 |
| 8. | P. Kreyenhagen | 18206 | 44 |
| 9. | M. Paulson | 7875 | 48 |
| 10. | F. Winder | 8957 | 49 |
| 11. | E. Poltras | 9910 | 57 |
| 12. | H. Brooks | 3919 | 58 |
| 13. | E. Hughes | 15186 | 58 |
| 14. | T. Long | 10 | 66 |
| 15. | M. Dawson | 5734 | 67 |
| 16. | E. Ferrell | 7117 | 68 |
| 17. | K. Kerwin | 9591 | 68 |
| 18. | T. Angiolet | 1749 | 68 |
| 19. | R. Stapp | 9966 | 70 |
| 20. | B. Cummins | 2100 | 71 |
| 21. | S. Sili | 17100 | 73 |
| 22. | R. Schulteis | 9538 | 74 |
| 23. | M. Garrod | 653 | 83 |
| 24. | K. Schopp | 5414 | 85 |
| 25. | B. Brough | 8452 | 92 |
| 26. | K. Shimabukuro | 6864 | 95 |
| 27. | J. LaRosa | 13304 | 96 |
| 28. | R. Heintz | 15226 | 97 |
| 29. | C. Barnett, Jr. | 4246 | 98 1/4 |
| 30. | C. Parker | 12472 | 107 |
| 31. | P. Conners | 17208 | 107 |
| 32. | F. Bulta | 2527 | 111 |
| 33. | J. Stoneman II | 17246 | 114 |
| 34. | J. Monson | 7904 | 115 |
| 35. | K. Amick | 7345 | 119 |
| 36. | J. Mooks | 8210 | 121 |
| 37. | D. Chase | 12707 | 124 |
| 38. | U. Paasch | 16974 | 127 |
| 39. | M. Kehke | 3799 | 128 |
| 40. | K. Platte | 14068 | 129 |
| 41. | J. Graham | 11034 | 129 |
| 42. | S. Pepper | 13147 | 132 |
| 43. | E. M. Davies | 1538 | 133 |
| 44. | R. Randall | 4511 | 133 |
| 45. | D. Krueger | 15112 | 137 |
| 46. | N. Root | 15869 | 140 |
| 47. | J. Burns, Jr. | 1713 | 143 |
| 48. | H. Stewart | 16688 | 148 |
| 49. | S. Allen | 1983 | 150 |
| 50. | S. Mota | 6865 | 156 |
| 51. | J. Kutschka | 863 | 158 |
| 52. | R. Jones | 10643 | 158 |
| 53. | J. Dyreson | 14636 | 157 |
| 54. | K. Rhodes | 9025 | 171 |
| 55. | L. Ball | 11101 | 175 |
| 56. | J. Lantz | 13145 | 183 |
| 57. | D. Wilkinson | 13015 | 189 |
| 58. | B. Hamstrom | 13208 | 193 |
| 59. | P. Andrews | 15742 | 195 |
| 60. | D. Smith | 12087 | 199 |
| 61. | J. Scull | 14899 | 202 |
| 62. | J. Buinink | 16752 | 206 |
| 63. | S. Gerling | 10155 | 214 |
| 64. | M. Bierbower | 4186 | 217 |
| 65. | M. Crahan | 1197 | 223 |
| 66. | J. Rundle | 13195 | 228 |
| 67. | R. Grabree | 6427 | 233 |
| 68. | H. Kice | 12774 | 233 |
| 69. | T. Ellis | 15199 | 255 |
| 70. | P. Henry | | |

FLEET #148 SERIES THAILAND

POSITION SKIPPER SAIL # TOTAL POINTS

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|-----|-----|
| 1. | Chandler/Teichstheff | 10 | 16 |
| 2. | Yetsenga/Yetsenga | 104 | 157 |
| 3. | Blackburn/Richards | 18 | 14 |
| 4. | Tomson/Wright | 18 | 14 |
| 5. | Sponaugle/Sponaugle | 20 | 11 |
| 6. | Berry/Berry | 21 | 11 |
| 7. | White/White | 21 | 11 |
| 8. | Crump/Weidman | 26 | 11 |

POSITION SKIPPER SAIL # TOTAL POINTS

HOBIE 14A

| | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------|--------|
| 1. | M. Staudt | 1111 | 5 1/2 |
| 2. | L. Walcker | 3873 | 7 |
| 3. | R. Wagniere | 90 | 16 |
| 4. | D. Radcliffe | 2966 | 16 |
| 5. | P. Mayeski | 3740 | 19 1/4 |
| 6. | D. Boyle | 22 | 33 |
| 7. | C. Wassman | 2057 | 35 |
| 8. | J. Hamilton | 8506 | 36 |
| 9. | J. Cockrell | 406 | 37 |
| 10. | E. Baggs | 633 | 38 |
| 11. | G. Hagen | 561 | 39 |
| 12. | B. Fields | 900 | 40 |
| 13. | D. Nielson | 1191 | 41 |
| 14. | B. Rose | 868 | 42 |
| 15. | J. Brazli | 3198 | 42 |
| 16. | K. Hutton | 12609 | 42 |
| 17. | M. Wright | 4545 | 45 |
| 18. | G. Russell | 12650 | 45 |
| 19. | D. Snyder | 2345 | 49 |
| 20. | H. Dulcan | 4106 | 49 |
| 21. | L. Allison | 12345 | 52 |
| 22. | D. Bassar | 675 | 54 |
| 23. | K. Jeffries | 20283 | 59 |
| 24. | G. Allen | 12508 | 66 |
| 25. | D. Woods | 5941 | 74 |

HOBIE 14B

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-------|--------|
| 1. | D. Marlow | 16868 | 11 1/4 |
| 2. | J. Hecht | 8557 | 12 |
| 3. | C. Russell | 15535 | 12 1/4 |
| 4. | L. Cushmanberry | 10618 | 12 1/4 |
| 5. | J. Legge | 11798 | 14 |
| 6. | G. Vick | 20380 | 15 |
| 7. | E. Halloran | 18778 | 16 |
| 8. | F. Fields | 85 | 21 |
| 9. | B. Schopp | 3114 | 23 |
| 10. | C. Sabelius | 2699 | 29 |
| 11. | R. Heyer | 1284 | 32 |
| 12. | D. Belli | 581 | 36 |

HOBIE 14C

| | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------|-------|
| 1. | R. Blount | 8450 | 2 1/4 |
| 2. | L. Radcliffe | 5476 | 8 |
| 3. | B. Slankey | 14867 | 11 |
| 4. | P. M. Pherson | 2952 | 13 |
| 5. | D. Wheeler | 18854 | 16 |
| 6. | M. Mullio | 809 | 19 |
| 7. | S. Hutton | 809 | 19 |
| 8. | J. Ezili | 1315 | 23 |
| 9. | J. Jori | 8366 | 30 |
| 10. | T. Francis | 4005 | 33 |

HOBIE 3.5

| | | | |
|----|------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | A. Hagen | 437 | 4 1/4 |
| 2. | S. Lowe | 7 | 5 1/2 |
| 3. | K. Smith | 309 | 8 |
| 4. | C. Dyreson | 196 | 11 |

HOBIE 10

| | | | |
|----|------------|------|-------|
| 1. | R. Poltras | 910 | 2 1/4 |
| 2. | E. Moore | 1127 | 7 |
| 3. | K. Lantz | 2054 | 8 |

HOBIE 12

| | | | |
|----|--------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | B. Churchill | 711 | 5 1/2 |
| 2. | P. Cotter | 305 | 9 |
| 3. | L. Taylor | | |

FLEET #138 SERIES GUATEMALA, C.A.

POSITION SKIPPER SAIL # TOTAL POINTS

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 1. | Antonio Delgado | 521 | 5 1/4 |
| 2. | Enrique Tejada | 13298 | 6 1/4 |
| 3. | Lester Arndt | 7210 | 12 1/4 |
| 4. | Fernando Zelaya | 1081 | 17 |
| 5. | Mario Van Blerk | 17505 | 21 |
| 6. | Hugo Mayora | 13361 | 21 |
| 7. | Enrique Murillo | 4771 | 22 |
| 8. | Antonio Guirao | 12091 | 25 |
| 9. | Dieter Nottebohm | 8681 | 26 |
| 10. | Alvaro Delgado | 2167 | 29 |
| 11. | Andres Ayala | 32 | 29 |
| 12. | R. Von Der Goltz | 1639 | 33 |
| 13. | Enrique Fernandez | 7243 | 35 |

POSITION SKIPPER SAIL # TOTAL POINTS

HOBIE 14 - FLEET A

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 1. | B. Schroeder | 5399 | 8 1/2 |
| 2. | J. Matheny | 10354 | 9 1/4 |
| 3. | H. Walter | 18579 | 14 1/4 |
| 4. | J. Hamilton | 3650 | 15 |
| 5. | R. Radtch | 12865 | 15 1/4 |
| 6. | J. Schroeder | 8905 | 19 |
| 7. | H. Schneider, Jr. | 18685 | 19 1/4 |
| 8. | J. Davis | 7919 | 22 |
| 9. | M. Weill | 10240 | 22 |
| 10. | B. Howard | 8717 | 26 1/4 |
| 11. | W. Ridoft | 12517 | 37 |
| 12. | J. Jillich | 10138 | 39 |
| 13. | R. McCullen | 705 | 47 |
| 14. | R. Rose | 898 | 48 |
| 15. | D. Hussey | 5930 | 50 |

HOBIE 14, FLEET B

| | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------|-------|
| 1. | R. Hagen | 11964 | 9 1/4 |
| 2. | S. Good | 17010 | 16 |
| 3. | J. Dando | 20348 | 17 |
| 4. | E. de Pool | 18645 | 22 |
| 5. | J. Deans | 15090 | 29 |
| 6. | G. Kathaynas | 17324 | 31 |
| 7. | F. Runnels | 5391 | 32 |
| 8. | B. Thomas | 15525 | 34 |
| 9. | T. Matlack | 15553 | 38 |
| 10. | P. Davis | 17630 | 48 |
| 11. | J. Berg | 16897 | 55 |

HOBIE 12, MONO CAT

| | | | |
|----|------------|------|--------|
| 1. | G. Kathe | 3684 | 5 |
| 2. | C. Garner | 997 | 10 1/4 |
| 3. | P. Menke | 1050 | 14 |
| 4. | K. Dufield | 1571 | 19 |

HOBIE 3.5

| | | | |
|----|------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | J. Hussey | 216 | 5 |
| 2. | J. Chicore | 261 | 8 1/4 |

HOBIE 16, FLEET A

| | | | |
|----|------------------|-------|--------|
| 1. | J. Allyn Stevens | 41 | 9 1/2 |
| 2. | R. Bobbitt | 16469 | 11 1/2 |
| 3. | J. Davis | 15744 | 14 |
| 4. | C. Christensen | 37 | 18 1/4 |

FLEET #49 SERIES (ST. CLOUD YACHT CLUB) FINAL POINT STANDINGS 1975 St. Cloud, Minnesota

POSITION SKIPPER SAIL # TOTAL POINTS

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Steve Akre | | |
| 2. | Bruce Allen | | |
| 3. | Chuck Watson | | |
| 4. | Mike Alexander | | |
| 5. | Don Dean | | |
| 6. | Ken Dean | | |
| 7. | Tom Gridley | | |
| 8. | Don Steckling | | |
| 9. | Dorand Nelson | | |
| 10. | Charlie Alexander | | |
| 11. | Matt Ampe | | |
| 12. | Terry Rohtstein | | |

HOBIE 14's

| | | | |
|----|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Tom Stone | | |
| 2. | Peter/Frank Alexander | | |

FLEET NEWS

HOBBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

MARCH 1976

FLEET NO. 12

Atlanta, Georgia

Last summer Fleet 12 merged with a local sailing club, the Barefoot Sailing Club, Inc. (BFSC), and the Fleet has been conducting its races and activities in conjunction with the BFSC ever since. The BFSC is a well organized group composed of several one-design classes including Hobies, a Portsmouth Fleet and an auxiliary fleet, with the total club membership being in excess of 200 members and their families.

Various activities are sponsored by the BFSC, including monthly meetings, sailing seminars and clinics, a full racing schedule, out-of-town regattas and a lot of good, wholesome fun. Monthly meetings are held at the Decatur Federal Savings & Loan Association Office in Dunwoody on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:00 P.M. and consist of a short business meeting, a social hour and a program related to sailing. Any Hobie owner in the Atlanta area is welcomed to attend the next meeting.

The full details of Fleet 12 activities can be obtained from STAN SUNDERLAND, 404-945-6266 or CLYDE SHEPHERD 404-981-8414.

A schedule of racing events can be seen in the Division Nine section of the Hot Line. Fleet 12 series races schedule as follows: Skippers' Meeting at Aqualand Public Ramp, Flowery Branch, Georgia at 12:00 Noon, 1st of 2 races back-to-back at 1:00 P.M.

FLEET NO. 42

Tampa, Fla.

Eat your hearts out, Northern sailors! Tampa Fleet 42's First Annual January Covered-Dish Luncheon, combination Family Outing, combination Fun Race was held on January 25. The phenomenal success was highlighted by the fact that Tampa was the warmest city in the nation that day — an 80 degree afternoon! The racing was won by Paul and Suzie Booher in the Hobie 16 class, with second place going to Gary and Cheryl Price. Hank Schneider took first in the 14' class, with everyone else finishing the following afternoon!

The 1976 slate of Officers for Fleet No. 42 is:

Tom Kestler - Commodore
Paul Booker - Vice Commodore
Bob Minthorn - Recording Secretary
Pat Elshire - Fleet Captain
Tom Little - Publicity Chairman

1976's first meeting owes thanks for a visit by Ken Keene (sponsor of the Florida Fence World Open every year), and his filming of the Hobie 14 World Championships in Puerto Rico which were given garbled narration by our own Phil Thompson and Ron Rucker. Ken said he will fly anywhere worldwide, for expenses, and bring his films with him!

Plans for 1976 include monthly family outings, with our first "Fleet Clash" (with Clearwater Fleet No. 5) scheduled for March 14.

FLEET NO. 85

Columbus, Ohio

Despite heavy snowfall and ice covered highways, twenty members attended the first business meeting of the year. Various topics were discussed, with prospective plans for ice skating, skiing, and tobogganing to get us through the winter, and plans for a canoe trip, mid-week family picnics, a Lake Erie cruise, and another midnight sail for this coming summer. Moreover, for the very adventurous, a trip to New River in West Virginia to ride the rapids was mentioned. There should be something for everyone!

As a Thank You from all of us, Joe and Carol McHenry were presented a handsome decoupaged Hobie plaque for their generous contributions made to the club over the past two years. More loyal, hard-working members would be hard to find, we're sure.

As a finale to the evening, we had a little fun with a knot tying contest. A spaghetti dinner for two was the prize to the winner, Dan Jackson, who won by a total of seven knots, with the "Sheep Shank" undermining his remaining competition. It was great fun and a good meeting.

Tentative Schedule of Fleet No. 85 Activities for 1976

January - Indoor Swim Party
February - Ski and Sled Party
March - "Armchair" Regatta
April - Pontoon Boat Party
May - Annual Spring Regatta
June - Grand Lake St. Marys - All Ohio Fleet Sail
July - July 4th "Fun Day"
Lake Erie Cruise
August - Ohio State Championship Regatta
September - Canoe Trip
October - Hayride and Wiener Roast
November - Surprise
December - Annual Year-End Banquet

Fleet No. 85 is one of the Mid-West's most active fleets. Anyone interested in joining should contact Commodore Ron Marshall, 614/882-0345.

FLEET NO. 93

Lafayette, La.

Fleet No. 93 completed their Fall Series races on November 9, 1975. First and second places in the Hobie 16 fleet went to George Church and Grady Broussard, respectively, and in the Hobie 14 fleet to Mark Milam and Pete Leblanc.

We had a fleet fun race from Cypress Point Beach to Boston Bayou recently. Mike Landry organized the "Boston Bayou Cold Duck Rendezvous", which was a ten-mile race to Mike's parents' camp where Cold Duck and hot gumbo was served. After everyone had consumed a bottle of Cold Duck, it was back to the beach to resume the race in rather chilly, overcast weather. Br-r-r-!

We have no scheduled activities for this quarter — but will have our Cajun Classic Regatta April 24 and 25 when the weather is warmer.

FLEET NO. 102

So. Padre Island, Tx.

The First Annual Mexico Open was a great race. Winds blew about 20 or 30 knots, and although we're sure this was one reason why more people didn't show up, those of us who raced had a really great time. As we were launching our boats we thought the water would really be cold, but as it turned out, it was about 72 degrees — not bad at all! We raced against some of the new Venture cats that are down there now and are very pleased with the results — our Hobie Cats sailed circles around them!

The Blue Norther Regatta on December 28, was completely blown out....the wind and water was frantic with gusts of 40 mph. It was a real "blue" norther, too, with water temp. at about 58 and the air about 60. There were only three Hobie 16's and one 14' that came down to sail....with many onlooking Hobie owners just shaking their heads as we sailed out. We had one entry from Corpus Christi, on the Hobie 14. After one quick sail out he "turned" around and came in to put his boat up. I say "turned"....the waves and wind were so bad he could hardly have come about.

HOTLINE/MAR-APR.

Bob Davis, from Weslaco, took the Corpus visitor for a spin on his Hobie 16, and after 30 minutes on a 16 with reefed down main and jib, and a very very wild ride, the 14 sailor was completely stoked on our area and people. Aside from that, everyone froze to death on this particular Hobie Day!

FLEET NO. 115

Greenville, Mich.

In 1975, Fleet 115 had a 12-race season with the following results:

Hobie 16s

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1st - Robert Brace | Sail #12021 - 20 |
| 2nd - Donald Remer | Sail #5096 - 20½ |
| 3rd - Jerry Ronda | Sail #6381 - 22 |
| 4th - Calvin Foster | Sail #3443 - 25½ |

Hobie 14s

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1st - Richard Darcangelo | Sail #8580 - 6¾ |
| 2nd - Dan Scott | Sail #3692 - 19¾ |
| 3rd - Dan Kabiak | Sail #2989 - 20¾ |
| 4th - Tom Martin | Sail #2663 - 27 |

In 1976, a definite racing schedule has not yet been adopted, but it is now planned to expand our activities. In this connection, Fleet 115 wishes to issue an open invitation to new members and Hobie Cat owners coming to the area to participate in their racing schedule. The races are held on Big Whitefish Lake near Pierson, Michigan, approximately 30 miles northeast of Grand Rapids. Contact with Fleet 115 may be made

through Robert Brace, P.O. Box 1, Greenville, Michigan 48838 or by telephone at Big Whitefish Lake (616-636-5954).

FLEET NO. 180

Castaic, Calif.

The newest of the Hobie Fleets — The Castaic, California Rubber Duckies 180 — set sail in December with Les Luby, Commodore, Frank Breckenridge (Mile High A-fleet winner) Vice Commodore, Karen Luby, Secretary/Treasurer, and ten more members. Fleet No. 180 will sail a series of Fun Events on the third Sunday of the month at Castaic After Bay. For information contact Les Luby, 11907 Mallot Pl., Granada Hills, Ca. 91344, or phone 213/360-1229.

The December order of finish was:

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1st 1824 | Paulson |
| 2nd 17360 | Luby |
| 3rd 16773 | Gilchrist |
| 4th 9910 | Poitras |
| 5th 16541 | Powell |
| 6th 18206 | Kreyenhager |

The January order of finish was:

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| 1st 5081 | Churchill |
| 2nd 16692 | Breckenridge |
| 3rd 16541 | Powell |
| 4th 3772 | Bullock |
| 5th 11144 | Pool |
| 6th 1824 | Paulson |
| 6th 9910 | Poitras |
| 7th 17369 | Luby |
| 8th 16773 | Gilchrist |

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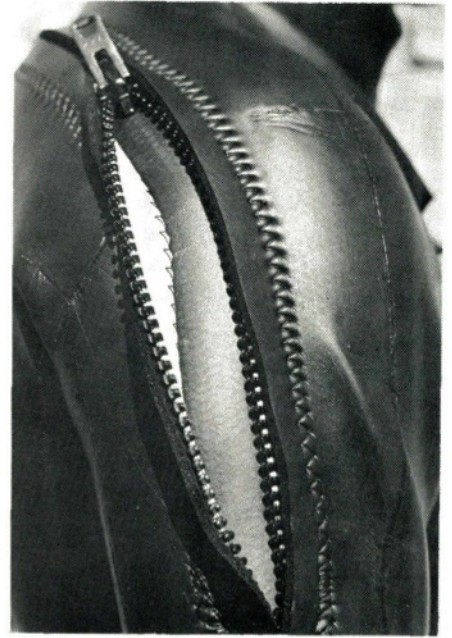
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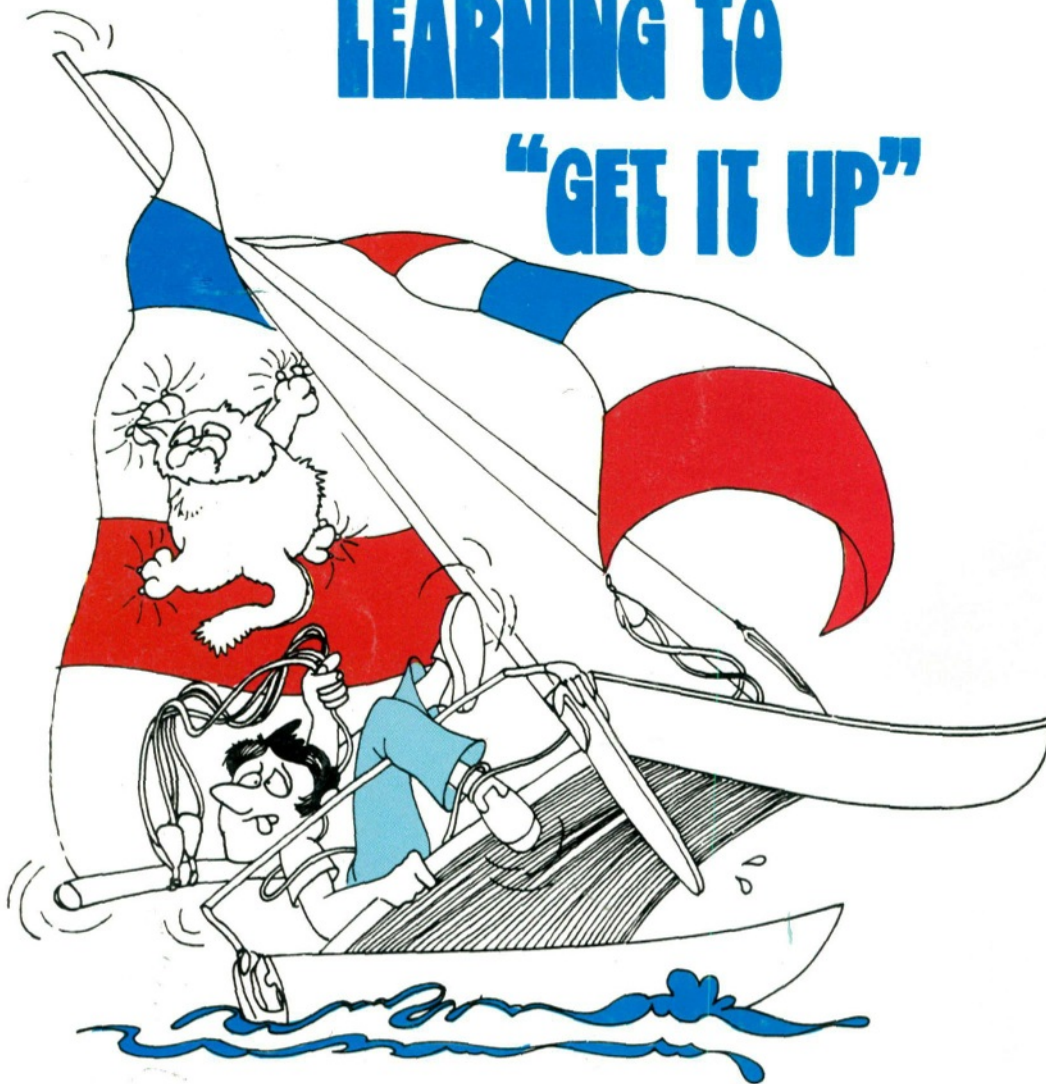
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