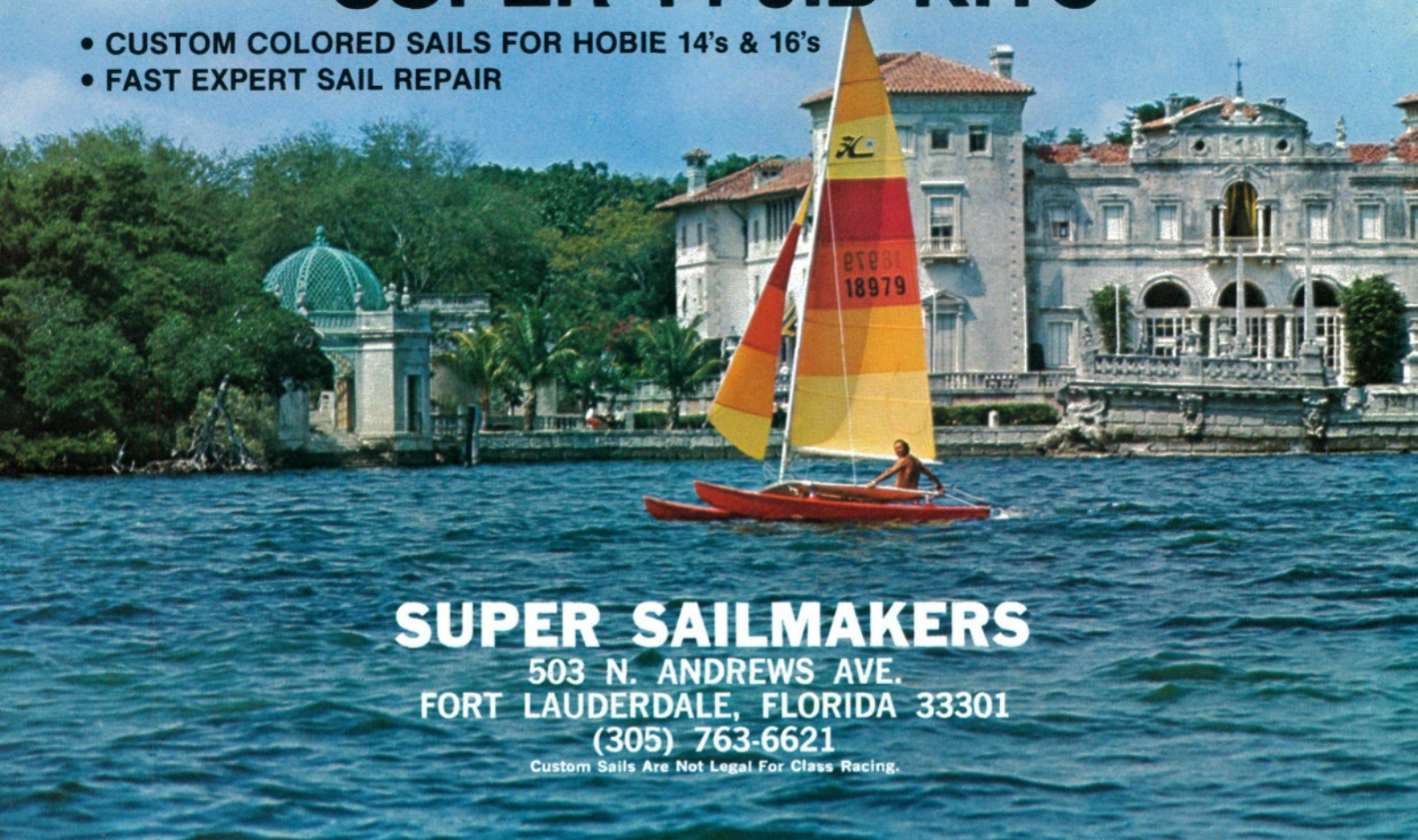




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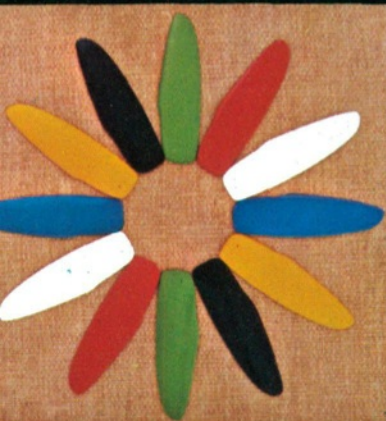


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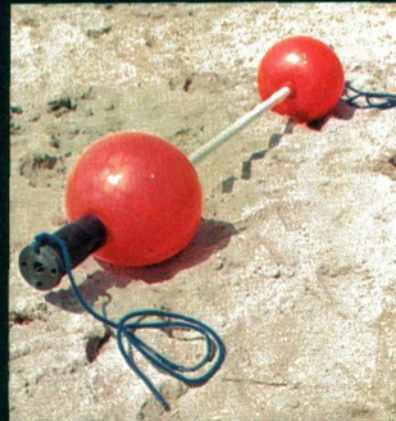


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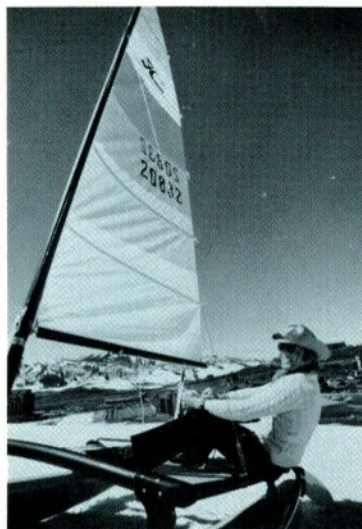
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Our April Photo of the Month is featured. Photographer: Paul Bilansky, Lakewood, Colorado. A colorful pair of Hobie 16's skim across the water at Dillon Lake, Colorado.

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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!

HOBIE FORUM



PHOTO: DEAN SMITH

Some Good Solutions To Spectacle Wearers' Problem

REF: March Hobie Forum Letter,
"ATTENTION EYEGLASS WEARERS"

Holding spectacles on active people has been a problem in the past and will probably continue to be in the future. The best solution to this problem is contact lenses, and with the many new lens designs available today, more and more people are able to wear contact lenses with comfort and good vision.

If it happens you are not compatible with contact lenses, all is not lost. One possibility is an athletic strap for spectacles. This is a strip of elastic with attachments on the ends which are secured to the ends of the spectacle temples. The strap then runs behind the head to hold the glasses tight.

Athletic straps can break and if your glasses fall in the water, they will sink. To get around this problem, there are flotation devices called EYEGLASS FLOATS (from Hilsinger Corp.) which attach to the temples of glasses and provide flotation to your glasses. They are also brightly colored and easy to spot floating on the water.

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All of these materials are available from your optometrist. If he does not have them, he can special order them for you from the above listed companies.

Dr. R. L. Baker/Optomtrist/Iron Mountain, Michigan

I sympathize with Wolfgang Hardt (Hobie Forum, March '76) and all Hobie sailors that wear glasses and are afraid to lose them. I have a quick, easy solution that may be helpful: Attach a large, bright-colored fishing bobber to your glasses. Then, if your glasses fall in the water they will float if attached well to the bobber. If the bobber is bright colored, it gives you and others "passing by" a chance to spot the glasses easier in the water. You may look funny with a bobber on your glasses, but it'll be worth it if you lose your glasses when you're out sailing.

Bruce Watson/Clear Lake, Minnesota

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BEN ACKERMAN AWARDED PRSA FOUNDERS TROPHY

At the Potomac River Sailing Association (PRSA) Awards Banquet, Ben Ackerman, Captain of the Potomac Hobie Association, was awarded the PRSA Founders Trophy for services rendered during the past year. We are proud of his accomplishments and of the fact that he is a Hobie sailor. Ben has done a lot for Hobie sailing and, as evidenced by the award from PRSA, a lot for sailing in general. Our hats are off to you, Ben!



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LETTERS

to the Editor...

WILL THE WOMEN PLEASE SPEAK UP!

Dear Ed:

I agree with the letter from Sharne Hampton which appeared in the Jan/Feb '76 issue of the Hot Line. You have shown women to be excellent crew members, but not one word about female captains. The Miami fleet has several very capable female captains who race, not to mention those females sailing but not competing as captains. It's time you change your male chauvinist position and show us some capable women at the tiller. Believe me, there are many around!

Illona Morin
Miami, Florida

DEAR ILLONA... AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE:

Good Grief! Am I destined to become the world's first male chauvinist WOMAN? Believe me, I would like nothing better than to see more female skippers featured in the Hot Line but, alas, rarely receive any information about them. When I do, however, I'm more than happy to print it—just ask the women of the Hawaii Hobie Cat Assoc. who sent me photos and a write-up about their "Wahine" Regatta, an event where the captains were all females. This appeared in the Jan/Feb '76 issue.

You say there are many capable women skippers around. But who are they? And where are they? Come on, ladies, make yourselves known!... blow your own horns!... and get me out of this predicament!

Mrs. Ed

LESSER OF THE TWO EVILS

Dear Ed:

I am an ardent fan of Hobie Cats, but would like to point out one difficulty I experience in maneuvering the tiller extension. With the present arrangement (main sheet block in front of tiller crossbar), the tiller extension must be passed around behind the boat, and this is sometimes a difficult operation. If the main sheet block were located behind the tiller crossbar, the tiller extension could then be swung around in front and would no longer present a problem.

J. Scott Moseley
Austin, Texas

Dear J. Scott:

Admittedly, having to pass the tiller extension around behind the main sheet block is sometimes a hassle, but believe me, it is a lot easier than the alternative. Passing the tiller extension over and across the trampoline can really be a scene—it gets caught on lines, hung up on hiking straps, and if there's someone on the boat with you, they'll probably get stabbed a few times if they aren't knocked off into the water first. And if you're trying to attempt this

maneuver during the heat of a race, the problem is, of course, greatly multiplied.

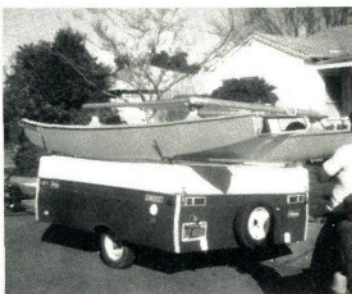
When Hobie went to design a tiller crossbar and extension arrangement he tried it both ways. He concluded that NEITHER arrangement was entirely hassle-free, so he chose the "lesser of the two evils" and took the back route.

Ed

Dear Ed:

Since Hobie has been purchased by the Coleman Company, we thought you might enjoy seeing our Hobie 14 "trailer" that sleeps six. We rigged up the "trailer"—a compact Coleman camper—to go to the Midwinters West in San Felipe, Mexico earlier this year and it worked great!

George and Becky Starkey
Sonoma, California



Dear George and Becky:

What a fantastic idea! You may have started a new craze here: The Hobie Catter Coleman Camper Combo!

Ed

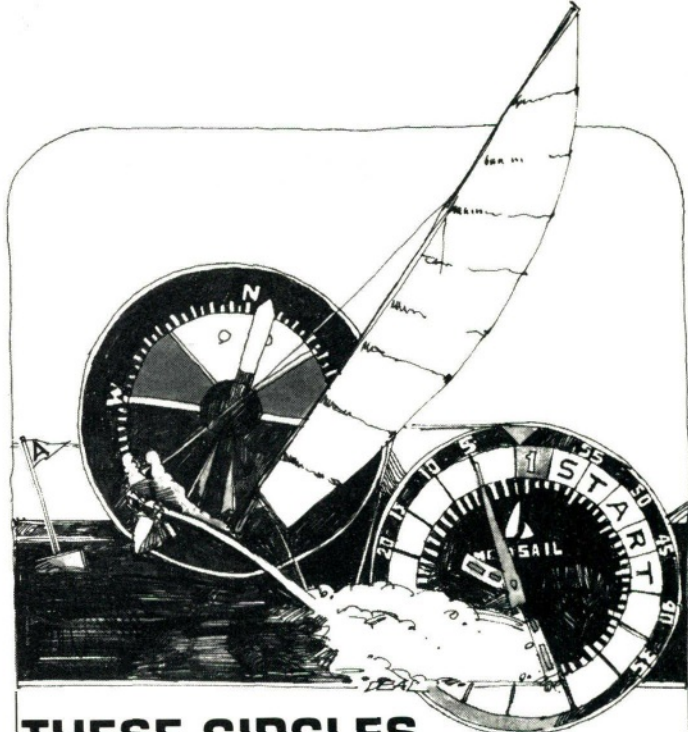
THE CAT WITH NINE LIVES

Dear Ed:

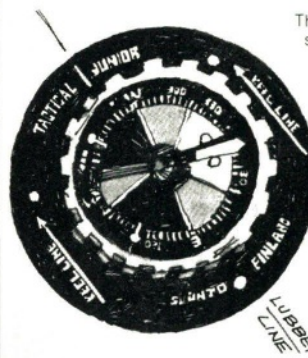
Traveling to regattas of over an hour's distance, I usually piggyback my Hobie 14 on a friend's boat to share expenses and save parking spaces. Heading for the Mid-winters East, as we were going down the entrance ramp to Interstate-75, I suddenly turned around to see my boat blowing off the trailer. It landed on its rudders, turned upside down and skidded to a grinding halt. I felt sick to my stomach as I ran back to my 14 to assess the damage. I could see the whole weekend going up in smoke. Both rudder pins had snapped (fortunately they weren't aluminum) and a tiller end cap was pulled loose. The mast step was ground down and there was minor fiberglass damage. It was hard to believe, but there was no structural damage to the hulls, spars, or castings, although my rudders were were filed down to a funny shape from dragging on the road.

All was not lost, though. With new rudder pins—and rather strange looking rudders—I placed 6th in B Fleet, which I am very happy about, especially considering the

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Skippers, crews and boats started arriving at host hotel Bay Harbor Inn two days prior to the event. By the time registration was completed Saturday morning, 324 Hobie Cats had signed in... making this the second largest Hobie regatta ever held, and the largest east of Lake Havasu.

Bikinis were plentiful and beautiful. A nice change from last year's Midwinters East when wetsuits predominated. Weather was just like Florida tourism ads always promise. Winds were a good 10-15 with a lot of nifty, tricky shifts and gusts thrown in to test a sailor's mettle. (Co-sponsor Phil Thompson of Tampa Sailcraft says he personally arranged for the winds and sun. Kevin Summerell claims he was responsible for the weather, due to personal contacts in high places. Rich Jeffries, National Race Coordinator, and special guest Wayne Schafer both said they brought it in from California.)

Hobie 14's and 16's were parked on every available inch of beach. Two deep, three deep and more. Traffic outside the hotel was just as bad, with tourists and locals slowing down to take a look at "all them boats".

Looking like a rally staged by a politician running on a T-shirts, cut-offs and free-beer platform... the first skipper's meeting was called



by Rich Jeffries. Different courses were set up for individual classes due to the large number of boats competing. A good move on Rich's part. As it turned out, there were still instances where paths were often crossing. At some course marks, where more than 100 boats would round in the space of a minute, the nautical version of the fender-bender was not uncommon.

Skippers began heading for the course anxious to race. It looked like a never-ending string of Hobie Cats playing follow-the-leader off the beach. Meanwhile, another seemingly never-ending string was made up of spectators lining the nearby public beach to watch the first day's racing. (Regatta PR director boasted an official spectator count of exactly about a zillion.)

Back at Bay Harbor Inn, non-Hobie type tourists kept asking if "all them boats" were really going to race at one time. They couldn't believe it. Back on the water, many of the Hobie skippers couldn't believe it either.

From inside one of the hotel rooms, Kevin Summerell, with Tampa Sailcraft's Phil Thompson and Ron Tucker, was helping local sports announcer Dick Crippen broadcast live play-by-play regatta action over Tampa's largest radio station.

During the middle of the second race a very wet and determined young man—about 10 years old—stormed into the committee room looking like he was going to either chew shackles or cry... but hadn't made up his mind yet. "Where do you register a protest?", he asked. This kid wasn't kidding.

HOBIE MIDWINTER-MANIA ON TAMPA BAY

By Myke Fair

A Polynesian strip-tease by a Canadian with no sense (of rythm), protest meetings ending in smiles, about two-zillion spectators, a kamikaze hang glider, plus skippers and crews of over 300 Hobie Cats all went into a regatta called Midwinters East held in Tampa, April 17 and 18.

"I want to protest this old guy in a 14 who hit my 3.5. He came right into me and broke my rudder... and now I can't race."

Taking a protest form he started filling it in with the bravado of an A-Fleeter. The first thing he put down was his name... John Stevens.

Asked if he was any relation to J. Allyn Stevens, he cracked a grin for the first time. "Sure am. He's my Dad."

Unofficial results trickled in after the first three races. Don Balthauser had taken three straight firsts in 14-A Fleet. This guy was going to be tough to beat. (Turned out to be impossible.) John's Dad (J. Allyn) was leading 16-A Fleet.

Saturday's protest meeting was held under the direction of Rich Jeffries. He must have been doing something right because many an angry face went in... but only smiles left.

That evening free beer flowed and a buffet dinner was held on the hotel's pier. A movie followed... an exciting and scary account of the Can Am long distance regatta across the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Later some real action took place in the hotel lounge as a Polynesian group entertained the crowd. Hula, Tahitian style, was part of the floor show. The group's singer made it look easy. Too easy, probably, because suddenly two people



(From left):
Bill Whitehurst,
1st place 12;
Jay Chicone,
1st place II;
Greg Seely,
1st place 10.

Photo: Rich Jeffries



PHOTOS BY JOHN BARD



3rd thru 5th place 16-C Fleet (from left): Charles Rhodes and crew; Mike McCormack and crew Lynn Uebel; Gregory Geiger and crew James Acton. Photo: Rich Jeffries



1st thru 5th place 14-A Fleet (from left): Don Balthauser; Robert Raditch; Allan Heath; Jim Matheny; John Hamilton. Photo: Rich Jeffries

TAMPA BAY

A segment of the 231-boat Hobie 16 fleet bears down on the windward mark. Photo: Compliments of John Weber, "Sailors' Gazette"



Photo: Grant Donaldson.



"Allow me to help you with this, my dear" ...A thoughtful skipper assists his crew with her trapeze harness. Photo: Grant Donaldson.



Hobie 14's and 16's were parked on every available inch of beach. Photo: Rich Jeffries.

were doing the hula... the second one being a man from the audience, totally bomb-oed.

He gave a pretty good show but decided to dress it up by undressing. Getting down to his black socks, he looked like the lead role in an old under-the-counter 8mm movie. Enter the cops. Exit Mr. Black Socks. Regatta sponsors were happy to find out he was not one of "us". Whew! Just a Canadian tourist doing his vacation finale.

Easter Sunday sunrise service was held on the pier. It was well attended. Somehow Mr. Black Socks didn't make it. An Easter egg hunt followed for the kids. Weather again perfect. A great day for the race. Spectators again lined the public beach. (This time the official count was almost exactly two-zillion.) Suddenly, out of the sky comes a glider towed by a power boat. The pilot lets go of the rope and gives spectators a thrill by almost landing on top of all two-zillion of them. Soon back into the air, he released his rope again... this time landing about a foot short of a very busy Highway 60. He gave it up and joined the crowd watching the Hobie Cats.

Just as the last boat returned to shore after the final race, the wind quit. Dead calm. (Perfect planning by Phil, Kevin, Wayne and Rich... if you choose to believe them.)

As usual, Kevin found a microphone. Trophy presentation time, with due credit given to a very hardworking race committee, the "Mission Impossible" crew of Tampa Sailcraft, and the hotel management.

Joining Kevin for the presentation was Wayne Schafer and Phil Thompson. Sculptured Hobie Cat trophies were awarded to the victors, and although entries from 32 states were on hand, it was the Floridian contingent which won in every class.

J. Allyn Stevens proved to be the best rush-hour driver in the 16-A Fleet. Stevens, who has sailed in the regatta six times since it began in 1970, said the key to winning was to get away from the pack, where the wind would not be made turbulent and unpredictable by the interference of myriad sails. Steve Edmonds was next in line for a trophy, followed by John

Steverding, Jim Davis and Rick Bobbitt.

Unbeatable Don Balthauser won the 14-A Fleet by a margin of 6 1/4 points over second-place Bob Raditch. Louisiana skipper Allan Heath managed to break the Florida monopoly when he tied for third with Jim Matheny.

Terry Anderson took the 16-B honors away from Rutledge Crouse, Richard Deibert, Ken Duffield and Bob Alexander.

In the 14-B Fleet, Mike Walsh took a first ahead of Steve Meckle, Mike Braswell, Kurt Gray and Jim Deans.

Bill Whitehurst made a clean sweep in the Hobie 12 Fleet with four firsts. Greg Seely took top honors in the Hobie 10 Fleet, and in the Hobie 11 (3.5) Fleet the winner was Jay Chicone.

At sundown most of the boats were off the beach. There was a lone 16 on the bay flying on a good sea breeze. Overhead, two Hobie Hawks sailed from the hotel roof, piloted by Ron Tucker and Fleet #42 Commodore, Tom Kester. A nice way to end a great regatta and a neat weekend.

Skiing *Er,* Sailing Billy Kidd Style!



Billy said it was great fun and that the boat was surprisingly easy to maneuver.

PHOTOS: MICHAEL SALAS



When Jack Kaufman of Steamboat Lake Marina, our new Hobie dealer in Clark, Colorado, called to tell us he'd arranged a great promotional stunt—sailing a Hobie Cat down the ski slopes at Steamboat Springs—we could hardly believe it.

"You're going to do *what*?! Who in the world would you ever get to do a crazy thing like that?"

"I've already got a guy. He's really stoked on the idea... it's all set up for next week."

"Now wait a minute, Jack. We know the Hobie Cat is a durable little boat, but it just wasn't designed to go barreling down some mountainside! And besides, even if the boat could make it, there's only one person we know who's radical enough to even attempt it, and—"

"Billy Kidd?"

"Yeah. But you'll never convince—"

"That's my man!"

"We should have guessed..."

Two weeks later we received a letter from Jack and, much to our amazement, photos of Billy Kidd actually "ski-sailing" a Hobie 14 down the Steamboat slopes. "He was great," wrote Jack, "the crowd went wild! John Oliver, a Steamboat Ski Instructor, was watching our fiasco—I mean, eventful filming—and has already placed his order for a Hobie Cat 16. Billy said it was great fun and that the boat was surprisingly easy to maneuver. I think we've started a new recreational craze!"

Maybe so, Jack, maybe so. Before we all run out to try this new sport, though, we've got a question for you... to get to the top, do we take the rope tow, the chair lift or the gondola???

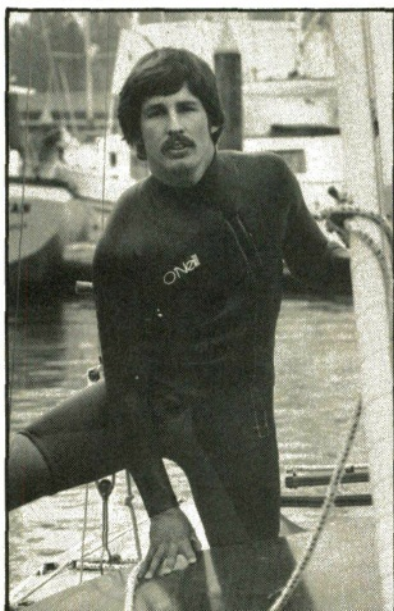
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Four United States Yacht Racing Union Regional Youth Championships have been scheduled for this summer. The regattas, which will be held for the first time, will be the championships for the New England, Middle Atlantic, Southeast and California regions.

The bring-your-own-boat regattas will be open to all sailors who will not have turned 20 during 1976. Youngsters may participate in more than one of the championships. Management will be by host clubs, and locally popular one-design classes will be used. Among the classes used at the four championships will be the Laser, Sunfish, **HOBIE CAT**, Force Five, Fireball, Flying Junior, Lightning, M-Scow and Y-Flyer.

In addition to three to five race regattas, racing seminars will be conducted by guest experts.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point, N.Y., has donated a "best performance" prize for each championship.

When he announced the Regional Youth Championship program in February, USYRU president Lynn Stedman Jr. said that the championships would parallel the Sears Cup eliminations, in which only one junior crew from each yacht club may participate. In the regional championships, the only restriction on participation is the "under 20" age limit.

In addition, Stedman said, "The championships are significant because they will permit USYRU to demonstrate its concern for the local club and sailor by helping to run these important regattas. Many sailors have thought that USYRU was only concerned with national and international championships, but here we are going to the regions and clubs and asking how we can help them."

Yacht clubs and associations interested in hosting regional championships for young people in the Pacific Northwest, Texas and Plains States, and Midwest regions should contact the following: John Rousmaniere, Room 600, 50 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036, Phone (212) 391-1000.

The scheduled regattas will all be held over summer weekends. They are:

NEW ENGLAND:	Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport, Conn. July 17-18 in Fireballs, Lasers and Sunfish. Contact Pat Johnston, Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport, Conn. 06605.
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:	Brant Beach Yacht Club, Brant Beach, N.J. June 19-20 in Lightnings, M-Scows, Lasers and Sunfish. Contact Robert Stephan, 6115 Bayview Ave., Brant Beach, N.J. 08008.
SOUTHEAST:	Columbia Sailing Club, Columbia, S.C. July 31-Aug. 1 in HOBIE CATS , Y-Flyers, Force Fives, Lasers and Sunfish. Contact Peter A.B. Holloway, 500 Harmon Street, Lexington, S.C. 29072.
CALIFORNIA:	Sausalito Yacht Club, Sausalito, California Aug. 28-29 in Flying Juniors and Lasers. Contact Larry Harris, Sausalito Yacht Club, Box 267, Sausalito, California 94965.

SHOWDOWN DRAWS 38 HOBIES!!

The annual "Burns Run Showdown" on Lake Texoma drew 38 boats this year. The event is sponsored jointly by Texas Fleet #23 and Oklahoma Fleet #63 and was held the last weekend in April this year.

The weather turned out chilly but beautiful after tornado threats on Friday. It was wetsuit comfort and double trapeze conditions for most of the five races. Trophy recipients were:

- 16-A:** 1st — Dennis McCredie/Bob Smith (Texas Fleet #23)
2nd — Warren Pierce/Merry Tyler (Oklahoma Fleet #63)
3rd — Jim and Lida Woodul (Texas Fleet #23)
- 16-B:** 1st — Alan Whitwell/Fred Marr (Texas Fleet #23)
2nd — Wes & Bobbi Padoll (Texas Fleet #23)
3rd — Elliott & Kaye Boyles (Texas Fleet #23)
- 14-A:** 1st — Larry Moore (Texas Fleet #23)
2nd — Thomas Carter (Wichita Falls, Texas Fleet #146)
- 14-B:** 1st — David Gatlin (Texas Fleet #23)
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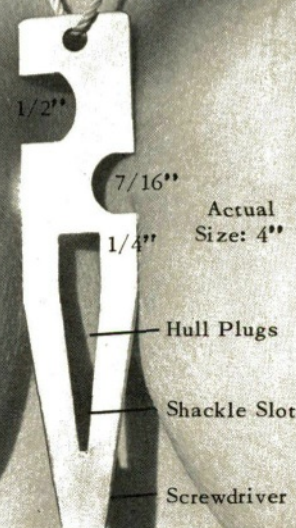


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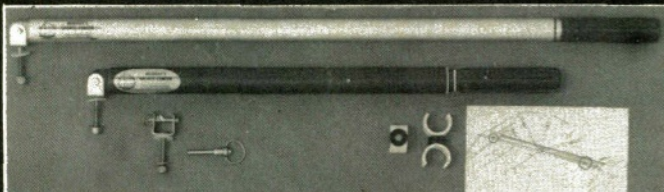
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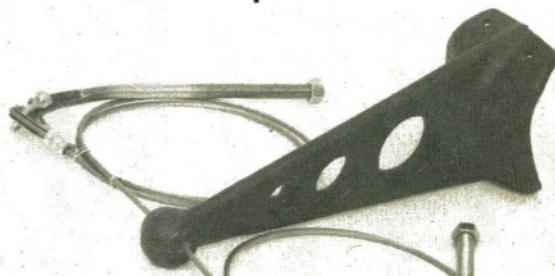
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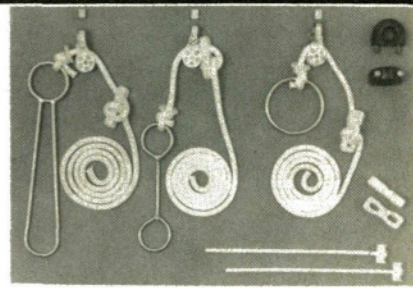
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One of the six boats featured is our Hobie Cat 16 (ta da!), and while Brock didn't see fit to give us the centerfold spread—this, alas, went to the \$350,000 Bertram 58—he did write a real nice review about the whole Hobie Scene. In capsule form this includes: Hobie ("the most laid-back tycoon in the history of the Dow Jones Industrials"); our regatta program ("Whereas most sailboat racing is bound up in the tight-ass world of yacht clubs, arcane rules, and stiffly fanatical competitors, Hobie Cat racing is decidedly relaxed and open-ended..."); our "family-style" races ("totally loose beach scenes: beer, open fires, kids, wives, girlfriends and lots of good-natured competition"); our sailors ("one can find Hobie Cat Freaks in such unsalty spots as Valparaiso, Indiana, and Wichita, Kansas...these thousands of Hobie freaks are part of a fraternity that has its own publication (Hobie Hot Line) and hundreds of parties and regattas"); and last but not least, the boat itself ("...flying on one hull, it produces some of the most superjazzed, pumped, stoked, totally freaked fun on the water imaginable.").

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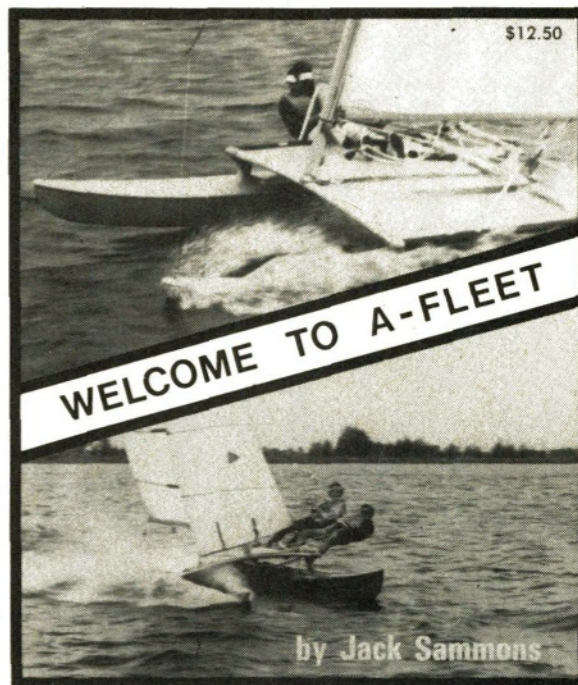
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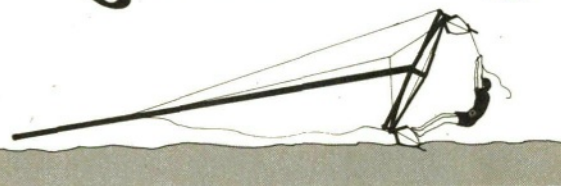
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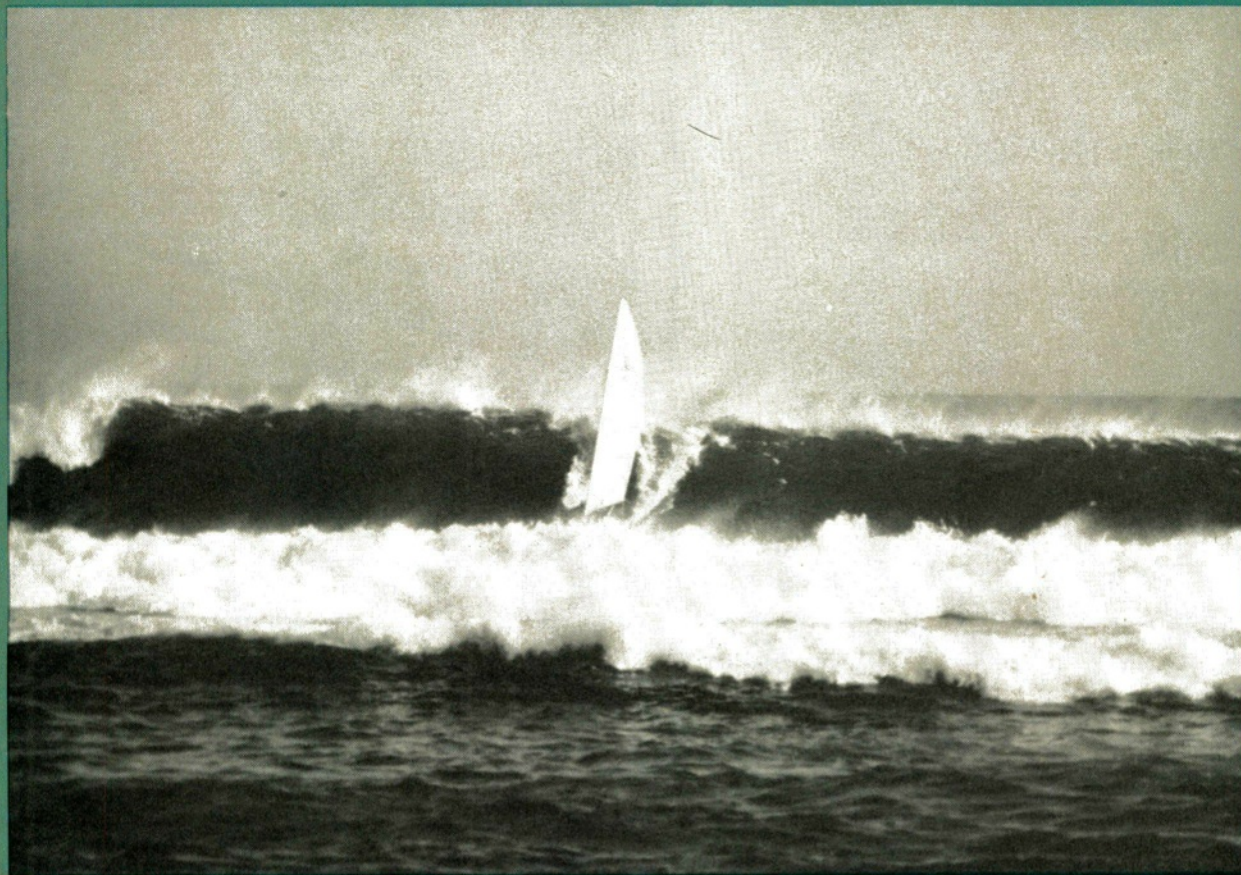
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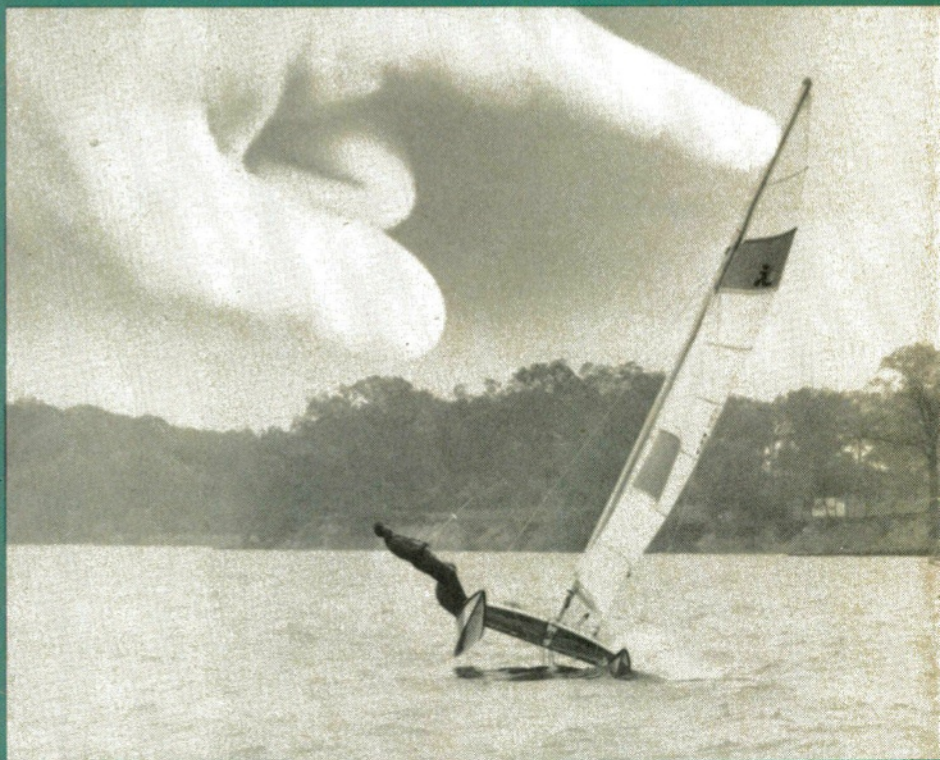
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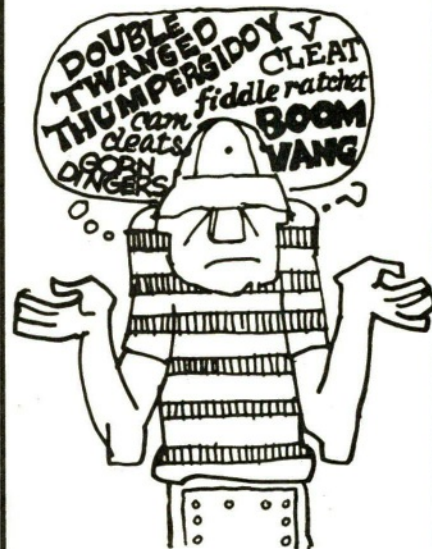


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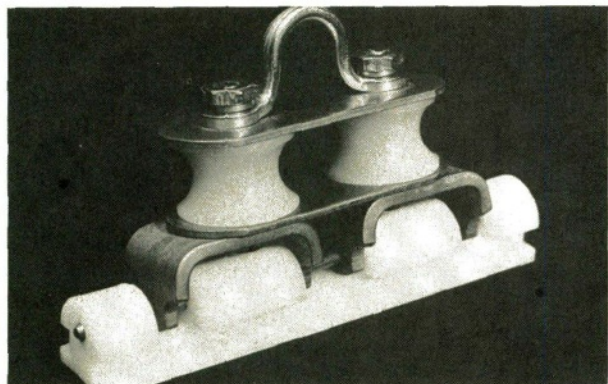
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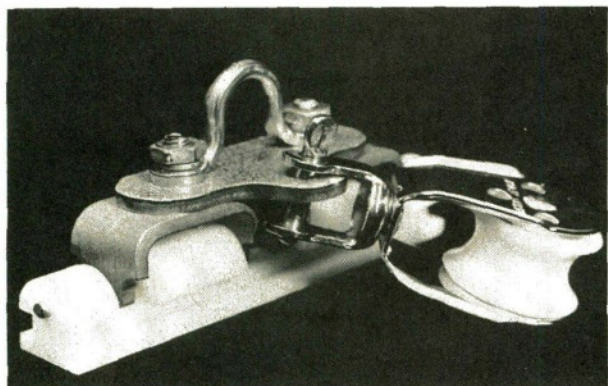
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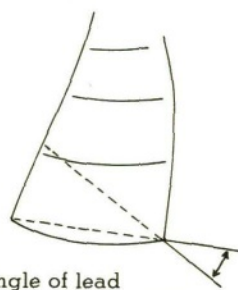
The slot formed between the leach of the jib and the main is perhaps the most critical single consideration of sail trim on the Hobie 16. The proper slot is determined by proper jib trim—something that is difficult to achieve.

The Chinese, who have sailed full-batten crafts for many years, have written this proverb: "Jib tac lo, blake hi, tac hi, blake lo." No, it doesn't mean, "Keep shovelling or we'll throw you in the wall." Allow Kimsan to translate.

Many things control the jib-main slot on the Hobie 16 or any jib-headed rig. Too much batten pressure causes hooking, for example; but primarily, there are three factors: Sheet tension; traveler car position; and leach curve to foot cup relationship.

The first and most important factor is to acquire proper jib shape. This has, as its control, that angle (in profile) of lead of the jib sheet off the luff of the sail from the clew plate. **Background:** (see Diagram #1) On monohulls, from the clew, the jib sheet leads or reeves through a lead block, usually, along the rail of the boat. This

DIAGRAM 1



Angle of lead

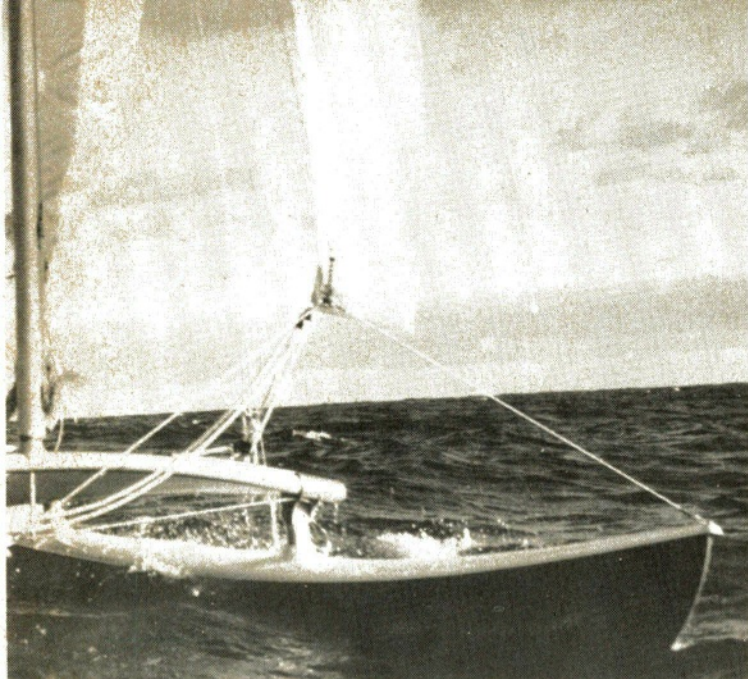
DIAGRAM 2



Panel yarns

sheet then goes through a turning block and back to the drum of the coffee grinder or winch. When a jib is hanked on and hoisted, with sheet reeved, we put the boat hard on the wind and move the lead block forward or aft to get the proper relationship between leach curve and foot curve or cup. If the lead block is too far forward, the curve of the leach is tightened and reduced to the point where it backwinds the main, chokes off the slot, and kills the "steam gauge" or boat speed. If the lead block is too far aft, the cup of the foot is reduced, incidental; but the leach of the sail sags off, has too much curve, and opens up the slot too far. Fact is, there ain't no slot at all. You've got a hole that looks like a driveway for Ralph Ryder's fleet.

Conclusion: Angle of lead is very important to performance of sail, building a good slot. The Hobie 16 has no provision for moving such a lead block forward or aft on the boat. BUT—isn't it just possible that by initially setting the tack of the jib lower or higher, we can vary that angle of lead to obtain the right leach curve to foot



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cup relationship, and thus obtain proper sail shape? Now sheet tension and traveler car position can do what they're supposed to do, and with a well-shaped jib.

O.K., how does one tell a well-shaped jib and proper jib sheet lead or tack positioning or height off the bridle? That's easy! **Rule of Thumb:** After lead block is set, bring boat slowly to luff with sheets in close-hauled position. The entire hoist of the jib luff should "break" simultaneously. If it breaks aloft first, the lead block is too far aft. If it breaks on deck first, the lead block is too far forward. One can experiment by merely hand holding the jib sheets in light air.

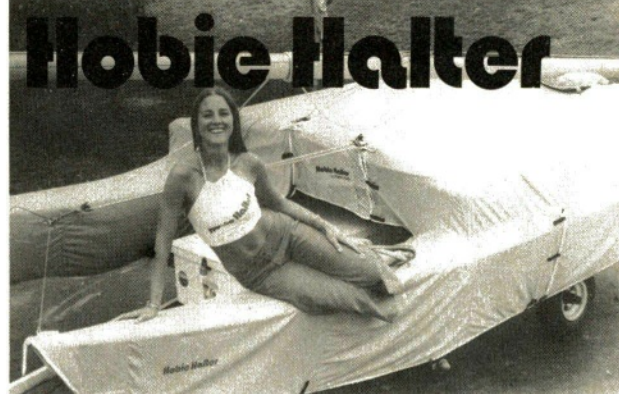
"But," says some smart sailor, "full-batten sails don't show a luff too well. The batten pressure towards the luff wire tends to hold sail shape instead of allowing that first minute flutter of a luff one is looking for."

"I'll buy that," says the Coach, "Let's have at it with some more 'goodies', and see if we can fox the fox."

"Panel yarns!" Right on!

From a friend who knits, get a length of black wool yarn; no synthetics, static electricity will make the yarns cling to a dry sail and thus not give us the reading we're looking for. Cut six pieces 10" long. Swipe a darning needle and install the yarns, centered vertically, on each panel, about 15 to 20 percent of the chord of the sail at that point, aft from the luff (see Diagram #2). Center the yarns 5" on each side of the sail, and tie a half hitch on each side to hold the yarn centered. Be sure the yarn ends can't reach any stitching or seams when extended, or they will hang up. Trim to prevent this. **NOT THE SAIL, YOU DOE DOE, THE YARNS!**

As a starting point for jib height adjustment, hoist the main, and downhaul. Hoist the jib in such a position that when both sails are



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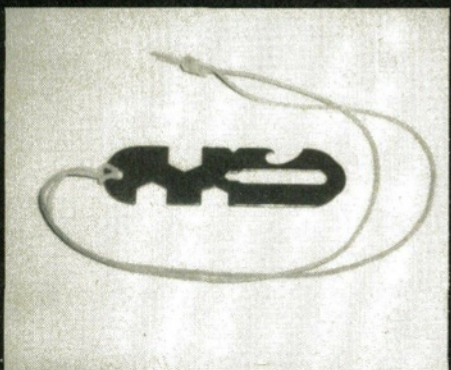


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sheeted, the number 1 batten (bottom batten) of the main is about the same height as the number 1 batten of the jib. Adjust jib tack with tack shackle on forestay chain plate to get this relationship. This is best tested in light airs, 3 to 7 knots, and flat seas. Roaring to weather, double trapezed, in 25-knot winds, isn't the easiest way to see a jib break at the luff.

Set your jib so all panel yarns are streaming aft. You can see, in moderate light, the shadow of the lee yarns through the jib. your boat is close-hauled, weight forward, sterns out, and slicing to weather like a 12 meter. Plug those bows in till the sterns are out, that's the way to fly in the "lights". **Important:** If the lee panel yarns aloft are flaky, not streaming aft, loosen the sheet $\frac{1}{2}$ " at a shot. See what we mean? All the panel yarns are streaming aft. The whole thing, all of the sail, is working. Conversely, if the top windward yarns are flaky, sheet in $\frac{1}{2}$ " at a time.

Moment of Truth... Slowly, slowly, oh so slowly, let the boat come to luff. All the windward panel yarns should start to flutter simultaneously. If the top breaks first, the tack is too low. If the bottom breaks first, the tack is too high. Re-set the tack by slacking the halyard and changing the shackle one hole in the chain plate adjuster. If the conditions are as we suggested—light air, smooth sea—do this with the boat headed downwind, main traveler trimmed in, and main sheeted. This makes standing out on the bow with one foot on the bridle less of a prerequisite for the Metropolitan Opera.

When you have the jib set, look at the slot, get to know what it looks like, estimate the distance between each batten tip of the jib and the pocket of the main. Now, horse around. Move the jib traveler out one notch. More speed, less speed? Watch the angle of the bow wakes; the less angle off the bow, the more speed. Get the bows going at their fastest speed, panel yarns streaming, and sheet the jib hard. See the slot close, and the boat speed die. Now move back to maximum speed, push the car way out, and feel the boat once again groan and die. Set things back to maximum speed. Slack the jib sheet one inch, and watch how the top windward yarns will start to flutter and the boat speed drop. Now you're beginning to learn one of the fascinating aspects of that boat you own: it is extremely sensitive and responsive to increment adjustments.

Whether you race or not, the proper jib setting in dying evening air can mean the difference between sailing or paddling home. So often, one sees a boat poorly set up with no effort by the skipper to get the maximum out of his rig. When queried, his remarks are usually, "I don't race," or, "I only paid a pittance for the boat." Allow me to zap that right now. In the drifters, it's either **push it or paddle it!**

Put a little of yourself into your Hobie. Learn by experiment. Become friendly with its intricate design for performance and ghostability in light air as well as its ability to slam to weather and scream a reach in the heavies.

Your Hobie 16 wants to perform for you. If you race, it wants to win for you. But you gotta do the tweaking, and you gotta tweak the right things. Give your boat a piece of you, and you'll derive more fun and satisfaction from it than a tax rebate.

Review: Install panel yarns; set tack height to get proper *leach curve* to *foot cup* relationship; start out with number 1 batten of main lined up with number 1 batten of jib; sail to weather in light air, smooth sea; tweak tack till panel yarns all stream; horse around and settle in your mind just where the speed button is; then get on it, and nail it down!

This way, you'll be happy, your sailmaker will be happy, Hobie will be happy, your fellow sailors will be amazed and wondering where you hid the engine, and if you race, your competitors will be eyeballing your boat for no-no's.

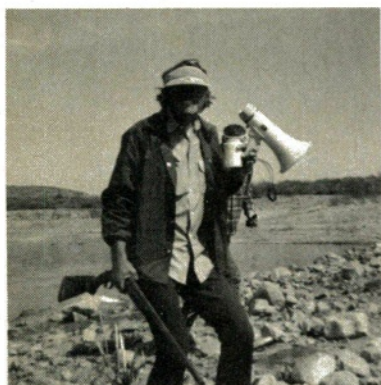
Always remember: There is nothing worse than seeing a jib hung like a piece of laundry with too much wringer time.

Oh, yes! In case you haven't figured it out, here is the derivation of the Proverb...

If: Jib tack too low Foot flat Leach sag Break will be high No slot	Simplified: Jib tack low Break high Tack high Break low
If: Jib tack too high Foot cup Leach hook Break low Pinched slot	Translated to Chinese: Jib tac lo Blake hi Tac hi Blake lo

IDES OF MARCH REGATTA

Plenty of Arizona sun... but no wind!



Fleet #66's steeley-eyed race committee chairman, Barry Weiler, comes equipped for all conditions. His electronic megaphone raises his voice above the torrent 1-knot winds, his bottomless beer can keeps him in tune with nature, and the shotgun settles protests and recalls yachts over-early.

Hobie Fleet #66 of Phoenix held their annual Ides Of March Points Regatta on March 13 and 14. What looked like a fantastic weekend of racing, because of a cold front moving in from the west coast, turned sour. On Friday there was a fantastic 25 MPH wind and the early arrivals had fun playing and doing some last-minute boat tuning. That evening, however, the wind died, not to be seen again all weekend.

A nice long course was set on Saturday morning by Barry Weiler, who did an excellent job of running this no-wind regatta. At 9:30, the skipper's meeting was called and the racers were told what to expect as far as course shortening in case the wind would not put in an appearance.

The first of five scheduled races got underway around 10:30 a.m. The wind still refused to blow, so it was a drifter. After the first boats rounded "A" mark, action was taken to shorten the A-C-finish course. Otherwise, it would have taken all day to finish one race. The sun god was on our side, though, and temperatures were about 80°. Bob Seaman won "A" fleet in the first race with a comfortable lead.

A super hamburger lunch that was included in the \$5 entry fee was served by Cindy Hager and several helpers. One California racer was heard to exclaim that if he didn't have the burger in his hand, he wouldn't have believed it!

Around 4:00 p.m., little puffs of wind started and a vote was taken... the boys came to race, so they said they would take a run at it. A very short course was set and off they went... slowly. By the time the first boats rounded the mark, it was getting late and a decision was made to abandon the race so everyone could get their sails down before dark.

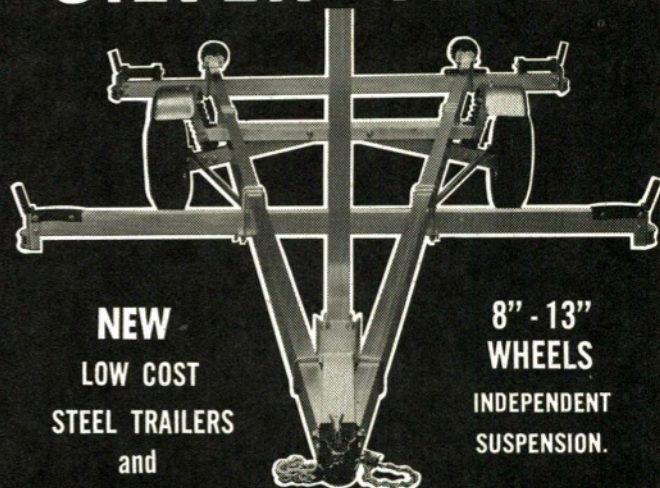
Sunday morning dawned sunny and there was wind at 7:00 a.m. The skipper's meeting was at 9:00 and a new, shorter course was set. Then the wind died again. Such is lake sailing; pay your money and take your chances. The race committee went out and sat for an hour and a half, waiting. Finally some light air came up, the horn was sounded, and a race was started. Two hours later the leaders came back to the finish. And what a finish it was. Terry Abair, a dark horse from Phoenix, and Bob Beauchamp, from California, ghosted toward the finish line with Beauchamp's bow only inches ahead of Abair. Cries of encouragement from the partisan crowd on shore urged Abair on, but he needed a little puff to pull it off and it never came. Beauchamp won to take second for the event. Bob Seaman was about 20 yards behind, but his third, with a first in the first race, gave him the overall win for 16'A's.

Mack Wright bested Rich Jeffries two-for-two to take the 14'A's. James Grimes won the 16'B's and Arizona took home all of the gold in the 16'C's—C. Guarino from Tucson won, with Rene Catalano and Bill George, both of Phoenix, taking second and third.

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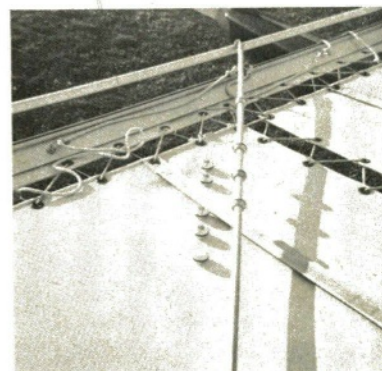
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88 Hobies Battle Whitecaps At Folsom Lake Regatta

88 Hobie Cats registered to do battle at Folsom Lake April 3 and 4 in Division III's first points regatta of the 1976 season. The event was sponsored by Fleet #17 of Sacramento.

Three races were finally completed on Saturday in light and variable wind conditions and then everybody returned to the beach to drink wine and beer and hope for some wind on Sunday.

No skipper could have called Folsom Lake a mill pond on Sunday, though—the lake was white-capped with 15 to 20 mph winds, which made ideal sailing conditions for three races even though it was a little cold. It was a long beat to the windward mark and with super long courses the winners really worked for

their trophies.

Kirk Jeffries of Inland Sailing Company, Sacramento's new Hobie dealer, really helped to make Fleet #17's first points regatta a success. The fleet is stoked to have a dedicated Hobie Cat skipper as a dealer and they look forward to working with Kirk at future events.

On Sunday, with the winds up, several boats were dismasted and quite a few went over. Thanks to quick rescue work in a 13' Zodiac, generously provided by Wally's Water World of Sacramento, no skippers or crew were injured.

(For regatta results see page 38.)

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Once a month, each fleet will sail with its ten best 16-foot skippers and three top 14-foot skippers. At the end of the 9-month eliminations, the top two boats in the 16-foot class and top boat in the 14-foot class for each fleet will be matched in the Championship Finals which will be held in November to determine overall fleet winner and winners of the Silver Lakes Perpetual Challenge Cup.

Monthly fleet winners (the winning club) will receive \$200 to add to their club's treasury; runner-ups receive \$100. Individual class winners will receive trophies.

Fleet winners in the Championship Finals will earn \$500; the runner-up, \$250. The winning skippers will receive trophies and the Silver Lakes Challenge Cup, a perpetual trophy, will be engraved with the winning fleet name and remain on display at the Racquet Club.

In setting up this series, Silver Lakes agreed to offer the participating fleets limited use of their other facilities including: golf course, use of pools, sauna at hotel, a reduced hotel room rate and, when available, use of tennis courts at the Racquet Club. They also agreed to set aside a camping area for those sailors who wanted to make a weekend trip and weren't planning to stay at the hotel.

Silver Lakes Resort is owned by McCulloch Properties, Inc., the same nice people who brought you Lake Havasu City, Arizona and the London Bridge Regatta.

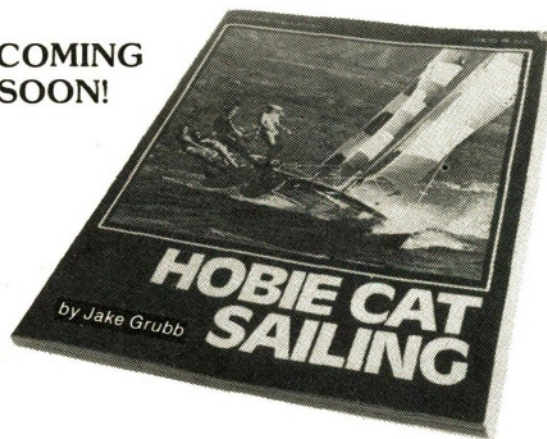
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FLEET NEWS

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FLEET No. 10

Clear Lake, Iowa

The ice has disappeared from the shores of Clear Lake and one-by-one the members of Fleet #10 are coming out of hibernation. Yes, and Grant Thompson (while KGLO TV and the rest of the world watched) was the first skipper on the lake. Someone said it was too cold for Bob Elsbury.

Anyway, by the time this accounting is read in the "Hot Line" the racing season will be well underway. Fleet #10 begins its 1976 schedule with races on May 22 & 23. After that it's hot and heavy with races every weekend (excluding July 17 and July 31) until the final guns of the "Labor Day Regatta" in September. Those interested in points regattas should make plans to race with us July 24 & 25 for the "Governors Day Regatta" and August 7 & 8 for the "Iowa Cup Regatta".

Boats from other fleets are welcome to join us anytime. Whether you're a veteran sailor or just a novice, we have always got a spot on the starting line for you.

I should mention before I run out of ink, that Fleet #10 is very proud of Hobie 16 skipper Don Coe and crew Diane Elsbury and Hobie 14 skipper Bob Elsbury. These three fleet members won the 1975 Hobie 16 and Hobie 14 Championships at the Division VII Regionals in South Dakota. Also, congratulations to the other fleet members for their excellent showing.

Once again, if you're interested in joining our fleet, or just visiting, give us a ring. We look forward to meeting you and becoming your friends.

FLEET No. 17

Sacramento, California

Fleet #17's six-race Frostbite series was completed last month and the winners received their trophies at the fleet's quarterly meeting, April 21. In the 16-A Fleet, John Arnold was first with 8½ points, John Vaughn was second with 9¼ points, and Linda Shaul was third with 11¼ points. In the combined 16-B & C Fleet, Terry Cook was first with 7½ points, Wayne Cowley was second with 14¼ points, Don Polly was third with 20 points, and fourth was Steve Minasian with 24½ points. In the 14's, John Brazil was first with 6 points, Jim Allen was

second with 10¼ points, and Jim Hecht was third with 19 points.

For information regarding Fleet #17's activities contact Jim Hecht, Commodore (916) 444-5926.

FLEET No. 20

Santa Cruz, California

Pippin Perpetual...

The forecast of rain did not discourage the 55 boats from staying away from Princeton Harbor, Half Moon Bay, for the second Pippin Perpetual Regatta.

It rained until about 10 a.m. but cleared up to be a beautiful sunny weekend with the winds from the SW at 15 to 20. The racing was done inside the harbor which made for some smooth fast reaches. The race committee did an excellent job of getting the races off in time with a good selection of courses. There was plenty of time both days for the Fleet 20 "birdmen" to show off their insanity and talents with their Hobie Hawks.

Denny Neilson, (14-A), walked away with the perpetual trophy throwing out a two, with a low point score of 5.

The Pippin ended the way it started by raining on the trophy presentation.

FLEET No. 52

Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

Fleet #52 is anxiously awaiting another racing season. At a business meeting held in late February we elected the new officers: Jim Coomes, President; Jim Senesac, Vice President; and Janet Durkee, Secretary-Treasurer.

The ice broke on the lakes three weeks ahead of "normal" around the Twin Cities area in Minnesota and this naturally brought out a few early-bird Hobie skippers. Our racing season will be kicked off on Memorial Day weekend with a three-race series.

FLEET No. 92

Charlotte, N.C.

March Race...

The seagull promised that our first race of the season would be one to remember, but no one realized why! Can you imagine races on Kerr Lake being cancelled

because of too much wind?! Well, it happened. Saturday the winds were 20 to 25 mph with gusts to 41 mph. Swells were to three feet. The water temperature was about 50 degrees. The first race was completed with only a few tip-overs; however, the second race had to be cancelled at the start when six boats capsized simultaneously. For safety reasons, racing was discontinued for the remainder of the day. All but one 14' and one 16' flipped at least once. Paul and Gale Hounshell capsized six times; and the Petersens, five. Our very special thanks to Chris Gentile and Macon Council (and their crews) for their rescue efforts.

Sunday's conditions were just the opposite of Saturday's. It was a beautiful day, although it was a drifter. The winds were 5 to 7 mph and soon diminished to zero. Each of three races took about an hour.

All in all everyone had an enjoyable weekend. The first place honors went to Dan Williams in the 16' class, and to Charlie Akers in the 14' class.

FLEET No. 184

Burlington, Vermont

For all Hobie sailors in the Vermont area, we now have a fleet for you to sail with in Burlington, Vermont. We are a very active club with six races scheduled for our first summer.

At our first meeting we elected officers: William Byberg, Commodore; Adam Alpert, Vice-Commodore; and Gail Barr, Secretary/Treasurer.

Our second meeting was a work session making flags and markers for the upcoming season.

RACING SCHEDULE:

May 30 & 31 — Tune-up day with a fleet race the following day.

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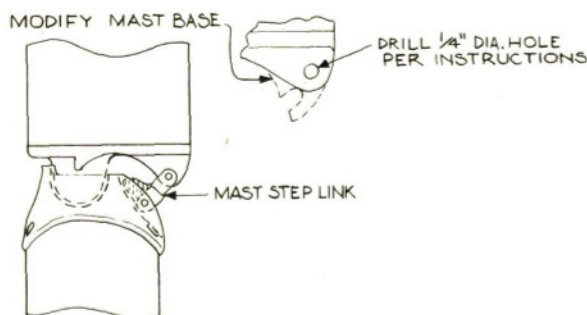
July 10 — Hull Flying Contest—open to any Hobie owner.

August 7 & 8 — 1st Annual Lake Champlain Cup Regatta. We plan to make this an annual event with rotating trophies for 14's and 16's.

September 12 — Last race of the season. Fleet #184 Banquet.

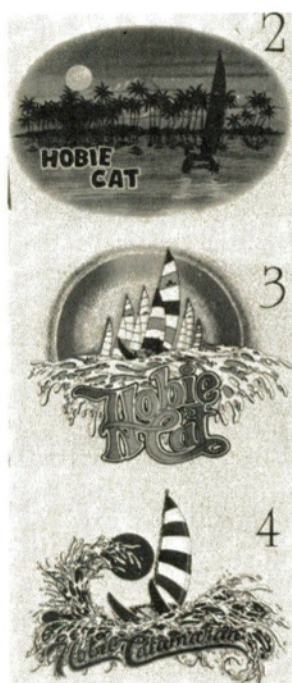
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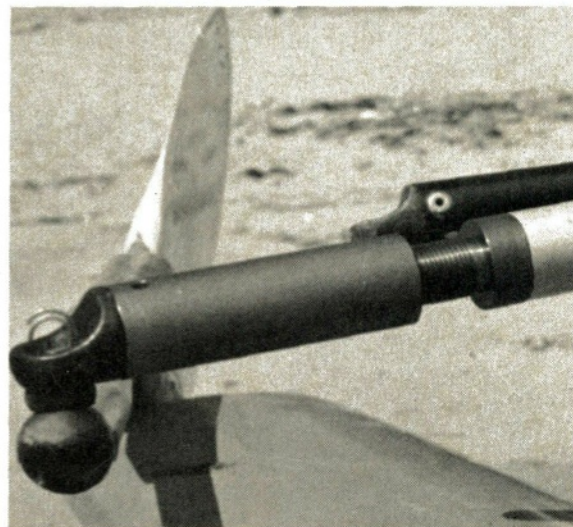
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GEOFF HORSLEY CLAIMS AUSTRALIA'S HOBIE 16 NATIONAL TITLE

By Peter Johnson

The 1976 Australian Hobie 16 Nationals were sailed on Botany Bay on the 9th, 10th and 11th of January. During the three days of competition, conditions varied from strong southerlies on Friday to light and variable easterlies on Sunday.

52 Boats from throughout Australia gathered for the championships, all keen to win or be highly placed, as the First World Hobie 16 Titles are being held in Hawaii in November this year and the placings in the National Titles have a large bearing on the selection of the team sent to represent Australia.

Interstate competition was of a high standard this year, with Western Australia sending 5 boats, Victoria 5, Queensland 7 and A.C.T. 3.

Overall results were as follows:

- 1st Geoff Horsley (N.S.W.) "Bobcat 11" 11½ points
- 2nd Bill Sykes (N.S.W.) "Mustang Sally" 18 points
- 3rd Keith Logan (N.S.W.) "Datsuncat" 18¾ points

Friday dawned with strong southerly winds and bleak conditions. Heat 1 was sailed in 20-28 knot winds with a very heavy swell and wave chop. Dave Bray led early but a broken rudder ended his chances of winning and Dennis Keogh, revelling in the heavy conditions, won from defending champion Bill Sykes. Kim Thomas came in 3rd, with Dave Bray in 4th spot.

Heat 2 in the afternoon was sailed in 18-20 knot southerly winds with an abating swell and was an exciting affair for all with a good reaching leg. Keith Logan kept the field behind him and won from Geoff Horsley, V. Sturdy from Queensland, and Bill Sykes.

Saturday morning's race was sailed in moderate 15-knot winds and clearing conditions. Geoff Horsley, making the most of some wind shifts near the windward mark, won from Keith Logan and G. Young from W.A., with Bill Sykes in 4th place.

The afternoon's race was sailed in slightly lighter conditions. This race produced the

closest finish of the series. Robin Binnidell from W.A. led the field for most of the race by a comfortable margin, but rounding the leeward mark with only a windward beat remaining, Keith Logan, Bill Sykes, Geoff Horsley, and Dave Bray were all challenging. Keith Logan's effort ended abruptly when he had a gear breakage, and Geoff Horsley became unstuck when on starboard by Bill Sykes and he flipped. Sykes began applying pressure in earnest upon the W.A. crew, but Binnidell and his attractive female forward hand withstood the challenge and crossed the line 1 second ahead of Sykes, with John Wiltshire sailing into 3rd place.

Sunday morning was fine, with light winds from the S.E. The start of the race was delayed as a water ski event had not yet been completed by 10 a.m. This did not go down too well with the Hobie sailors as the wind was fading quickly. When the race finally started, Paul Ridgeway from Victoria went to the lead and held his advantage until the last leg, when Geoff Horsley, sailing a good tactical race, managed to grab the lead close to the line and win from Ridgeway with Mark Pryke sailing into 3rd place.

The final race on Sunday afternoon was sailed in very light E/NE winds. A strong current caused some boats problems at the windward mark, however Paul Ridgeway from Victoria mastered the fluky conditions and sailed away from the fleet to win from Keith Logan, Geoff Horsley, and Don Algie from the A.C.T.

And so, Geoff Horsley has finally won an Australian Hobie Title, having been runner-up in the 1974 14' Nationals and in the 1975 16' Nationals. An interesting aspect of Geoff's win, and one which confirms the Hobie to be basically a class-design boat allowing little modification, is that Geoff's boat was only delivered to him 24 hours before the start of the series. It is also worth noting that Geoff's crew, boat owner Bob Forbes, has had limited sailing experience—Bob being better known in sporting circles for piloting Holden Torana's around racing circuits at above-average speeds. *Well done, Geoff and Bob!*



PHOTO: ERROL HOPKINS

The winners (survivors?).

2nd Annual Nanakuli Hobie Cat Regatta

By Lynne McElhaney

As Hawaii's Hobie sailors, crews and families packed up their camping necessities and trailered their boats in heavy wind and rain, it is doubtful whether there was much enthusiasm for a two-day campout regatta. Luckily, Oahu's leeward shore, known for its dryness, pulled through—and though it was not completely sunny, at least we had found the only spot on the island where it wasn't pouring! Thus, the 2nd Annual Nanakuli Hobie Cat Regatta, April 10th & 11th, got off to a good start.

Although we had left the rain behind, we unfortunately couldn't say the same for the wind. Nanakuli is usually noted for its very light, variable breezes; most of the wind is blocked by the Waianae mountain range that skirts the shoreline. Not so this Saturday morning! The winds continued to steadily build so that the race committee deemed it necessary for the Hobie 16 sailors to reef their mains. A first in HHCA history, reefing proved to be quite an interesting chore. Everyone had their own system, but after an hour of trial and error most boats had something which reasonably resembled the reefed-main pictures we had seen in magazines!

What was supposed to be a long distance race Saturday afternoon was cut to a double triangle course for safety reasons. Even with three chase boats, our race committee didn't want to take any chances on having to pursue drifting boats to Japan in case of breakdowns.

Boats left the beach with skippers and crews a bit apprehensive—especially those in the B and C fleets. But no one really realized what they were in for until it was too late. Even the most seasoned sailors found

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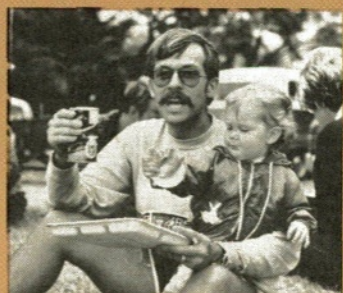


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Even the most seasoned sailors found their boats uncontrollable in the swirling winds which gusted to over 40 knots!

"Who says Poi tastes like paste?!"

SUNBURN

By CHRIS CASWELL

In case you hadn't noticed, molting season is fast approaching. For those of you who just spent the winter in the Bahamas or who maintain a dark tan all year, stop reading right here. But if you're from one of the colder suburbs, fishbelly pale and ripe to start peeling skin from your nose, then here are some ways to stave off the crinkly agonies of sunburn.

Unlike a mystery story, let's get the who-dun-it out of the way first. Obviously, the sun is the guilty culprit. Sunlight, or rather its short ultraviolet rays, are the perpetrators of sunburn.

The body's outer layer of skin acts as a shield, and prevents about 80 percent of the ultraviolet rays from penetrating. If the body is constantly exposed to extreme amounts of sunshine, the surface skin actually thickens to add even more protection.

The 20 percent of harmful rays that do reach the skin produce a type of radiation burn, with the most common symptom being a reddening or "sunburn." In an attempt to protect itself, the body produces colored granules of pigment which appear to the eye as a tan. Each person, depending upon his coloration, reacts differently to the sun's rays. Pale or fair skins burn rapidly and frequently, while darker complexions provide better protection.

Regardless of the complexion, everyone is affected by the sun. The pink blush from overexposure is actually a first degree burn, while prolonged exposure will produce second degree burns, blistering, and physical illness. Long term effects, besides a thickening of the skin, are a breakdown in the elastic tissue of the skin, usually noticeable in the lined and leathery faces of farmers or other outdoor people. The current quest

of that "in" tan also adds a tremendous increase in the chances of skin cancer.

The best prevention of skin damage is to limit the sun exposure to short periods until a resistance is built up. Doctors discourage a continued roasting in the sun on boats, where the rays bombard the skin more fiercely than on the beach. For one reason, the sea air clears out much of the haze, producing a stronger ray and, second, the total is increased by reflection from water, sails, and decking. Yachtsmen from the Southern California smog belt often find themselves badly burnt, even after they thought they were prepared, when they sail in another area with a clear atmosphere.

Two types of protection are commercially available: tanning agents and screening agents. Tanning agents are just what they sound like: a balance of protection and moisturizers to achieve a tan. Screening agents are usually opaque, and prevent the rays from passing through.

Folk remedies such as mineral oil and baby oil have little value, except to prevent the skin from drying while it burns, since ultraviolet penetrates them easily. The best and safest protection is from creams that contain Paraminobenzoic acid or one of its compounds. Examples of this type are Sea & Ski and Skreen. The traditional screening agent is zinc oxide, which has the added feature of the white color so that you know when it is wearing off.

In the critical burning hours of mid-day, tanning or screening agents should be applied every two hours at the least. Be sure to cover every area that can be reached by the sun—including the often painfully forgotten ears. Both the short-haired and the balding should take special precautions, since the scalp burns quickly.

Lips are also vulnerable and need protection. Lipstick is a good covering for women, while Blistex, Lipsyl, or Sea & Ski lipsalve can help the men. For early season protection, zinc oxide or A-Fil are the old standbys.

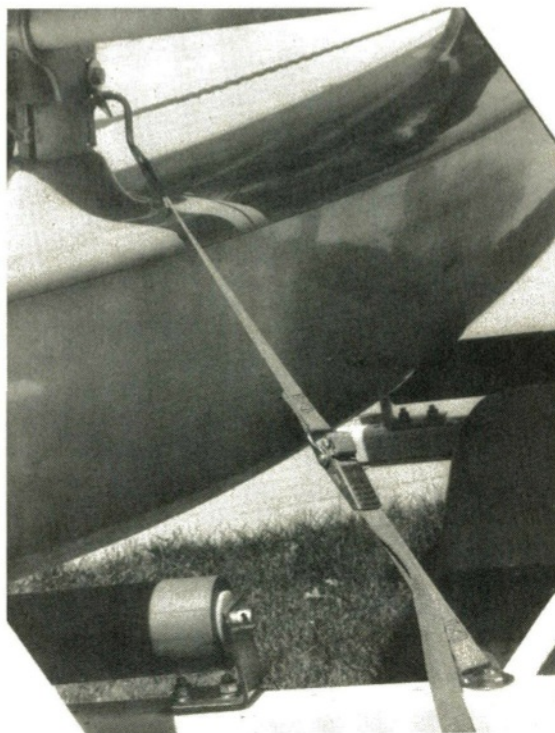
Various medications can create a photosensitivity of the skin, often causing severe burns after only a short exposure. Some deodorant soaps and cosmetics may contain additives which cause this sensitivity, with

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hexochlorophene labeled as the chief culprit. One well-known first aid cream was found to contain an ingredient that increased photosensitivity, and its formula has since been changed. Antibiotics (such as tetracycline) and tranquilizers (chlorpromazine and trifluoperazine) may also cause similar problems. If there is any doubt, consult your physician before too much sun time.

A number of variables can add or detract from the sun's power to burn, including latitude, altitude, season, weather conditions, and time of day. Time of day is the most important, with the ultraviolet rays filtered heavily in the morning and evening hours by the angle of the sun through the atmosphere. The mid-day hours are the most dangerous, and require the maximum protection. Hazy or overcast days are not necessarily safe, since glare from that "white" afternoon can also produce a burn.

Clothing is the simplest form of protection. A loose, long-sleeved, high-collared shirt, long pants, and a wide-brimmed hat can make even the most scorching day safe. A quick comparison of lower abdomen or hip areas with hands and face can show graphically the aging effect that the sun has on skin, and how protection can keep the skin supple and smooth.

Eyes also need protection, being affected by several types of sun's rays. Ultraviolet rays, reflecting from the water, can cause a burn of the conjunctiva and the cornea, and severe overexposure can cause permanent damage or possible blindness.

The second ray is the white light of the visible spectrum or, in layman's terms, glare. This causes the pupil to contract, which can be fatiguing over a long period of time. Glare can also affect night vision by 40 percent or more, and this loss of night sight can last for several days.

The primary sources of eye protection are from a good hat and good sunglasses. The best type of sunglass wraps around the temples, and protects from reflected side light. Plain gray lenses are best, with the fancy colored lenses of little use except for decoration. The amount of darkness is very important, and only 10-20 percent of the visible light on the water should reach your eyes. A rough guide when selecting glasses

is to wear them while looking in a mirror: if you can see your eyes, they are too light. Polaroid lenses have a second feature for the yachtsman besides cutting glare and reflection considerably since they also provide better visibility into the water itself.

The best relief from sunburn is adequate protection in the first place, but you'll probably get charred by accident sometime. A local anaesthetic, such as the Solarcaine creams or sprays, will ease the pain for short periods of time, and common aspirin will remove some of the longer agonies, but there really isn't much to help the problem itself. Old time remedies of oils, butter, and grease do little except keep the skin moist. Once the peeling begins, be extremely careful to prevent infection, since the skin doesn't yet have its full quota of protection. An ointment, such as Unguentine, can be soothing on localized burns when held in place by a loose bandage.

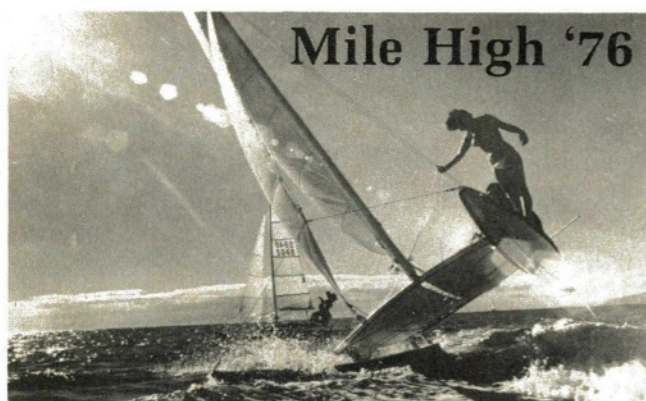
Just as they used to say in the old cowboy movies—save your own skin first. Watch the mid-day hours, protect yourself with creams, and don't age your skin prematurely with too much sun.

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Mile High '76

August 21 & 22, 1976

Hobie Fleet #62, based in Fresno, proudly presents Mile High '76, a Division III Points Regatta. The site for this regatta will be picturesque Huntington Lake, where the sailboat is king and the wind blows steady and strong all day. Situated approximately 70 miles northeast of Fresno, California, 7,000 feet high in the Sierra Nevadas, Huntington is a sailor's dream.

Last year, 237 boats were on hand for Mile High and that number is expected to increase so much that the entry list must be limited this year to 400 boats, due to limited facilities at the lake. So, pre-register early if you plan on attending this year's Mile High '76. A special invitation is being extended to the owners of 10's, 12's and 3.5's to join their bigger brothers in the thick of competition.

Après race entertainment, including a Saturday night party and bonfire, is being planned to help make your weekend as our guests a complete and memorable experience. Camping, which is a very enjoyable experience in the Huntington Lake Recreation Area, will also be arranged with a pre-registration form. So, don't forget, August 21st and 22nd at Huntington Lake, Mile High '76 Points Regatta.

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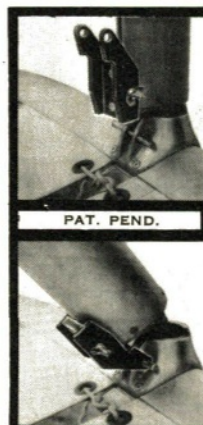


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FLEET NEWS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

JUNE 1976

FLEET No. 111

Jacksonville, Florida

Many members of Hobie Fleet #111 have already been very active in racing this year. We finished the Winter Series at the Rudder Club and are now into the Spring Series. Congratulations go to our members who won the Hobie classes of the Annual Mayors Cup Regatta, a 20-mile city-limits race held at the Rudder Club on April 10. In 14's trophies went to: Don Balthaser, 1st; Steve Frizzell, 2nd; and Terry Balara, 3rd. In 16's it was Mike Walsh, 1st; Terry Anderson, 2nd; Phil Childress, 3rd; Billy Chesnut, 4th; and Rick Clemenzi, 5th. Besides racing, we also held a fantastic shrimp and oyster roast in March, the first of several social events scheduled for this year.

After a general reorganization of fleet procedures, it was decided that each monthly meeting will feature briefings on racing rules and boat trim. As days lengthen, a variety of short, informal races will precede meetings.

The fleet is holding a Hobie Cat Class Association sailing school in early May, co-sponsored by Dick Wren of Sailboat Supply, our local Hobie dealer. We are also busy with a membership drive and would like to encourage any interested Hobie enthusiasts in our area to contact us through Terry Anderson, our new Commodore for 1976, at 3055 Kegler Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32217, for information concerning fleet activities and services.

Plans for the Second Annual Jax Beaches Regatta are well underway already. This is a Division 8 Points Regatta and will be held August 7 and 8. We are expecting another great turnout for this event!

FLEET No. 140

Tullytown, Pennsylvania

Fleet #140 met recently and we all seemed to have survived the winter (although a few are as yet unaccounted for!). We have decided upon the summer sailing schedule and would like to invite other Hobies in the area to join us. May 16 was official "put your boat in the water day" with the Annual Tower Island Race. This race consists of all the fleets on the

lake starting at one end and racing a specified course. No classes—just boats. There was a rumor going around that the other boats wanted the Hobies to sail backwards this year!

The following weekend was the PMSA Spring Regatta. There was a separate start for Hobie 16's with silver trays for the winners.

Our fleet's spring series will begin June 6 and go for six consecutive weeks with six throw-outs. Anyone interested, contact Commodore Al Schweizer, (215) 547-3998.

Looking forward to another sailing season. Bring out the grills and hibachi's!!

FLEET No. 141

Columbia, South Carolina

Lake Murray, South Carolina was the scene of Hobie Fleet #141's Second Annual Ice Breaker points regatta. The Fleet—known as the "Capital City Trampoline Queens"—was fortunate enough to have the Columbia Sailing Club host the regatta, and they would like to thank Mr. John Wrisley for the splendid job he did as Race Committee Chairman. Also, they would like to thank the sponsor of the event, Valk Sailboat Center, and their Commodore, Bob Dial.

Incredible winds of 20 to 25 mph on Saturday gave way to many "war stories" late that evening after the beer was opened and the steaks charcoaled. On Sunday, however just the opposite was true and skippers had to fight light winds filled with air pockets throughout the day's three races.

The regatta was brought to a close Sunday by the presentation of the handmade trophies by Olin Pate and his daughter, Valerie May, to the winners.

(For regatta results see page 38.)

FLEET No. 153

Gainesville, Florida

We are now full swing into our 1976 sailing season and our club appears to be growing faster than last year. We already have two tremendous regattas behind us in the Spring Wind Open and the Cedar Key Cat Challenge. Over the summer we will sail series races, fun events, surfing at Crescent, take trips to points regattas and many other events. The Gainesville

Sailing Club is attempting to get the Southeast District Fireball Championship and run an open regatta with it. The Hobies are invited and encouraged to race. This should be a big regatta. We are also starting to make plans for a camping trip to Lake George and the Ocala Forest.

If you haven't joined Fleet #153 yet, come on out and join us. We have a lot of new faces and boats this year and all of you are welcome. You won't find a nicer bunch of people to enjoy yourself with. Our fleet mailing list is now over 70 Hobie owners and there are probably another 20 to 30 boats in the area we don't even know of. As you can see, Hobie sailing is a major sport here and this fleet has a tremendous potential. For information contact Ginny Duffield, 1951 N.W. 40th Pl., Gainesville, Florida 32605.

FLEET No. 192

Omaha, Nebraska

The Hobie Class Association would like to welcome our new fleet—#192—of Omaha, Nebraska. Their elected officers for this quarter are: Jack Smith, Commodore; Don Sorensen, Vice-Commodore; and Jim Taphorn, Secretary/Treasurer. Fleet #192 is starting out their racing season with a regatta on June 13, at Branched Oak Lake in Lincoln. Anyone interested in fleet membership and/or activities should contact Jack Smith, 3311 South 105th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, or phone (402) 391-2783.

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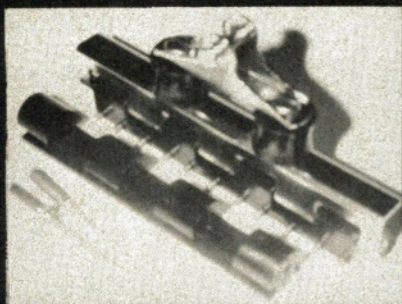
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• July 4	Hawaiian Tropic/Fleet #6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• July 18	Fall Series #1/Fleet #6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• July 24 & 25	KSC Benefit/Kaneohe Bay, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• August 1	Fall Series #2/Fleet #6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 7 & 8	Hobie 14 States/Kaneohe, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 15	Fun Races/Fleet #6/Kaulua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 22	Fun Races/Fleet #6/Kaulua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 28 & 29	Hobie 16 States/Fleet #6/Kaneohe, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 5	Portlock Reg./Fleet #6/Portlock, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 12	ABC Race/Fleet #6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 19	ABC Race/Fleet #6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 26	Team Race #2/Fleet #6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
October 3	Keehi Lagoon/Fleet #6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
October 17	Winter Ser #1/Fleet #6/Ala Moana, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
October 24	Team Racing #3/Fleet #6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416

DIVISION II

June 19	Summer Series #2/Fleet #1 Dana Point Harbor, California	Einar Hughes (714) 496-3285
June 20	First Mate's Regatta/Fleet #66 Lake Pleasant, Arizona	Rob/Terri Smith (602) 938-0009
June 24	Summer Series II Race #3/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
June 24	Summer Series I Race #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
• June 26 & 27	San Diego Classic/Fleet #4 San Diego, Calif.	Miles Wood (714) 488-3670
June 27	Teamraces/Fleet #66 / Lake Roosevelt, Ariz.	Lee Aguiar (602) 838-0371
July 1	Summer Series II Race #4/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 8	Summer Series II Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
July 8	Summer Series II Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
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August 26	Summer Series IV Race #2/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
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October 10	Great Pumpkin Race/Fleet #57 Lake Castaic, California	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
October 17	Fall Series #4/Fleet #66 Lake Roosevelt, Arizona	Rene/Ruth Catalano (602) 931-3916
October 23 & 24	London Bridge Sailing Society 5th Hobie Invitational Lake Havasu, Arizona	Bob Mann (602) 855-4406
November 5	Annual Awards Dinner/Fleet #66 Phoenix, Arizona	Dan Basinski (602) 992-3356

DIVISION III

June 19 & 20	Washoe Lake Invitational Regatta/Sierra Yacht Club Washoe Lake, Reno, Nevada	Mark Harris (702) 358-9100
• June 19 & 20	49er Regatta/Stanaslaus Sailing Society Don Pedro Lake, California	Don Gross (408) 427-2270
June 19 & 20	Summer Series #5 & #6/Fleet #17 Woodward, California	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
June 19 & 20	Commodore's Reg./Fleet #62/Fresno, Ca.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804
• June 26 & 27	Around Treasure Island (Points)/Fleet #87 Alameda Beach, California	Bob Nelson (707) 226-8151
July 10	Millerton Fleet Race/Fleet #62/Fresno, Ca.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804
• July 10 & 11	San Luis Wind Bash/Fleet #20 San Luis Reservoir, Calif.	Doug Cox (408) 289-9878
July 17	Fall Series #1-B.B.Q. & Night/Fleet #17 Lake Folsom, Calif.	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
July 24 & 25	Division #3-16 Championships/Fleets #17, 20, 21, & 87 Alameda Beach, Calif.	Ron Gross (408) 427-2270
July 31 & Aug. 1	Division #3-14 Championships/Fleets #17, 20, 21, & 87 Santa Cruz, Calif.	Ron Gross (408) 427-2270
August 21 & 22	Fall Series #2 & #3/Fleet #17 Lake Washoe, Nevada	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
• August 21 & 22	Mile High Regatta/Fleet #62 Huntington Lake, Calif.	David Mooneyham (209) 222-2733
September 5	Millerton Fleet Race/Fleet #62 Fresno, Calif.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804
September 12	Fall Series #4/Fleet #17/Woodward, CA	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
Sept. 25 & 26	O'Neills Indian Summer Regatta/Fleet #20 & O'Neills Yacht Club Santa Cruz, California	Ed Mabie (408) 476-5705
October 5	Fall Series #5/Fleet #17 Oyster Point, S.F. Bay, Calif.	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
October 10	Millerton Fleet Race/Fleet #62/Fresno, Ca.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804
November 6 & 7	2nd Annual Turkey Regatta/Fleet #20 Monterey, California	Ron Gross (408) 427-2270
November 14	Millerton Fleet Race/Fleet #62 Fresno, California	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804

DIVISION IV

• June 19 & 20	Pt. Townsend Regatta/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Pt. Townsend, Washington	Don Dally (206) 362-8614
June 26 & 27	Can-Am Invitational/Pt. Angeles Y.C./Fleet #14 Juan De Fuca Straits, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
• July 3 & 4	Sudden Valley Regatta/Hawleys Marina/Fleet #57 Lake Whatcom, Bellingham, Washington	Gary Baker (206) 734-9471
July 10	Gaslight Regatta/Sailboats Ahoy Ice Harbor Dam, Washington	Albin Brandstetter (509) 946-7274
• July 17 & 18	Northwestern Championships/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14, #95 Golden Gardens, Seattle, Washington	John Rueter (206) 822-0068
• July 24 & 25	Columbia River Regatta/Windjammers West/Fleet #72 Portland, Oregon	Jim Severs (503) 282-1444
• August 7 & 8	Yale Lake Regatta/Windjammers West/Fleet #72 Woodland, Washington	Jim Severs (503) 282-1444
August 14 & 15	Blake Island Cruise/Camp/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Puget Sound, Seattle, Washington	Dan Carpenter (206) 827-1129

August 21 & 22	Division #4 Championships/Wash. Coast Cat/Fleet #77 Ocean Shore, Washington	J. T. Quigg (206) 533-1531
September 12	Preparation H Series/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Sand Pt. Lake, Washington	John Rueter (206) 822-0068
September 18	Year End Race/Dinner/Fleets #14, 37, 72, 77, & 95 Seattle, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
September 26	Preparation H Series/Hobie Cats/N.W./Fleet #14 Shilshole Bay, Seattle, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
October 10	Preparation H Series/Hobie Cats/N.W./Fleet #14 Seward Park, Seattle, Washington	John Rueter (206) 822-0068
October 16 & 17	Fall Series/Sailboats Ahoy Ice Harbor Dam, Washington	Albin Brandstetter (509) 946-7274
November 6	Pot Holes Special/Sailboats Ahoy Pot Holes Reservoir, Washington	Albin Brandstetter (509) 946-7274

DIVISION V

June 19 & 20	Summer Series/Fleet #67 / Bear Lake, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
July 3-5	Vallecito Lake Regatta/Boats Unlimited/Fleet #48 Lake Vallecito, N.M.	Paul Mix (505) 299-7547
July 3-5	Eric Hoff Memorial/Fleet #67 Bear Lake, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 268-6056
July 24 & 25	Summer Series/Fleet #67 / Bear Lake, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
July 24 & 25	Fleet #48 Regatta / Heron Lake, N.M.	Paul Mix (505) 299-7547
July 24 & 25	Rocky Mountain Regatta/Rocky Mountain Marine Dillon Reservoir, Colorado	Rocky Mountain Marine (303) 355-9477
August 7 & 8	Fall Series/Fleet #67 / Deer Creek, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
August 14 & 15	Division #5 Championships/Fleet #67 Bear Lake, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 268-6056
August 14 & 15	Fleet #48 Regatta/Heron Lake, N.M.	Paul Mix (505) 299-7547
August 21 & 22	Fall Series/Fleet #67/Deer Creek, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
September 4-6	Fleet #48 Regatta/Heron Lake, N.M.	Paul Mix (505) 299-7547
Sept. 25 & 26	Fleet #48 Regatta/Elephant Butte, N.M.	Paul Mix (505) 299-7547
October 9 & 10	Fleet #48 Regatta/Elephant Butte, N.M.	Paul Mix (505) 299-7547
October 23 & 24	Fleet #48 Regatta/Elephant Butte, N.M.	Paul Mix (505) 299-7547

DIVISION VI

June 19 & 20	Starlight Regatta/Fleet #99 Lake Corpus Christi, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
June 19 & 20	Fleet #23 Annual Regatta/Fleet #23 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	Summer Frolic II Hobie Points Regatta/Fleet #41 New Orleans, Louisiana	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
June 26 & 27	Second Invitational Eiffel Tower Regatta/Fleet #131 Lake Hefner, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
June 26 & 27	Governor's Cup Multihull Regatta/Fleet #64 Lake Travis, Texas	Chuck Sicking (512) 836-7432
July 3-5	OCBC Fourth of July Regatta/Fleet #131 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
July 4	200 Years Hobie Regatta/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
July 10 & 11	Second Annual Dam Fun Regatta/Fleet #162 Waco, Texas	Jack Walton (817) 772-4450
July 17 & 18	Division VI Championships/Fleet #64 Austin Y.C., Lake Travis, Texas	Mike Schofield (512) 447-3597
July 17 & 18	Bicentennial Beachcomber/Fleet #99 Red Carpet Inn, Padre Island, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
July 17 & 18	Bermuda Via 25th Street Race/Fleet #177 Galveston, Texas	Don Nanninga (No Phone)
July 18	Tip of Texas, Hull Flying Contest/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
July 18	Practice Sail/Fleet #41 New Orleans, Louisiana	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
August 1	August One Race/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
August 8 & 15	In Conjunction with C.O.S.A. Series 5/Fleet #131 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
August 14 & 15	Beer Barrel Regatta/Fleet #99 Sunfish Island, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
August 14 & 15	Summer's End Regatta/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
August 22	4th Series Sail/Fleet #41 New Orleans, Louisiana	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
September 4 & 5	Louisiana Multihull Challenge Regatta/Fleet #41 New Orleans, Louisiana	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983

September 4-6	In Conjunction with OCBC Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #131 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
September 12	Back To The Rat Race/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
Sept. 18 & 19	Summer's End Regatta/Fleet #99 Lake Corpus Christi, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
September 19	5th Series Sail/Fleet #41 New Orleans, Louisiana	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
Sept. 25 & 26	Cypremort Point Open Regatta/Fleet #93 Cypremort Point Beach, Louisiana	George Church (318) 233-2151
October 9 & 10	Third Annual Queen Isabella Days Regatta/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
October 10	6th Series Sail/Fleet #41 New Orleans, Louisiana	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
October 17	Harvest Moon Regatta/Fleet #99 Cody's Port Arkansas, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
October 17	Point Venture Regatta/Fleet #64 Austin, Texas	Chuck Sicking (512) 836-7432
October 24	Fleet #93 Fall Series Races/Fleet #93 Cypremort Point Beach, Louisiana	George Church (318) 233-2151
November 7	Full Moon, Night Race/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
November 14	Turkey Day Regatta/Fleet #4 New Orleans, Louisiana	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
November 21	No Name Regatta/Fleet #99 Corpus Christi Beach, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
November 28	Turkey Day Race/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
December 4 & 5	2nd Annual Mexico Open/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
December 21	Mustang Island Race/Fleet #102 Corpus Christi, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
December 26	Blue Northern Regatta/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810

DIVISION VII

June 19 & 20	Ron Kenyon's Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
June 19 & 20	Minnesota Icebreaker/Fleet #49 Paynesville, Minnesota	Chuck Watson (612) 252-6342
June 20	Weekend Race/Fleet #64 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
June 26 & 27	Fleet #103 Points Races/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
June 26 & 27	Midwest Hobie Open/Fleet #10 Clear Lake, Iowa	Jerry Sedars (515) 357-6398
June 27	Weekend Race/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
July 3 & 4	Don Kenyon's Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
July 4	Open Regatta/Otter Tail Yacht Club Fergus Falls, Minnesota	Bud Mellon (218) 739-2481
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	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
July 10 & 11	Fleet #103 Points Race Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
July 11	Weekend Race/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
July 17 & 18	C.S.A. Regatta/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
July 17 & 18	Fleet #103 Points Regatta/Fleet #103/Division VII Pts. Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
July 17 & 18	Fleet #84 Summer Regatta/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
July 24 & 25	Governor's 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	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
August 7 & 8	Dean Oberle's Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Wall Lake, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
August 7 & 8	Iowa Cup Regatta/Fleet #10 Clear Lake, Iowa	Jerry Sedars (515) 357-6398
August 14 & 15	Fleet #103 Points Races/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
August 21 & 22	Marvin Hasvold's Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
August 21 & 22	3rd Annual Ames Big Creek Regatta/Fleet #84 Ames Big Creek, Iowa	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
August 28 & 29	Division 7 Championships/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
September 4 & 5	Midwesterns Championships/Fleet #52/Sitzmark Sails Gull Lake, Minnesota	Sitzmark Sails (612) 484-8555
September 4 & 5	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986

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• Point Regattas

DIVISION VII

September 5	Open Regatta/Otter Tail Yacht Club Fergus Falls, Minnesota	Bud Mellon (218) 739-2481
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DIVISION VIII

June 18-20	Bach Super Weekend/Fleet #132 Fort Desoto Park, St. Petersburg, Florida	George Ellis (813) 867-1911
June 19	Century City/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• June 19 & 20	Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta/Fleet #43 Shell Point, Florida	Robert Cocanougher (904) 576-9816
June 20	Fleet #111 Summer Ocean Series-I/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
June 27	Triangle Points Race/Fleet #36 Rickenbacker Causeway, Florida	Jerry Stegenga II (305) 446-5771
June 27	Fleet #111 Family Outing/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
July 3	Fleet Race/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
July 3	Barton Brands/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• July 3-5	4th of July Multihull Regatta/City of Dunedin Dunedin, Florida	Janet Wallis (813) 733-4151
July 11	Fleet #111 Summer Ocean Series-II/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
July 17	Zip Instant Print/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• July 24 & 25	Hobie Sea '76 Regatta Key Biscayne, Florida	Ralph Linero (305) 856-4559
July 25	Fleet #111 Summer Ocean Series-III/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
July 31	Clemenzi Construction/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
August 1	5th Race-1st Series/Gulfstream Sailing Club/Fleet #44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Mike Mikkelsen (305) 565-9709
• August 7 & 8	1976 Jax Beaches Annual Hobie Regatta/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
August 8	1st Race-2nd Series/Gulfstream Sailing Club/Fleet #44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Mike Mikkelsen (305) 565-9709
August 14	Verwey Boats/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
September 4 & 5	Labor Day Regatta/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
September 4 & 5	Open Regatta/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
September 4 & 5	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #132 Sarasota, Florida	Cloyd Ridenour (813) 355-2093
September 12	2nd Race-2nd Series/Gulfstream Sailing Club/Fleet #44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Mike Mikkelsen (305) 565-9709
September 18	Prudential Ins. Co./Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
October 2	B & H Sales/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
October 10	Fleet Race/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
October 16	Professional Optical/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
October 24	3rd Race-2nd Series/Gulfstream Sailing Club/Fleet #44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Mike Mikkelsen (305) 565-9709
October 30	Ray Mixon Chrys-Ply/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
November 6 & 7	Florida Multihulls 10th Annual/Florida Multihulls, Inc. Key West, Florida	Joan Gregory (305) 294-2696
November 13	Springfield Atlantic Bank/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
November 14	4th Race-2nd Series/Gulfstream Sailing Club/Fleet #44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Mike Mikkelsen (305) 565-9709
Nov. 20 & 21	5th Annual Southwest Florida Hobie Championships/Fleet #173 Caloosahatchee River, Florida	Ben C. Smoot (813) 334-2538
December 4 & 5	Gator Bowl Regatta/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
December 19	5th Race-2nd Series/Gulfstream Sailing Club/Fleet #44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Mike Mikkelsen (305) 565-9709

DIVISION IX

June 19 & 20	Cap & Gown Regatta/Fleet #12/University Yacht Club Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
June 19 & 20	Division #9 Championships/Fleet #92 Charlotte, N.C.	James D. Hudson (704) 596-7902
June 26 & 27	Lake Lanier Open/Lake Lanier Sailing Club/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414

June 26 & 27	Henderson Point Regatta/Fleet #97 Kerr Lake, N.C.	Jay Swan (919) 929-7654
June 27	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
July 3 & 4	Bicentennial Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
• July 3-5	'76 Hobie Bicentennial/Fleet #76 Fairhope, Alabama	Larry Palmer (205) 342-1669
July 11	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
• July 17 & 18	6th Annual Lake Lanier Drifter, Fleet #12 Open Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
July 18	3 Leagues Over the Sea Long Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
July 24	Novice Racing Clinic/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
July 25	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
Mid-August	Annual Cancer Cup Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
August 1	Skipper/Crew Switch or Mutiny on the Hobie/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
August 7	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
August 22	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
August 22	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
September 4	Shearwater Regatta/Fleet #170 Ocean Springs, Miss.	Al Johnston (601) 875-9585
September 4-6	Lake Hartwell Regatta & Annual Campout/Fleet #12 Lake Hartwell, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
September 5 & 6	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
September 12	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
September 18	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
September 26	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
September 26	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
October 9	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
October 9	Fall Fling/Fleet #170 Gunpowder Park, Maryland	Jim Huggins (301) 243-3217
October 16 & 17	2nd Annual Barefoot Open/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
October 17	Summer Series Finisher/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
October 31	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
November 14	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
November 27	Wish Bone Regatta/Fleet #70 Oceansprings, Mississippi	Al Johnston (601) 875-9585

DIVISION X

June 19	Windjammer Regatta/Fleet #158 Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
• June 19 & 20	Diamond Lake Regatta/Fleet #89 Diamond Lake, Michigan	William Lytle (312) 852-4147
June 19 & 20	Boyer City Regatta/Fleet #40 Lake Charlevoix, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
June 20	Summer Series #2/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
• June 26 & 27	Indiana State Championship/Fleet #26 Eagle Creek Lake, Indianapolis, Indiana	Harold Haney (317) 293-8731
July 10	Summer Series #3/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
• July 17 & 18	Michigan State Championships/Fleet #40 Lakeport State Park, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
July 24	Drifters Regatta/Fleet #158 Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
July 24 & 25	Phelps Summer Fest Regatta Phelps, Wisconsin	Randy Riley (715) 479-4406
July 31-August 1	1976 Regatta/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
August 1	Lake Erie Race/Fleet #40/CRAM Amherstburg, Conn.	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
August 7	Illinois Invitational/Fleet #158 TBA, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
• August 7 & 8	Annual Lightning & Catamaran Regatta/Higgins Lake Boat Club Roscommon, Michigan	Fred Krauss (313) 663-1011
August 15	Summer Series #4/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
• August 21-23	North American Multihull Championships/Fleet #40/CRAM Muskegon, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531

August 28	Summer Series #5/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
August 28 & 29	Division X Championships/Gardner's Marine Benton Harbor, Michigan	George Clark (616) 925-3247
Sept. 11 & 12	1976 Regatta/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
Sept. 18 & 19	Whale of A Sail/Carlyle Sailing Association Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Illinois	Bill Biermann (314) 821-5758
September 25	Last Chance Regatta/Fleet #158 Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
October 3	Boat Show Race/Fleet #40 Detroit, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531

DIVISION XI

June 19	Fathers Fun For All/Fleet #170 Edgewood, Maryland	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346
June 19 & 20	Wildwood Surfboarder/Fleet #54 Wildwood, N.J.	Rob Sterling (609) 522-7133
June 26 & 27	Wye River Regatta/Fleet #54 St. Michaels, Maryland	Ted Leach (301) 384-5233
July 3	Bicentennial Hobie Sail Away/Fleet #73/Yacht Club of Pleasantville Yacht Club of Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
July 3-5	Hobie Bicentennial Regatta Potomac River, Washington, D.C.	Warren Hathaway (703) 751-3797
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	Division #11 Championships/Fleet #190 Atlantic City, N.J.	Harry Sweeney (609) 344-5278
July 31	Summer Series Part I/Fleet #54 Pasadena, Maryland	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
July 31-August 1	Yacht Club of Pleasantville/Fleet #73 Lake Bay, Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
August 7 & 8	Hampton Regatta/Fleet #32 Hampton, Virginia	Pete Price (804) 851-1950
August 14	Summer Series Part II/Fleet #54 Flying Point Park, Harford County, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
August 21 & 22	Wye River Regatta/Fleet #54 Easton, Md.	Ted Leach (301) 384-5233
August 21 & 22	Camping Weekend/Fleet #170 Gunpowder State Park, MD	Jim Huggins (301) 243-3217
August 22	Wye River Regatta/Fleet #54 Near Easton, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
August 28	Summer Series Part III/Fleet #54 Pasadena, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
August 28	Yacht Club of Pleasantville/Fleet #73/Yacht Club of Pleasantville Yacht Club of Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
Sept. 11 & 12	Fall Series-Sandy Point State Park/Fleet #54 Annapolis, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
September 12	Mainland Hobie Regatta/Fleet #73/Yacht Club of Pleasantville Yacht Club of Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
Sept. 18 & 19	Betterton Bash Open/Fleet #170 Betterton, Md.	Tim Mommers (301) 877-7012
October 2 & 3	Frostbite Regatta/Fleet #54 Gunpowder State Park, Maryland	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340

DIVISION XII

June 19 & 20	Mulligans Challenge Cup/Fleet #119/Hobies Foote Mulligans Sunset Bay, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
June 19 & 20	Nantucket Sleighride II/Fleet #28/Goodhue Ent. Falmouth Heights, Mass.	Ed Andrews (603) 883-6541
June 19 & 20	Major Hobie Regatta/Toronto Catamaran Club/Fleet #183 Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Art Apps (416) 769-4272
June 26	The Gailwind Regatta/Fleet #184 Burlington, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
June 26 & 27	Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet #154 Narragansett Beach, R.I.	Donald Starziano (401) 789-4309
June 26 & 27	Lake George Multihull Championships/Big Sport Center/Mel Smith Lake George, N.Y.	Mel Smith (518) 793-9696
June 26 & 27	Division #12 Championships/Fleet #28 & #139 Bolton Landing C. of C. Lake George, N.Y.	John Nimphius (603) 673-6052
June 27	Competition D'ete #2/Fleet #187 Lake Champlain, Montreal, Canada	Ron Lemish (514) 744-0770
July 3 & 4	Sunset Bay Bicentennial/Sunset Bay Association/Hobies Foote Evangola State Park, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
July 3 & 5	Bayblon Yacht Club Regatta/Fleet #124 Bellport, N.Y.	Lawrence Deering (516) 286-1754
July 10	Hull Flying Contest/Fleet #184 Burlington, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
July 10 & 11	Bellport Open Annual Regatta/Fleet #124 Bellport, N.Y.	Lawrence Deering (516) 286-1754
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July 17 & 18	Westport Regatta/Fleet #28 Westport Harbor, Mass.	John Mills (617) 862-1886
July 18	Competition D'ete #3/Fleet #187 Lake Champlain, Montreal, Canada	Ron Lemish (514) 744-0770
July 21-25	Marblehead Race Week/Hobie 16 Marblehead Racing Association Marblehead, Mass.	Phil Lynn (617) 599-2686
July 24 & 25	New York State Championships/Mar Marine Lake Ontario, 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 25	Group Sail to Block Island/Fleet #154 Narragansett Beach, R.I.	Donald Starziano (401) 789-4309
July 31-Aug. 1	C.Y.C. Hull Flying/Fleet #150 Orillia, Ontario, Canada	Gerry Pringle (705) 325-1713
July 31-Aug. 1	Down East Regatta/Fleet #28 Kennebunkport, Massachusetts	John Cleary (207) 967-2765
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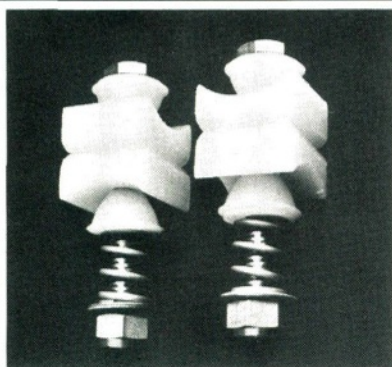
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• August 21 & 22	Canadian Championships/Fleet #150 Ontario, Canada	Gerry Pringle (705) 325-1713
August 28	The Watergate Regatta/Fleet #184 Burlington, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
August 28 & 29	Can-Am Beaver Open Championships/Fleet #108 & #119/Hobies Foote Sherkston, Ontario, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
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September 4 & 5	Lake Champlain Hobie Can Am/Davis & Lemish, Inc./Fleet #187 Lake Champlain, Montreal, Canada	Ron Lemish (514) 744-0770
September 5	Sunday Pick-Up Race/Fleet #154 Narragansett Beach, R.I.	Donald Starziano (401) 789-4309
Sept. 11 & 12	Toronto Catamaran Open Regatta/Fleet #183 Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Art Apps (416) 769-4272
Sept. 11 & 12	Mulligans Fall Regatta/Fleet #119/Hobies Foote Mulligans Sunset Bay, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
September 12	The 2nd Annual Alpert Point Regatta/Fleet #184 Shelburne, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
October 9-11	"Pumpkin (Open) Regatta"/Fanshaw Yacht Club/Fleet #185 London, Ontario, Canada	Derek Innes (519) 451-0941

DIVISION XIII

June 20	Local Racing/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
June 27	San Juan Cup (14's)/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
June 27	Coupe Marine Corail/Fleet #107 Matavai, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight
July 3 & 4	Racing With Yacht Club And Beach Barbeque/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
July 10 & 11	Ponce Yacht Club/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
July 12-16	Regates Du Tiurai/Fleet #107 Papeete, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight
July 18	Local Racing/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
July 24-27	Puerto Rico Championships/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
July 25	Local Racing/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
August 20-28	Championnats De Polynesie/2e Challenge Du P.S./Fleet #107 Raiatea, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight
August 21 & 22	Caribe Championships - Palmas Del Mar/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
Sept. 11 & 12	Fall Opening at A.Y.I.V./Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
September 19	Coupe Air New Zealand/Fleet #107 Matavai, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight
October 3	Coupe CEA/Fleet #107 Matavai, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight
October 17	Coupe CNOC/Fleet #107 Matavai, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight
October 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
November 21	Coupe Hinano/Fleet #107 Matavai, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight
December 4 & 5	Year End Race/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
December 12	Coupe De Noel/Tahiti Cat/Fleet #107 Arue/Papeete, Tahiti	Tahiti Cat/Gordon Knight

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July 4 & 5	Bicentennial Regatta/Fleet #79/Pago Pago YC Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa	Donald Graf
July 17 & 18	Regatta/Societe Nautique De La Ciotat/Coast Catamaran-France La Ciotat	Mr. Dechesne
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August 7 & 8	The Doldrum Slow Boat Regatta/Fleet #189 Saipan, Marines Islands	Tom Sheehan 6361
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their boats uncontrollable in the swirling winds which gusted to over 40 knots. Almost every boat capsized at least once trying to make it to the start—skippers even found it difficult to nurse their boats back to the shore without being knocked down.

Fortunately, the race was cancelled before anything disastrous occurred. Boats were unrigged in relief and sailors sat down to compare notes on the unbelievable conditions. The highlight of the day was a fantastic luau complete with kalua pig, chicken long rice, Haupia, and poi prepared by fleet members Dan and Charlotte Tamarra and their Nanakuli friends. With full stomachs, tired sailors settled down for the evening with hopes that wind conditions would die by morning. It didn't look too likely, though, as tents flapped in the wind, making sleep difficult.

Skippers awoke early Sunday morning—and lo and behold—it seemed as if the wind had miraculously disappeared. Not for long though—the puffs began to build as boats made their way out to the first of the three triangular courses to be sailed that day. The first race was restarted after a drifting mark was reset. By that time, the wind was really howling and boats seemed to shudder and almost stand still as the 30- to 35-knot gusts hit. As during the previous day, there were several capsizes.

The winds died again after lunch and the second race was a complete turnabout of the first, with the extremely light winds characteristic of this area. Boats at the right place at the right time picked up what little wind there was, while others "sat in holes" and barely moved. The third race was plagued with the same heavy gusts as the first.

The weekend was concluded by the presentation of well-deserved trophies to a very tired and battered fleet. Mahogany-backed brass etchings of Hobies were awarded to the overall winners of all classes. Herb Andresen and Albin Lemquist proved that consistency pays off and with three second places they took top honors in the 16-A fleet. Red Haywood claimed the number one spot in the 14-A's with two firsts and a second. Special trophies and outer island trips, compliments of Hawaiian Air, were presented to winners of Sunday morning's long distance race: 16's, Dean Froome and John Driscoll, and 14's Red Haywood.

We would like to extend special thanks to our race sponsors, Hawaiian Air, Suntory International, Hele On, and especially the Tamaras and the Nanakuli Community for making the 2nd Annual Nanakuli Hobie Cat Regatta a weekend to remember.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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fact that I sailed a boat that had blown off a trailer onto the highway at 40 m.p.h.!

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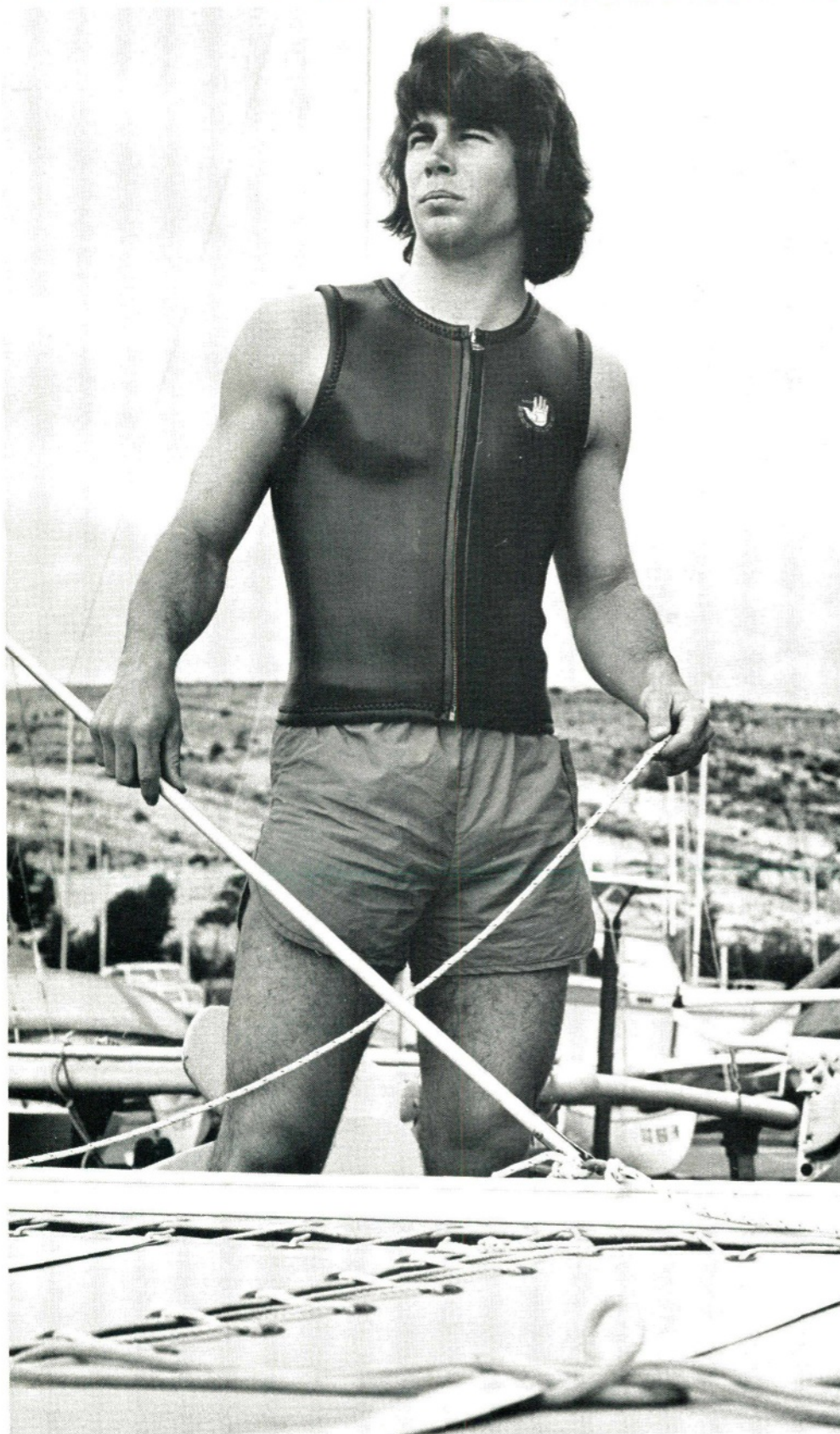
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