

**HOBIE**  
**Hot Line**  
\$1.00 JULY/AUGUST 1977





For people who do more than boat:  
the new Gentex vests do more than float.



MARINE  
DIVISION  
**Gentex**  
CORPORATION  
CARBONDALE, PA. 18407

**Now, safety looks better than ever.**

Under \$35. See your local marine supplies dealer.  
Or call Clyde Kreider, Marine Division. 717-282-3550.





## Hot Line Publications

P.O. BOX C-19509, IRVINE, CALIFORNIA 92713

Volume 6, Number 4

Single copies \$1.00

### IN THIS ISSUE



PAGE 41



PAGE 7

- 4 Letters to the Editor
- 4 1977 Nationals Qualifying System
- 5 What's A Reverse Course???
- 5 Hobietorial
- 6 Gang Way, Europe!  
Hobie Cat is Coming!
- 11 Fleet News
- 12 The 1977 Club Cocktails
- 13 Skippers' Information - Hobie Cat
- 14 Nationals Championships
- 15 Fleet News
- 16 Hobie Cat 14 World Championships —  
Lanzarote
- 17 Hobie 18
- 24 First Annual Lake Havasu Hobie Cat  
Family Fun & Recreational Retreat
- 31 Fleet News
- 33 Foreign Report
- 34 Regatta Schedule
- 40 Midwinters East '77
- 44 Regatta Results
- 46 Photo Contest Winner

#### THE HOBIE HOT LINE

**Editor** Beth Parker

**Typesetting** Dottie Toumanian

**Printer** Interweb

COVER PHOTO BY:  
CHARLES W. KENNEDY

The Hobie Hot Line distribution is world-wide. The magazine is published six times per year—January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, November/December. Subscriptions may be obtained by sending \$5.00 to Hobie Hot Line, P.O. Box C-19509, Irvine, California 92713. Don't forget to include your zip code! Foreign rate is \$12.00. **CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Hobie Hot Line welcomes stories and photos from our readers. For best reproduction, please send good, clear 8x10 black and white, or color slide. The Hobie Hot Line is not responsible for unsolicited contributions and retains all other rights for resale, republication, etc. Send all material to Editor, Hobie Hot Line, P.O. Box C-19509, Irvine, California 92713. **MOVING?:** Six weeks are required to change your address as computers always seem to have "digestion problems"! To insure prompt attention, send the old label from your last Hot Line issue along with your new address. **ADVERTISING:** Advertising rates are available upon request. Dealer advertising is welcome. Contact Beth Parker at P.O. Box C-19509, Irvine, California 92713 or phone (714) 979-2880. **NOTE:** Damage to Hobie sailboats caused by modifications made to the boats is not covered by Coast Catamaran's warranty. Please use discretion in deciding to modify or accessorize your boat with items advertised in the HOT LINE, or any other items. Advertisement of items in the HOT LINE does not imply endorsement by Coast Catamaran or the Hobie Class Association.





## KEEP COSTS DOWN

Dear Editor:

In Southern California it is possible to race almost every week-end somewhere in the area. Needless to say, this can be very costly if one attends every race he can. The cost of gas, food, and beer is very high.

Some of the races and regattas are very expensive. Fleets should try to keep the costs down—we all are watching the dollars. Many of the racers don't want the "free beer" which we all pay dearly for. Many don't want the free T-shirts and/or the free dinners.

The Arizona fleets put on great regattas and the costs are kept very low—congratulations! Maybe other fleets should bring costs down by making these costly "free" things optional—those who want them can pay for them.

Sincerely,

John Hauser  
Huntington Beach, CA

## LEGAL MODIFICATION?

Dear HCA:

I have seen a modification to the mast socket of a Hobie 16 that I would like a ruling on from the Hobie Class Association. The reason being that I and several other members of Fleet 153 would like to make this modification but we are unsure as to whether it is class legal.

The modification is a tapered shim under the socket with the front edge of the shim being 1/4 inch thick. The effect of this is to raise the front part of the socket allowing easier rotation and preventing over-rotation on boats with extreme aft mast rake. We would appreciate a decision from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Ken Duffield  
Gainesville, Florida

**Dear Ken:**  
**The Hobie Class Association has reviewed this modification and designated it as class legal.**

Ed



## KEITH BAXTER "TALKS HOBIE"

Dear Editor,

Everybody knows Hobie Alter came up with a winner when he designed the Hobie Cat. I know; I caught the fever a year ago and everytime someone asks what's going on—I start talking "Hobie".

Keith Baxter is another winner for Hobie and everyone should know it. I met Keith for the first time along with my 13 and 14 year old sons at the Walden promo on

Lake Conroe near Houston, Texas. Keith was there for Coast Cat to talk "Hobie" to Fleet 8 of which we are members. Keith's intelligence, personality, sense of humor, and public relations ability take a back seat to no one. He let my 14 year old be his crew for the first race and made a place in our hearts forever. Ned and Kyle would like to adopt him as a big brother and you can rest assured he will always be welcome in my home.

I hope you find reason to send Keith to do seminars for other fleets as he is truly a world champion person and all Hobie Catters should have the pleasure of knowing this fine young man.

Sincerely,

Carl Nichols  
Texas City, Texas

## CONVERTED MONOHULLER

Dear Editor:

Please send a Hot Line subscription to my brother Jack. He is a confirmed monohuller and past national champion in the "National One Design" class. Last weekend he was my crew in the Mideastern Championship at Crab Orchard Lake, Carbondale, Illinois. What an exciting weekend in my new Hobie 16, winds from 10 to 25 mph, and my first regatta! We will both remember that weekend as one of our greatest sailing experiences. Jack said, "this Hobie is some kind of machine, it's not a boat!"

I will always remember the fourth race on that screaming reach when I hiked out off the corner of the tramp a little too far and did a back flip into the lake. Thank God my crew was a good sailor and could manage to come back and pick me up! The fifth race was the corker; we capsized at the same spot, managed to right the boat and capsized again, this time

we turtled! By then we were adjusted to the water temperature, more relaxed and cool-headed. We got the boat back up and sailed for a second place finish in B fleet for that race.

The folks from Strohs Beer Company were very friendly sponsors with plenty of beer and bratworst for the weekend. Coast Cat did a bang-up job of running the races, thanks.

Sincerely,

Tom Tomko  
Jackson, Missouri

## LAZY SAILIN'

Dear Editor:

I sail on a small (30 acre) lake; tacking and jibing can be a real chore. I have attached a 1/2 inch nylon rope to the tiller crossbar where the extension connects and then run the line all around the supporting pylons and back to the crossbar. This way I can steer from any location on the tramp. It's hardly a racing or even go-fast modification... at age 69, I don't move around too fast—just sort of cruise here and there. Thought you might like to hear from a silent minority, one of the "older" Hobie Cat youngsters who just loves to enjoy his boat.

Sincerely,

Peter Walther  
Sturgis, Michigan

**NOTICE: Do not send money to AM ENTERPRISES for Rudder-Trim. The company is no longer in business as of April 5, 1977. Similar rudder alignment kits are available from other sources which are advertised in this issue. The HOT LINE sincerely regrets the problems many of our readers have encountered regarding this incident.**

# 1977 Nationals Qualifying System

Points are earned at recognized national *Points Regattas* only. Skippers may earn points in any division; however, those points will remain with the division in which they are earned. A skipper may qualify for the Nationals with points from any division but qualifying for the Nationals through a Divisional Championship can only be done in the division of the skipper's own residence.

If a division holds 5 Points Regattas, a skipper's best 3 will count for 1977 points; if they hold 6 or 7 Points Regattas, the best 4 will count; if they hold 8 or 9, the best 5 will count; and if they hold 10, the best 6 will count.

## NATIONAL POINTS BREAKDOWN

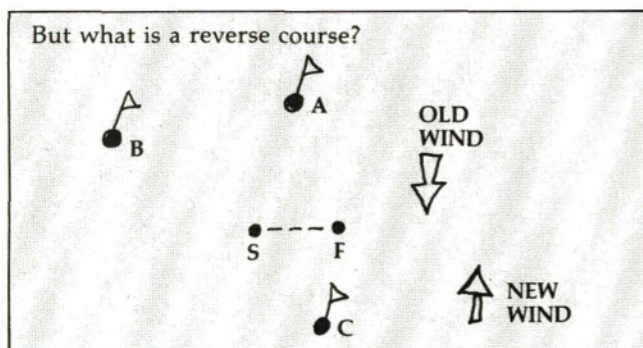
PLACE	A CLASS PTS. EARNED	B CLASS PTS. EARNED	C CLASS PTS. EARNED
1	25	10	3
2	20	7	2
3	17	5	1
4	14	3	
5	12	2	
6	10	1	
7	9		
8	8		
9	7		
10	6		
11	5		
12	4		
13	3		
14	2		
15	1		



# WHAT'S A REVERSE COURSE???

What can a race committee do if the wind switches 180°? Stop the regatta and reset the marks? What if there is not enough time to reset the marks and still get in another race? How about a reverse course? A WHAT?? A reverse course!

Reverse courses are designated on the Hobie Class Association's course charts for just this type of situation. When the wind shifts after a course has already been set up and the committee feels as though the already chosen course would be suitable for a reverse course, they can so designate and very little time will be lost.



In the above diagram, the course is set per the "old wind" with 'A' mark as the weather mark and 'C' as the leeward mark, with all marks left to port. If the wind switched 180° and the race committee designated a reverse course, 'C' mark would then be the weather mark and 'A' would be your leeward mark. To sail a reverse course all marks must then be left to starboard.

For example, should the committee decide to call for a reverse course and post Course 2R—you would be required to sail Course 2 in reverse order and so as to not sail in circles, you would have to leave all marks to starboard. Course 2R would be S Cs Bs As F. If the committee posts Course 7R, your course would be S Cs As Cs Bs As Cs As F.

In the past some skippers have been confused as to just what is meant by a reverse course. I hope this explains the official Hobie Class Association ruling on reverse courses.

By Rich Jeffries

## SAMPLE OF THE HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION COURSE CHART

1	S	A	C	F					
2	S	A	B	C	F				
3	S	A	C	A	B	C	F		
4	S	A	B	C	A	C	F		
5	S	A	B	C	A	B	C	F	
6	S	A	B	A	B	C	A	C	F
7	S	A	C	A	B	C	A	C	F
8	S	B	C	F					
9	S	B	C	A	B	C	F		
R	REVERSE COURSE								
II	TWICE AROUND								



## HOBIE TUTORIAL:

### Welcome, Club Cocktails!

The Hobie Class Association is *really stoked* to announce that THE CLUB Cocktails, a product of Heublein, Inc., will join us in sponsoring the 1977 Hobie Cat National Championships. Over the past few weeks that I have been working closely with the folks at Heublein I have gotten to know many of them personally, and let me tell you, they are really neat people—so jazzed on Hobie Catting and our "unique" lifestyle, they can hardly wait to become a part of it at our two big events. Already they are busy designing and ordering all sorts of nifty things to present to Nationals competitors—and while I don't want to spoil their surprises, take it from me, they're going WAY OUT!

At both the Hobie 14 Nationals in Zion, Illinois (August 15-20) and the Hobie 16 Nationals in Key Biscayne, Florida (November 14-19) Heublein is providing competitors and spectators (those of legal drinking age, of course) with a free supply of THE CLUB Cocktails (whoopie!) as well as food, beverages and continuous onsite activities and festivities for the whole family. Thanks to their support, both financially and enthusiastically, I have no doubt that the 1977 National Championships will be the most exciting and rewarding events in Hobie history... and being a bonafide "historical Hobie relic" gives me license to say that!

I know you are all as excited as I am about THE CLUB Cocktails enthusiastic participation in our Nationals, and hope you will join me in extending them a big HOBIE WELCOME! See you at the starting line!

*Sandy Banks*

Sandy Banks  
Director, Hobie Class Association

## THE 1977 CLUB COCKTAILS HOBIE CAT 16 NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Hobie 18 and Hobie 16 Nationals will be held back-to-back in Key Biscayne, Florida...

**November 9 - 12 Hobie 18s**  
**November 14 - 19 Hobie 16s**

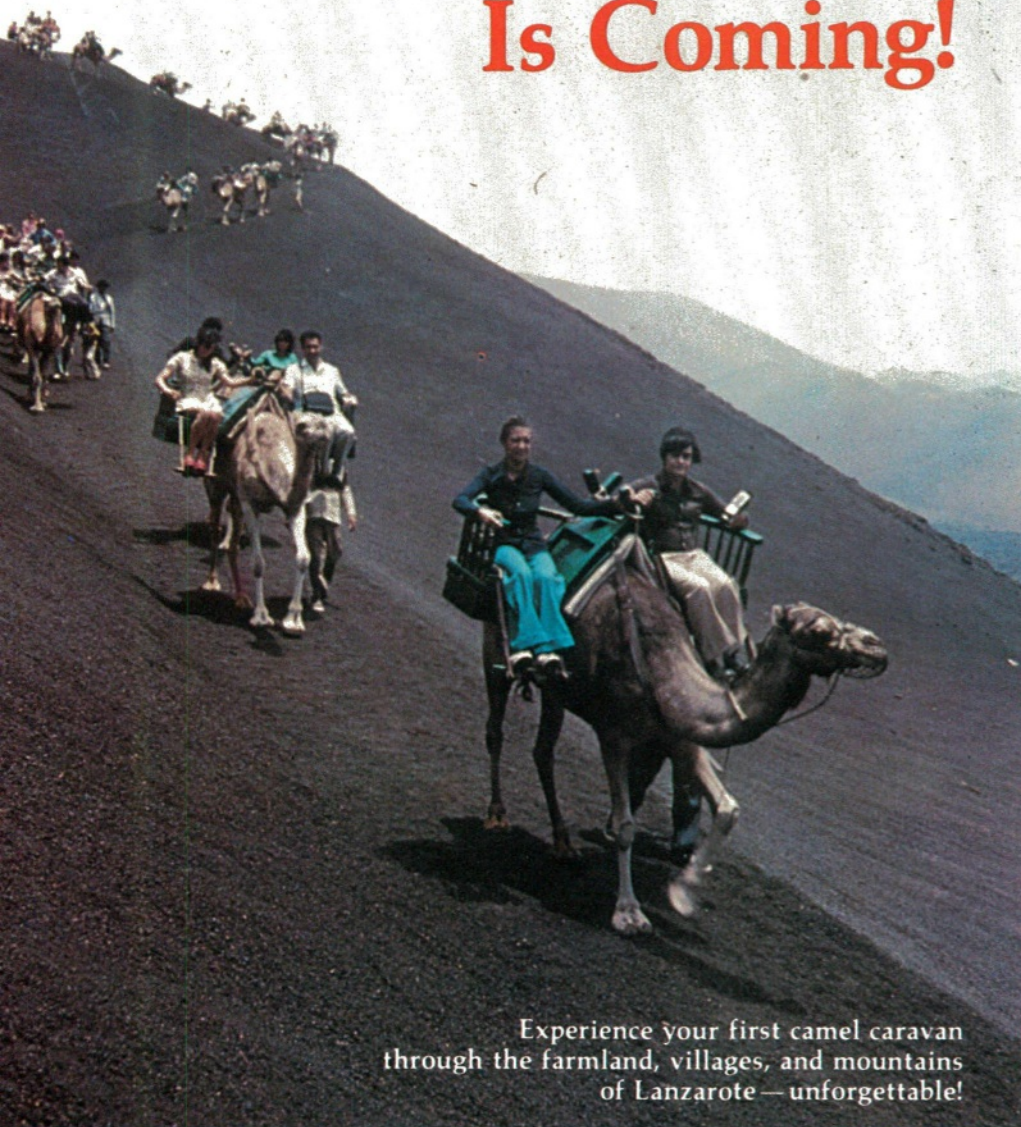
All boats will be provided by the Hobie Class Association and racing will be done on a round robin basis. Skippers will be required to bring: Life jackets, Trapeze harnesses, and Weights, if necessary to meet minimum weight requirements.

Adjustments allowed on the boats will be: Batten tension, Shroud and forestay adjustment, Jib hall-yard tension, Non-permanent tell-tails, and Trapeze wire length.

**WATCH FOR THE SEPT/OCT ISSUE OF THE HOT LINE FOR RESERVATION & REGISTRATION FORMS.**



# Gang Way, Europe! Hobie Cat Is Coming!



Experience your first camel caravan through the farmland, villages, and mountains of Lanzarote — unforgettable!



by Doug Campbell  
President and General Manager  
of Hobie Cat

It was a heck of a trip! It'll be a heck of a Worlds Championship!

Sandy Banks and the writer teamed up with Patrick Hogan, King of Hobie travel, and Hank Pauloo, President of Coast Catamaran France, for a ten-day tour of Europe to review in person the facilities, arrangements, and site for the 1977 Hobie Cat 14 World Championships and the parallel North American Hobie Cat Dealer Trip.

As an overall reaction—we're STOKED! We think the ingredients are there for a superb Worlds event that will have many, many memorable and unforgettably unique features and events. We predict a truly "once in a lifetime" experience.

Before blowing it all with a conclusion, I should back up and take you step by step through our trip to help explain how we got so excited about this fall's trip to the Canary Islands.

Sandy and I started our trip by flying directly to Frankfurt, Germany from Los Angeles. This was an experience in itself—Banks is a hard man to keep up with and he has a friend in every airplane and at least two friends in every airport. Each meeting was a "reunion"—each reunion was a celebration. Fun... but hard on the constitution! Upon arrival in Frankfurt, we said a quick "hi" to Hank Pauloo and then immediately grabbed twelve hours of sleep. We were bushed.

Our purpose in stopping in Frankfurt was to attend a European Hobie Class Association meeting and a German Hobie Dealer meeting. Great turnouts at both meetings. We didn't do too much talking (how's your German?), but we did show the 1976 Hobie Cat 16' Worlds movie, "A Moment's Glory," to two enthusiastic audiences (don't miss it—it's fabulous!), and we listened hard to all that was going on at both meetings. It was obvious to us that big Hobie happenings are in the making in Europe. Hank Pauloo, John Bednar, John Dinsdale, and all the Coast Cat France guys and girls have Europe turned on and going strong for the "Hobie Way."

I would say the most notable feeling that we detected—outside of positive attitudes and enthusiasm—was the Europeans' absolute determination to show America that it doesn't own the World's Championship, despite past records. No American (or Aussie, or Canadian, or Brazilian, or South African, or Japanese, or whatever) should kid himself—we're going into

*"Montana del Fuego"—*

*Mountain of Fire*



Europe's backyard this year and they are going to be tough! Mighty tough!

During the after-meeting talk and scuttlebutt, the consensus was that Grout of France, Ludwig of Germany, and Beriou of France were the top contenders from Europe for this year's World Championship, with Huet of Belgium and Fabre of France given dark horse chances. With our record on forecasting, watch some "smoker" come out of lower Liechtenstein and take it all!

Following the dealer meeting and a mini-tour of Frankfurt, including the outrageous Dr. Mueller's Sex Shop, we caught an Iberia plane for Malaga and Spain's famous Costa Del Sol. For those of you who haven't yet seen the itinerary for this year's Worlds trip, the Costa Del Sol is the R & R location following the competition. (According to our natural bent, we did the rehearsal trip backwards rather than adhering to the October itinerary. Makes it more exciting for the camp followers—big surprises usually!)

It was in the Malaga airport while downing "dos cervezas" (you must learn those words if you're going on the trip—they're survival!) that we met up with Patrick Hogan, bon vivant and suave travel agent who had scouted ahead and planned a hectic schedule to test our—and his—stamina to the limit.

In short order we inspected three prospective hotels, did in Sandy's camera with a broken ring-a-ding (that's why no pictures of the Costa Del Sol), toured Torremolinos' shopping, night life, and beaches. We then headed south for 40 kilometers in our Seat (see-ot) rental car on the Costa Del Sol coast highway to Marbella, Spain to view another prospective hotel on the inspection list. Spectacular scenery enroute with blue Mediterranean waters, hotels, and beaches to port and mountains, beautiful villas, and green hills to starboard.

As soon as we saw the Hotel Atalaya Park Golf and Country Club at Marbella, we knew that it was a "Hobie place" and we instantly picked this site for our Costa Del Sol headquarters. A five-star hotel, the Hotel Atalaya Park has everything that a Hobie person could possibly desire. Located on the beach, the facilities include pools (five of them!), superb food, seven tennis courts, an 18-hole championship golf course, horseback riding on the beach, gigantic outdoor barbecue area, "weird" (non-Hobie) sailboating, water skiing, discotheque, and last but not least, good shopping nearby in Marbella. If you want R for rest—it's here. If you want R for recreation—it's here. If you want a

one-day optional tour to Seville, Granada, Tangiers (by plane or high-speed hydrofoil) or Torremolinos—it's here. We've got ourselves a winner!

Our elation with the hotel and its perfect location on the Costa Del Sol was cut short by the ever-efficient Hogan who told us we had to go NOW. Our scheduled departure for the airport to catch our flight to the Canary Islands gave us little time to dally, and Hogan warned us that Iberia generally leaves right on time and all passengers are expected to check in at least 20 minutes before scheduled departure. (How right he was, but that's another story in another city!)

Thanks to a great whirlwind driving job by yours truly, we made Malaga with time to spare (dos cervezas and

a cafe con leche at the airport bar), and then we were off on our one hour and fifteen minute flight to Gran Canaria. Iberia service again was excellent, and wait until you guys see those crazy hats worn by the flight attendants... Wow! The stews aren't all bad either.

Baggage collection and transfers at the Las Palmas airport were efficient and soon we were checked into the four-star Hotel Palm Beach located on the water in the center of the Maspalomas Oasis on Gran Canaria. Hundreds and hundreds of palm trees dot the golf course, all surrounded by 100% genuine sand dunes—it virtually never rains.

Our rooms were large and comfortable with private terrace, air



"Jameos del Agua"—natural grotto site of Finalists' Banquet.



Another view of "Jameos del Agua"—a volcanic cave.



*"Punta Fariones"—typical shoreline of Lanzarote... "off we went on the most different, exciting and incredible two days that we had ever experienced."*



conditioning and full bath with all kinds of funny looking fixtures like you find everywhere in Europe. (I wonder where you get the book of instructions?) Half the rooms face the beach; the rest look out on the beautiful hotel pool and the oasis. I had a "pool view" and personally preferred it. The girl-watching was spectacular! Sandy had a beach view and reported the same advantages, plus the sound of surf.

Later that evening we relaxed in the downstairs "ship-style" lounge and enjoyed dinner in the main dining room. The hotel was full, the bar active, and the dancing almost continuous to a good, soft rock combo. People were having fun, and our Hobie dealers, whose first stop will be Gran Canaria, won't be disappointed with this hotel and its facilities, including the exotic African bar hut at poolside.

Next morning we started the day with a "help yourself" continental breakfast outdoors on the terrace surrounding the pool. Not a fly or bug in sight—we didn't see any anywhere in the Canaries that I recall—what a great way to start a beautiful "total blue sky" day.

The traffic on the highway to Las Palmas after breakfast was chaotic and even made rush-hour-freeway-driving-Los Angeles-style look good. "Crash" Pauloo, master of the gear-box, was never better (or worse, depending on your nerves) and we made our appointment with Armando Karar, Director Comercial of the

Hoteles Amurga, our Canary Island hosts, with minutes to spare.

Karar was a super guy, spoke at least four languages fluently—two at a time when necessary—but never once double-talked us. We took three hours to review our checklist for the Worlds and for the parallel Hobie dealer trip step by step, item by item. All systems were "go." Everyone left the meeting with a complete understanding of what had already been done, what was going on now, and what each party was expected to do before the big Worlds trip in late September. We were impressed with Karar and all the Hoteles Amurga people that we met. They are indeed professionals.

Following our productive meeting with Karar, we drove to Las Palmas—did some sightseeing in that famous duty-free resort city—then headed for a meeting with Senor Antonio Cruz, who represents the Spanish Government Tourist Bureau. We showed "A Moment's Glory" to Sr. Cruz and his key people and got them all totally revved up on Hobie Cats. Spanish Government support for the 1977 Worlds? We've got it!

During the cocktail hour back at the hotel early that evening, Hogan again dragged us away from our cervezas and insisted that we go with him to Enric Kopp's restaurant in the heart of Playa des Angles (English Beach to you). Kopp is the artist who was commissioned by Hoteles Amurga and the Spanish Government to de-

sign this year's beautiful Hobie 14 Worlds Championship symbol and the Worlds poster. In addition to getting a great steak at Kopp's restaurant, we were privileged to see some of the art work on the Worlds items created by Kopp. They'll be so good—you'll want to keep them forever. Our trip back to the Hotel Palm Beach was a "real high," further boosted by "Dead-end" Pauloo who proved conclusively that a Spanish Seat is a helluva cornering machine.

Next morning—BIG day! Our first visit to Lanzarote, site of the 1977 Hobie Worlds. Were we apprehensive? Not hardly! I swear the twenty-five minute flight took four hours—at least.

I noticed as we got off the plane at Lanzarote's airport terminal that the palms of my hands had started to sweat. What the heck had we gotten ourselves into? I had never—never—seen anything like this before! It was so—so—different, it took your breath away. That questioning feeling—would anybody believe it?—would anybody like it?—settled down over us and we hadn't even left the airport. Hogan assured us that we hadn't seen anything yet, and he hustled us and our baggage into a rental car and off we went on the most different, exciting and incredible two days that we had ever experienced.

The Island of Lanzarote has got to be the most unique place in all the world. This volcano-formed, mountainous desert island with a year-



round summer climate virtually never sees rain. The World Atlas says "Lanzarote has no appreciable rainfall annually." Yet despite this seemingly impossible handicap, you still see green. Gigantic geraniums, gardens, vineyards, even fields of green grass and growing crops. When we asked how this could be, we were told that the plants draw their nourishment from evening dew, trapped by the pebble-sized volcanic rock. One thing for sure, there is no shortage of sun—it's a virtual sun-worshipper's nirvana.

Our tour of the island started with a visit to the Hotel Las Salinas (the "Salt Works"—some salt mine!), our headquarters hotel for the Hobie 14 Worlds. Located on a ruggedly beautiful tip of land and brand new at a reputed cost of \$70,000,000+, we were overwhelmed and staggered by the size, design, facilities, and overall conception of the total project. Every room faces the Atlantic Ocean and our Championship race course.

Inside the hotel is a gorgeous garden courtyard, complete with waterfall and relective pools, and at the southern exposure, between the hotel and the ocean, is a swimming pool the like of which you've never seen before. Gigantic, with a waterfall at one end and several "natural" islands scattered over its length, it is big enough to hold a respectable Hobie 10 race with a triangular course. Maybe we will!

I could go on and on about the hotel and its facilities and still not do it justice. It is something you'll just have to see to appreciate. Suffice to say though, that the international body which rates hotels gave the Las Salinas the highest possible five-star rating before it even accepted its first customer. Sandy Banks said simply—"It is the best hotel and facility that we have had for any event, ever."

Still on cloud nine over the Hotel Las Salinas, our next job was to check out the race course and the support facilities. Super! In the late September/early October period, the winds are a steady twelve to eighteen miles per hour (almost perfect Force 3 conditions) consistently running parallel to the shoreline. The continental shelf is wide enough so that there will be no problem setting marks for a modified Olympic triangular course with both start and finish lines right off the front of the hotel. Two sheltered bays with beaches will give us storage and easy launching and beaching of the boats. From all appearances, one word describes it—supercalafragilisticpealidiotous!

Following the race course check-

out, we had a late, late lunch at the incredibly beautiful caves of Jameos de Agua, where we will have our banquet dinner to announce and honor our World Championship finalists the evening before the final day of racing. Words can't describe this natural wonder—the pictures accompanying this article only partly show the beauty. Racers, spectators, wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends and kids will be awed—guaranteed.

Following lunch, it was off to the capital of Lanzarote, Arrecife, to meet the local Yacht Club Commodore and to see the Town Square where the Hobie 14 Worlds Championship Awards Banquet will be held. The local sailors are excited and proud that their island has been chosen for the championship and they are going all out to help make the event a success. We couldn't be happier with their cooperation and we were assured that the entire town will be on hand for all the excitement of the final banquet—singing, dancing, partying—the works.

Arrecife, like everything about Lanzarote, is different. A town of around 3,000 people, it exists by fishing, salt making, and just recently, tourism. It is clean, old, white painted, orderly and friendly. Wonder of wonders, there are no billboards, neon lights, or visible commercialism. It is like when the world was new, with just a few necessary modern conveniences thrown in. Southern California Hobie people will feel especially at home—the local "hangout" and town restaurant is called "The Los Angeles Cafe" of all things.

Our final day on Lanzarote was a tour of more wonders of the island. At the far end of the island, we drove to the top of Lanzarote's active volcano (there's a restaurant right there!)

and it was like visiting the moon with Neil Armstrong. Pauloo, Sandy, and I jumped ten feet in the air when one of the guards—at Pat Hogan's urging—poured water into a blow hole behind us and it instantly blew steam into the air with a roar like a cannon. We vowed we would get him—and we will. This was the day we also had our camel ride—unforgettable and totally different (again!)—and toured the interior farmland, villages, and mountains of Lanzarote. What a place! What beauty! And, jeez, what a ride! In fact, just as we were getting ready to leave, even Sandy Banks had a rare "emotional outbreak" and said, "It is the best and most phenomenal location we've ever had for the Worlds. I'm stoked!"

A few final words—what to wear for those of you lucky readers who will be going to this year's Hobie 14 World Championships. The attire we wore throughout our trip in the Canaries and Costa Del Sol was "West Coast casual." We didn't feel out of place anywhere except in one hotel (that we obviously didn't choose) on the Costa Del Sol where the guests were rather formally dressed. If you want to go to some of the more formal restaurants and dining rooms, be sure to bring a sports coat and at least a clip-on bow tie. The maitre d' will request it. For the gals who will be going, our observation was that the dress ranged all the way from bikinis, shorts, and blue jeans through pant suits and long dresses. I suggest you do your own thing and you'll look just great. Just don't get *too* formal... it's okay to leave the diamond tiara at home.

It's going to be a super trip, and I'm sure not going to miss it. Hope we see you there!

Gang way, Europe! Hobie Cat is coming! *SC*



*Classic scene... peasant and his camel returning from their day's work.*



## GRAN SPORT 505

BY AMERICA'S CUP

### \*Special Prices on a Special Sailors Life Vest

Wear over your Harness or Bucket

TRIPLE REINFORCED  
SHOULDER FOR  
ADDED STRENGTH

SOFT NYLON LINING:  
NO MORE CLAMMY  
FEELING



QUICK HOOKUP AND  
RELEASE BUCKLE IN  
SOLID STAINLESS STEEL  
WITH SIMPLE QUICK  
ADJUSTMENT

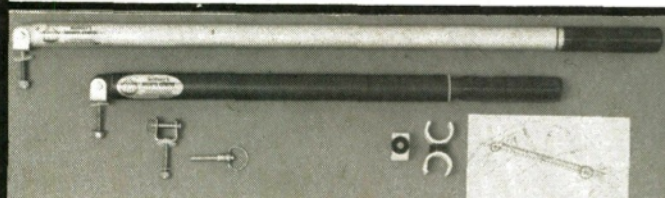
ADULT	29.95
YOUTH	21.95
CHILD	16.95

COLORS - ORANGE  
RED  
DENIM  
(new)

Sizes & Colors:  
Child: Fits to 50 lb.  
Youth: Fits 50-90 lb.  
Colors: Orange

Adult Sizes by chest measurement, all colors avail.

X-Sm. (28"-32")	Sm. (32"-36")
Med. (36"-40")	Lg. (40"-44")
X-Lg. (44"-48")	Magnum!



### SUPER HIKING STICKS from MURRAY'S

We have REVOLUTIONIZED the industry by being the first and still the only manufacturer to offer:

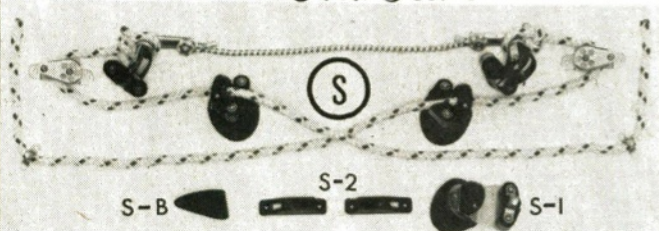
- Lifetime guaranteed Positive Non-Slip Lock (One-Way Locks, opposite direction unlocks)
- Double-Telescoping Hiking Sticks (J-3 & J-3B)
- Quick Release of Hiking Stick from its own yoke

J-1 and J-2  
available in  
black for  
\$2. more

J-1 Telescopes 4 1/2' to 8' . . . . .	\$22.95	K-6 Quick Release Pin . . . . .	4.35
J-2 Telescopes 3' to 5 1/4' . . . . .	20.95	J-P5 Hiking Stay — Quick	
J-3 Telescopes 3 1/2' to 8' . . . . .	26.95	connect hiking stick	
J-3B (as above — black) . . . . .	29.95	to X-Bar . . . . .	2.95
J-Y Yoke Connection . . . . .	\$5.50	J-P4 Stay for Seaway Stick . . . . .	2.95

## JIB TRIM KITS • TIE DOWNS •

New Items



- S. Jib Trim Kit by Murray — Adjust jib cleat positions, independently from anywhere on your boat. Note: Special contoured, black anodized alu. base plates. Complete kit w/ instructions. . . . . \$40.00
- S-1 Super Jib Trim w/Swivel Cams — Same as above in all other respects. Utilizes two Schaefer 70-61 Swivel Cams. Complete Kits . . . . . \$55.00
- S-2 Adequate Jib Trim . . . A little help for our friends . . . — Clam cleats replace cam cleats and bases. Performance? Good enough to be selected for use on H-16 Nations & Worlds boats. Complete Kits . . . \$30.00
- S-B Base Plate — Contoured to fit front/rear cross bars of Hobie 3.5, 14 & 16. Many uses . . . specify hole pattern desired . . . . . \$3.75
- Jib Kit #2 by SSI — Single line adjusts both cars simultaneously . . . . . \$37.50
- Tie Downs — Attach quickly and hold boat securely to trailer!
- TD-500 1 in. wide strap adjusts from 10" - 45" — Red/White/Blue \$6.00/pr.
- JL-100 1 in. wide x 13' max length. "across the hulls" . . . . . \$5.00 ea.
- JL-200 2 in. wide x 15' max. length 3000 lb. test. blue only . . . . . \$7.50 ea.

New Items:

- Snap-Back Righting System — Doubles as a preventer for crew! Secure "Behind-the-back" support for righting. "The System" less rope . . . \$17.50
- "The System" complete w/37 1/2' x 1/2" soft yacht braid . . . . . \$29.95
- Rudders — Here at last . . . tested & proven in World Class Competition!!
- Rudder #1: Very fast, narrow entry, for 14's, for H-16's in light to moderate winds or w/"EXPERT" skippers. Rudder #2: Full 35% foil for forgiving performance & heavy air. White only . . . light wt. . . . . \$95.00/pr.
- Superior H-16 Covers — 3-piece blue acrilan. Trailerable . . . . . \$235.00

## RIVET TOOLS by Marson



HP-2 Hand Riveter



HP-7 "Big M" Riveter



Swage-it Tool #2

HP-2 Hand Riveter — Four nosepieces handle from 3/32" - 3/16" diameter rivets. A Quality Tool! Pulls Traveler track rivets. . . . . \$22.95

HP-23 Replacement Jaws (two pieces) . . . . . \$2.50

HP-7 "Big M" Riveter — The Boat stiffener! Pulls 1/4 inchers! . . . . . \$103.50

Direct Mail Special w/purchase of HP-7: FREE X-Long Nosepiece for traveler track; 50 asst. rivets including 20 ea. 1/4"ers. Total Value: . . . . . \$125.00

Rivets: MSC 6-4 - for traveler track (3/16" x 7/16" flat head) . . . . . \$0.15 ea.

MSP 6-4 - for stainless fittings (3/16" rounded head) . . . . . \$0.15 ea.

MSP 6-6 - for castings (3/16" x 9/16" rounded head) . . . . . \$0.20 ea.

MSP 8-6 - for castings, etc. (1/4" x 9/16" rounded) . . . . . \$0.30 ea.

Minimum Order: 10 asst. rivets

Shackler Tool — Heavy gauge stainless steel tool combines shackler with screw driver, bottle opener & drain plug opener. Includes lanyard. Now \$2.95

Swage-it Tool #2 — for Micropress Sleeves. Do your own rigging and/or make emergency repairs. For cable sizes: 1/16", 3/32" and 1/8" . . . . . \$12.50

Special assortment of 13 oval sleeves (4 ea./size + 1 stop sleeve) . . . . . \$2.00

Note: We carry plastic coated and bare cable for shrouds, halyards, etc.

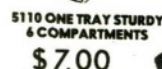
Tote-A-Volt — 110-volt power from your vehicle's alternator for just about every electric hand tool or small appliance. Send for free bro. and be sure to include year, make and model when ordering or requesting info. . . . .

Standard Model #150-A \$21.95; Heavy Duty Model 250-A \$36.95

## BOXES by Plano



#4830 THREE TRAY  
21 COMPARTMENTS  
\$14.00  
• Size 15 x 7 1/2 x 7 1/2  
• Brown & Gray Color



#5110 ONE TRAY STURDY  
6 COMPARTMENTS  
\$7.00  
• Size 13 1/2 x 6 1/2 x 5 1/2  
• Orange Polystyrene

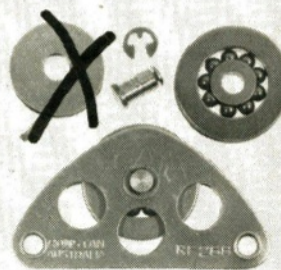


#5320 TWO TRAY  
12 COMPARTMENTS  
\$10.00  
• Size 13 1/2 x 6 1/2 x 6  
• Blue Polystyrene

## APM-san Re-Reinvents the Wheel.



New: Super Tips—Quick Adjustment,  
Quick Release! H-14 at \$5.00/set H-16  
at \$8.00/set



Ball Bearing Jib Sheave — Let our big stainless steel "wheel" replace your brass sheave which may be causing unnecessary wear on your valuable jib halyard wire! . . . . . \$6.50 ea.

Jib Halyard Block Assy. w/Roller Bearing Jib Sheave & clevis pin . . . \$11.50

Slotted Clevis Pin & "E" Clip only — (for jib block assy.) . . . . . \$0.80

Tiller Connection Kit — New from Murray's! A Must! Priced to Sail . . . \$6.95

More Kits to stiffen your rudder assembly . . . . .

New Gudgeons by Coast Cat — Welded and sleeved! What a difference! . . . Upper Gudgeons: \$2.60 ea. Lower Gudgeons: \$3.50 ea. Screws: \$0.20 ea.

Rudder Stiffening Kit — 8 Special bearings and 4 s.s. lock nuts . . . . . \$3.50

Rudder Alignment Kit — by SSI "to adjust rudder parallelism" . . . . . \$5.00

Rudder Pins — Replace worn pins! . . . Nylon \$1.75 ea. Aluminum \$3.55 ea.

Illustrated Parts Breakdown and Price List for H-14 and 16 (14 pgs) . . . \$1.00

Murray's Nautical Book Service — Books of interest to racing skippers FREE

Murray's Sports Center Bro. — Most complete listing available! . . . . . FREE

Dealer Inquiries Invited

Prices Subject To Change

ORDER NOW! COD, or we pay shipping costs with pre-payment.  
(California residents add 6% sales tax.) We accept check, money  
order, B of A, or Mastercharge (send card number & expiration date)



## MURRAY'S SPORTS CENTER

Competition Catamaran Components

11727 GATEWAY BLVD.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90064  
(213) 478-0723



# FLEET NEWS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST 1977

## Hobie Class Association Officers

**SANDY BANKS**  
DIRECTOR

**RICH JEFFRIES**  
NATIONAL RACE COORDINATOR

**MICHELLE KOHLMEIER**  
SECRETARY

## FLEET 8 Houston, Texas

Here's a "Notice to New Members" from the Fleet 8 Hullraiser that demonstrates a philosophy that the Hobie Class Association would like to see everywhere... "The series dates announced in this newsletter are labeled 'races', but that does not mean that you have to race. It does mean that you are assured of having people present who know how to rig your boat, teach you how to sail, and correct your mistakes when they occur. Also, there will be experienced skippers who will be more than willing to sail with you and show you how to do it on the water. The 'racing' aspect of the Fleet 8 events is merely to provide a uniform situation so you can compare what you are/aren't doing with what everybody else is/isn't doing. If you want to sail somewhere in a group (not race) say so, and we'll get somebody to go along with you to give on-the-water instruction.

## FLEET 23 Dallas, Texas

In April, Hobie Alter and Bob Brown of Coast Catamaran made their way east in search of Spring. They found it in Texas while visiting our fleet and attending the Cowtown Cats Regatta at Lake Benbrook near Ft. Worth. With the arrival of Spring, nearly 100 winter-crazed Texans, Oklahomans and Kansans were found celebrating the first rites at the first national points regatta of 1977.

Hobie and Bob spent Friday night at our monthly meeting; it was a typical Hobie fleet meeting in the heartland of America as the commodore and his/the executive committee railroaded through a change in our bylaws. We would like to apologize for anything that Mr. Joe Gregg may have said or done. Let's face it, not everyone has home movies of Hobie Alter, the Grand Potentate of Catamarans, answering questions about mast rake, batten tapering and mesh trampolines. After receiving their coveted Fleet 23 T-shirts, Bob and Hobie showed the movie of the 1976 16' Worlds. Hobie makes a great boat but he is no movie critic... in OUR opinion, it is a super movie.

Saturday and Sunday found Hobie competing in the 2nd annual Cowtown Cats Regatta sponsored by Fleet 91. Bob Brown spent the weekend doing marketing research near the beer keg. Light winds on Saturday yielded two drawn out races and the third race was cancelled. Plenty of beer and a great ham and bar-b-que dinner soothed the first day of racing pains. The evening was completed by more Hobie movies and the totaling of a Datsun 260Z. There was also a highly disputed beer drinking contest, which had to be rerun three times in order to determine the winner—great entertainment Fleet 91!

Sunday dawned cloudy and windless, but the wind grew to about 5-10 mph by the start of the first race. Due to the heavy rains during

the previous week, Lake Benbrook was covered with bark and small twigs. Hobie did manage to dominate the second race but was later heard saying he would bring his own jib next time. Despite the surface wood, some of the same people won. First places went to: 16A - Jim Ryan, 16B - D. Jones, 16C - B. Bryant, 14A - D. Balthaser, 14B - R. Griffice, and 14C - Susan Cochran.

## FLEET 44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida



PHOTO: DON RILLERA

THE ALMOST FREE 4th ANNUAL GULF-STREAM REGATTA: CAT 44 Sail Club played host to local riffraff and out-of-town heavies on April 30 and May 1 at Fort Lauderdale Beach. Commodore Bo Raney and his smiling side-kick Bob Gassie created a fantastic sponsorship

scheme by which local business people and individuals bankrolled a skipper for \$30 each, the winning sponsor (who picked the winning skipper) to receive a color TV, stereo, etc. This was all done in an effort to eliminate the distasteful entry fee that all the sailors get stuck with at every regatta. As soon as the information was sent out, one of the group members who used to make a living throwing card sharks in jail informed us that the whole arrangement was in violation of Florida gambling laws and that the trophy presentation would have to be held in the Broward County Jail. Picky, picky.

After all the faithfuls were hit up for \$16 a piece for the 16's, and received the handy-dandy Hobie Cat beer drinking mugs, the 87 boats were off to the races. The Fort Lauderdale Regatta featured two separate race courses, one for the A-fleet and one for the B & C-fleets, each having their own committee boat, beer boats, etc.

Saturday night CAT 44 put on the first annual Banana Daiquiri Party at the beach side hotel. Several of the fleet members and committee boat people went blind drinking the little devils but rumor had it that half of the committee boat people were blind in the afternoon, too. The entertainment for the Banana Daiquiri Party consisted of several standup comedians relating their tales of the day and excuses for not being in the money. The trophy presentation on Sunday was highlighted by the appearance of Mr. Buddy Ebsen who dove off his 36' catamaran, swam into the beach, and joined the party.

The winner of the A-fleet first place was Steve Shafer of Nowhere, Florida. CAT 44 of Fort Lauderdale managed to win the majority of the trophies and took the fleet trophy. You can't play with my ball unless I win!

## FLEET 70 Biloxi, Mississippi

The Ocean Springs Beach on Biloxi Bay in Mississippi saw 22 Hobie 16's, 4 Hobie 14's, and one 3.5 arrive for the April Fool's Regatta sponsored by our fleet. The breezes really cooperated with 12-knot winds on Saturday and 15- to 18-knot winds on Sunday. Old Man Weather was really nice for so early in the spring, with temperatures in the 70's and clear to partly cloudy skies.

In Hobie 16 competition, Wayne Jablonowski with his wife/crew Janice from New Orleans, easily captured first place. Close behind in second came Doug Foote and Mike Overton from Pensacola, Florida. Defending the hometown reputation, Bob McClure and his wife/crew, Mary Jane, of Biloxi won third place. Bill Gaston/Dennis Beavers of Fairhope, Alabama took fourth with Mike McRee and his wife/crew, Dennie, in fifth. Hobie 14 competition saw Robert Hines of Pensacola, Florida, Nick Breazeale of Long Beach, Mississippi, and Lea Rashka of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, battle for first, second and third place respectively.

Speaking of battles, the whole of Fleet 70 cheered Janice Roberts on to first place honors in the 3.5 competition following a grueling wrestling match with the sea and the wind and her first capsizes which she successfully righted alone.

Fleet 70 owes special thanks to Bill Allen and Maria Bargas for their fantastic trophies, to Charles and Nancy Waggoner for help with our T-shirts, and to the Keesler Amateur Radio Club for providing radio communications.

# CATMAN

## T-SHIRTS

Lone Sailor  
one color

Get It Up  
two color

Sailing  
three color

Catman  
three color

**\$6.00**

**CATMAN**

S, M, L, XL, Navy, Red, Light Blue, Beige, Gold or White. Catman only: Light Blue, Beige or Yellow. [Dealer/Quantity Discounts]

Box 1 Alder, Bolinas, California 94924



# - HOBIE CAT 14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



This year's 14 Nationals promise to be the event of the year in the United States. Win or lose, the experience of participating in this competition will be valuable to every Hobie racer. The top ten skippers from this year's 14 Nationals, along with last year's top three finishers in the 14's will pre-qualify for the 1977 14' World Championships in the Canary Islands and participate as the Team USA. The 1977 United States 14 National Champion will win a free trip to the Worlds.

**Headquarters** for the event will be the Illinois Beach Lodge, overlooking the race course. Every room has a beautiful view of Lake Michigan from its own private terrace. Hotel facilities include an olympic swimming pool, championship tennis courts, nearby golf courses and riding stables, and excellent in-house dining facilities.

**Camping** facilities of all types are located within walking distance of the Lodge.

**Transportation** — The Lodge is only 45 minutes from O'Hare Airport. Visitors arriving at O'Hare may take a bus to the Waukegon Airport and the Lodge station wagon will pick them up there.

August 15 thru 20 — Illinois Beach State Park  
(between Zion and Waukegan on Lake Michigan)

## Schedule of Events —

### Monday, August 15

9:00 AM Registration  
10:30 Skippers Meeting  
12:00 Start of Qualifying Series

### Tuesday, August 16

9:00 AM Skippers Meeting  
10:00 Continuation of Qualifying Series

8:00 PM Welcome Party & Announcement of Qualifiers

### Wednesday, August 17

9:00 AM Skippers Meeting  
10:00 Start of Nationals Series

### Thursday, August 18

9:00 AM Skippers Meeting  
10:00 Continuation of Nationals Series

### Friday, August 19

9:00 AM Skippers Meeting  
10:00 Continuation of Nationals Series  
8:00 PM Cocktail Party & Announcement of Top 48 Skippers

### Saturday, August 20

9:00 AM Skippers Meeting  
10:00 First race of final competition  
(with top 48 skippers competing)  
7:00 PM Awards Banquet

**Lodging** — All rooms at the Illinois Beach Lodge are based on double occupancy: **\$26.10 per person per day**. This rate includes lanai room, one breakfast and one dinner per person per day, and all taxes and tips included.

## 1977 CLUB COCKTAILS - HOBIE CAT 14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Illinois Beach Lodge

Please reserve accommodations for . . .

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WILL SHARE ROOM WITH \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: A deposit of one night's rate is required with reservation. Please mail immediately, time is short and rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Enclose deposit and  
mail to:

Illinois Beach Lodge  
Lake Front  
Zion, Illinois 60099  
Attn: Reservation  
Manager



# SKIPPERS' INFORMATION FOR THE 1977 CLUB COCKTAILS—HOBIE CAT 14 NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 15 thru 20 — Illinois Beach State Park

**The Event** will be spread out over a six-day period. Monday and Tuesday will be set aside for qualifying, Wednesday through Friday for eliminations, and Saturday for the finals. All boats that will be used from Wednesday throughout the competition will be identical factory boats provided by the Hobie Class Association. These boats will be identically matched at the factory and completely set up for racing. Skippers may, if they choose, race their own boats in Monday and Tuesday's qualifying races only.

**Equipment Extras** — Factory boats will be equipped with the following:

- Adjustable tiller crossbar
- Bridle fly
- Masthead fly
- Special tiller connectors
- Coated wires
- Coated sidebars
- Hobie 16 tiller extension
- Super vang
- Righting line
- Tell-tail windows
- Cleat on front crossbar
- Grommets to accommodate additional hiking straps
- Special batten caps

**Racing will be on a round robin basis.** At registration, each skipper will be given a race assignment sheet telling him which boats he will sail and in which races he will participate. At the end of the eliminations, each skipper will have raced in half the races, always on a different boat, and against every other skipper at least once. A maximum of 96 skippers will compete in the Wednesday through Friday eliminations. Boats will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Saturday's competition will be pared down to the top 48 skippers.

**Those skippers who do not qualify** for the National competition, and who have their own boats, will have an opportunity to race in a special fleet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with trophies awarded the top finishers.

**Skippers will need to bring their own:**

- Life jackets
- Weights, if necessary to meet the minimum weight requirement



**Adjustments allowed on the boats will be:**

- Batten tension
- Shroud and forestay adjustment
- Non-permanent tell-tails
- Skippers will have a maximum of one-half hour to work on boats between races.

**Entry Fees:** Every participating skipper, whether pre-qualified or not will pay \$25 entry fee. The High Points Earner in each division may enter free.

## HOBIE 14 NATIONALS REGISTRATION FORM

Please check appropriate blank:

- ☐ I will sail on Monday and Tuesday to attempt to qualify on my own Hobie 14.
- ☐ I will sail on Monday and Tuesday to attempt to qualify and wish to use a Hobie Class Association Hobie 14.
- ☐ I am pre-qualified.
- ☐ I am the High Points Earner in Division \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) FLEET # \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form immediately with your check for \$25 (payable to the Hobie Class Association) to:

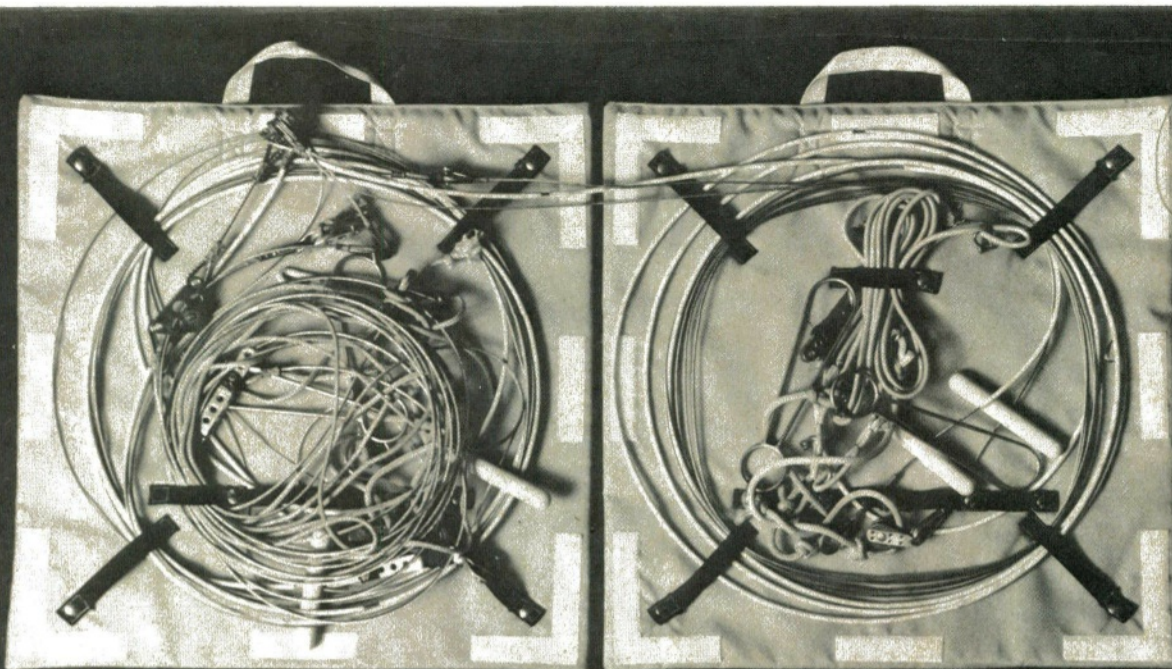
**Hobie Class Association**  
P.O. Box C-19509  
Irvine, California 92713

**REGISTER TODAY!!**  
Time is short! Boats are available on a first come, first serve basis.



# the spaghetti bag<sup>®</sup> Patent Pending

From the Makers of "Cool Cat" COOLERS



At last! An easy system for keeping stays, jib halyard, trapeze wires and shock cord in place while trailing or storing boat. Makes set-up a snap.

- The SPAGHETTI BAG makes stepping the mast safer by keeping the stays and wires from fouling while raising the mast.
- Boat can be trailed with stays and wires attached or removed from mast, and they will not be fouled when you are ready to use them.
- Keeps wires from chaffing while trailing (Fewer surprises in heavy air)

**\$4995 ea.**



Dealer Inquiries Invited . . . . . Price Subject To Change  
ORDER NOW! COD, or we pay shipping costs with pre-payment.  
(New York residents add 7% sales tax.) We accept check, money order,  
B of A, or Mastercharge (send card number & expiration date)

**"Cool Cat"**

2180 ELMWOOD AVENUE  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14216  
(716) 877-6622

Dealer Inquiries Invited Prices Subject To Change

ORDER NOW! COD, or we pay shipping costs with pre-payment.  
(California residents add 6% sales tax.) We accept check, money  
order, B of A, or Mastercharge (send card number & expiration date)



**MURRAY'S  
SPORTS CENTER**

*Competition Catamaran Components*

11727 GATEWAY BLVD.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90064  
(213) 478-0723



# FLEET NEWS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST 1977

## FLEET 66 Phoenix, Arizona

Fifty-six Hobie Cats from Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, and one from Illinois began arriving on Friday for the annual Ides of March Points Regatta sponsored by our Fleet the weekend of March 19-20. This year's event was held at Lake Pleasant, northwest of Phoenix. While it is a smaller lake, entrants found that it offers an excellent opportunity to deal with the light, shifty air so typical of desert sailing. Those who arrived early enough Friday to put in a few trial runs found it well worth their time.

Saturday dawned clear with a fresh breeze from the north for the skippers meeting at 9 AM where pre-race instructions were given by Race Committee Chairman, Steve Shenkel. Also typical of Arizona sailing, the wind dropped to zero and the start of the first race was postponed until a light breeze appeared at 11 AM. This held for the 16A and 14A starts, but the course was shortened for 16B and 16C fleets. Bob and Janna Seaman showed all the other boats how to handle light air by winning A fleet by a wide margin.

Between races, we served a hamburger and bean salad lunch that was included in the entry fee. Due to a minor slip-up, there were 400 hamburgers, so no one went hungry and a repeat "free-bie" was scheduled for Sunday.

The afternoon produced only one race of a scheduled two. At the end of the first day's action, Don Oltmans had moved into first place in 16A. To no one's surprise, Wayne Schafer led the 14A's.

Sunday's skippers' meeting was scheduled earlier in an effort to catch the morning breeze. You simply can't fool Mother Nature. The first race was a real drifter run over a shortened course. Having had her fun, the fourth and final race provided the only steady condition of the weekend with lighter crews actually using the trapeze part of the time.

Ron Atwood came on strong to win both Sunday races and take home first place in 16A. The Seamans finished second with John Hauser taking third.

In the 14's, Wayne Schafer just kept on winning to cinch first place. Mike Staudt finished second on the strength of a lower throw-out with Lynn a close third. John Morgensen and Anna Skomp captured 16B with straight firsts followed by the Georges and the Millers. Klaidman won 16C fleet handily by simply sailing with the B-fleet after making up for the later starting time. The Koes were second with Trafford third.

Winners received beautiful handcrafted wooden plaques featuring an incised Hobie logo. Trophies were provided by Ray and Sandi DeCosta's Cat Parts.

As all of the out-of-state skippers packed for the long trip home, the fickle breeze continued to build and most of the locals spent an early spring afternoon hullflying and turtling in 15 knot breezes complete with our special dust devils—a typical weekend of racing in the desert.

## FLEET 95 Seattle, Washington

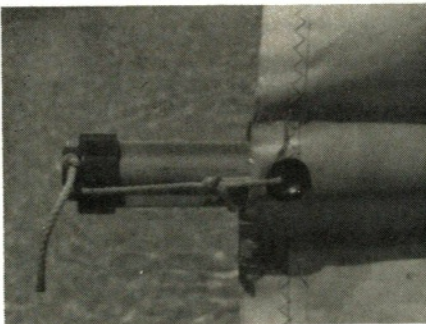
Fleet 95 and Bettines South Sound Marina sponsored the second annual American Lake Regatta, May 21-22, on American Lake just south of Tacoma, Washington. Saturday brought us 20 mph winds with gusts to 25. The lake has a point of land and a small island that

does a terrific job of turning the wind when you least expect or need it. Four fast and long races were held with one being thrown out because of a committee error. Many boats went over including one 14 that pitchpoled at B mark to a turtle position in front of the 16B fleet. This boat just happened to be skippered by one of our regular committee "persons." It also may be noted here that Larry Graf of Olympia, earned the coveted American Lake Hobie Cat Award... it seems he flipped his 16 over and over on the start line with his crew Cathy Meyer doing a graceful swan dive into the sail.

Saturday night a dinner was held at the County Park on the lake followed by a rip-roaring baseball game. A few spectators along the baseline were threatening to seek "hard hats" when "foul ball" Betty Garry of Canada was at bat. About 30 racers still had enough energy to last until it was too dark to see the ball.

Sunday was a totally different race with winds 2-5 mph and variable. What a sight... 78 Hobies paddling for 20 minutes to get to the start area. The "race" was two hours long; then just before the cut-off time we got enough wind for a twice around. Would you believe 10 mph variable and it seemed to only vary at the marks and the finish line??

Trophies for skippers and crew were awarded to the first three finishers and in a tradition started at American Lake last year, the winners of the B and C fleets were welcomed into their new fleets with a thorough dunking in the lake.



## SUPER TIPS

### FEATURES:

Easily repeatable batten tension - no guessing  
Exclusive lock eliminates line slippage  
Additional knots allow tension adjustment  
No extra weight aloft  
Simple tension release when storing sails  
Easy installation - slides right on  
Supplied with highest quality batten ties  
Injection molded LEXAN for strength

### PRICES:

HOBIE 14 .....	\$5.00
HOBIE 16 .....	\$8.00
HOBIE 18 .....	\$10.00
Individual	
SUPER TIPS .....	\$1.00 each
postpaid	

### CAT PARTS

8636 E. Joshua Tree Lane  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253

Dealer inquiries invited

All in all, 78 boats had a good weekend (and so did the people) with some sun and spots of wind. For complete results see the section at back of this issue.

## Westerly sails san diego

**1214 Rosecrans  
San Diego,  
CA 92106**

**Dale R. Braegger  
SAILMAKER  
(714) 225-0630**

**DELUX BOOM BAG  
Handy Side Pocket  
Pull Zipper \$32.00**

**TRAPEZE  
HARNESSES:**  
The Most in COMFORT  
Fit where it counts  
Flotation Padded  
The original  
SKIPPER'S \$32.00  
FULL \$48.00

**Colors:**  
yellow, blue, red, orange, black

SEVEN YEARS HOBIE EXPERIENCE

**SAIL and TRAMPOLINE REPAIRS**

SAIL WINDOWS \$15.00 ea. TELL TAIL \$8.50

TRAMP, LIFE JACKET POCKETS \$10.00 ea.



## MISS HOBIE CAT WINS BEAUTY PAGEANT!!

Four year old Wendy Jensen, sponsored by Hobie Cat, captured first place honors in the Miss California World Beauty Pageant—Pee Wee Division. Wendy now goes on to the National Miss World competition. Congratulations, we are proud to have the Hobie Cat banner displayed by an obvious up and coming star!





# THE 4th HOBIE CAT 14 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL 11 DAY TOUR TO LANZAROTE & SPAIN

SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 5, 1977



## THE HOBIE GANG IS GOING TO EUROPE!

Get set for the greatest Hobie Worlds ever! It's LANZAROTE and the COSTA DEL SOL in sunny Spain. This year we've found the greatest place... an unusual island, a fabulous deluxe hotel, incredible sailing waters, dazzling scenery AND a sailing oriented community that *really* wants the Worlds. So come and be part of the Hobie "invasion"... we're going to take Europe by storm! This year we have some new features that are stunning... the Awards Banquet in the town square, a semi-finals banquet in an unbelievable grotto, every hotel room overlooking the regatta, and sensational sailing conditions.

## BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

The 11 day trip does not end with the Worlds. It's on to sunny Spain for 4 days full of the International Hobie Spirit. We've chosen MARBELLA, the jet set playground of Europe, so we can all get the feel of another world. There's another five star hotel awaiting us in Marbella, the Hotel Atalaya Park, with tennis, golf, and a great beach. Only the best for the Hobie gang's first trip to Europe. So, get set for September 25th, that's the day our 747 charter jet of Iberia Airlines takes off from New York for the most exciting Hobie Worlds ever!

## HERE'S WHAT YOU GET...

- \* 6 nights at the new deluxe LAS SALINAS HOTEL
- \* 3 nights at the HOTEL ATALAYA PARK in Marbella
- \* 747 round trip Iberia jet from New York
- \* Air trip from Lanzarote to the South of Spain
- \* All transfers from airports and hotels
- \* All taxes and service charges, no extras
- \* Two Fiesta Banquets
- \* Gala Bar-B-Que party
- \* Three more complete dinners
- \* 9 full breakfasts
- \* Cocktail parties
- \* Beach lunch on Finals Day

**\$540.**

+++ Optional tours available to Tangiers, Marrakech, Granada and Seville

**From New York \***

\* Call Patrick Hogan (213/985-1709) for special air costs from various U.S. cities to connect with the charter in New York. Reduced rates are available only if paid by August 1st.

**SKIPPER REGISTRATION:** Entry fee for all those wishing to qualify will be \$25. Pre-qualified skippers need not pay the fee. The top 3 skippers from the 1976 14 Nationals and the top 10 skippers from the 1977 14 Nationals will participate as Team USA. A minimum of 15 spots will be open for qualifiers.

## YES, Sign us up for Lanzarote and sunny Spain!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to start from \_\_\_\_\_ Airport.

**BOAT REGISTRATION / NAME OF SKIPPER** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I wish to qualify at the Worlds competition, please reserve my boat. Enclosed is my \$25 entry fee.
- ☐ I am pre-qualified for the World's event. Please reserve my boat.

Enclosed is my deposit in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (NOTE: \$100 per person, plus \$25 entry fee if you wish to participate in qualifying series).

Checks may be combined and made payable to Patrick Hogan Enterprises.

**Send this form, deposit and registration checks to:**  
Patrick Hogan Enterprises, 4328 Ben Avenue, Studio City, California 91604  
Telephone 213/985-1709





## “Get it on with Sailing Systems/Omega Sports Vests”

It's strong, it's bright, it's super light and it's cool on the hottest day! It's the *new* “Rally Stripe” sports vest from Sailing Systems by Omega.

This super tough jacket weighs only 15 ounces and is so comfortable you won't even be aware you're wearing it. The new color combinations are dynamite too! Pick your stripe—international orange on vivid yellow with orange detailing or royal blue



against sky blue with royal blue detailing. Great looking, tough, practical and oh so comfortable!

When you think life jacket, think SSI/Omega for the best in USCG-approved sport vests.

**Small through Adult X-Large at \$32.95**

**Youth (6—10 years) at \$28.95**

**Single Color—Small—X-Large at \$31.50**

**Youth—Single Color at \$25.95**



SSI also distributes the finest sailing wet suits and “Sealsuits”.

See your Dealer or contact:

**SAILING SYSTEMS, INC.**

1003 Williamsburg Drive, Charleston, Illinois 61920 • Phone: (217) 348-8533

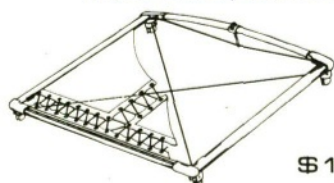


# NEW and INNOVATIVE for "77"

COMPETITION  
RIGGING & HARDWARE  
\* NOT LEGAL FOR CLASS RACING

## "WIRES"

### \* HULL TENSIONER KIT



\$18.00

The addition of "wires" to a Hobie 16' or 14' practically eliminates hull and trampoline platform racking. This system keeps hulls diagonally rigid. Ideal for Bungee mounted trampoline. "Easy to install" instructions. Kit includes stainless steel roller swaged hardware and cable for minimum windage and water resistance. Total weight — 8 oz. Minimum tools required.

### \* RUDDER RAKE ADJUSTER



Adjusters \$ 8.50  
Adjusters Kit 15.95

This revolutionary system when installed on a Hobie rudder allows the rudder rake to be adjusted without filling and redrilling in the usual hit and miss fashion. With the eccentric inserts, a re-positioning of the rudder bolt hole can be made in seconds. Weather helm can be changed in a matter of minutes. We provide the adjusters as a separate item or with complete installation tools (hole saw, epoxy and instructions).

### CONTOURED ACCESS PORT KIT

These specially machined ports will fit the Hobie deck curvature. The port has a 4-inch opening with O-Ring sealing. Port kit assembly includes 2 ports (black or white), special pop rivets and seats; silicone sealant and installation instructions. Also available is an under-deck storage bag that detaches for easy carrying. Made of nylon with plastic zipper.



2-Port Assembly Kit \$14.50  
Port (Black or White) 4.50

Port & Bag 10.00  
Bag Only 5.50

### \* SHAPED ANCHOR BAR

This shaped anchor bar minimizes hull-lip water resistance at the shroud anchor point. Each anchor bar is match ground for port and starboard, precision drilled and threaded in stainless steel. 2.5 oz. less than stock weight.



\$10.00

### EPOXY HULL STIFFENER KIT



\$24.00

A desired characteristic of a modern catamaran is maximum torsional stiffness. This kit allows the boat owner to bond castings to cross-members, side arms, and posts along with tiller arms to rudder top castings to develop ultimate stiffness. The kit comes complete with 2 lbs. of metal-like epoxy, drum sander, 6 coarse grit sleeves, mixing sticks, cc measuring cups, mixing cups, 3m abrasive cloth and very complete installation/application instructions and diagrams.

### HARKENS BLOCKS

6 to 1



\$51.00

6 & 7 to 1



\$65.00

More and more skippers are finding the need for added purchase at their main sheet block assembly. We offer the Harkens Dual Race Delrin Ball Bearing Block in two different configurations, 6 to 1 and 7 to 1 purchase ratios. Each set is provided with an additional block hanger and required 3/16 stainless steel pop rivets. The 7 to 1 system has the option of tying off at the triple block for 6 to 1.

### \* JIB LUFF SWIVEL — HOBBIE 16'

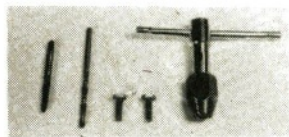
This swivel addition allows the headstay adjuster to swivel, allowing nearly perfect luff entry. Have you ever questioned the "S" curve entry of the tack and foot of the Hobie 16' jib? The swivel attachment comes complete with bridle bow shackle and 1780 lbs. working load swivel. All parts are stainless steel. Easy to install. Added weight — 1 oz.



\$14.50

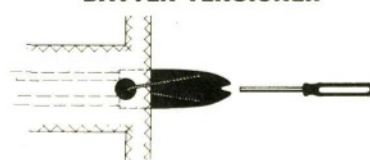
### MAST ROTATION STOP KIT

In order to rake the Hobie mast, additional height must be added to the mast step stops. This kit comes complete with stainless steel cap screws, drill, tap and tap handle along with thorough instructions. The steel stops actually last longer and keep rotation wear to a minimum. Added weight — .5 oz.



\$12.00

### BATTEN TENSIONER



16' Hobie — 8 tensioners and driver \$23.00  
14' Hobie — 5 tensioners and driver 16.00  
11' Hobie — 5 tensioners and driver 16.00  
1-Tensioner 2.75

Why hasn't someone come up with this idea a long time ago! This simple, lightweight, aerodynamic batten end allows any tension desired and then some. With an allen wrench or driver, a quick batten tension adjustment can be made. After sailing all batten tension can be just as quickly loosened for longer sail life and sail shape retention. Ideal for sail tuning — adds no additional batten weight when batten is trimmed properly.

### MEMOSAIL WATCH



\$89.00

The Memosail watch was selected by the U.S. Sailing Team at the 1976 Summer Olympics. This Swiss-made yachting timer is the choice of the majority of Hobie skippers and crews. All Memosails are fully guaranteed for 12 months.

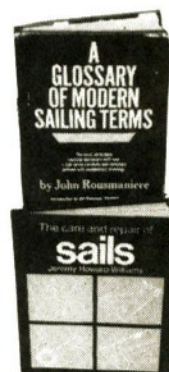
### BOOKCASE SUGGESTIONS

**A Glossary of Modern Sailing Terms** — Arranged alphabetically are approximately 1100 terms carefully and concisely explained for the beginning sailor. The emphasis is modern, with many entries cross-referenced along with 150 illustrations. 6.95

**The Care and Repair of Sails** — 139 pages, illustrated. If your sail seams are starting to unravel, headboards are chafed, etc., this book is for you. Photos, drawings and text cover every possible do-it-yourself aspect of sail maintenance and repair. 10.95

**This is Boat Tuning for Speed** — 143 illustrated pages dominated by large, color pictures and drawings. This manual for the racing dinghy sailor is one of the best efforts to present the effects of weight, windage and water resistance. I highly recommend this book to the knowledge-starved competitor. 12.95

**Paul Elvstrom Explains... The Yacht Racing Rules** — A must for any serious competitor not fluent in legal terminology. Used by protest committees, sailing schools and sailors worldwide. Book includes plastic boat models to aid in discussions and hearings. This book is the 8th edition (available April) and will have a larger format, new drawings and a new section to help race committees. 6.50



## Cooke Marine

42132 Big Bear Blvd.  
P.O. Box 1916  
Big Bear Lake, Ca. 92315  
714 866-7717

Order Now! Check, money order, Bank-Americard or Master Charge. (Send card number and expiration date.) Free shipping in U.S.A. California residents add 6% sales tax. Prices subject to change.

Send for our "NEW & INNOVATIVE" Catalogue  
Name .....  
Address .....  
City ..... State ..... Zip .....





Photo: Jake Grubb

# HOBIE 18

By Hobie Alter

As you were promised in the last issue of the Hot Line, here is my story on our new Hobie 18. Actually, this was supposed to appear in the May/June issue, but I'm glad the editor allowed me another month to write it because I've since had a little more time to sail the 18 competitively and have a bit more experience with the finished product. Since I did this story myself it probably doesn't have a lot of "editorial flair", which I'm not too good at. But, I did try to give you all the facts, straight and clear. In fact, sometimes I found myself maybe getting a little too negative or critical in comparing the different points of this boat or that boat, and while I don't really mean to be this way, it's just the best way I have of explaining the good and the bad features of a boat—or anything, for that matter.

I guess first I ought to start out with "Why an 18-footer at all," when I think the 16 is probably as useful, convenient, fun, practical—all those types of things—as a boat can be; it's one that you can really bang around on and thoroughly enjoy. But there *are* ways of going faster on a catamaran, while still staying within the 8-foot beam, trailerable size range. Basically, you put a taller mast on, use daggerboards, and go to a half-round hull shape. I can't just say "well, the time has come" for this type of cat, because it's really always been there. But, people's needs and wants *do* expand, and so, although the 16 will always have its place, we felt that we should also offer you our version of the daggerboard-type cat. The Hobie 18 is the end result of our efforts—mine, Phil Edwards' (my longtime friend and co-designer of the 18), and those of all the guys on our research and development team.

Trying to directly compare a Hobie 16 to a Hobie 18 is really a very difficult thing to do, as they are altogether two different styles of boats. In fact, what you really need to do is compare the 18 to a Nacra 5.2 or a Sol Cat 18, as these boats have basically the same proportions (length and beam) and characteristics (round bottoms and daggerboards). They also have some of the same advantages and disadvantages.

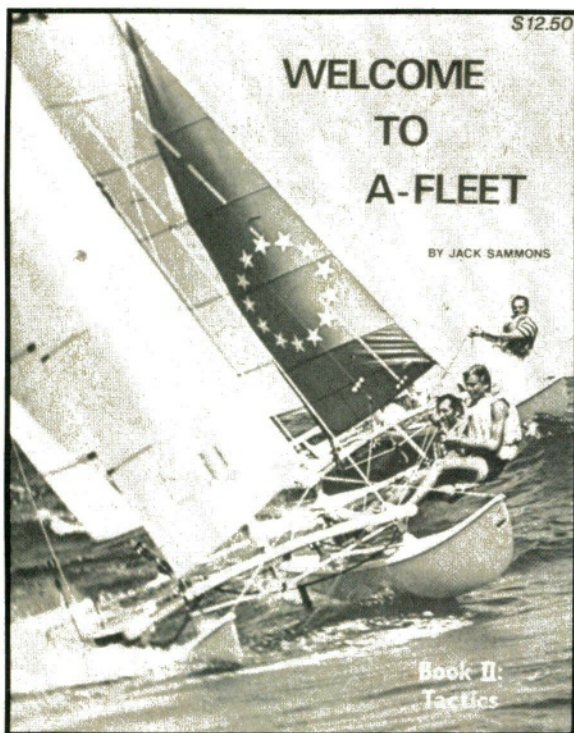
*With its arched crossbars, the Hobie 18 is dryer than any of the competitive boats in its size range. (Photo: Jake Grubb)*

Generally, I do not like to compare a boat *against* other boats, but if I'm going to say something is 'good' or 'bad' about our own boat I've got to explain how I arrived at these conclusions; and the only way to do this is by comparison with other existing boats.

Probably the best performance test we've had so far was in YACHTING's "One of a Kind" Regatta, held in May at Lake Carlyle, Illinois. There, I got to race the Hobie 18 boat for boat against most of the other styles of catamarans. But even in that regatta, with the eighteen different types of catamarans that were entered, I actually ended up only really racing the Nacra 5.2. All of the cats with a 10-foot beam or over, with taller masts and bigger sails, were in their own group, ahead of us. The Nacra 5.2 and the Hobie 18 were the leaders in the 8-foot beam and under range. And even that became somewhat of a private match race, as we easily out-distanced all the other boats in the class. Overall in six races, the Nacra 5.2 beat the 18 in two races; the Hobie 18 beat the Nacra in four races. And one of those losses the 18 took was due to "pilot error" in a race where it was blowing like crazy—about 25 to 30 mph. We had just passed the Nacra on our last downwind leg and were almost to the final leeward mark when my son Hobie, who was crewing with me, got hit by a wave, lost his balance, and grabbed onto the closest thing he could find—which was me—and we both went overboard. Luckily, I managed to keep hold of the mainsheet line, so when the boat did turn over we weren't left a block behind. To be honest, I'd had very little practice in righting the 18 (it's one of those "drills" I always seemed to avoid), and I'd never done it in such uptight conditions as we were faced with here. But even though the 18 has a two foot taller mast than the 16, you do have the daggerboards which you can hike out on to get extra leverage. We were able to get it up in a couple minutes, and went on to finish. I believe we could



BOOK 1: BOATSPEED ALSO AVAILABLE...

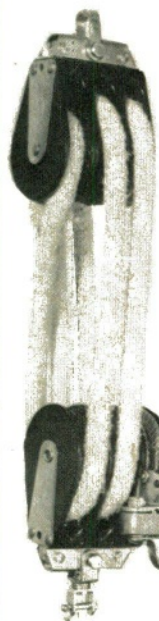


at your hobie dealers or

BAT JAK  
4694 S. sq. lk. dr.  
lake park, fla. 33410

AUSSIES CONTACT MAYLANT  
box 60, mount waverley  
VICTORIA, 3149

## Low Profile Mainsheet System from Seaway



Chosen for use in Yachting's  
"One of a kind Regatta"  
on Hobie 16.

### Rake it back . . .

Full-size Seaway blocks  
save over 4" vertical space  
compared to standard systems.

### Ratchet cleating

The only two-block system  
with on/off ratchet mechanism.  
**Excellent cleating angle**  
... even while "hiked-out."

5:1

\$85.95

6:1

\$89.95

Price includes swivel coupler  
(connects directly to  
"Tracker" Traveler).



## MURRAY'S SPORTS CENTER

Competition Catamaran Components

11727 GATEWAY BLVD.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90064  
(213) 478-0723



## HOBIE 18

have beaten the Nacra in that race, but as many of the other races had been close, who's to say?

The Nacra 5.2 and the Hobie 18 are basically of similar proportions and capable of similar speeds. But, as evidenced in the boat for boat results of YACHTING's "One of a Kind" (see page 45), I do believe we proved the 18 to be a slightly faster boat. I even feel that in another year, after we've had time to tune it, the 18 will be faster yet. The "One of a Kind" was a three day event, and every day I was learning more things about the 18, finding more ways to make it go faster. In the first few races we were losing a little ground to weather to the Nacra, but gaining on reaches and downwind—enough to hold them off on the weather legs. As the regatta went on, though, and we got more experienced in tuning the 18, we were still pulling the Nacra downwind and on reaches, but we also began holding our own on the weather legs. I believe that in the future, by maximizing the batten tuning and the numerous other things that we just haven't had enough time to learn about yet, we will realize a much better speed potential going to weather than we have gotten out of the 18 to date.

Seeing as how most of you are really most familiar with the Hobie 16, I should do more of a comparison of the 18 with the 16 as this will give you a good understanding of their differences.

First thing, on the 18 you've got daggerboards... the price you pay for having symmetrical hulls. And while they do keep you a little busier—having to raise them up or down at times—I have found that our boards, with their raked-back leading edge, and the fact that they fit their trunks well, are really quite easy to use. One quick tug and they spring up or down, or lock part way, almost automatically. Under heavy kelp conditions the boards can be pulled up part way, leaving a very raked-back leading edge which will help dispense of kelp and sometimes even knock it down and keep it from hanging up on the rudders.

The jib sheeting arrangement on the 18, because the boat does have an overlapping jib, puts the sheet blocks and line a little more in the way than we'd like. Of course you do not have the problem of jib battens hanging up on the mast like you do with the 16, and you do have the availability for fore and aft change of your jib lead. Maybe one of these days someone smart will figure out a better way to get the jib leads and ropes a little more out of the way on our 18, but, as far as I can tell from looking at all the other boats, no one has been able to do it yet.

As for convenience features, I find the 18 rudder assembly and locking mechanism to be much easier to use than the 16's, which is darn good. Locking the rudders down on the 18 is a more "natural" movement, which in itself is an improvement over the 16.

The Hobie 18 has a built-in mainsheet traveler car which can be used either as a roller bearing type traveler or a slider, as we furnish both rollers and slugs. I have found the best combination is one roller and one slug. This allows the traveler to move reasonably free but still provides enough friction so that when you're pumping or sheeting your main, the traveler car does not want to keep coming at you all the time. Also, the fact that it is built internally into the rear crossbar makes for a clean and neat installation.

One of the really neat features on the 18 is the roller furling jib. When you're sitting out there luffing, waiting to start a race or just taking it easy, or even if you just want to single-hand sail, all it takes is one simple pull of the string and in about two seconds your jib is neatly put away. And, of course, it is the ultimate detuner for heavy air when you want to get some sail area off the boat *fast*. Whereas most roller furling jibs are attached permanently to the forestay, on the 18 we put a zipper luff with an internal halyard inside of the zipper so you may take the jib off the boat at any time. That same halyard also serves as your luff tension, which is another reasonably critical tuning device.



The Hobie 18 is an extremely "tuneable" boat. You've got all the adjustments—fore and aft, in and out—luff tension on your jib, and, with the diamond spreaders on the mast, you are also able to control your mast bend both ways. Also, the 18 has a controllable mast rotation device and an internal roller outhaul. Being as this boat does have a few more strings and lines on it than a 16, we designed and specially tooled a boom that carries internally your outhaul, barberhauler system and mast rotation control, to try to keep the lines tucked inside as neatly as possible. All of the fittings on the boom are moveable; with the loosening of a screw you may slide any of the leads fore or aft as you find convenient. This really made it simple on us designwise because we didn't have to figure out *exactly* where everything should go, and you, in turn, aren't stuck with our decision and can move them around until they are comfortable to you.

Being able to control the mast rotation, tension the diamond wires, and even rake the spreader on the diamond wires (this may be moved fore and aft to pump the mast either forward or back slightly) leaves a tremendous amount of room for tuning the sails on the 18 and getting the maximum performance out of them. To keep the mast clean and allow for an efficient air flow, we ran an internal main halyard (the jib halyard is already internal inside of the jib luff). We copied the Tornado's halyard lock system, but I think we improved upon it as we put a little trigger latch in the masthead. This way, when you want to release it, you do not have to push your mast around and hope that the wind is in the right direction; this latch pivots down over the hook and allows the sail to come down automatically. I don't know how to explain that one any better... you'll just have to take a look at it. But believe me, it works really well.

Another set of features on the 18 which I like are the inspection plates in each hull. You can look in there and see what's happening, and the holes are big enough so you can stuff things away in the hull... lunch, beer, jackets, whatever. Also, there is a good-sized pocket on the trampoline that halyard ropes and assorted odds 'n ends may be stuffed into so you don't have a lot of loose line laying around on your boat.

Perhaps one of the 18's most important features of all, one which you can "see" best by feeling the boat, is its smooth lines and smooth fittings. As we all know, when you're out there banging around in the water there are a million of those little sharp things on a boat that want to "get you". It cost us a little more weight to put end castings on the crossbars, and things like that, but we did feel it was important to hide the fittings as much as possible and keep everything clean and neat, with all the sharp items covered or tucked away.



*I found the bows to be extremely strong. Photo: Jake Grubb*

In comparing the 18 with the 16 as far as what each boat's particular performance "groove" is, I would say the 18's groove is probably moderate winds and smooth water, and the 16's groove is heavy air and choppy waters. With a two foot higher mast than the 16, and approximately 20 sq. ft. more sail area, the 18 is a little overpowered in heavy airs and can get to be a handful. In average sailing conditions the additional sail area is a definite advantage, but there's no free lunch. You're either going to be underpowered in average airs or over-



**Skipper's Seat**  
in Yellow/Yellow  
or Red/Blue  
\$24.95 S,M,Lg.



**Full Harness**  
in Yellow/Red Trim  
or Red/Blue  
\$39.95 S,M,Lg.

## Get it on with Sailing Systems New Trapeze Harnesses by Sail-tek

- \* Outer cover all Acrylic for superior abrasion and fade resistance
- \* Nylon lining for strength and fast drying
- \* Urethane foam padding for support
- \* Nylon webs for easy adjustment
- \* Self-adjusting shoulder strap for SUPER comfort
- \* Velcro (r) adjustments on heavy waist straps for secure fit
- \* Anatomically designed crotch and leg openings for excellent fit (Ah research!)

The SSI-SAIL-tek seats FIT in ALL the right places.

Dealers-check out this one!

Distributed By:



**SAILING SYSTEMS, INC.**  
1003 Williamsburg Dr., Charleston, IL 61920  
(217) 348-8533





**THE TRAILER COMPANY**  
IS BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY

**4th ANNUAL SUMMER SALE**  
TO MAKE YOUR SUMMER CLEAN SIMPLE AND CAREFREE

**WE OFFER THESE SPECIAL SALE ITEMS**

**THE SAILBOX** is constructed of fiberglass, 10'x2'x1', finished with black molding for a clean smart look. Spacious enough to carry everything you need and more. You can hook up and go, because it's all there. Now is the time—regularly \$149.95. For 30 days **ONLY \$129.95 + freight**. Hobie colors + \$10.00. Mounting hardware included.

Been slipping around in your TRAP lately? Here's the answer! Our **SIDE RAILER™ KIT** will give you sure footed control to keep those hulls trimmed perfectly. Regularly \$11.95. For 30 days **ONLY \$8.95 + \$1.00 postage/handling**.

**SPARE TIRE** - Don't get caught without one. For 30 days we are offering a 480x8 tire and wheel (4 or 5 lug) for **ONLY \$19.95 + \$1 for postage/handling**. Other sizes and trailer parts available at low prices, too!

**VAN OWNERS** - Our **VAN RACK** eliminates that trailer! Rack has 8 sturdy clamps to assure secure mounting. It only takes 2 people to load your boat. Regularly \$149.95 for 30 days **ONLY \$119.95 + freight**.

We ship UPS and common carrier anywhere in the world. Get on our mailing list - register now. **California residents add 6% sales tax.**

**THE TRAILER COMPANY**  
1442 W. Collins, Orange, CA 92667 • (714) 997-8401




## HOBIE 18

powered in heavy airs. Personally, I prefer the latter. It's sort of like a car or a motorcycle, where you've got a lot of power when you really need it, and when you don't need it you can just throttle down. The 18, with its roller furling jib, can be easily "throttled down", but under full sail in heavy airs it's going to be a handful. A double trapeze is standard equipment, and in moderate conditions the 18 can be raced efficiently with a "guy and girl" crew. But, when the wind really picks up—and you're racing against a "hot" field—I think a "two guys" crew will have the advantage.

I have raced an 18 in regattas with 16's, and generally, in an hour-and-a-half race in wind conditions of 10 to 20 knots I'll pick up about 15 minutes on the 16's. I found the greatest performance difference is in going to weather. With its daggerboards and higher aspect main (the 18's boom is six inches shorter than the 16's), the 18 not only sails a higher line, but a faster line. And it is indeed a pleasure to sail to weather; you feel as if you're actually carving almost straight into the wind at times. I've found that on this point of sail your weight should be much further forward than we're used to on the 16. Trapezing or not, the crew should generally be in front of the front crossbar and the skipper as far forward as he can get.

On reaches the 18 seemed to have, in the light air, more power than the 16; but the harder it blew, the closer the two speeds came together. Downwind, the reverse was true. In the lighter airs the 16 gave the 18 a fairly good run; as the wind picked up, the 18 would overpower the 16.

Overall, with its extra two feet in length, and its deep bows, the 18 has a definite advantage over the 16. I found the bows to be *extremely* strong, both in beam reaching and in reaching downwind and running downwind. I've put 'em under a couple times, but it took a lot of wind to do it, and even when they did go under I didn't have the feeling that I might stuff it and do an "endo". In all boats there's that point where it's going to get you eventually, but I feel that the 18, with its strong bows, has a higher "red line" than any of the other cats in its size range.

As far as tacking ability goes, with its round bottoms, and daggerboards, the 18 tacks much faster than a 16. In fact, we found a lot of times we couldn't even get our jib from one side to the other as fast as we could tack. Again, practice makes perfect, and I'm sure that we'll soon be tacking the 18 much more efficiently than we are now.

With regard to wetness, I'd have to say that every cat with crossbars coming directly off the hull, like the 18, is going to be wetter than the Hobie 16 with its raised wing. On the plus side, though, the Hobie 18, with its arched crossbars, is at least dryer than any of the competitive boats in its size range.

Phil Edwards, particularly, and myself have both put a considerable amount of time and effort in the 18, hoping to make it the best 8-foot beam boat in the world, entirely race-ready right out of the box. And at the YACHTING "One of a Kind" I think we proved that we were indeed the fastest of all the boats in this category. However, it is important to remember that the "fastest" boat isn't necessarily the "best" boat for everyone. What is the best boat—whether it be an 18, a 16, a 14, or some other type of boat altogether, is the one that best suits an individual's particular wants and needs. A boat that is the most useful to you personally, one that you will get the most enjoyment out of, is *THE* best boat in the world!

*AL*

## FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS — PLEASE NOTE

The price of foreign subscriptions is being increased \$2.00 as of May 1, 1977. Unfortunately, we are currently losing money on all Hot Line subscriptions mailed out of the United States—increased in postage rates and prices of envelopes have pushed us over into the red. The cost of a Canadian or foreign subscription (this includes any country or territory other than the continental United States, Hawaii, and Alaska) will now be \$12.00 per year, to be submitted in U.S. currency by money order or bank check. Should our expenses be reduced in any way in the future, we hope to roll back our prices accordingly. It's not our intention to make a profit on subscriptions—just to meet costs.

## HOT LINE SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

(PUBLISHED 6 TIMES EACH YEAR)

Enclosed is my check for a one year subscription:

☐ \$5 (United States) ☐ \$12 U.S. Currency  
(CANADA AND FOREIGN)

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION—  
THE COMPUTER WON'T EAT INCOMPLETE FORMS:

- ☐ I own a NEW Hobie. Please start my first year's free subscription.
- ☐ I have purchased a USED Hobie.  
Name of old owner is \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Tell your computer to RENEW my subscription.
- ☐ I have never been on your mailing list and wish to start a subscription.
- ☐ I have MOVED. My new address is shown below and I have enclosed a mailing label with the old address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I do not own a Hobie Cat.

☐ I own a Hobie ☐ 18 ☐ 16 ☐ 14 ☐ 12 ☐ 11 ☐ 10

Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ Hull # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am a member of Fleet # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to organize a Fleet.

☐ Send me information on the Fleet located in \_\_\_\_\_ (CITY)

or near (MAJOR CITY) \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS: Please abbreviate your address so that it will fit on four lines.

Return this form to: Hot Line Subscription  
Box C-19509, Irvine, CA 92713



# CAT EQUIP.

**Even if you don't tow your Cat with a cat!** You may want to cover your boat before the long trip home. Since we do our "clean-up" just before we put the boats to rest, we designed the original "Hobie Halter" covers to protect the boat while parked, and that they do. But several of you have asked for a "towable"—well, here you are! It costs more because it's harder to make and acrylic fabrics are a whole lot more money, but if your trip to and from the water is hard on the boat, this is the answer.

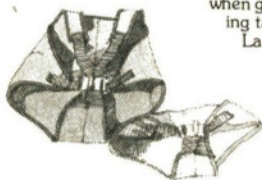
Another exciting new development. Flash! For those of you who couldn't care less about "which direction the next mark is," but are a little interested in knowing how to find your way home. We have talked Suunto into making their neat little compass with a standard card that shows north and those other directions. This doesn't cost more.

## Cat Equip. Duffel Bag.

Soft luggage for the weekend regatta. 12" x 24" black naugahyde with Hobie design on blue or red stripe. Real class. .... **\$19.95**



**Catamaran Glove** cut from top grade cowhide with sewn-on palm and finger strips. Reinforced seams for better protection against rope burns. Finger sidewalls and back are 100% nylon cloth, assuring a snug fit when glove is wet or dry. Velcro closing tabs. Men's sizes S,M,L & X-L. Ladies' sizes S,M & L .... **\$9.95.**



## Trapsuit. Sailmaker quality.

Buoyant trapeze harness...easy to put on...comfortable to wear. Shown on left...choose Blue, Orange, Yellow, Lime or Black .... **\$46.95.**

**Skippers Suit.** Same quality as trap suit, but designed for more time on the tramp and less on the trap. Shown on right. Same color choice .... **\$32.00.**

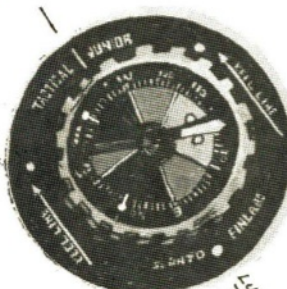


**Catbird Seat.** Does the same job as above but not buoyant. If you need the money more than you need the floatation, this is for you! Colors blue, orange and yellow. Only .... **\$26.95**

The unique **Suunto tactical compass** is designed for catamaran and dinghy racing. It works like a tactician that tells the skipper when to consider tacking into the headers. Once set, the Suunto will automatically give you all the headings on an olympic triangle. Get there first!...avoid the rush.

The new **Suunto Standard Compass.** Set the card with the needle, and you'll know where all 360 degrees are. Same prices as tactical compass. Sure, you can order a P&S kit with one each. 2 3/4" x only 3/4" w/S.S. mounting screws .... **\$15.00 ppd**  
Teak pads to mount on Hobie wing .... **\$3.25 ppd**  
Complete P & S Hobie Kit (2 compasses) .... **\$35.00 ppd**

**Memosail** is a Swiss-made chronograph with a 17 jewel movement and stainless steel case. This fine timepiece has a 10 minute to start feature with jump minute digital display, giving you an instant readout of time to start. A must for the serious racer. Stop watch feature may be used to time any event up to 15 minutes (then it automatically starts over).  
w/stainless band .... **\$109.95 ppd**  
w/nylon band .... **\$99.95 ppd**



Copyright © 1976 Cat Equip.

## Hobie Halter



Our famous reasonably priced protection for your Hobie, that looks and fits like a custom cover should. Features double-needle construction of rugged canvas drill, that has been treated to resist mildew and ultra-violet weakening. You can be assured your **Hobie Halter** will wear well while it protects your boat from the evils of weekend to weekend storage.

## AND NOW FOR HOBIE 18 AND HOBIE 16...THE NEW TOWABLE! ACRYLIC & HEAVY DUTY VINYL. CAT-EQUIP TOWABLE COVERS:

For Hobie 18 .... (★★★)... **\$324.95**  
For Hobie 16 .... (★★★)... **\$224.95**

## HOBIE HALTERS FOR HOBIE 16:

Standard 3-piece Cover .... (★★★)... **\$104.95**  
Complete coverage! .... (★★★)... **\$104.95**  
New 1-piece Cover .... (★★★)... **\$119.95**  
Same coverage, faster to use .... (★★★)... **\$119.95**  
Tramp Cover .... (★★)... **\$34.95**  
Priced at only .... (★★)... **\$34.95**

## HOBIE HALTERS FOR HOBIE 14:

1-piece Cover .... (★★★)... **\$94.95**  
Protects entire boat .... (★★★)... **\$94.95**  
Tramp Cover .... (★★)... **\$30.95**  
Check this price! .... (★★)... **\$30.95**

## OTHER PRODUCTS, FOR 14, 16 & GIRLS:

Rudder Covers, per pair .... (★)... **\$5.50**  
Stowage Bag .... (★)... **\$3.25**  
"Hobie Halter" Top for Girls  
Adjustable, one size fits all  
White, yellow or blue knit .... (★)... **\$5.95**

## Concrete Art Forms. Racing

Rudders. Designed for Hobie 14" or 16" (specify) **\$95.00 pr.**

**Cat Equip. Rudder Sheath** Protects finely tuned racing rudders from nicks and dings while stored. Made from indoor/outdoor carpeting. **\$14.95 pr.**



SEND FOR FREE-CAT-LOG

# CAT EQUIP.

Division of North Coast Tarpaulin Works

P.O. Box 1, Encinitas, CA 92024, (714) 755-0236

PLEASE RUSH ME THE FOLLOWING:

QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE

CAL. RESIDENTS ADD 6%  
SHIPPING & HANDLING—\$1.00 PER ★  
Total remittance enclosed (check, money order) \$

OR CHARGE TO:

☐ BANKAMERICARD CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ MASTER CHARGE EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_





It was a FUN weekend, there were smiles everywhere.



And for the first time in eons, we had WIND too!

## FIRST ANNUAL LAKE HAVASU HOBIE CAT

For years the Hobie Cats have traveled over the mountains and deserts to race at Havasu. The only races seen over the past few years have been across the lawn at the Nautical Inn to the beer truck (on foot)... there has been *no wind*. This year Coast Catamaran got smart and put together the F.A.L.H.H.C.F.F.R.R.

Kevin Hutton and I pulled into Lake Havasu, California at 2 a.m. on Thursday, May 5th, after our six-hour trip from Huntington Beach. We immediately retired so we would be ready for the next few days' activities. While trying to get to sleep, my thoughts were naturally on sailing. I wondered—"how in the world did I get into this?" Reminiscing I remembered, it was May of 1972 and a long time surfing friend, Tom Long, asked me out for a spin on his Hobie Cat. After sailing a while, he turned the tiller over to me and after I had skippered for just a few minutes, feeling the Hobie respond to the wind, I knew I wanted one for my own. Two weeks later Tom, who works for Coast Cat, delivered my first Hobie. That day Tom, Jimmy

Stewart and I all went sailing—each on his own Hobie.

That day we went Hobie-ing I found sailing to be fun, but that for me—the real reason to have a Hobie was to race it. After our racing was over (note: anytime you have two or more Hobies sailing together... it's a race) we had a few beers, talked about the racing, and they invited me to the regatta the next weekend at Vail Lake.

My wife and I went to Vail Lake and were introduced to "formal" racing. We attended our first skippers meeting—it was all so totally new to me that when they told about the blue, white, and red flags I apparently got a little confused. At the start after the first red flag, I was expecting to see more white and blue ones and kept waiting. When there were just three of us sailing around (out of the original 100 or so) the starting area, I concluded that something was wrong. I sailed over to the Committee Camper and yelled to another long time surfing friend, Sandy Banks, "how long until the 16C's start?" He replied, "seven minutes ago..."

What an introduction to a regatta. We spent a fun weekend with beautiful weather and windsailing, drinking and talking with the other racers. I found that racing and Hobie are just part of the HOBIE WAY OF LIFE.

Well, here I am back at Havasu for the sixth time after going through four Hobies. I had just bought my fifth Hobie three days before. I began to think about *winning* this regatta. When I got my first Hobie, I knew nothing about sailing and in fact had never been sailing. Now I am an "A" class racer and still know nothing about sailing. But I listen to others, read some and race a lot. In the summer we race about 12 days out of the month. Fortunately here in Southern California, we can also race in the winter.

Thursday at 8 a.m., we are up and about—starting to put the boats together. Kevin points out Wayne Schafer across the beach and I notice that about half the "A" fleet are working on their boats which are already set up. Here I've taken a few days vacation to be here early and 50% of "A" fleet are already here and have





The inter-fleet tug-o-war proved that Hobie Catters are not all brain—their brawn emerged sufficiently savage.



(top) Joy and mustard on the faces of two hot dog hogs during the Consumption Contest. (above left) Jenalyn Beauchamp, one half of the winning tennis team, demonstrates her tip-toe style. (above right) A lone 14 sneaks under the massive stone bridge.

## FAMILY FUN & RECREATIONAL RETREAT

been for days—coming straight from the regatta the previous weekend at Castaic. (Here we remember one of the basics of Hobie Catting—No one works for a living.) We walked over and talked with Wayne and he graciously gave of his time and expertise, a true gentleman and great competitor. I remember him and Hobie Alter racing at my first regatta at Vail. One of the blessings of Southern California racing is going against these two greats who started it all.

After setting up camp and the boats, we ate and got ready for the first planned activity. It was an 18-hole golf tournament to be played on the picturesque and demanding Nautical Inn 3-par golf course. The sun was out and the wind was blowing some 15 mph. One of the first groups off was one with lots of Beauchamps (a name synonymous with Hobie Cats). The crowd following this group would make a gallery following Palmer, Trevino, and Crenshaw look tiny. We found two beer cans trailing in their wake, evidence of sporting refreshments necessary to bolster their talents across the course.

I noticed Ricky Eddington had two caddies and still carried his own clubs. His caddies each pulled carts with huge coolers of beer. Ricky later had to be carted off the golf course himself. *Note this*—the golf was free (see Letters to the Editor). Too bad everybody couldn't enter this tournament. Golf results are listed at the end of this story.

By John Hauser, Photos By Sandy Banks

Friday morning was the first day of the three day tennis tournament. Upon registering I found there would be no singles. Luckily I found a good-looking, accomplished tennis player, Arlene Lewis, to pair up with. Try as she might, she could not pull me through and we lost out in the prelims. Sunday a.m. saw the lovely Jenalyn Beauchamp and her husband, Bob,







**Trophy time—unique marble etchings and lots of happy faces.**

win a great match. *Note this—the tennis also was free!* (Results follow.)

Friday afternoon brought the "A-round the Island Race". We were greeted with good, brisk 10 mph winds. We'd been there a day and a half and my four day old boat had yet to get wet... I didn't even know if it could float! The fun race began and we hit the weather pin of the starting line on the money, well, ...slightly early as I had planned. I knew the other "over-earlys" would block me from the view of the Race Committee. After covering Hobie Alter and Randy Hatfield when they tacked, we found that we were first at the weather mark. We continued in first place until after we went under the bridge. Between the bridge and the finish, we dropped Dick Beauchamp, Larry Cooke, and Randy Hatfield and finished fourth. When we hit the beach we were told that there was a general



**Plenty of wind and plenty of traffic.**

recall. Some 26 of the 85 boats had returned for the restart. First place winners were: 16's - Byron Watson and Robbie Beauchamp, 14's - John Golden, and 3.5's - Christian Banks.

Saturday brought light and moderate shifty winds with lots of good

fun racing. Sunday produced enough wind for everyone. *Every* A-fleeter except Ricky Eddington and Jim Black flipped at least once. Only 6 of 35 A-fleeters finished the race. Only 49 of 126 total entrants finished this long, hard race. The winds were 25+ mph with gusts to 40 mph. See Regatta Results for finishes.

Other fun activities on the weekend included games for the youngsters with great prizes, inter-fleet tug-o-war, hot dog eating contest, and showing of the 1976 Hobie 16 Worlds movie.

My long time friend Tom Long was asked, even begged, to join our (Fleet 3) tug-o-war team due to his 250 pounds and what we knew he could do. He belongs more to Fleet 1 and decided to tug with them. Lots of yelling, straining, and screaming produced a winner—Fleet 3 of Long Beach, California.

*Continued on page 46*

## LAKE HAVASU GOLF RESULTS

NAME	IN	OUT	TOTAL
Gary Spencer	35	29	64
Pete Peterson	34	31	65
John Hauser	35	33	68
Andy Kirk	35	33	68
Lupe Sutton	34	35	69
Jim Beauchamp	38	32	70
Kenny Rhodes	33	38	71
Jim Sutton	34	38	71
Anna Aare	35	36	71
Sam Humphreys	37	36	73
Hobie Alter	37	37	74
Bob Beauchamp	37	37	74
Ed Halloran	43	36	79
Jim Lewis	44	36	80
Ricky Eddington	39	41	80
Doug Campbell	42	38	80
John Golden	40	41	81
Wendy Ghio	39	42	82
Hobie Alter, Jr.	40	42	82
Bill Warren	41	41	82
Dick Beauchamp	41	42	83
Woody Brooks	43	43	86
Lance Consaul	46	44	90
Miles Wood	46	45	91
Linda Warren	53	49	102
Patty Chase	61	58	119
Steve Leo	60	60	120

## LAKE HAVASU TENNIS RESULTS

	QUARTER-FINALS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS
Ron Levetin/Judy Levetin			
Jim Sutton/Lupe Sutton	Suttons		
Bob Beauchamp/Jenilyn Beauchamp	Beauchamps	Beauchamps	
Gary Spencer/Linda Bronton			
Edie Underhill/Frank Ox	Ghio/Jensen		
Wendy Ghio/Glen Jensen			
Barbara Bradeson/Brian Bradeson	Bradsons	Bradsons	
Betty Price/Reed Price			
Jerry Case/Sue Stamm	Case/Stamm		
Mike Kares/Kathi Kares			
Shirley Thatcher/Bob Thatcher	Thatchers	Case/Stamm	
Aaron Paul/Rene Clark			
Sharon Doyle/Lloyd Doyle	Humphreys/Brooks		
Woody Brooks/Crickett Humphreys			
Marilyn Kirk/Andy Kirk	Kirks	Humphreys/Brooks	
Carol Beauchamp/Dick Beauchamp			

LAKE HAVASU SAILING RESULTS ARE LISTED AT BACK IN REGATTA RESULTS.

**GOLF:** Best Performance by a female: Lupe Sutton

Best Performance by a mixed team: Jim and Lupe Sutton





1003 Williamsburg Dr.  
Charleston, Ill. 61920  
Phone: (217) 348-8533  
See your dealer or  
Contact us.  
We take BankAmericard  
and Mastercharge

Come visit our Hobie Dealership!  
Candlewood East Beach & Sailing Club  
Candlewood Lake Road  
Brookfield, Connecticut 06804  
(203) 775-2253  
(A Division of Sailing Systems, Inc.)

## NEW! SSI TRAPEZE RIG

**THE TRAPEZE RIG THAT LOCKS AUTOMATICALLY WHEN THE ADJUSTER LINE IS LET GO**

Outstanding semi-automatic trapeze rig that allows full adjustment of the outboard location for different size crew and/or hiking conditions. Fully adjustable from the trapeze. Self return to the full up position so it's out of the way when not in use. Set includes two each of RWO jam blocks, dogbones, swivel blocks and adjuster lines for attachment to shortened trapeze wires.

per pair **\$27.50**

## NEW! SSI SUPER JIB BATTENS

New fiberglass jib battens for the Hobie 16 that gives your jib great shape. Very limber so that the battens NEVER hang up when tacking. Increases the drive of the jib compared to the stock battens. Complete with end caps and Nylon straps.

SSI exclusive **\$12.00** set  
"Not Legal for Class Racing"

## NEW! SSI's Black Anodize Repair Kit

Not a paint but a true anodize to repair the scratches and gouges in black anodized aluminum. Keeps the "Flamer", "Banana" or any other black trimmed boat looking new. A 3-part system that is easy to apply and permanent. Kit includes materials for many applications. Complete with all necessary materials and instructions.

SSI exclusive **\$5.00**

## NEW!!! SUPER BATTEN POCKET

**ANTI-WEAR TAPE  
STOP DESTROYING YOUR EXPENSIVE SAIL!!!**

Space-age pressure sensitive tape that's easy to apply and guaranteed NEVER to wear through. This super tape has 10 TIMES the wear resistance of steel! Easy to apply to batten pockets & becomes almost invisible on the sail. Precut lengths.

Hobie 14 ..... **\$4.00**

Includes materials and instructions.

Hobie 16 ..... **\$6.00**

## OTHER GOODIES!

BRIDLE FLY ..... **\$6.50**  
MASTHEAD FLY ..... **\$6.50**  
HALYARD GRIP ..... **\$1.75**  
BATTEN PINS ..... H-14 -- set **\$4.00**  
H-16 -- set **\$6.00**

Hobie 16 JIB TRIM KIT #1 NEW LOW .... **\$45.00**  
JIB TRIM KIT #2 PRICES .... **\$37.50**

BEER OR POP CAN HOLDERS ..... 2 FOR **\$1.49**  
SHROUD FLYS ..... pr. **\$8.50**

RUDDER STIFFENING KIT ..... **\$3.50**

ROLLER FAIRLEAD KIT ..... **\$3.50**

MAST STEP INSERT ..... **\$2.00**

REPLACEMENT FEATHERS for flys .... pr. **\$1.50**

MOLDED MAST BEARING ..... **\$1.95**

ACCESSORY MOUNTING PLATE ..... **\$2.25**

## NEW! SSI "UPRIGHT" RIGHTING SYSTEM

Safe, simple and sure — and inexpensive. Recognizing that sailing the Hobie 16 solo can be a very scary thing, SSI has developed its "UPRIGHT" to overcome the high cost and tricky installation required in other righting systems. It operates on the same proven principle as lengthening the shroud—allowing the mast to lay over—giving the solo skipper the advantage of the boat's own weight to greatly assist in getting it "UPRIGHT". Installation is easy. There are no holes to drill, no measurements, no fuss! Attaches in 5 minutes to the existing shroud adjusters and the only tool required is a pair of pliers! Safety bridle attaches to the mast base to keep the mast in the socket but doesn't interfere with rotation.

The Class Association recognizes the "UPRIGHT" as a definite safety asset for the quick and efficient righting of a Hobie Cat 16. If the UPRIGHT is used during a regatta, you will be disqualified from the race in which it was used.

Complete Kit **\$32.50**

## SSI RUDDER ALIGNMENT KIT

(Patent Pending)

Is your boat dragging a bucket? It surely is unless your rudders are aligned properly. This super kit allows infinite and fast alignment. Elimination of rudder drag is one of the most overlooked essentials for maximum performance. This kit is a MUST for anyone interested in getting the most out of their Hobie Cat. Kit comes complete with all hardware and instructions for easy installation.

Kit **\$5.00**

**TRACKER**

PAT # 3978809  
241731  
FOREIGN PAT.  
PENDING

The "TRACKER" is the most important addition you can make to your boat simply because you can obtain full control over the sail angle without easing the mainsheet. Tacking is faster, too. You don't have to do anything once the mainsheet is set but steer the boat and trim the traveler location. Think about it. No Slide type traveler can do the job as well.

**MODEL T-1 TRACKER** roller unit kit to convert all SSI

Super Travelers to the TRACKER configuration .... **\$12.00**

**MODEL T-2 TRACKER** Traveler Car with track rivets ... **\$30.00**

**MODEL T-3 TRACKER** full kit includes swivel cam cleat, cleat base, color coded trim line and all hardware ..... **\$50.00**

All TRACKER systems are guaranteed 1 year-30 day money back trial.

## SSI GIFTS AND TROPHIES

### GLASS-SILS Wall Plaque

Gorgeous outline of your favorite boat in brilliant color on a walnut stained wood base surrounded with rope. These exceptional plaques are ideal as trophies, gifts or for showing off your own boat. All are custom made to order. Allow 30 days.

4x7" - **\$11.00** 9x11" - **\$17.00**

### TIFFANY CANDLE

Unique and beautiful handmade candle with all four sides in brilliant stained glass on a wood base. Excellent choice for gifts and trophies or a beautiful way to show off your favorite boat. Can be made for any boat class, color combination and sail number. Burns 150 hours and is refillable.

H-14 #129, H-16 #130 Our choice of color.

Hobie 14 or 16 - **\$11.00**

#131 Custom made to your specification - **\$12.50**

**SEND 50¢ FOR SSI's NEW  
1977 CATALOG**

### IN HAWAII CONTACT —

HELE ON  
47-470 Lulani Street  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744  
(808) 239-9416

### IN AUSTRALIA CONTACT —

CRAWFORD MARINE  
25 Glenora Street  
Wynnum, Brisbane  
QLD 4178, Australia



# RUDDERS

Stuart  
Newcomb's  
Concrete  
Art Forms

2941 Grace Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Yes, and guaranteed  
not to break.

Weight: 5 lbs 11 oz.  $\pm$  3 oz.

**Shapes:** FINE—a finer entry and finer forward section. 1976 Hobie 14 Nationals—1st, 2nd, 3rd FULL—the forward 35% of foil is fuller for those who sail with more weather helm or in extreme conditions.

**Materials:** Rudders are formed of isophthalic gel coat finish. 181 fiberglass and filled epoxy sandwich construction. Ready to be mounted and drilled.

**Price:** \$95 per pair—Colors available.

RUDDER SHEATHS available—  
\$14.95 per pair



We want to  
"steer you straight"!

THREADED RUDDER  
ALIGNMENT KIT\*

\$13.95

TILLER CONNECTION  
KIT\*\*

\$6.95

\*Nylatron \*\*Nylatron and stainless

More Kits to stiffen your rudder assembly...  
**New Gudgeons by Coast Cat**—Welded and sleeved! What a difference!... Upper Gudgeons: \$2.60 ea. Lower Gudgeons: \$3.50 ea. Screws: \$0.20 ea.

**Rudder Stiffening Kit**—8 Special bearings and 4 s.s. lock nuts ..... \$3.50

**Rudder Alignment Kit**—by SSI "to adjust rudder parallelism" ..... \$5.00

**Rudder Pins**—Replace worn pins!... Nylon \$1.75 ea. Aluminum \$3.55 ea.

**Illustrated Parts Breakdown and Price List for H-14 and 16 (14 pgs)** ..... \$1.00

**Murray's Nautical Book Service**—Books of interest to racing skippers ..... FREE

**Murray's Sports Center Bro.**—Most complete listing available! ..... FREE

# MINI-MAST SUPPORT

\$15<sup>95</sup>

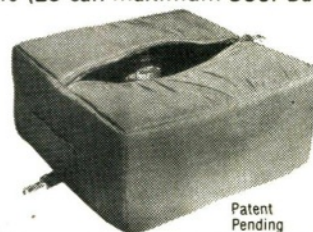


- NEW IMPROVED
  - ATTACHES TO AFT TRAVELER TRACK OF HOBIE 10, 14 AND 16
  - LIGHTWEIGHT
  - NON-CORROSIVE
  - 10 SECOND REMOVAL/INSTALLATION
  - INCLUDES MAST LASHING CORD
  - NYLON COATED FASTENERS
- PACIFIC PRECISION PRODUCTS

# "Cool Cat"®

Insulated *Cool Cat* easily holds two six packs, food and ice, and keeps them cold for hours (20 can maximum *Cool Cat* capacity). 12" x 12" x 6" Deep

- Cool Cat snaps securely to trampoline.
- Zipper keeps Cool Cat closed — Contents will not spill out when zipper is open.
- Two side handles make Cool Cat easy to carry.
- Cool Cat floats.
- Top quality, mildew resistant, nylon duck, webbing and insulation throughout.



\$24<sup>95</sup> EACH

Patent Pending

# "Cool Cat II"®

With U.S. approved throwable device. 15" x 15" x 3" deep insulated cooler compartment keeps beer cold, or clothes dry. Two snaps hold *Cool Cat II* on trampoline.

- Detachable zipper pocket holds tools, parts, money, etc.
- See through pocket for racing cart
- Carrying handle
- Clip life jackets, etc., to "D" rings on side
- Pull out Coast Guard approved throwable device included. (required on Hobie 16)

\$49<sup>95</sup> EACH



Patent Pending

# "Cool Cat Jr."®

5" x 12" zippered pouch

- Water repellent, nylon duck pouch
- Holds keys, wallet, a can of beer, etc.
- Snaps securely to trampoline



\$5<sup>95</sup> EACH



Dealer Inquiries Invited

Prices Subject To Change

ORDER NOW! COD, or we pay shipping costs with pre-payment. (California residents add 6% sales tax.) We accept check, money order, B of A, or Mastercharge (send card number & expiration date)



**MURRAY'S  
SPORTS CENTER**

Competition Catamaran Components

11727 GATEWAY BLVD.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90064  
(213) 478-0723



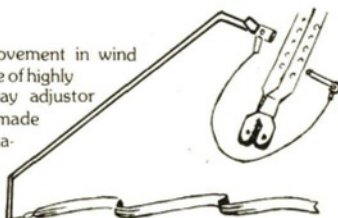
A diagram of a harness, likely for a horse, showing a central buckle and four straps extending outwards.

**Full**  
**49.95**

It c  
for eas  
soft surfac  
when sitting o  
screaming along

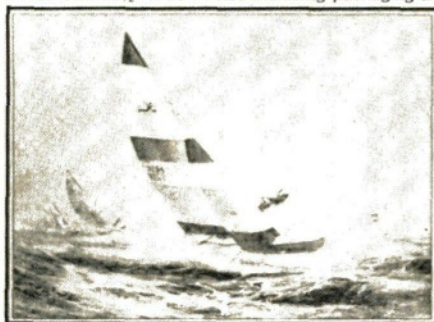
Please specify blue or black. **Still only \$19.95**

We are proud to introduce a significant improvement in wind direction indicators. Our new wind tale is made of highly polished stainless and mounts on the forestay adjuster with its own quick release pin. The vain is made from specially formulated spinnaker rip stop material and will provide exceptional service for years.



We now offer a heavy duty  $\frac{1}{4}$ " pin that is easy to use and hold. It can be used anywhere on your boat that a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " quick securing device is advantageous. **\$4.35**

An original painting by Kipp Soldwedel, one of America's most talented marine artists. Personally autographed by Hobie Alter and Kipp Soldwedel. Size 21½" x 28". Price including packaging and mailing \$15.00.



Ideal as a gift  
or to enjoy for-  
ever in your  
own home.  
Order yours  
today!



The Hobie Cap is the most popular clothing item we have ever introduced. It is medium blue and is fully adjustable to any size. It is constructed to tolerate the rugged demands of Hobie sailors.

**\$5.75**



These Shirts are silk screened with the 4 Sails Design or **The Cat House™** logo. Both are premium quality and have pocket on left front side.

They are offered in Lt. Blue or Yellow  
in sizes XL, L, M, S. **\$5.50**



JUST ASK



UNCONDITIONAL 90 DAY GUARANTEE.



ADDRESS

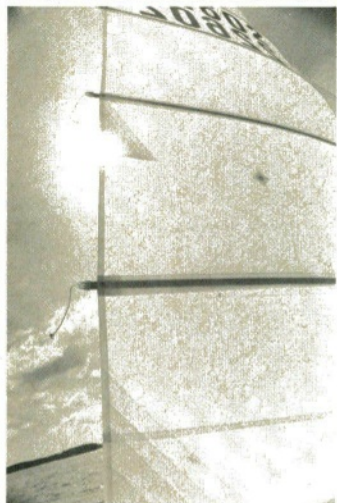
STATE

ZIP

[illegible]



# TAKE THE MYSTERY OUT OF BATTEN ADJUSTMENT



## TrenTec Inc. introduces its all new PERFECT™ POCKET DRAFT GAUGES

to help maximize mainsail  
performance.

- Enables easy creation of constant sail pocket
- Made of durable vinyl
- Mathematically calculated and coded for each individual batten
- Adheres permanently to battens
- Can be used with any batten cap
- Class legal

(See order form for prices)

If you sail a Hobie 14, 16 or 18 we have a set of Perfect Pocket batten caps for you, including the all new HC-16-J for the 16 footer's jib.

They all permit total adjustability of batten tension for maximum sail performance.

- No need to tie or untie knots for adjustment.
- Adjusts within seconds; no tools needed
- Prolongs Sail's life
- Constructed of marine tested Delrin®
- Includes nylon lines
- Guaranteed slip proof
- Enhances jib crossover when tacking

## AND NOW ... TWO NEW PERFECT POCKET BATTEN CAPS

USED ON  
ALL HOBIES  
IN THE '77  
NATIONALS



AVAILABLE AT MOST HOBIE CAT DEALERS  
OR SIMPLY MAIL THIS ORDER FORM

Please send the following number of sets of  
Perfect Pocket DRAFT GAUGES

HC-14 @ \$2.95 ..... \$  
HC-16 @ \$4.95 ..... \$  
(includes jib)  
HC-18 @ \$4.45 ..... \$  
Sub-Total ..... \$

Please send the following number of Perfect  
Pocket BATTEN CAPS

HC-14 @ \$7.95 ..... \$  
HC-16 @ \$9.95 ..... \$  
HC-16-J @ \$5.95 ..... \$  
HC-18 @ \$11.95 ..... \$  
Sub-Total ..... \$

WE PAY POSTAGE

DRAFT GAUGE TOTAL \$

BATTEN CAPS TOTAL

(Florida residents include 4% sales tax) TOTAL ORDER

Send check, money order or use Master Charge/BankAmericard

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**TrenTec Inc.** P.O. Box 1146, Jensen Beach, Fl. 33457

## Hobie Sailors have more Fun Trailex Anodized Aluminum Trailers for Hobies assure that Fun

- LIGHTWEIGHT - for Beach Launch  
- Compact Towing
- NO RUST - Maintenance Free
- STRONG - Heat treated Special  
Extrusions

3 YEAR GUARANTEE



### TRAILEX

— THE ALUMINUM TRAILER  
PEOPLE—HAS MORE THAN  
38,000 ALUMINUM TRAILERS  
IN USE—AROUND THE WORLD—

OUR 15<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

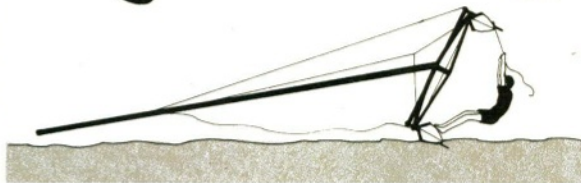
TRAILEX is now manufacturing a lightweight (145 lbs.)  
aluminum trailer for the new Hobie Cat 18.

FOR INFORMATION AND LOCATION OF YOUR  
NEAREST TRAILEX DEALER—

### TRAILEX, INC.

Box H, 60 Industrial Park Dr., Canfield, Ohio 44406  
Phone (216) 533-6814

# EASY RIGHTER



Now a 100 pound person can right a Hobie 16 SOLO  
in ½ minute. Rugged, proven, guaranteed, weighs only  
2#, quickly installed.

— Only \$120 Postpaid —

**NOTE:** The Class Association recognizes the EASY RIGHTER as a  
definite safety asset for the quick and efficient righting of a  
Hobie Cat 16.

If the Righter is used during a regatta, you will be disqualified  
from the race in which it was used.



Write for details —

**3N COMPANY**

Box 24500, Los Angeles

CA 90024/(213) 475-3356



# FLEET NEWS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST 1977

## FLEET 186

Rowayton, Connecticut

Roton Point Sailing Association's 17th Annual Spring Regatta was held Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29, with a record number of 48 cats, sunny skies, steady breezes and plenty of cold beer. A perfect weekend!

The largest division was the Hobie 16's with 18 entrants all hot to win. The pro among us was Major (Rudder Buster) Hall, Senior Editor of Yacht Racing Magazine and a 1976 Nationals and Worlds competitor. Major and his crew Wendy Thomson were smoking the entire fleet in the first race when SNAP... a sound every skipper dreads to hear (especially if he's in the lead) and there went one rudder. Lucky Major heard that sound three times in three races and finally gave up destroying the boat with three strikes against him. Special thanks go to fleet member Bob Quinlivan who generously gave Major his boat to sail. Rumor has it that Bob's first new 'go-faster' will be a pair of unbreakable rudders!

By the end of three races on Saturday, Hobie 16 skipper David Danielson and his crew Ms. Commodore Katy Daley were exactly where they wanted to be... in FIRST place! And this was exactly where everyone else wanted to be! After the races, with plenty of free beer flowing to ease those aching muscles and sunburned bodies, everyone swapped their favorite war stories and proudly displayed their first bruises of the season.

Saturday night a gigantic fried chicken feast with all the trimmings was held on the club's porch overlooking Long Island Sound. With tummies full, we all sat back and let our guest speaker Major Hall entertain us with his dynamite talk on the growing popularity of multi-hulls on the East Coast, especially in the Hobie class. The real highlight of the night was the 1976 Hobie World's flick which was FANTASTIC! A definite must for every sailor to see!

Two more races on Sunday with winds clocked between 12-15 mph brought on double trapezing for all the lightweights, screaming reaches and lots of action, including a few skippers who went swimming against their will.

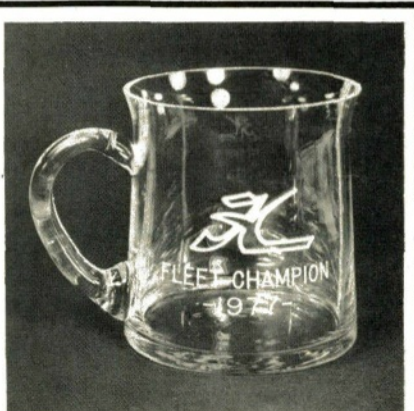
Fleet 186 members Danielson and Daley sailed away with the first place trophy in the Hobie 16 Division. Taking second place, sailing their fast, light Hobie National's boat (which points like crazy) was the team of Christopher/Levich of Fleet 28. Third place was also taken by Fleet 28 members Lee Gale and Steve Bell who always finish in the top three each year at this regatta. Fleet secretary/Treasurer Carolyn Diehl was unable to sail because of an injury and played landlubber while her skipper Jim Sebastian (1st place winners last year) joined Major Hall as a member of the Rudder Busters Club. Touch luck for a couple of great sailors! Vice-Commodore Bud Babcock was one of those skippers who went for an unexpected swim in one race, but sailed on to glory in the remaining four races capturing the first place trophy in the Hobie 14 Division.

Beautiful brass and silver trophies were presented to the top three finishers in each division and a hearty round of applause was given the Race Committee for an excellent job.

Be sure to keep in mind September 10-11, the dates of Roton Point Sailing Association's 17th Annual Fall Regatta, it promises to have lots of good winds, good food, good people and be a good time!

The 1977 Division 12 Championships will be held on July 23 and 24 at the Sayville Yacht Club on Long Island. These are different dates than those printed in the May/June Regatta Schedule.

Many of our Hot Line advertisers actively support the Hobie Class Association. Our appreciation and proper credit is due to the following for their continual assistance and backing at both of the 1976 Nationals competitions and the 1976 Worlds Championship: Hobie Cat Sales, Murray's Sports Center, and Sailing Systems, Inc.



## Trophies

**TROPHY PROBLEMS SOLVED.** Fleets nationwide come to us because of our variety, unusual sailplan engravings, and attractive program discounts. For every event, from under \$5 to over \$100.

**ETCHED CRYSTAL & GLASSWARE,** brass, silver-plate, plaques, pewter, lucite embedments, screened glasses, and much more.

WRITE OR PHONE FOR OUR  
COLOR CATALOG

*Martingale*

Box 365, Marblehead, Mass. 01945  
Phone (617) 631-4250

## ADVENTURE AT ITS BEST

Explore and snorkel the Barrier Reef and cays of Belize, Central America on Hobie 16's equipped for camping. Weekly 5 day guided expeditions from Jan. - April, 1978. \$295 plus air fare. Sound intriguing? It's a lot more than that. For full details send \$1 to:

David Leonard  
Cay-Cat Expeditions  
P.O. Box 1233  
Moorhead, Minn. 56560

## FLEET 146

Wichita Falls, Texas

Threats of rain and dismal skies greeted 56 Hobies at Lake Arrowhead on April 16 for the Third Annual London Fog Regatta. Then as race time came nearer, the weather only confirmed what the forecasters had already predicted, but determined sailors battled the intermittent rain and light winds to complete two of the three planned races.

Dampened spirits were soon revived with warmth, dry clothes, and the Fleet 146 famous spaghetti dinner. A crowd of well over 100 people rallied 'round the beer kegs and crackling fireplace at the Wichita Falls Yacht Club with echos of Hobie "war" stories ringing from all around the clubhouse. Thanks to the WFYC for the refuge from the rain.

Sunday dawned clearing and cool with a stiff and steady 15-25 mph wind from the south-east. The only people moving faster than the race committee in altering the course for the new wind were the sailors themselves with boats overturned on the shore readjusting batten tensions. Donned in trapeze harnesses and out on the wire, Hobie sailors hit the water for a hard fighting batten-buster in the white-caps. After two races of truly fine Hobie Cat sailing, the boats retreated to the beach for a little more beer, a few more stories to tell and trophy presentation.

Many thanks go to Park Ranger Eddie Siemens and to Art Wolff and Bill Neudigati for chase boat help. We hope to see all our Hobie friends again July 23-24, for the first Division Championships for the new Division 14; same lake, same beach and much more of the same fun.



# FLEET NEWS

HOBBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST 1977



## AMERICAN PRECISION MARINE COMPANY Super Six 6:1 Block System

The laws of physics state that you have mechanical advantage counted by the number of strands minus the friction coefficient of pulleys.

This Block System has stainless steel ball bearings and races for low friction. This is the most effortless 6:1 system you will use. The off-center cam cleat provides positive jamming without tearing up your mainsheet. **\$78.00** includes shipping.

**Super Four 4:1 is \$62.80**  
(includes shipping)

— Dealer Inquiries Invited —  
BankAmericard, Visa, and Mastercharge accepted.

### HOBBIE CAT SALES

908 Averill Road  
Joppatowne, MD 21085  
301/679-8704

## FLEET 204 Clay, New York

The First Annual Mad-Catter Regatta—what a party!!! The first day was clearly identified as a "Floatathon." We were only able to get off two races. Before, during and after the races there were the best eats ever cooked up. Sausage and pepper Hoagies were the main attraction. After the races were over, everyone chowed down a steak dinner, and got into some serious drinking. The Keg was tapped on the beach and later moved to the campsite where everyone partied and listened to dirty jokes told by Murph.

Sunday we got a break and some wind came up. We promptly started racing at 9:30 and were able to get off four more races, giving everyone a throwout. In the 16's, Rey and Jan Harju took 1st overall with Jim Caster/Sam Sapienzo in 2nd, and Chuck Boyce/Caster took 3rd. In the 14's, Charlie Elve came in 1st, with Dick Gunn coming in 2nd, and Mike Wall in 3rd.

The regatta was a complete success. The accommodations were good enough for the Nationals. Oneida Lake, being shallow was approximately 55 degrees. The all-sand beach could easily fit 100 boats; good camping a little way from the beach. Food and drink were plentiful and easily attainable thanks to Frank Desidero. Trophies were beautifully designed and made by Charlie Elve with the help of Jerry Weber. Many thanks to Jim Murphy for the



use of his boat for the race committee and also to South Bay Sails for the chase boat. Thanks to Terry Demaline for designing the flyers and visors given to all race participants.

Fleet 204 has a whole summer full of races, outings, parties and many planned excursions to other races in District 12. Anyone wishing to join, contact Pat Caster, 6725 Lakeshore Road, Clay, NY 13041, phone 1-315-699-7985.



## The Seymour Hat

Where can I get one of those hats? For years, surfers on the beach have repeated this question! The built-in visor makes this the perfect hat for shade and visibility.

The Seymour Hat \$5.00 delivered. Specify size: small, medium, large. (Calif. residents add 6% tax.)

**La Paloma Products**  
P.O. Box 694  
Dana Point, Calif. 92629

*The Cadillac of Hats*

## The Hobbie Class Association would like to welcome the new 1977 Hobbie fleets:

They are:

- Fleet #16 Mike Staudt, Commodore  
Riverside, California
- Fleet #25 Bill Wladyka, Commodore  
Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Fleet #38 Terry Foster, Commodore  
Watertown, South Dakota
- Fleet #50 Don McKee, Commodore  
Rome, New York
- Fleet #55 Robert Wiseman, Commodore  
Morris Plains, New Jersey
- Fleet #59 Carl Votaw, Jr., Commodore  
Springfield, Missouri
- Fleet #114 Jack Thompson, Commodore  
Bryan, Texas
- Fleet #121 Irwin Stoner, Commodore  
Manitou, Michigan
- Fleet #129 Dana Biggs, Commodore  
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
- Fleet #130 Ron Zelmer, Commodore  
Penticton, B.C., Canada
- Fleet #214 Richard Chadwick, Commodore  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada
- Fleet #215 Harold Miller, Commodore  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Fleet #216 Fred Wurster, Commodore  
Indianapolis, Indiana
- Fleet #217 William Henninger, Commodore  
Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Fleet #218 Jerry Bergstrom, Commodore  
Overton, Nebraska

If any of these fleets are in your area and you're interested in joining, please get in touch with the Hobbie Class Association, for the address and phone number of a local contact.



# WORLD ASSOCIATION: FOREIGN REPORT



Hobie 14's at the start of SULCAT III.

## III SULCAT IN BRAZIL

By Carlos B. Bruns

While almost all Brazilians spent the Carnival days dancing in clubs, or watching the spectacle of the Samba Schools in Rio or in front of TV, 56 Hobie Catters with families and friends towed their Hobie 14's to Capri, Santa Catarina, South Brazil, for the 3rd CAMPEONATO SUL-BRASILEIRO DA CLASSE HOBIE CAT (SULCAT for short). Santa Catarina was for the third year in a row the sight of Sulcat, due in great part to the beauty of its beaches, many of them still untouched by man, or inaccessible by land.

One of the most appreciated features of the Sulcat is... camping. This once-a-year get-together is like the meeting of a big family, and (I tell you) what a family...

Sailing started on Saturday as all boats rushed to the start of the 2nd Marathon of Santa Catarina, an irregular course about 40 km. long. A regular northeaster 10-knot wind brought the winner, Alexandre Martins, from Ceara (!!) to the finish line in about three hours. Thirty-four boats completed the race.

For the next three days, it was all Sulcat. Six races were staged, in 8-14 knot winds, and you couldn't tell the winner until the very last one. Good weather was a member of the team, and so was the northeaster and the tricky current everywhere.

As expected, Carlos Biekarck, from Sao Paulo, and Nelson Picollo, from Porto Alegre, fought hard for first in the series. Carlos, three times Brazilian Vice-Champion (2nd place), was one point ahead of Nelson at the start of the last race. Nelson would win the series if he managed to win that last race. Nelson took second, both in the last race and in the series, and Carlos, after four years of hard fought championships, got his first South Brazilian Champion title.

Special thanks to Rudy Beckhauser, Capri Yacht Club Commodore, for the donation of the T-shirts, camping area, Club restaurant, Club facilities and the cheerful stand-by during the whole event. The same to Agatino Emmanuelle, Director of Liquigas do Brasil, S.A., for donating the trophies (beautiful, little copper Hobies). Waldemar Bier, Ocean and Snipe sailor in Rio Grande do Sul, with his team, did an outstanding job as Committee Chairman, with Club members' motorboats. Please turn to Hot Line Results at the back of this issue for racing results.

## THE NETHERLANDS

You may be interested to hear about the Hobie activities down here in the 'Low Lands, in the Netherlands. Being a catamaran freak, I got in touch with Coast Cat France in 1972 and as a hobby I started as the first dealer in my country selling Hobie Cats. We have a coastline of approximately 125 miles of sandy beaches and in a few years time we promoted the Hobie into what she is now, the most popular sailing boat along the coast. In 12 coastal sailing clubs, Hobie is **THE** Cat; we have established five active Hobie fleets with two more to come.

With my friends of the Hobie Association Netherlands, we organized three times a European Championship and every year about eight open point regattas and many club regattas. Over 400 Hobies are hitting the steep cold surf; the Hobie Cat is one of the very few boats sturdy enough to withstand the waves of the North Sea.

As my hobby grew out of hand, I managed to turn it into a more professional operation and was lucky enough to lay my hands on a house at the fishermen harbor of the Hague, 200 yards from the beach—it's now our Hobie Center. It shows a beautiful contrast, the old fishermen's boats in the harbor facing the place where the activities around the super modern Hobies are happening.

I consider my participation in the Hawaii 16 World Championships as the absolute highlight of my life as a Hobie sailor and I hope to participate in all the Worlds to come. I would like to invite any foreign Hobie sailor to our country to join us in the Dutch Hobie Way of Life.

By Martin Schuiltema

## HONG KONG FLEET 179

Our Fleet participated in the Lipton Cup Regatta, held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, over two weekends. In a mixed regatta consisting of Flying Fifteens, 505's, and cruisers such as Pandoras, the Hobies were well represented in each race (considering that competitors had to be members of the RHKYC).

The course was set off Lamma Island away from the shipping lanes between it and Hong Kong Island. There were strong winds during several races leading to capsizes and collisions of Hobies. With heavy seas and deep troughs the conditions were not right for the faint-hearted. The fearless Hobie Catters whooped and yelled their way into recognition among the other dinghy classes! The 505's, a particularly snotty-nosed bunch, seemed unimpressed; but despite their five minute start advantage, Hobies finished ahead of them. And five minutes was the minimum start difference time—many Hobies showed a woeful ignorance of the flags flying from the committee boat and started long after the signal.

The races were dominated by Dave Socash crewed by Martin Dives, and Caius St. George, crewed by Danielle You. Their tactics were opposite, Socash keeping to the tight tacks of the 505's up ahead and St. George looking for the broad reach on all legs of the course. Socash won 4 of the 6 races, and St. George won 2. Jim

Kriegsman and Dan Randall finished 3rd overall, despite capsizings and equipment failure. Brian Sennett/John Owen and Ian Verchere/Rod Nutt suffered similar fates which kept them out of several races.

Prior to this Regatta, a minor regatta was held in Tai Tam Bay, where most of the Fleet is based, with only a small turnout. Winter does not attract Hong Kong Hobie Catters to the water's edge, which is difficult for a fanatic like the writer to understand, who would definitely attend a Worlds Championship held in the Arctic Circle. The 14 sailors showed the 16's how to handle a Hobie. Martin Dives (that's me) came in last (out of a miserable 3) in the 14's and Ian Verchere similarly placed in the 16's. Graham Davidson and Paul Giles came first respectively in the 14's and 16's.

By Martin Dives



## JAPAN

Japanese Hobie Catters enjoyed a dual talent Ski & Sail Regatta on January 1st and May 1st of 1977. The New Year's weekend at Sugadaira saw K. Kubo, Y. Yazawa, M. Sasaki, Miss S. Yamamoto, and Y. Sato respectively capture the first five spots in ski competition. May Day weekend in Kamakura was the scene of the sailing portion of the combined contest. The top five doubly talented competitors were decided on a basis of total scores in both areas—congratulations to:

Place	Competitor	Ski	Sail
1	Y. Yazawa	3	2
2	Y. Sato	5	1
3	K. Kubo	1	5
4	Miss S. Yamamoto	4	4
5	S. Takahashi	15	3

The Big Spring Regatta Results of May 3rd and 5th were:

Place	Skipper/Crew	Total Points
<b>HOBIE 16</b>		
1	Takahashi/Yazawa	4½
2	Nakazawa/Nakazawa	7¾
3	Bourdon/Single	8
4	Kono/Sueyoshi	9
5	Tanaka/Uehara	16

<b>HOBIE 14</b>		
1	M. Tanaka	5½
2	K. Sekiguchi	6¾
3	Y. Sato	15
4	M. Kosuge	15
5	H. Ono	17

And many thanks to Yasuo Sato for keeping us in touch with the Japanese Hobie Cat scene.



# REGATTA SCHEDULE

## 1977 AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 16 & 17	Northeastern Championships/Fleet #190 Atlantic City, NJ	Rocky Cale (609) 927-0684
July 23 & 24	Northwestern Championships/Fleets #14 & #95 & Hobie Cat Northwest Golden Gardens, Seattle, WA	John Rueter (206) 822-0068

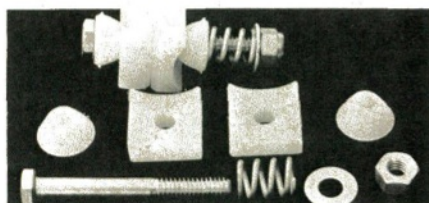
### DIVISION 1

July 9 & 10	4th Annual Pan Am Regatta/Fleet #6 Kailua, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
July 23 & 24	Seasons Points and Campout/Fleet #6 Kahana Bay, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
July 31	Seasons Points/Fleet #6 Kaneohe Bay, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
August 14	Seasons Points/Fleet #6 Kaneohe Bay, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
August 20 & 21	Hobie 14 State Championships/Fleet #6 Kaneohe Bay, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
August 27 & 28	Hobie 16 State Championships/Fleet #6 Kaneohe Bay, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
September 11	Outrigger Canoe Club Regatta/Fleet #6 Waikiki, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
September 17	La Mariana/Fleet #6 Keehi Lagoon, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
September 25	4th Annual Wahine/Fleet #6 Kailua, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
October 9	Season Points/Fleet #6 Kaneohe Bay, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
October 23	Seasons Points/Fleet #6 Portlock, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
November 6	Seasons Points/Fleet #6 Pearl Harbor, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
November 19	Banquet and Elections '78/Fleet #6 To Be Announced	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266
December 4	Seasons Points/Fleet #6 Kaneohe Bay, HI	Jack Wythes (808) 261-5266

### DIVISION 2

July 10	Ladies Races/Fleet #66 Lake Pleasant, AZ	Steven Shenkel (602) 269-1154
July 14	Summer Series II, Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
July 14	Summer Series #2/Race #4/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 16 & 17	Dry Heaves Regatta/Fleet #167 Lake Isabella, CA	Ron Johnson (805) 323-6280
● July 16 & 17	5th Annual Del Rey Regatta/Fleet #57 Dockweiler Beach, CA	Jack Leth (213) 377-0696
July 17	Castaic Lake Summer Series 3/Fleet 180 Castaic Lake, California	Dave Paulson (213) 363-5889
July 21	Summer Series II, Race #3/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
July 21	Summer Series #2/Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 23 & 24	Lake Roosevelt Assault/Fleet #66 Roosevelt, AZ	Steven Shenkel (602) 269-1154
● July 23 & 24	Todos Santos/Fleet #4 San Diego, CA	Frank Murphy (714) 426-3923
July 28	Summer Series II, Race #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876

July 28	Summer Series #3/Race #1/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 30	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
★ July 30 & 31	Division 2 14' Championships/Fleet #57 Malibu Yacht Club, Malibu, CA	Jami Olsen (213) 391-0201
August 4	Summer Series III, Race 1/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 4	Summer Series #3/Race #2/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
★ August 6 & 7	Division 2 16' Championships/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 7	Tree Topper Regatta/Fleet #167 Lake Isabella, CA	Ron Johnson (805) 323-6280
August 11	Summer Series III, Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 11	Summer Series #3/Race #3/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
August 14	Summer Series Race #2/Fleet #15 Oxnard, CA	Ben Rose (805) 489-7697
August 14	Fleet 176 Race Vail Lake, California	Berdie McCoy (714) 927-1506
August 18	Summer Series III/Race 3/Fleet 3 Long Beach, California	Rich Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 18	Summer Series 3/Race 4/Fleet 57 Marina Del Rey, California	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
August 20	Fleet Race/Fleet 1 Dana Point, California	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
August 21	Castaic Lake Summer Series 4/Fleet 180 Castaic Lake, California	Dave Paulson (213) 363-5889
August 25	Summer Series #3/Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
August 25	Summer Series III, Race #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 28	Fleet Race/Fleet #176 Vail Lake, CA	Berdie McCoy (714) 927-1506
September 1	Summer Series #4/Race #1/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
September 3	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
September 4	Summer Series Race #3/Fleet #15 Oxnard, CA	Ben Rose (805) 489-7697
September 8	Summer Series #4/Race #2/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
Sept. 10 & 11	10th Annual Ancient Mariner/Ancient Mariner Newport Beach, CA	Hobie Class Assn. (714) 979-2880
September 11	Fall Series I, Race #1/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
September 15	Summer Series #4/Race #3/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
September 17	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
Sept. 17 & 18	1st Annl. Big Bear Lake Reg. /Big Bear Lake Sail. Assn. & Environmental Sports Big Bear Lake, California	Larry Cooke (714) 866-7717
September 18	Castaic Lake Fall Series 1/Fleet 180 Castaic Lake, California	Dave Paulson (213) 363-5889
September 22	Summer Series #4/Race #4/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
September 25	Fleet Race/Fleet #176 Vail Lake, CA	Berdie McCoy (714) 927-1506
September 25	Fall Series I, Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
September 29	Summer Series #4/Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
October 1	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
October 2	Fall Series Race #1/Fleet #15 Oxnard, CA	Ben Rose (805) 489-7697



▲ **The Original B.H. Tiller Connectors.** Most needed part on your Hobie. Machined —not "extruded" for better fit. Nylon half balls for better action in socket ends. Finest quality S.S. bolt, spring washer ends & nut lock. This is the unit used on National & Worlds boats. **FITS THE NEW HOBIE 18. \$9.95** set includes shipping.

DEALER INQUIRIES INVITED. SEND FOR FREE CATALOG. BANK AMERICARD (VISA) MASTER CHARGE. Send card number & expiration date.

### HOBIE CAT SALES

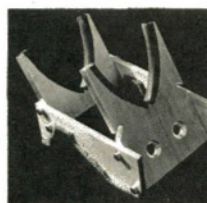
908 Averill Road  
Joppatowne, MD 21085 (301) 679-8704



◀ **PVC Non-Adjustable Tiller Extension** by Bob Hall. Flexible—large diameter for easier handling. Floats—will not conduct cold like metal. Bicycle grip Non-Skid Tape Handle. Stronger than original or adjustables. **\$15.95 + \$1 ship.**

**New! B.H. Helm Adjustor** (Patent Pending). Serves as Rudder Shim. Does away with drilling & filling holes. Non-adjustable while racing. Easy to install, illustrated directions included. **\$6.95** includes shipping.

**Super Four 4:1 Block System** **\$62.80** includes shipping.

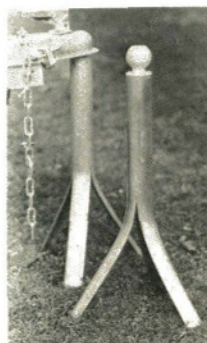


◀ **B.H. Solid Aluminum Mast Carriers.** Specify for 14's or 16's. This one protects the track. **\$17.95 + \$1 shipping.**

**Hardcoated Aluminum Rudder Pins** by Bob Hall for precision fit with newest gudgeons. Much longer wearing than stock pins. **\$8.95** includes shipping.

◀ **B.H. Aluminum Trailer Stands.** Light weight—Non-corrosive. Protects trailer tongue from rusting. Free pkg. Super Mast Chips with each order. **\$10.95 each.**

**Super Six 6:1 Block System** by American Precision Marine. This is the smoothest action Block System yet. **\$78.00** per system includes ship.





October 9	Fall Series I, Race #3/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
October 9	Great Pumpkin Regatta/Fleet #57 Lake Castaic, CA	Tressie Crocker (213) 465-9857
October 15	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
October 16	Castaic Lake Fall Series 2/Fleet 180 Castaic Lake, California	Dave Paulson (213) 363-5889
October 23	Fall Series I, Race #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
October 29	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
October 30	Fleet Race/Fleet #176 Vail Lake, CA	Berdie McCoy (714) 927-1506
November 5	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
November 6	Fall Series II, Race #1/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
November 6	Fall Series Race #2/Fleet #15 Oxnard, CA	Ben Rose (805) 489-7697
November 19	Fleet Race/Fleet #1 Dana Point, CA	Pam Martin (714) 494-7279
November 20	Fall Series II, Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach, CA	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
November 20	Castaic Lake Winter Series 1/Fleet 180 Castaic Lake, California	Dave Paulson (213) 363-5889
December 4	Fall Series Race 3/Fleet 15 Oxnard, California	Ben Rose (805) 498-7697
December 4	Fall Series II/Race 3/Fleet 3 Long Beach, California	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
December 18	Fall Series II/Race 4/Fleet 3 Long Beach, California	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
December 18	Castaic Lake Winter Series 2/Fleet 180 Castaic Lake, California	Dave Paulson (213) 363-5889

### DIVISION 3

July 9 & 10	Summer #4 & #5/Fleet #17 Donner Lake, CA	Jim Hecht (916) 371-6880
July 10	Summer Series #3/Fleet #87 Oyster Point, CA	John Dillow (415) 526-2497
July 12	Summer Series/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
★ July 16 & 17	Division 3 14' Championships/Fleet #20 Alameda Bay, CA	Gary Russell (408) 578-3001
July 17	Fleet Race/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
July 19	Summer Series/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
July 23	Summer Series #4/Fleet #87 Estuary Park, Oakland, CA	John Dillow (415) 526-2497
July 26	Summer Series/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
July 30	Fleet #205 Hobie Regatta/Fleet #205 Buckingham Park, Clear Lake, CA	Kent Pearson (707) 545-0909
★ July 30 & 31	Division 3 16' Championships/Fleets #17, 20, 21, 62, 87 Alameda Bay, CA	Jim Hecht (916) 371-6880
August 2	Summer Series/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
August 9	Summer Series/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
August 13 & 14	Summer #6 & #7/Fleet #17 Donner Lake, CA	Jim Hecht (916) 371-6880
August 13 & 14	Mile High Regatta/Fleet #62 Huntington Lake, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
August 14	Summer Series #5/Fleet #87 Tomales Bay, CA	John Dillow (415) 526-2497
August 27	Summer Series #6/Fleet #87 Half Moon Bay, CA	John Dillow (415) 526-2497
September 3 & 4	Fleet #205 Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #205 Buckingham Park, Clear Lake, CA	Kent Pearson (707) 545-0909
September 11	Fleet Race/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
Sept. 16-18	Inland Transpac/Fleet #87 Albany Beach, CA	John Dillow (415) 526-2497
September 25	Summer #8/Fleet #17 Rio Vista, CA	Jim Hecht (916) 371-6880
September 25	Summer Series #7/Fleet #87 Rio Vista, CA	John Dillow (415) 526-2497
October 9	Fleet Race/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560
November 13	Fleet Race/Fleet #62 Lake Millerton, CA	Clark Penfield (209) 439-9560

### DIVISION 4

July 2 & 3	Pidgeon Lake Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 22/Provincial, Alberta, Canada	Frank Brown (403) 469-6208
★ July 9 & 10	Division 4 Championships/Fleet 57 & Hawley's Lake Whatcom, Bellingham, Washington	Gary Baker (206) 734-9571
July 16 & 17	1st Western Canadian/Kitsilano Marine & Labatts English Bay, Vancouver, B.C.	Brewery/Jericho Sail Centre Ric Chadwick (604) 224-6955
July 16 & 17	Payette Lake Regatta/Fleet 105 North Beach, McCall, Idaho	Jon Watson (208) 722-5141
● July 23 & 24	Northwest Championships/Hobie Cat NW & Fleets Golden Gardens, Seattle, Washington	14 & 95 Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
July 24	Fleet Flyers/Fleet 193/Fern Ridge Reservoir Eugene, Oregon	Steve Kaster (503) 746-7978
July 30 & 31	Columbia River Barge Dodge/Fleet 72 & Windjammers Columbia River, Oregon	Jim Severs (503) 282-1444
August 6 & 7	Alturus Regatta/Fleet 105 Sun Valley, Idaho	Jon Watson (208) 722-5141
August 6 & 7	Yale Lake/Fleet 72 Woodland, Washington	Jim Severs (503) 282-1444
August 20 & 21	Ocean Shores Regatta/Fleet 77/Washington Coast Cat Ocean Shores, Washington	J. T. Quigg (206) 533-4774
August 27 & 28	Terciers Marineland 2nd Annual Hobie Cat Reg./Edmonton Yacht Club Seba Beach, Alberta, Canada	Frank Brown (403) 469-6208

August 27 & 28	2nd Annual Willamette Valley Championships/Fleet 193/Fern Ridge Reservoir Eugene, Oregon	Steve Kaster (503) 746-7978
Sept. 10 & 11	C. J. Strike Regatta/Fleet 105 Grandview, Idaho	Jon Watson (208) 722-5141
Sept. 24 & 25	C. J. Strike Regatta/Fleet 105 Grandview, Idaho	Jon Watson (208) 722-5141
October 1 & 2	Lake Chelan Annual P.I.Y.A. Regatta/Fleet 207 Lake Chelan, Washington	Bob Whissill (509) 682-2364
October 8 & 9	C. J. Strike Regatta/Fleet 105 Grandview, Idaho	Jon Watson (208) 722-5141

### DIVISION 5

● July 2-4	Eric Hoff Memorial/Fleet 67 Bear Lake, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 966-1871
July 2-4	Fleet 48 Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 48 Vallecito Lake, Colorado	Chris Urfer (505) 265-8622
● July 9 & 10	Eleven Mile Hobie Invitational/Fleet 210/Eleven Mile Reservoir Colorado Springs, Colorado	Claude Newland (303) 599-8170
July 16 & 17	Bear Lake Regatta/Fleet 67 Bear Lake, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 966-1871
★ July 23 & 24	Rocky Mountain Marine Division 5 Championships Dillon Reservoir, Colorado	Rocky Mountain Marine (303) 399-2824
July 23 & 24	Fleet 48 Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 48 Heron Lake, New Mexico	Chris Urfer (505) 265-8622
● July 30 & 31	Deer Creek Regatta/Fleet 67/Deer Creek Lake Salt Lake City, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 966-1871
August 13 & 14	Hobie Fun Weekend/Fleet 67 Yuba State Park, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 966-1871
August 13 & 14	Fleet 48 Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 48 Heron Lake, New Mexico	Chris Urfer (505) 265-8622
August 20 & 21	Deer Creek Regatta/Fleet 67/Deer Creek Lake Salt Lake City, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 966-1871
August 21	Hobie Sunday/Fleet 210 Eleven Mile Reservoir, Colorado	Claude Newland (303) 599-8170
September 2-4	Deer Creek Regatta/Fleet 67/Deer Creek Lake Salt Lake City, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 966-1871
September 3-5	Fleet 48 Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 48 Heron Lake, New Mexico	Chris Urfer (505) 265-8622
Sept. 17 & 18	Willard Bay Regatta/Fleet 67 Willard Bay, Salt Lake City, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 966-1871
September 18	Hobie Sunday/Fleet 210 Pueblo Reservoir, Colorado	Claude Newland (303) 599-8170
Sept. 24 & 25	Fleet 48 Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 48 Cochiti Lake, New Mexico	Chris Urfer (505) 265-8622
October 1 & 2	"Autumn Leaves" Open/Fleet 210 Pueblo Reservoir, Colorado	Claude Newland (303) 599-8170
October 8 & 9	Fleet 48 Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 48 Elephant Butte, New Mexico	Chris Urfer (505) 265-8622
October 22 & 23	Fleet 48 Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet 48 Elephant Butte, New Mexico	Chris Urfer (505) 265-8622

### DIVISION 6

● July 2 & 3	2nd Annual Windjammer/Fleet #102 So. Padre Island, TX	Paul Terheggen (512) 943-1585
★ July 9 & 10	Division 6 Divisionals/Allen Heath Yacht Sales Lake Charles, LA	Allen Heath (318) 477-1698
July 10	Summer Series #2/Fleet #41 New Orleans, LA	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
● July 23 & 24	Old Glory Regatta/Fleet #99 Corpus Christi Bay, TX	Chuck Miller (512) 992-2297
● July 30 & 31	The Wayward Wind Regatta/Fleet #8 Galveston Beach, TX	Dave Bailey (713) 661-5901
August 7	Summer Series #3/Fleet #41 New Orleans, LA	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
August 14	Night Sail/Fleet #102 So. Padre Island	Paul Terheggen (512) 943-1585
August 27 & 28	Ruff Rider Regatta/Fleet #99 Pt. Isabel to Corpus Christi, TX	Chuck Miller (512) 992-2297
September 3 & 4	LA. Multihull Challenge/Fleet #41 New Orleans, LA	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
September 5	It's All Over For Summer '77/Fleet #102 So. Padre Island	Paul Terheggen (512) 943-1585
Sept. 24 & 25	Sunrise Regatta/Fleet #99 Lake Corpus Christi, TX	Chuck Miller (512) 992-2297
October 2	Winter Series #1/Fleet #41 New Orleans, LA	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
October 16	Winter Series #2/Fleet #41 New Orleans, LA	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
October 23	Charlie Brown Regatta/Fleet #99 Padre Island, TX	Chuck Miller (512) 992-2297
November 12 & 13	Turkey Day Regatta/Fleet #41 New Orleans, LA	Walter Baudier (504) 947-2983
November 18 & 19	Campfire Regatta/Fleet #99 Lake Corpus Christi, TX	Chuck Miller (512) 992-2297

### DIVISION 7

July 3	Host Fun Regatta/Fleet 103/Smith Park Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
★ July 9 & 10	Division 7 Championships/Fleet 84/Lake Rathburn Des Moines, Iowa	Paul McKee (515) 255-0503
● July 23 & 24	Last Chance Regatta/Fleet 103/Smith Park Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
August 6 & 7	Fleet Points Race/Fleet 103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
August 13 & 14	Annual South Dakota "Governors Cup"/Fleet 103/(on the Oahe) Pierre, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
August 20 & 21	Fleet Points Race/Fleet 103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
September 4	Host Fun Regatta/Fleet 103/(at Orville Lones Lake Home) Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
Sept. 10 & 11	Final Fleet Points/Fleet 103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844

● POINT REGATTAS ★ DIVISIONALS



# REGATTA SCHEDULE

## DIVISION 8

July 16	Summer Series Race #3/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
● July 16 & 17	Mid-Summer Points Regatta/Fleet #127/Crittenden Sailcraft Indian River, Herman's Bay, FL	Warren Crittenden (305) 465-8990
July 30	Summer Series Race #4/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
● July 30 & 31	National Points Race/Fleet #36 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne Bay, FL	John Steverding (305) 823-5350
July 31	Fleet Race/Fleet #187 Choctawatchee Bay, FL	Clark Cameron (904) 651-1900
★ August 6 & 7	Division 8 Championships/Fleet #80/Hawaiian Tropic & Aloha Marine Daytona Beach, FL	Dan Heyse (904) 253-5269
August 13 & 14	4th Annual Hobie Open/Fleet #120 Carl Gray Park, St. Andrew Bay, FL	Bill Grampré (904) 234-9167
August 20 & 21	1st Annual Rudder Buster/Fleet #187 Choctawatchee Bay, FL	Clark Cameron (904) 651-1900
September 3 & 4	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
Sept. 18	Tampa Bay Club Cocktail Regatta/Fleet 42/Heublein Tampa, Florida	Tampa Sailcraft (813) 839-4706
September 25	Fleet Race/Fleet #187 Choctawatchee Bay, FL	Clark Cameron (904) 651-1900
October 1	Fall Series #1/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
October 15	Fall Series #2/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
October 29	Fall Series #3/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
November 5	Fall Series #4/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
November 27	Fleet Race/Fleet #187 Choctawatchee Bay, FL	Clark Cameron (904) 651-1900
December 3 & 4	Gator Bowl Regatta/Fleet #111 & Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL	Dave Butler (904) 778-2211
December 18	Fleet Race/Fleet #187 Choctawatchee Bay, FL	Clark Cameron (904) 651-1900

## DIVISION 9

★ July 9 & 10	Division 9 Championships/Fleet #12/University Yacht Club Lake Lanier, GA	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
---------------	--	-------------------------------

● July 16 & 17	Fleet #101 Ocean Regatta/Fleet #101 Wrightsville, NC	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
July 23 & 24	Fleet Series/Fleet #97 Salter Path, NC	Joe Donaghy (919) 781-4883
August 7	Drunken Dick Tune-Up/Fleet #53 Sullivans Island, SC	Kit Regnery (803) 844-6116
August 13 & 14	Charity Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, SC	Peg Detwiler (803) 449-6858
August 21	Summer Tune-Up/Fleet #53 Seabrook Island, SC	Kit Regnery (803) 844-6116
August 27 & 28	Fleet Series/Fleet #97 Henderson Point, Kerr Lake, NC	Joe Donaghy (919) 781-4883
September 3	Shearwater Regatta/Fleet #70/Ocean Springs Yacht Club Ocean Springs, MS	Bob McClure (601) 374-1427
Sept. 17 & 18	Fleet Series/Fleet #97 Henderson Point, Kerr Lake, NC	Joe Donaghy (919) 781-4883
Sept. 17 & 18	3rd Annual "On The Rocks" Regatta/Fleet #53 Sullivans Island, SC	Kit Regnery (803) 844-6116
Sept. 24 & 25	Summer Memorial Regatta/Fleet #70 Ocean Springs, MS	Bob McClure (601) 374-1427
October 2	1st Fall Tune-Up/Fleet 53 Sullivans Island, South Carolina	Kit Regnery (803) 844-6116
October 8 & 9	Fleet Series/Fleet #97 Satterwhite Point, Kerr Lake, NC	Joe Donaghy (919) 781-4883
October 16	2nd Fall Tune-Up/Fleet #53 Sullivans Island, SC	Kit Regnery (803) 844-6116
November 26	Wishbone Regatta/Fleet #70 Ocean Springs, MS	Bob McClure (601) 374-1427

## DIVISION 10

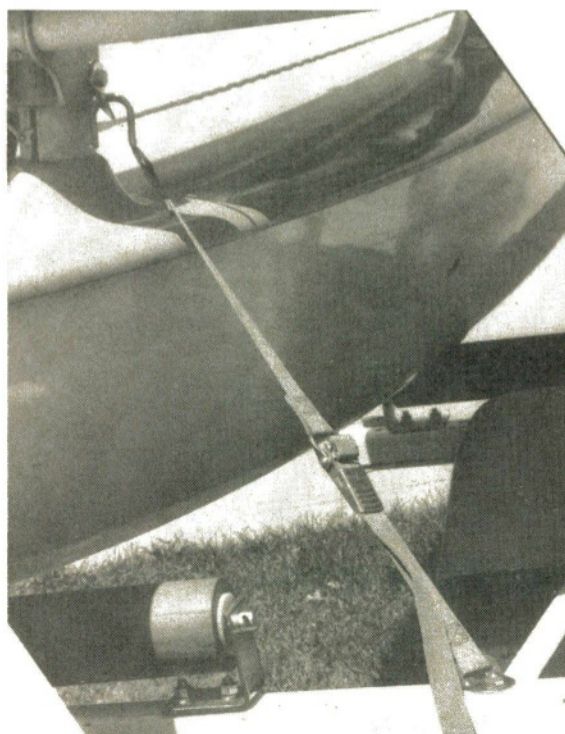
July 9	Sangamo Beer Bust & Hobie Regatta/Fleet 158 Lake Springfield, Illinois	Allen Milner (217) 843-2459
● July 9 & 10	Lakeport State Park Regatta/Fleet 40 Lake Huron, Michigan	Michael Garrett (313) 882-1304
July 10	Multi-Hull Regatta/Fleet 220/Madison Multi-Hulls Madison, Wisconsin	Wayne Harrison (608) 222-7750
July 10	2nd Race Hambletonian Series/Fleet 199 & COLSC Crab Orchard Lake	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
July 16	Beverly Shores Distance Race/Fleet 126 Michigan City, Indiana	Glen Curtis (219) 879-0768
July 17	Sunday Series/Fleet 220/Madison Multi-Hulls Madison, Wisconsin	Wayne Harrison (608) 222-7750
July 17	3rd Race Hambletonian Series/Fleet 199 Crab Orchard Lake	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
July 23	Fleet 126 Open Race/Fleet 126 Michigan City, Indiana	Glen Curtis (219) 879-0768
July 24	4th Race Hambletonian Series/Fleet 199 Crab Orchard Lake	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
★ July 30 & 31	Division 10 Championships East Bay, Traverse City, Michigan	John Schuch (313) 725-6255

## Hobie Cat Tie Downs

### Hobie Cat Tie Downs

- Three or Four\* strap system works on 14' or 16' Hobie without HULL CONTACT.
- Just a few seconds ON or OFF secures boat to any trailer.
- Full 1 year warranty against any defects.
- Leverage applied by a patented over center cam action lock, coupled with 2,000 lb. test strap and hook.
- Order today - 3 strap \$15.00, 4 strap \$19.95 for complete set and instructions. Postage paid in the U.S.A.
- \*Required for van top carriers or trailers with boom/sail box.

**THE FIRST AND  
THE FINEST TIE DOWNS  
AVAILABLE!**



### FREEDOM HARNESS "IT'S CROTCHLESS"

It is Crotchless, there are NO straps or ropes under your crotch! Plus no size hassle, one size properly fit adult men and women with the aid of 5 adjustable straps. Since all material is of the highest quality you receive a full 1 year guarantee! \$29.95 p.p.

"SWAGER" - a precision made nicopress tool for 3/32 and 1/8 oval sleeves does it all for your Hobie. \$10.50 p.p.

"THE HANDLER" - The finest race approved righting system available for 16's. \$15.95 p.p.

"BATTEN LOCKS" - Locks in battens for the entire season, set of 12 \$4.50 p.p.

"HOBIE RUDDER COVERS" Protect rudders from sun damage. Red flag built in, locks to rudder casting with velcro strap! \$10.50 per pair p.p.

Please enclose certified check or money order for immediate shipping. Time clearance on personal checks, NO C.O.D. If dissatisfied, return within one week for full refund on any of our products!

P.O. BOX 36035  
DENVER, COLORADO 80236

# MAG Products



July 30 & 31	Saginaw Bay Regatta/Fleet 40/C.R.A.M. Bay City, Michigan	Mike Garrett (313) 434-0649
July 30	Fleet Race 4/Fleet 126 Michigan City, Indiana	Glen Curtis (219) 879-0768
July 30	1st Annual Champagne Cup/Fleet 158/Evergreen Lake Bloomington, Illinois	Allen Milner (217) 483-2459
July 31	Sunday Series/Fleet 42/Madison Multi-Hulls Madison, Wisconsin	Wayne Harrison (608) 222-7750
July 31	1st Race Fall Series/Fleet 199 Crab Orchard Lake	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
August 6 & 7	Gim Hobleman Regatta/Fleet 115 & Corinthian Yacht Club Chicago Corinthian Y.C., Illinois	Marshall Smith (312) 255-4470
● August 6 & 7	Annl. Invitational Lightning and Catamaran Regatta/Fleet 144 Higgins Lake, Roscommon, Michigan	Fred Krauss (313) 663-1011
August 7	2nd Race Fall Series/Fleet 199 & COLSC/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
August 13	Fleet Race 5/Fleet 126 Michigan City, Indiana	Glen Curtis (219) 879-0768
August 13 & 14	Michigan State Catamaran Championships/Fleet 40 East Bay, Traverse City, Michigan	Mike Garrett (313) 434-0649
August 14	Illinois State Hobie Championships/Fleet 158/Hobie Points Race/Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Illinois	Allen Milner (217) 483-2459
August 14	Sunday Series/Fleet 42/Madison Multi-Hulls Madison, Wisconsin	Wayne Harrison (608) 222-7750
August 14	3rd Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
August 21	4th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
August 27	Fleet Race 6/Fleet 126 Michigan City, Indiana	Glen Curtis (219) 879-0768
August 27	Moonlight Sail/Fleet 199 & COLSC/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
August 28	Sunday Series/Fleet 42/Madison Multi-Hulls Madison, Wisconsin	Wayne Harrison (608) 222-7750
August 28	5th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
September 4	Sunday Series/Fleet 42/Madison Multi-Hulls Madison, Wisconsin	Wayne Harrison (608) 222-7750
September 4	6th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199 & COLSC/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
September 10	Fleet Race 7/Fleet 126 Michigan City, Indiana	Glen Curtis (219) 879-0768
September 11	Peoria Invitational/Fleet 158/Points Race Lake Peoria, Illinois	Allen Milner (217) 483-2459
Sept. 17 & 18	Whale Of A Sail Regatta/Carlyle Sailing Assn. Carlyle Lake, Illinois	Dave Holtgrave (618) 397-8092
September 18	8th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
Sept. 24 & 25	Higgins Lake State Park Regatta/Fleet 40 & C.R.A.M. Higgins Lake, Michigan	Mike Garrett (313) 434-0649
September 25	Club Regatta & Fish Fry/Fleet 199 & COLSC/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
October 2	Lake St. Clair Race/Fleet 40 & C.R.A.M./Metro Beach Mt. Clemens, Michigan	Mike Garrett (313) 434-0469
October 2	1st Race Make-Up Series/Fleet 199/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
October 8	Last Chance Regatta/Fleet 158/Evergreen Lake Bloomington, Illinois	Allen Milner (217) 483-2459
October 9	2nd Race Make-Up Series/Fleet 199/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
October 8-10	Pumpkin Open Regatta/Fleet 199/Fanshawe Yacht Club London, Ontario, Canada	Derek Innes (519) 451-0941
October 16	3rd Race Make-Up Series/Fleet 199/Crab Orchard Lake Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414

#### DIVISION 11

● July 9 & 10	Lewes Regatta/Fleet 54 Lewes, Delaware	Jim Glanden (302) 368-9514
● July 30 & 31	Maryland State Championships & Points Reg./Fleet 170/Flying Point Park Edgewood, Maryland	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346
★ August 6 & 7	Division 11 Championships/Fleet 73 Pleasantville, New Jersey	Bill Hiller (609) 641-9083
August 13	24 Hours of Hobie-A-Sailing Marathon/Fleet 170/Flying Point Park Edgewood, Maryland	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346
Sept. 17 & 18	C.R.A.C. Multihull/Fleet 170/Gunpowder State Park Chase, Maryland	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346
Sept. 17 & 18	Division 11 Hobie 18 Championships/Fleet 170 & Hobie Cat Sales Gunpowder State Pk., Chase, MD	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346

#### DIVISION 12

● July 9 & 10	No. American Hobie Cat Championships/Fleet 119 & Hobies Foote Sherston Beach, Ontario, Canada	Randy Chamberlin (716) 649-6499
July 9 & 10	Sebago Lake Regatta/Fleet 194 Sebago Lake, Maine	Pat Niboli (207) 892-2345
July 9 & 10	Wet Pants Sailing Assn. Reg./Fleet 124 & Wet Pants Sailing Assn. Sayville, New York	George Bodkin (516) 475-2550
July 10	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
July 16	Long Island Debut (Broads)/Fleet 209 Moultonboro, New Hampshire	Andy Anderson (603) 544-9100
July 16 & 17	Couchi-Cat Hobie Regatta/Fleet 150 Orillia, Ontario, Canada	Gerry Pringle (705) 325-1713
July 16 & 17	Westport Regatta/Fleet 28 Westport Harbor, Massachusetts	John Mills (617) 862-1886
July 17	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
★ July 23 & 24	Division 12 Championships/Fleet 124/Sayville Yacht Club Sayville, New York	Ed Laviano (516) 286-8368
July 24	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
July 28-31	Marblehead Race Week/Fleets 28, 194 & 197 Marblehead, Massachusetts	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
July 30	Cook Out Regatta/Fleet 209 Moultonboro, New Hampshire	Andy Anderson (603) 544-9100
July 30 & 31	Sundance Regatta/Fleets 119 & 78 & Skinindosha Marine/Long Point State Park Bemus Point, New York	Dan M. Ala (716) 763-8795

July 30 & 31	Race Week Bellport Bay Yacht Club/Fleet 124 & Bellport Bay Y.C. Bellport Bay, New York	George Bodkin (516) 475-2550
● July 30 & 31	Hobies Foote Metz Smeach Memorial Regatta Sherston Beach, Ontario, Canada	Jim Foote (716) 754-2394
● August 6 & 7	1977 Seneca Lake Regatta/Fleet #86/Boats-A-Sail Lake Seneca, NY	Boats-A-Sail (607) 243-8444
August 7	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
August 13 & 14	Loon Lake Sailing Regatta/Fleet 129 Loon Lake, Ontario, Canada	Dana Biggs (807) 344-8665
August 13 & 14	Cape Cod Multi-Hull Regatta/Fleet 28 Falmouth, Massachusetts	Dave Stoddard (617) 255-1001
August 13 & 14	1st Annual Arey's Regatta/Fleet 209 Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire	Andy Anderson (603) 544-9100
August 14	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
August 20 & 21	B.O.A.R./Fleet 124 & Bellport Yacht Club Bellport, New York	George Bodkin (516) 475-2550
August 20 & 21	Canadian Hobie Cat Championships/Ontario Hobie Cat Assn. & Fleet 150 Lake Couchiching, Orillia, Ont. Canada	John MacFarlane (416) 335-1520
August 21	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
August 27	Queen of the Bay (Handicap)/Fleet 124 Bellport, New York	George Bodkin (516) 475-2550
August 27	Distance Run/Fleet 209 Moultonboro, New Hampshire	Andy Anderson (603) 544-9100
August 27 & 28	Down East Regatta/Fleet 28 Kennebunkport, Maine	Bob Pickett (617) 336-9450
August 28	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
September 3	Club Championship/Fleet 209 Moultonboro, New Hampshire	Andy Anderson (603) 544-9100
September 3-5	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet 124 & Sayville Yacht Club Sayville, New York	George Bodkin (516) 475-2550
September 4	Sunday Summer Series/Fleet 194/Jenness Beach Rye, New Hampshire	Al Langley (603) 964-6807
Sept. 10 & 11	Roton Point 17th Annl. Fall Invitational/Fleet 186 Rowayton, Connecticut	Katy Daley (203) 838-8325
Sept. 10 & 11	Toronto Open Hobie Regatta/Fleet 183 & Toronto Catamaran Club Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Brian Hughes (416) 482-3609
September 17	Ice-Breaker Regatta/Fleet 209 Moultonboro, New Hampshire	Andy Anderson (603) 544-9100
Sept. 17 & 18	7th Annl. Connecticut State Championships/Fleet 31/Lake Candlewood New Fairfield, Connecticut	Tom Cheneski (203) 746-5415
Sept. 17 & 18	Commodore's Cup/Fleet 28 Falmouth, Massachusetts	Gerry Sears (802) 265-5852
October 8-10	Pumpkin Open Regatta/Fleet 185 & Fanshawe Yacht Club London, Ontario, Canada	Carman Yausie (519) 453-5989

#### DIVISION 13

July 10	Summer Series/Fleet #75 Tamuning, Guam	Bob Kelsall 646-6163
July 17	Summer Series/Fleet #75 Tamuning, Guam	Bob Kelsall 646-6163
July 31	Regates Du Juillet/Fleet #107/Tahiti Cat Papeete	Gordon Knight Tahiti Cat
August 13 & 14	Coupe De Taravao/Fleet #107/Tahiti Cat Taravo	Gordon Knight Tahiti Cat
August 25	Championnat Du Monde/Fleet #107/Tahiti Cat Canaries	Gordon Knight Tahiti Cat
Septeber 2	Bosun's Locker/Fleet #75 Tamuning, Guam	Bob Kelsall 646-6163
September 25	Tahiti Pop-Yachting/Fleet #107/Tahiti Cat Arue	Gordon Knight Tahiti Cat
October 23-25	MYC Club Championships/Fleet #75 Tamuning, Guam	Bob Kelsall 646-6163
November 6 & 13	Fall Series/Fleet #75 Tamuning, Guam	Bob Kelsall 646-6163
November 20	Coupe Territoriale/Fleet #107/Tahiti Cat Matavai	Gordon Knight Tahiti Cat
December 4 & 11	Fall Series/Fleet #75 Tamuning, Guam	Bob Kelsall 646-6163
December 17 & 18	Coupe De Noel/Fleet #107/Tahiti Cat Arue/Vaieru/Arue	Gordon Knight Tahiti Cat

#### DIVISION 14

● July 9 & 10	2nd Annual Great Prairie/Fleet #27 Chaney, KS	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
★ July 23 & 24	Division 14 Championships/Fleet #146 Lake Arrowhead, Wichita Falls, TX	Andy Chagoly (817) 322-1818

### INTERNATIONAL

#### GUATEMALA, S.A.

July 17	Regata de competencia de Canicula/Fleet 138 Guatemala, S.A.	Mario van Blerk
August 21	Regata de competencia de Canicula/Fleet 138 Guatemala, S.A.	Mario van Blerk
September 18	Regata de entremamiento Patriotico Guatemala, S.A.	Mario van Blerk
October 16	Regata de competencia/Fleet 138 Guatemala, S.A.	Mario van Blerk
November 20	Regata de competencia COPA NACIONAL/Fleet 138 Guatemala, S.A.	Mario van Blerk
December 11	Regata de competencia/Fleet 138 Guatemala, S.A.	Mario van Blerk



# REGATTA SCHEDULE

## INTERNATIONAL

### BANGKOK

July 17	Scheske Cup/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna
July 24	Bangkok World Round-The-Island Race/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna
July 30 & 31	Commodore's Cup/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna
August 20 & 21	Hobie Cruise/Races/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna
Sept. 17 & 18	Hobie Races/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna
October 15 & 16	Hobie Races/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna
November 13	Bangkok Post 3 Island Race/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna
November 20	Varuna Cup/Fleet #148 Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Bangkok	Mike Blackburn Royal Varuna

### JAPAN

August 1	Big Summer Regatta/Kushu Fleet Oota, Japan	Mike Sato Asahi Chemical
September 2	Tokai Regional Championship Regatta/Kanto Fleet Shimusu Beach, Japan	Mike Sato Asahi Chemical
September 10	Kanto Championship Regatta/Kanto Fleet Kamakura Beach, Japan	Mike Sato Asahi Chemical
October 9	All Japan Championship/Kanto Fleet Kamakura Beach, Japan	Mike Sato Asahi Chemical

### SOUTH AFRICA

July 5-10	So. African Nationals/Coast Cat So. Africa Port Elizabeth, So. Africa	Coast Cat So. Africa 2-8667
-----------	--	-----------------------------

### AUSTRIA

July 9 & 10	Neusiedl a/See Yacht Club, Austria	
-------------	---------------------------------------	--

## BELGIUM

Aout 20 & 21	Regate avec la Hollande Duinbergen	M. T. Huet 374 28 88
--------------	---------------------------------------	----------------------

## FRANCE

Juillet 16 & 17	Flotte d'Heyeres Heyeres, France	M. Fabre (94) 66 02 20 apres 15 h
Aout 6 & 7	Shaft Marine Port Carnon, France	M. Lacroix (67) 29 13 12
September 1-4	Hobie Cat 16 European Championships Les Embiez, France	Hank Pauloo

## HOLLAND

Juillet 16 & 17	National HC 16 Championships/Point 14 & 16 Egmond aan Zee, Holland	Hr. Molenbroech
Aout 6 & 7	Point Regatta — Beeregatta Texel, Holland	Hr. Molenbroech
Aout 11-14	Rendex-Vous European 1977/14 Championships Hoek Van, Holland	T. de Bruyn Comm Jasweg 31
Aout 20 & 21	Regatta Benelux Duinbergen, Belgium	Hr. Molenbroech

## GERMANY

Juli 16 & 17	14/16 F SRG Sylt, Germany	Hr. H. Zimmerman 040/222141
Juli 23 & 24	14/16 F SRG Sylt, Germany	Hr. H. Zimmerman 040/222141
Juli 30 & 31	14/16 R YCSP0 St. Peter Ording, Germany	Hr. H. Zimmerman 040/222141
Sept. 17 & 18	14/16 R AYC — Stag 2 LD. Cup Gooimeer/NL Germany	Hr. H. Zimmerman 0221/445204
Oktober 8 & 9	16 R YStM Steinhuder Meer, Germany	Hr. H. Zimmerman 030/7414805

## SWITZERLAND

Juillet 9 & 10	Regates multicoques de Versoix* CNV Versoix, Switzerland	Hr. Maxwell
Juillet 16 & 17	Nouvelle Coupe du petit lac (T.S.) YCG Geneva, Switzerland	Hr. Maxwell
Aout 27 & 28	Regates Hobie Cat de la Nautique CVSNG Geneva, Switzerland	Hr. Maxwell
September 3 & 4	Challenge Fastwell YCG Geneva, Switzerland	Hr. Maxwell
October 22 & 23	Hobie — ski a Crans CNC Crans, Switzerland	Hr. Maxwell

\* Regates par points comptant pour qualification aux championnats d'Europe Hobie Cat 14 et 16.

## THE ULTIMATE HIKING STICK UNBREAKABLE FIBERGLASS



UNCONDITIONAL LOCK WARRANTY.  
PERMANENT EXTERIOR MYLAR LABEL  
LISTS THE 9 STANDARD RACE  
COURSES UNDER A CLEAR PLASTIC  
HANDLE.  
L.A.R.C. TESTED.  
DEALER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE.  
CAL. RES. ADD 6% SALES TAX.

Individually handcrafted and tested  
for years of trouble-free, reliable  
service. A must for the trapeze artist  
& serious racer. Telescopes 52" to 90"

MODEL S, FEATURED, VIRTUALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE, SOLID  
EXTRUSION SLIDER, WEIGHT: 3.7 lb. ----- 29.95  
MODEL H, LAMINATED HOLLOW-CORE SLIDER TUBE, ALMOST  
AS STRONG AS MODEL S, WEIGHT: 1.2 lb. ----- 34.80  
YOUR SAIL NUMBER ENGRAVED IF SUBMITTED WITH ORDER. 2.50 FOR AIR MAIL

# ARRIBA

Sold & Manufactured By

**CENTRAL COAST WINDSPORTS**

835 OLIVE AVE.  
ARROYO GRANDE, CA. 93420

STICK





# the Challenge of the sea comes early



## Yachting

**PUTS IT IN FOCUS FOR A LIFETIME**

YACHTING PUBLISHING 50 WEST 44TH STREET • N.Y., N.Y. 10036

☐ One year \$12    ☐ Two years \$22    ☐ Three years \$30

☐ Seven months only \$7.00 (This special trial offer good for new subscribers only—  
in the U.S., its possessions and Canada.)

☐ New subscription

☐ Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Additional postage outside U.S., its possessions, Canada: \$2.00 per year. This includes shipment to Europe by air.)



# HOBIE CAT MIDWINTERS EAST '77

**Celebrities,... Craziess... and Charity:**

*by Myke Fair*

Police were directing traffic in front of the Sheraton Sandcastle. "Have a Hobie Day" was boldly imprinted on the hotel marquee. Hobie Cat Fleets 42, 5 and 11 had banners hanging from their balconies.

Buddy "Barnaby Jones" Ebsen was signing autographs, talking catamaran racing and discussing his role as honorary regatta chairman. Reporters from every area newspaper and TV station were shooting pictures, taking notes and wearing Hobie Cat T-shirts.

Poised on the beach were 243 Hobie Cats plus 409 anxious skippers and crew members. Spectators were everywhere. It was the first day of the 1977 Hobie Cat Midwinters East, held April 16th and 17th on Lido Key, Sarasota, Florida. Last minute registrants were signing up and plunking down their entry fees (20% of their money would be donated to the American Cancer Society). Regatta T-shirts were in big demand and Amalie Ash, a Ft. Lauderdale Hobie sales lady, was busy trying to get the right size to the right person while attempting to shoot a picture or two of the event.

Kevin Summerell's and Rich Jeffries' skippers' meeting was barely completed when every boat seemed to vanish from the beach and reappear on the starting line. Weary of the "winter of '77", the skippers were ready to test their skills in the 12 mph winds and mid-80 degree temperature.

The winds became more variable as the day went on... once subsiding to a dead calm, then doing a 180 degree switch in the middle of one race. The result was 243 Hobie Cats trying to round the same mark at the same time. Four-letter words flew like salty spray. It was enough to make a teetotaler head shoreward for a beer break... and many did just that.

When winds provided the opportunity, spectators were treated to an exhibition of spinnaker flying aboard Buddy Ebsen's 36-foot "Polynesian Concept" catamaran anchored just off the beach. Buddy's son, Dusty,



**Hobies on the beach at Lido Key, Sarasota. (photo by Amalie Ash)**

showed how it was done and offered "flights" to those who dared.

Two big catamarans were sailed down from New Orleans by Buddy, his wife Nancy, Dusty and sailing associates Jack Holmes, Harry Bushe and Larry Capune. (You might remember Larry from the time he paddled a Hobie surfboard around the entire east and west coasts of Florida.) Chief cameraman for "Barnaby Jones," Brad Six was also along, filming the cruise to Florida and our Mid-winters East Regatta as a possible CBS TV special produced by Buddy to be called "Catamarans and Me."

Another member of the Ebsen flotilla was Warren Seaman, one of the world's premiere designers of large catamarans.

With a TV star in their midst, many of the hotel employees were a little

heady. One young waitress insisted Harry Bushe had to be Lee Marvin. She thought Larry Capune was really Robert Redford. She even asked Coast Cat's Kevin Summerell if he was famous. Kev said yes... and she innocently broke his bubble by asking, "Okay, then who are you?..."

As the last of Saturday's three races drew to a close, the skippers returned to the beach and were greeted by a dozen Hawaiian Tropic "Squirt Girls" who applied soothing aloe lotions and tanning oils to their obliging skin. Later that evening, the traditional banquet was served buffet style, along with copious quantities of free beer. Spirits were beginning to soar. And Briar Hill, a well-known Florida band, was tuning up in the wings. The group

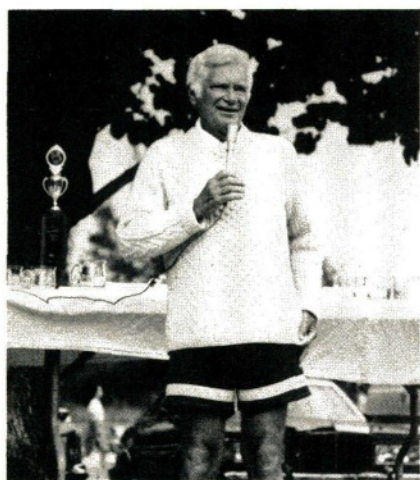


**The Briar Hill Band kept everyone rocking long into the night. (photo by Steve Burgess of QUAD 102½)**





John Steverding, 16-A winner at the helm. (photo by Amalie Ash)



Buddy Ebsen, TV and movie star, served as honorary regatta chairman and brought along a film crew to shoot some of the action for a possible TV special called "Catamarans and Me." (photo by Merv Williams)



Crowds lined the beach each day. (photo by Amalie Ash)



Left to right: Billy Hawkins, disc jockey for QUAD 102½; Kevin Summerell, Hobie Cat Regional Representative; Debbie Ullman, disc jockey for QUAD 102½ and crew during the match race; Doug Campbell, President of Coast Catamaran. (photo by Merv Williams)

appeared compliments of Tampa Bay's most popular quadraphonic FM rock station, QUAD 102½ (WQSR FM).

When the band broke into their first country rock number, the place lit up with energy and the crowd went absolutely wild. Beer flowed and Briar Hill kept cookin'. The pace got crazier and still more free beer spewed from the taps. On an unspoken cue, everyone started dancing... at least it *looked* like dancing! Foot stomping insanity set in. Hand clapping and hellacious hollering roared. One 16 skipper, John McGlincy of Tampa, danced beer-in-hand longer and probably better than anyone, earning him the title of Fleet 42's Dance King.

An important late arrival on the

scene was Doug Campbell, president of Coast Catamaran. Having just flown in from Wichita headquarters, he walked into the party while it was in full swing. The music was too loud to hear his first comment, but he was smiling. Some reports say he mentioned something about rating the party with a seismograph.

Sunday morning the skippers meeting came too early for some. Enthusiasm was high but the bodies were moving mighty slow. And yes, a few die-hards were already into the free beer... taking "travelers" to the starting line.

Spectators were again bouncing around the beach in the smallest bikinis ever worn by woman or man. Over the stereo loudspeaker system, QUAD 102½ broadcasted four hours of classic Beach Boys' tunes in honor of the



# FLIP FLOAT

**FLIP  
FLOAT**

Helps stop the turtles.  
Makes it easier to right your boat.  
Flexible foam that attaches to each  
side of the top panel of your sail.  
Helps float the tip of your mast  
should you fly the hull just a little too high.  
Does not add excessive weight or  
windage aloft.  
The only masthead float that does not  
look like a wart on a wedding gown.

Please rush me  
\_\_\_\_\_ Flip Float(s),  
at \$20.00 per pair.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

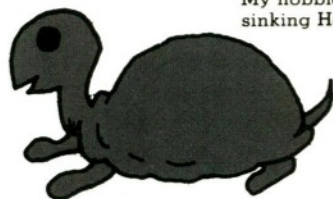
Send check or money order to:

## Flip Float

Box 231  
Monmouth Beach,  
New Jersey  
07750

**DEALER INQUIRIES INVITED**

WHAT'S UP  
DOC? YUCK, YOUR  
BOAT HAS  
A FLIP FLOAT!



(not legal for class racing)

My hobbie is  
sinking Hobies

## MIDWINTERS EAST '77



**Buddy Ebsen and Doug Campbell present 1st place trophy for the Hobie 11 (3.5) competition to 11-year-old John Stevens. (photo by Merv Williams)**

Hobie regatta.

Buddy Ebsen boarded one of the 16's on the beach and unofficially got into the competition for one race. Some folks thought Buddy (at age 69) was the eldest skipper on the water, but actually that honor was already taken by Ben Miller, 70, of Lantana, Florida who was accompanied by his new bride.

The two races went off as scheduled. Winds proved to be light to gusty... giving everyone a taste of their favorite air! Consistency was not the order of the afternoon, necessitating a lot of resourcefulness when it came to boat set-up for prevailing conditions. After the last race there were the usual protests being lodged. And, being a larger-than-most regatta, protests were heavy. Rich Jeffries had to use every bit of his diplomacy to cool down some of the hotter heads.

Meanwhile the Hawaiian Tropic crew challenged QUAD 102½ jocks Debbie Ullman and Billy Hawkins to a match race aboard Hobie 16's. The race began with an exciting LeMans style start but ended up looking like two rats going through a maze. Every powerboat in Florida parked in the middle of their course.

The well-oiled Hawaiian Tropic team slid into victory with QUAD 102½'s finest just eight seconds behind. The jocks were good losers but a little embarrassed; the whole match race had been broadcast live on their station.

Kevin then called the trophy presentation to order and reintroduced Doug Campbell, Rich Jeffries and Buddy Ebsen to the crowd. A special thanks was given to Jason Olson of Olson's Garage for donating his time


and seven 4-wheel-drive vehicles to move the boats on and off the beach. (Without Jason's group, most of the boats would probably still be on the beach today.) Warm thanks went to Buddy, too, for all the time he spent at local TV stations and newspapers promoting the race. It was announced that almost \$3,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society through individual boat sponsorships and a percentage of the entry fees.

Engraved crystal mugs were awarded to the winners along with a supply of Hawaiian Tropic products. Although contestants came from all over the U.S., the Floridians claimed all but one trophy. John Steverding took top honors in 16-A. Bob Raditch was second, followed by Steve Shafer, J. Allyn Stevens and Bob Gassie.

Jim McCann grabbed first place in 14-A with Greg Murphy, Richard Kimbrough, Mike Walsh and Joe Schroeder right behind him. 16-B was dominated by Guy Kathes. Spencer Manrodt claimed second place in front of Bob Alexander, John ("Dance King") McGlinchy, and Dave Carlson. Pete Flick won 14-B honors from Carlton Tucker, Keith Brandtly, Mike Braswell and Todd Goetz.

John Stevens (the skateboarder) placed first in the Hobie 11 (3.5) fleet, followed by Jay Chicone. Ruth Hussey took third and Chane Gaston of Mobile, Alabama broke the Florida monopoly with a hard-earned fourth.

Tampa's active Fleet 42, with six trophy winners, walked away with the much deserved fleet award.

Lastly, Kevin thanked Sarasota Fleet 39 for their assistance and promised even more excitement for the 1978 Hobie Cat Midwinters East. 



## INTRODUCING *HARISHOK GOLD LABEL*

- \* UNEQUALLED STYLE - QUALITY - PERFORMANCE
- \* SOFT & COMFORTABLE FOAM WITH UP TO 30% MORE BOUYANCY THAN REQUIRED BY USCG
- \* FULL PLASTIC ZIPPER - NYLON TAB
- \* LIGHT WEIGHT WITH DURABLE EXTERIOR FABRIC WITH TRIPPLE REINFORCED STITCHING
- \* DESIGN OFFERS MAXIMUM FREEDOM
- \* TRAPEZOID CUT FOAM FOR FLEXIBILITY

Suggested list \$31.50 INTRODUCTORY OFFER \$25.95  
price includes shipping

ORDER YOURS TODAY: SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

# BELLPAT MARINE

1260 MONTAUK HWY. • EAST PATCHOGUE, NY 11772

(N.Y. Residents Add 7% Sales Tax)

SIZE: SM(28-35), Med(35-40), LG(40-45) COLORS: RED - ORANGE



## *"Super Sailbox"*

Will Hold **ALL** Your Gear, Cushions, Cooler, etc.  
Everything You Need For a Weekend of Sailing  
or Racing And is **A PICNIC TABLE** With  
Seats. "Box Is 17" Tall, 24" Wide, 10' Long"



**ALUMINUM TRAILER** AVAILABLE FROM

TRAILEX INC.  
60 INDUSTRIAL PARK  
CANFIELD, OHIO 44406

### AVAILABLE IN

"FLAMER" Orange  
"BANANA" Yellow  
"SKY" Blue & White

White Box Only . . .	\$180.00
White Box With Seats . . . . .	\$200.00
Colored Box Only .	\$200.00
Colored Box With Seats . . . . .	\$250.00

Check, Money Order, Master Charge  
and Bank Americard welcome. All  
boxes shipped FOB Titusville. Due to  
the variety of trailers used on Cat's—  
all boxes are shipped less hardware.

**THE DIVE SHOP**  
1325 Washington Ave.  
Titusville, Fla. 32780

Dealer Inquiries Invited. Florida  
residents add 4% tax.



# REGATTA RESULTS

## DIVISION 2

### WIND 'N' SEA

#### FLEET 1

Dana Point, California  
May 14 & 15, 1977

POS-  
TION

SKIPPER

SAIL # POINTS

NOBIE 18-A:

1. Alter/Price 136 2/4

2. Wood/Jeffries 152 6

3. Huber/Thomas 3 7/4

4. Black/Hart 108 9

5. Pauson/Kearse 0 13

6. Churchill/Luby 137 16

7. Sloan/Pike 4 28

NOBIE 18-A:

1. B. Beauchamp 1400 3/4

2. Berman 800 7/4

3. Hatfield 2173 8/4

4. Murrey 5803 10

5. Hauser 16336 14

6. Red Edgington 2 17

7. Matthews 4504 18

8. Steele 11 25

9. Off 24529 24

10. Schafer 315 28

11. Seaman 132 34

12. Seaman 11217 34

13. Brooks 16098 39

14. Petaja 3265 40

15. Alwood 16098 39

16. Farquhar 14664 44

17. Olsen 7878 46

18. Watson 21995 50

19. Miley 26779 55

20. Rags 1685 57

21. Loomis 26779 55

22. Brown 2755 63

23. McGraw 125 64

NOBIE 18-A:

1. Palmberg 22626 7

2. Votau 26183 8/4

3. Trask 122 8/4

4. Bush 12238 21

5. Nichols 366 14

6. Jacobs 22405 16/4

7. Green 23553 23

8. Wesman 486 25

9. Samp 31 30

10. J. Beauchamp 24432 32

11. Reed 12235 34

12. Myler 19760 35

13. Mayberry 1723 36

14. Stewart 58 38

15. Brooks 22790 41

16. Howell 7572 45

17. Heath 6129 46

18. Hughes 21949 47

19. Aucerman 20677 49

20. Gilman 350 53

21. Klaidman 20 53

22. Brayton 16693 58

23. Rhodes 9025 59

24. Garver 4797 65

25. Johnson 9029 66

26. Clement 17279 70

27. Lettge 14335 70

28. Patterson 4796 80

29. Lantz 13145 80

30. Somerville 21236 90

31. Shults 22017 91

32. Materna 92 93

33. Cayer 25693 95

34. Hallett 21443 96

35. Mebach 10775 105

NOBIE 18-A:

1. Robinson 21660 8

2. Worey 26329 12/4

3. Loney 19519 13

4. Ramirez 8114 19/4

5. Demers 22560 20

6. Sells 17011 21

7. Hubert 1359 22

8. Ruffels 22189 24/4

9. Spohn 1917 27/4

10. Hilliard 169 28

11. Pahl 20306 36

12. Lewis 15726 39

13. Mac Rae 1735 40

14. Randall 21668 42

15. Wolff 4509 47

16. Fogarty 21989 45

17. Lane 17077 49

18. Snelgrove 131 51

19. Simpkins 7572 58

20. Wilder 12722 61

21. Coffey 6169 63

22. Sullivan 3617 64

23. Sullivan 17216 66

24. Patterson 45 68

25. Butler 13154 69

26. Bishan 18654 72

27. Hayes 48 75

28. Bosc 1278 73

29. LaForsa 13304 74

30. Melt 12917 75

31. Walker 21976 76

32. Palmer 22132 84

33. Hinks 19616 88

34. Dow 17226 89

35. Mount 19168 91

36. Rogers 25956 99

37. Aucerman 24201 101

38. Polras 9910 102

39. Gortner 14239 102

40. Zenas 11903 119

41. Warner 14722 123

42. Lee 22239 128

43. Chamberlin 2238 138

44. Bertha 3834 138

NOBIE 18-A:

1. Alen 22462 4/4

2. Carpenter 38 5/4

3. Soden 23005 9

4. Leno 25211 13

5. Sheriff 36 21

6. O'Leary 20568 21

7. Golden 334 24/4

8. Cummins 23000 25

9. Walker 92 30

10. Fields 360 26

11. Wasson 21998 27

12. Wagner 90 30

13. Williams 360 26

14. Myer 25214 33

15. Micali 18568 39

16. Ramussen 101 41

17. Boyer 22718 44

18. Lynn 15125 50

19. Blount 8450 67

NOBIE 18-A:

1. Pasch 17234 3/4

2. Bush 21914 5/4

3. Humphreys 22050 8/4

4. Jeff Allen 22050 8/4

5. Hansen 18790 15

6. Sullivan 23008 15

7. Poltras 21649 21

8. Blantz 21123 22

9. McIntyre 77 22

10. Haas 12601 27

11. Seimold 21917 30

12. Haas 15436 34

13. Murlilo 1 35

14. Kenck 25023 37

15. Toff 3325 37

16. Bell 581 48

NOBIE 18-A:

1. Bishy 3093 4/4

2. Lushy 22463 8/4

## CASTAIC LAKE REG.

### FLEET 180

#### Castaic Lake, California

April 30-May 1, 1977

NOBIE 18-A:

1. B. Seaman 13 6

2. J. Bauman 2086 9/4

3. J. Matthews 4504 11/4

4. N. Warum 980 12

5. W. Stele 380 19

6. P. Hernandez 1832 25

7. P. Hernandez 1832 25

8. P. Hernandez 1832 25

9. P. Hernandez 1832 25

10. P. Hernandez 1832 25

11. P. Hernandez 1832 25

12. P. Hernandez 1832 25

13. P. Hernandez 1832 25

14. P. Hernandez 1832 25

15. P. Hernandez 1832 25

16. P. Hernandez 1832 25

17. P. Hernandez 1832 25

18. P. Hernandez 1832 25

19. P. Hernandez 1832 25

20. P. Hernandez 1832 25

21. P. Hernandez 1832 25

22. P. Hernandez 1832 25

23. P. Hernandez 1832 25

24. P. Hernandez 1832 25

25. P. Hernandez 1832 25

26. P. Hernandez 1832 25

27. P. Hernandez 1832 25

28. P. Hernandez 1832 25

29. P. Hernandez 1832 25

30. P. Hernandez 1832 25

31. P. Hernandez 1832 25

32. P. Hernandez 1832 25

33. P. Hernandez 1832 25

34. P. Hernandez 1832 25

35. P. Hernandez 1832 25

36. P. Hernandez 1832 25

37. P. Hernandez 1832 25

38. P. Hernandez 1832 25

39. P. Hernandez 1832 25

40. P. Hernandez 1832 25

41. P. Hernandez 1832 25

42. P. Hernandez 1832 25

43. P. Hernandez 1832 25

44. P. Hernandez 1832 25

45. P. Hernandez 1832 25

46. P. Hernandez 1832 25

47. P. Hernandez 1832 25

48. P. Hernandez 1832 25

49. P. Hernandez 1832 25

50. P. Hernandez 1832 25

51. P. Hernandez 1832 25

52. P. Hernandez 1832 25

53. P. Hernandez 1832 25

54. P. Hernandez 1832 25

55. P. Hernandez 1832 25

56. P. Hernandez 1832 25

57. P. Hernandez 1832 25

58. P. Hernandez 1832 25

59. P. Hernandez 1832 25

60. P. Hernandez 1832 25

61. P. Hernandez 1832 25

62. P. Hernandez 1832 25

63. P. Hernandez 1832 25

64. P. Hernandez 1832 25

65. P. Hernandez 1832 25

66. P. Hernandez 1832 25

67. P. Hernandez 1832 25

68. P. Hernandez 1832 25

69. P. Hernandez 1832 25

70. P. Hernandez 1832 25

71. P. Hernandez 1832 25

72. P. Hernandez 1832 25

73. P. Hernandez 1832 25

74. P. Hernandez 1832 25

75. P. Hernandez 1832 25

76. P. Hernandez 1832 25

77. P. Hernandez 1832 25

78. P. Hernandez 1832 25

79. P. Hernandez 1832 25

80. P. Hernandez 1832 25

81. P. Hernandez 1832 25

82. P. Hernandez 1832 25

83. P. Hernandez 1832 25

84. P. Hernandez 1



1 Miller	3755	10.95
2 Alexander	3641	10.95
3 Ketchen	1707	11
4 Miller	3801	15.4
5 Jesse	48	36.9
6 Angley	2786	34
7 Post	12862	33

#### 4th ANNUAL BATTEN BUSTER FLEET 120

St. Andrews Bay, Florida  
May 7 & 8, 1977

1. A. Stevens	29076	7 1/2
2. L. Kalala	29413	12 1/2
3. G. Kading	29060	12 1/2
4. D. Foose	8918	13
5. M. Johnson	17377	20
6. L. McCreary	21968	21
7. M. Endres	15017	27
8. M. Endres	15017	27
9. M. Endres	15017	27
10. M. Wallis	16095	46
11. B. Whitaker	13002	46
12. B. Whitaker	13002	46
13. B. Whitaker	13002	46
14. J. Kiddier	17766	55
15. B. Bernard	21255	61
16. B. Bernard	21255	61
17. B. Bernard	21255	61
18. B. Bernard	21255	61
19. B. Bernard	21255	61
20. R. Knight	3159	65
21. D. Gieson	17377	20
22. R. Knight	3159	65
23. D. Fowle	14296	74
24. J. Jorgensen	21255	61
25. C. B. Johnson	21255	61
26. L. Koenig	24723	80
27. E. Strickland	14955	80
28. L. Carroll	13841	81
29. D. Russo	20799	99
30. T. Darnis	21886	107
31. R. Valley	17377	20
32. C. Carter	10025	102
33. K. Amos	16819	11

1. C. Tucker	5562	9 1/2
2. T. Taylor	5133	14 1/2
3. M. Daniels	23391	16
4. B. Pope	10119	17
5. R. Fick	26312	19 1/2
6. R. Hines	16325	25
7. B. Granprie	16824	27
8. M. Furman	22075	27
9. B. Balara	11718	34
10. J. Walsh	11718	34

#### LAST CHANCE REG. FLEET 188

Picnic Island Beach, Tampa, Florida  
April 3, 1977

1. Ray	17389	4 1/2
2. J. A. Hunt	17457	7 1/2
3. W. Fox	19227	9 1/2
4. B. Clark	10966	12
5. J. Rodolf	13858	14
6. F. Barone	12318	17
7. Tiny	10	20

#### MIDWINTER EAST POINTS REGATTA

Sarasota, Florida  
April 16 & 17, 1977

1. J. Stevering	7017	9
2. R. Radtch	18167	12
3. S. Shaffer	7	15 1/2
4. J. A. Stevens	23070	20
5. B. Gaste	22375	24
6. J. Sammons	20411	24 1/2
7. P. Sanchez	2194	27
8. C. Christensen	2285	27
9. J. Hackney	2285	27
10. D. Blake	1352	31
11. D. Harlen	9835	40
12. T. Anderson	22950	42
13. T. Wickenshaw	22943	43
14. B. Gray	21992	44
15. R. Marshall	20372	44
16. R. Crouse	21610	44
17. B. Smith	2	54
18. D. Davis	2694	56
19. E. Harte	2744	59
20. E. Horton	1081	60
21. C. Cameron	1268	65
22. R. Rose	1823	69
23. J. Hock	1823	69
24. L. Chishom	22027	73
25. B. Bell	1904	73
26. J. Thomson	1904	73
27. B. Goston	20	79
28. F. Bass	18972	80
29. D. Duke	81	86
30. K. Duffield	22951	85
31. K. Kettel	17139	85
32. E. Harte	2694	86
33. B. Whitaker	13002	98
34. R. A. Kara	2694	98
35. M. Wallis	16095	106
36. J. Herly	2548	109
37. B. Shannon	1904	111
38. L. McNeerney	21696	111
39. L. Chesnut	17723	121
40. L. Kalala	29413	121
41. C. Johnson	17377	121
42. B. Siddali	USV1	129
43. B. Jorome	21971	129

1. K. Kettel	8821	13 1/2
2. S. Manrodt	17377	19
3. B. Alexander	23070	27
4. J. McGilchly	15751	30
5. C. Carlson	17377	32
6. R. Karren	22062	35
7. J. Barrett	18334	41
8. B. Vanandingham	2334	47
9. D. Boyett	2334	47
10. R. Franklin	5861	47
11. B. Reed	17377	47
12. W. V. Richards	1849	56
13. W. Gies	8753	59
14. H. Hagen	12715	60 1/2
15. J. Erwin	12715	60 1/2
16. D. Wyer	9576	68
17. B. Geschke	906	69
18. R. Dickson, Jr.	17377	69
19. J. Jillich	21931	74
20. H. Pinther	13008	74
21. M. Norris	1867	74
22. L. Ponder	17757	75
23. D. Sloan	20990	80
24. V. Dekrek	8882	81
25. B. Barti	8201	82
26. S. Cullen	14291	83
27. R. Trefny	10798	89
28. B. Eick	24319	89
29. M. Endres	15017	95
30. J. Jenkins	13098	96
31. C. Cox	12796	96
32. K. Hurley	18096	105
33. P. Cheaney	10512	112
34. R. Gully	10170	112
35. J. Stares	20423	115
36. S. Stoyberg	17997	131
37. B. Stoyberg	17997	131
38. B. White	16778	138
39. F. McIntosh	9181	135
40. R. Sumner	18880	136
41. B. Russell	17377	138
42. B. Sell	22940	140
43. J. Hunt	17497	141

44. C. W. Strom	670	146
45. J. Rodolf	13858	146
46. R. Kouthoff	10429	151
47. R. Valley	225	153
48. B. Shephard	12043	63
49. A. Carlson	8434	58
50. J. Hudson	13134	160
51. J. Hudson	13134	160
52. M. Eckert	21020	164
53. J. Swanson	4	169
54. R. C. Lott	22332	173
55. R. Weaver	10218	183
56. S. Buchard	12197	198
57. M. Swan	13681	207
58. C. Staudt	212	212
59. R. Broome	20261	219

1. T. Chesnut	8832	20
2. N. Robinson	9912	22
3. D. Dubois	1474	39
4. A. Gardner	10286	29 1/2
5. K. Allor	1069	33
6. D. Ballou	13092	35 1/2
7. J. Ruppel	38	40
8. J. Munson	584	40
9. M. McCormack	1268	43
10. R. Clark	15137	44
11. J. Ferrera	10223	44
12. B. DeMarco	7025	49
13. W. Gray	9252	60
14. R. Johnson	22850	61
15. C. Akers	20564	62
16. J. Harris	12632	63
17. T. Stiles	22586	66
18. G. Leach	369	69
19. B. Johnson	17377	74
20. R. Ochotona	7389	20
21. J. Zylinski	24242	76
22. R. Morehouse	14777	76
23. J. White	7389	78
24. G. Jennings	21802	82
25. D. Feldman	8290	86
26. J. Fort	26	87
27. J. Traub	156	92 1/2
28. S. Zornster	18001	96
29. R. Thompson	13772	102
30. C. Schanzen	104	104
31. P. Williams	9901	112
32. G. Haylip	11264	116
33. M. Reynolds	1516	120
34. J. Lousdager	1516	120
35. S. Sun	21931	120
36. B. Hansard	15005	125
37. W. Stevens	9859	127
38. L. Stevens	18533	133
39. V. Von Smith	40	134
40. M. Mehan	8356	133
41. B. Leifer	19120	135
42. B. Leifer	19120	135
43. B. Leifer	19120	135
44. B. Leifer	19120	135
45. J. Krutok	5800	150
46. J. Hest	11637	150 1/2
47. J. McCreary	220	156
48. B. Hines	14545	158
49. B. Frank	21861	160
50. J. W. Smith	17430	161
51. J. Lung	8273	168
52. C. Rainwater	24000	170
53. W. Fox	19227	19 1/2
54. J. Chilipala	10514	185
55. T. Bolender	37	186
56. C. Alister	16231	187
57. B. Benham	22075	202
58. H. Hoy	16434	208
59. B. Belows	18085	208
60. B. Eichen	21033	208
61. D. Tucker	17411	220

1. J. McCann	2222	7 1/2
2. G. Murphy	3586	7 1/2
3. J. C. Embrough	21931	7 1/2
4. M. Walz	22075	24
5. J. Schroeder	20346	27
6. J. Matheny	10354	27
7. J. Schroeder	10354	27
8. M. Well	3849	30
9. P. Thompson	10430	32 1/2
10. J. Baran	18851	33
11. J. Hamilton	3080	43
12. J. Dando	20340	43
13. J. Radtch	18167	43
14. D. Moore	22749	49
15. B. Ridolf	2090	56
16. M. Drake	17340	60
17. M. Drake	17340	60
18. M. Catalano	17340	65
19. K. Gray	21964	69
20. H. Hagen	12715	72
21. M. Caraher	21878	76
22. S. Gaston	20366	83
23. J. Lita	23042	83
24. J. Lita	23042	83
25. H. Lindsey	21198	114
26. L. Lase	18919	124
27. J. White	9274	131
28. J. White	9274	131
29. J. White	9274	131
30. J. White	9274	131
31. J. White	9274	131
32. J. White	9274	131
33. J. White	9274	131
34. J. White	9274	131
35. J. White	9274	131
36. J. White	9274	131
37. J. White	9274	131
38. J. White	9274	131
39. J. White	9274	131
40. J. White	9274	131
41. J. White	9274	131
42. J. White	9274	131
43. J. White	9274	131
44. J. White	9274	131
45. J. White	9274	131
46. J. White	9274	131
47. J. White	9274	131
48. J. White	9274	131
49. J. White	9274	131
50. J. White	9274	131
51. J. White	9274	131
52. J. White	9274	131
53. J. White	9274	131
54. J. White	9274	131
55. J. White	9274	131
56. J. White	9274	131
57. J. White	9274	131
58. J. White	9274	131
59. J. White	9274	131
60. J. White	9274	131

1. J. Swan	21012	2 1/2
2. G. Houshell	9520	6
3. C. O'Hall	14491	13
4. J. Palmer	8750	8
5. C. Prior	14491	13
6. C. O'Hall	14491	13
7. R. Meiner	12433	15
8. D. Frymoyer	4783	24
9. M. Callahan	17835	26
10. B. Eichen	21033	26
11. B. Tucker	17411	220

#### FLEET SERIES #97

Raleigh, North Carolina  
April 23 & 24, 1977

1. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
2. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
3. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
4. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
5. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
6. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
7. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
8. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
9. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
10. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
11. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
12. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
13. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
14. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
15. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
16. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
17. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
18. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
19. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
20. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
21. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
22. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
23. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
24. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
25. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
26. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
27. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
28. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
29. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
30. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
31. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
32. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
33. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
34. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
35. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
36. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
37. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
38. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
39. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
40. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
41. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
42. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
43. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
44. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
45. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
46. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
47. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
48. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
49. Houshell	12411	6 1/2
50. Houshell	12411	6 1/2





CONGRATULATIONS to the July/August Photo Contest winner, Robert Siddall—alive and adrift around the Virgin Islands. His black and white entry is titled, "The End of a Perfect Hobie Day" and so it is...

## PHOTO CONTEST DEFUNCT ...PHOTO GALLERY LIVES

Entries for our bi-monthly Photo Contest have dwindled. It seems you would rather be sailing now that good weather is with us... so we are announcing the end of our official contest. However, starting with the September/October issue we are introducing a new feature—THE PHOTO GALLERY. A page of every issue will be reserved for display of any unique, humorous, dramatic or just plain homey shots that you want to share. We have really enjoyed reviewing your contributions and we'd like to include them all instead of trying to judge "the best". So in case the "contest" angle scared you off, please send your favorite Hobie photos now! They don't have to be perfect or even close... just a bit of Hobie life for the rest of the clan to view.


## F. A. L. H. H. C. F. F. R. R. (CONT. FROM PG. 26)

The hot dog eating contest (what a sickening sight) had 12 contestants eating hot dogs—including weiner and bun. They were attempting to set a record for Guinness World Book of Records. Richard May finished first with a total of 15 hot dogs ingested. While watching the fiasco, I noticed a group of boys stealing hot dogs from the preparation table—knowing they were safe because the security guard was busy eating his way to 2nd place.

It was a great fun-filled weekend this F.A.L.H.H.C.F.F.R.R.... it's too bad everyone couldn't have taken part in all the extra activities.

Next year, maybe we could see the golf tournament on a full golf course, not a 3-par. Also, possibly we could have an overall winning trophy with a points system combining scores of sailing, tennis and golf. And hopefully, we'll see more activities at all regattas before and after racing (inter-fleet volleyball, baseball, tug-o-war or ??).

As we headed back home on the freeway—I thought to myself... "look at all those unknowing creatures driving along, if they only knew THE HOBIE WAY OF LIFE."

The Hobie Class Association would like to thank the following for contributing to the success of F.A.L.H.H.C.F.F.R.R. — 

Hobie Skateboards  
North Coast Tarp - Cat Equip  
Steve Murray's Sports Center  
Straight Aero Marine  
Cooke Marine  
T.H.E. Trailer  
R.B. Alexander and Mike Mullins  
Nautical Inn  
Steve Curran  
Bob Mann

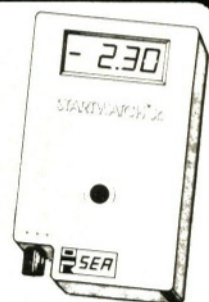
## STOP WATCHES/DISCOUNT PRICES

Lanj Sporting now carries Seiko, Memosail, Heuer, Startwatch Jr., Le Jour and Chronosport. **STARTWATCH JR.** Electronic Digital Display. Compact, Waterproof, and Floats. \$99. **MEMOSAIL SPORT II.** New, all stainless steel. Nylon strap. List \$110. Lanj's Price \$99. **SEIKO HO12 (AVO35M).** Self-winding, all stainless steel. List \$149. Lanj's Price \$120.

Send for free Catalog. Prices include air mail postage. We accept BankAmericard, Visa Card or Master Charge. Signature, Exp. date and card number must accompany all credit card orders. Arizona add 5% tax.

### LANJ SPORTING EXCHANGE

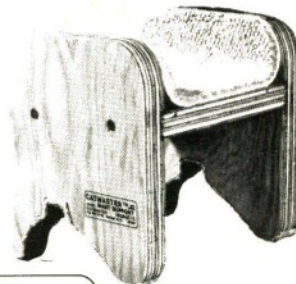
P.O. Box 28158 - Dept. SLG  
Tempe, Az. 85282 (602) 838-0371



Startwatch Jr.

## FITS HOBIE 14's & 16's

- STABLE, SECURE CENTERLINE SUPPORT
- PROTECTS TRAVELER, TRACK AND TILLER
- HANDCRAFTED FROM MARINE TESTED MATERIALS



**CATMASTER®** U.S. Pat. D-239,617  
HC1416 **MAST SUPPORT**  
CATMASTER PRODUCTS  
P.O. Box 5756 Raleigh, N.C. 27607

**NEW LOW  
PRICE!  
\$14.80\* direct**

\*NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS ADD 4% SALES TAX



# BODY GLOVE



Featured Sailor: Dennis Tico/Hobie Oceanside

**D**ennis has selected the all purpose BODY GLOVE Vest to take advantage of those extra hours of sailing. This durable cold wind protector features easy entry and soft rolled edges.

For additional BODY GLOVE ideas on cold water and breeze protection that "fits like a glove", send for complete design brochure and make your selection. Dealer inquiries invited.

## BODY GLOVE

P. O. Box 511  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
Tel: (213) 372 - 8423





# Take the Bus.

The VW Bus, or the VW Campmobile Bus.  
It's the perfect way to have a Hobie day.

Love that Hobie spirit. Hobie catamarans, surf boards, skate boards. Free and easy. Made for fun.

Just like the VW Bus, and the VW Campmobile Bus. Both give you loads of room for people and gear. One example: the VW Bus has almost 70% more room inside than a full-size domestic station wagon. In fact, it's nearly as big inside as a van. And versatile? With that big sliding door and the rear cargo hatch, along with the fold-down rear seat, your Bus can haul a fantastic range of sports equipment or whatever. And for a real getaway, the VW Campmobile Bus is the ideal machine. In fact, with all its comfort features, it may be the most civilized recreational vehicle ever.



Both also give you famous VW economy. With all the go in our peppy, fuel-injected 2-liter engine, you still get an estimated 28 mpg on the highway, and 18 in the city with standard transmission in the 1977 EPA tests. Of course, your mileage may vary depending on

your driving habits, your Bus' condition and whether you choose optional equipment such as an automatic transmission.

So have a Hobie day.  
The VW way.  
And take the Bus.



© Volkswagen of America, Inc.

