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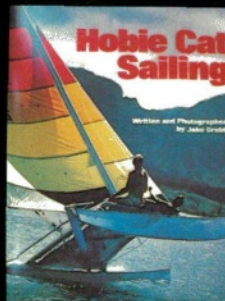
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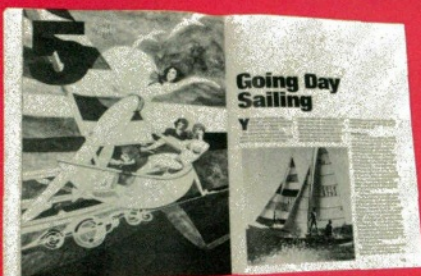
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Skull and crossbones are airborne as Des punches through the last of a set.



Getting fancy. . .

The Story of Dare Devil Des and Friends

CAT SURFING IN SOUTH AFRICA

And trawling for marlin between wave sets. . .

by Baron Stander

Cat surfing in Natal (South Africa) has been slow in developing due mainly to the heavy beach breaks found on our rugged coastline. This results in heavy maintenance costs which turn off many otherwise willing participants. But there is one man in Natal with a "go for it" attitude — Dare Devil Des is a household name in the Natal Hobie Cat Fraternity. Des Chaplin, veteran surfer and Hobie sailor, is the fearless man and he can always be recognized by his jet black sail aptly bearing the skull and crossbones. Owner of one of the first Hobies in Durban, Des has since replaced his boat five times and broken several masts to date. The familiar black sail has had no less than 200 repairs, yet still continues to perform well having been expertly repaired by Elvstrom Sails, a local sailmaker.

Known for his aggressive approach to cat surfing, Des consistently ventures out in pounding seas while all

other Hobie owners head for Durban's Midmar Dam and calmer conditions. Des was one of Durban's original "beach bums" from the early fifties when a few hardy surfers founded the "South Beach Surfboard Club" in 1955 . . . sort of a South African counterpart to the surfing group of

Some of the biggest sharks are caught in this area, a sobering thought when venturing out.

Hobie Alter, Phil Edwards and gang.

His knowledge of the surf is now obviously paying off, as there are not many Hobie Cat sailors who would even dare to go out in "hairy surf" conditions with "DDD." His closest rivals are Shorty Liesegang (Hobie 16) and John Norris (Hobie 14), the renowned Zululand surfer who recently suffered a broken big toe whilst being pounded by a large wave off the

rugged coast of Port Elizabeth. Both are from the wilds of Kwa Zulu but their injuries have tamed them. They are now recuperating and genuinely thinking of concentrating on races held in the calmer waters of inland dams.

The favorite cat surfing venue in Durban is Virginia Beach, where conditions are near perfect for launching and surfing. This unprotected beach sometimes pushes through good two to three meter waves and the deep water channel between wave sets is ideally suited to jibing (you never ever come about in the surf) to set up for the next attempt at getting out beyond the outerbreak.

Mtunzini Beach, about 100 miles up the north coast in Zululand, is another popular cat surfing area where three to five meter waves peak up off Garlands Point, an underwater reef where lie the wrecks of many ocean going vessels threatening to hole an

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Classic cat surfing.



Sometimes the break catches up with you.



Getting off — the wrong way!

cat surfing

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unwary Catter not familiar with their positions. Some of the biggest sharks are caught in this area, a sobering thought when venturing out.

Rescue craft comprised of a rubber dinghy with an outboard motor is a must in case of capsize. Life jackets and at least 200 meters of anchor line are part of standard safety equipment on board a surfing Hobie. Golden rule #1 — *Never venture out alone.*

Mtunzini is situated on a large tidal river mouth which provides excellent fishing and an abundance of sea life on the rocks such as oysters, mussels, crayfish and even shrimp. Long weekend trips are organized with four-wheel-drive trucks towing caravans and boats across a humid swamp,



Des entertains local Catters and friends in his Hobie party room after a long weekend of adventure.

through an overgrown jungle and down to the beautiful white sands on the beach (where the mosquitos don't worry you).

The favorite pastime when there

...the turtles weigh upwards of one ton and they don't even know you're on their back!

are no waves to surf, is to mount a fishing rod onto a special bracket at the rear corner post of a Hobie and trawl for marlin and barracuda, which abound in these waters. While sailing and fishing like this, you sometimes disappear over the horizon, necessitating a citizen band radio hand set,

suitably sealed against the salt air and spray in a clear plastic sleeve, to maintain contact with the Base Station back on the beach. All fish caught are placed in a net mounted between the hulls in front of the trampoline.

Sleeping on a Hobie tramp while beached at night during the summer is a wonderful experience — but beware the turtles that come ashore to bury their eggs above the high water mark! They can wedge themselves under your trampoline and walk you right into the water; some of the turtles weigh upwards of one ton and they don't even know you're on their back!

After enjoying another fantastic weekend at Mtunzini, everyone returns to our village clubhouse head-

quarters of the "M.B.A." (Mast Breakers Association) to down a few more beers and talk about the "big" fish that got away or the "big" waves

Both are from the wilds of Kwa Zulu but their injuries have tamed them.

they missed. Dare Devil Des, Chairman of the M.B.A. invites all Hobie owners who have broken a mast to apply for membership to this exclusive association. Broken mast trophies mounted on a polished base are available. Write to Cat Surfer, P.O. Box 381, Pinetown 3600, South Africa for further information. Don't forget to include full details of your experience. *FL*

A TRUE HOBIE CHAMPION

by Hannah Poteat

I know a Hobie Champion. My husband, Bob, and I have been sailing Hobies for three years, starting in San Diego with Fleet 4 and after moving back to North Carolina, continuing with Fleet 97 in Raleigh. We have met many of the people who dominate Hobie headlines, but it was not during a race or regatta that I found out what makes a true Champion.

Last June 14th John Ross-Duggan, the winner of the 1977 Hobie 16' Nationals and 1978 Midwinters East, was involved in a tragic automobile crash in Durham, North Carolina. John had just completed his third year at Duke Medical School and was looking forward to some time off for sailing. Apparently John fell asleep at the wheel of his car and hit a bridge abutment at a speed in excess of 100 mph. John's spinal cord was crushed at the level of C-5 (neck region) and only the fact that he was in such superb physical condition allowed him to survive. John underwent emergency surgery and spent the next several weeks in intensive care. He emerged para-

lyzed and medically categorized as a paraplegic. But that well-known Hobie determination and competitive spirit surfaced and John reaffirmed his intention to complete his medical studies.

Since the accident, John has spent almost every waking minute relearning things most of us take for granted. Working incredibly hard to train his remaining shoulder and arm muscles, John first learned to scratch his nose! From there he progressed to shaving himself and brushing his teeth. By August, he could sign his name with the aid of a wrist/hand splint.

The doctors and therapists who work with John marvel at his progress; he broke new records daily in the rehabilitation center at Duke University. He can get anywhere in his wheelchair, swims several laps every day, feeds himself, and can sit up from a supine position (try that using only your neck muscles!). The staff made a film of John to show other quadriplegics what can be done with determination and hard work. Most amaz-

ing of all, John started his fourth year of medical school in January!

John has had much support through all of this. His mother was by his side constantly for three months and his sister Robin took over when their mother returned to England. Hobie, Hobie Jr., Sandy Banks, Phil Berman, Ricky Eddington, Lukie Lucas, Derrick Kershaw from South Africa (who many don't even realize is partially paralyzed as well) and many other Hobie sailors have visited John to let him know how much they care. All the cards, letters, and phone calls are welcome support.

Sailing continues to be a major part of John's life — he has already managed to skipper a large monohull! His interest and involvement in Hobies also continues. He is even dreaming up modifications to his 16' so he and his sister can race this season.

Someone once said that in every adversity there is the seed of a greater good — John's friends know that he will find that seed. We salute a true Champion. *JK*

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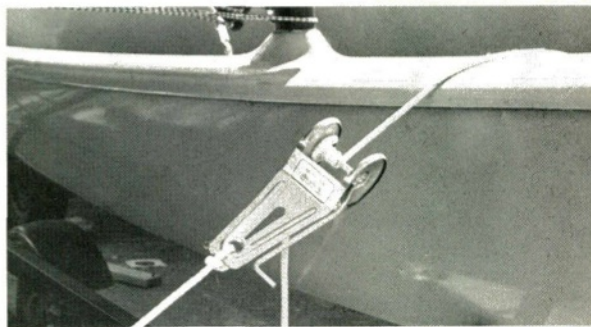
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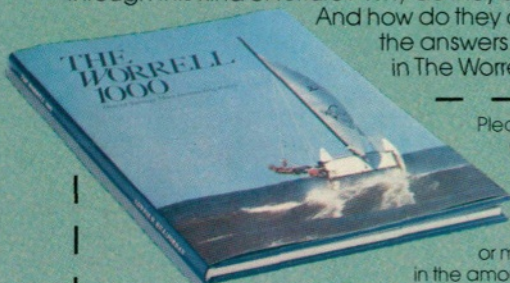
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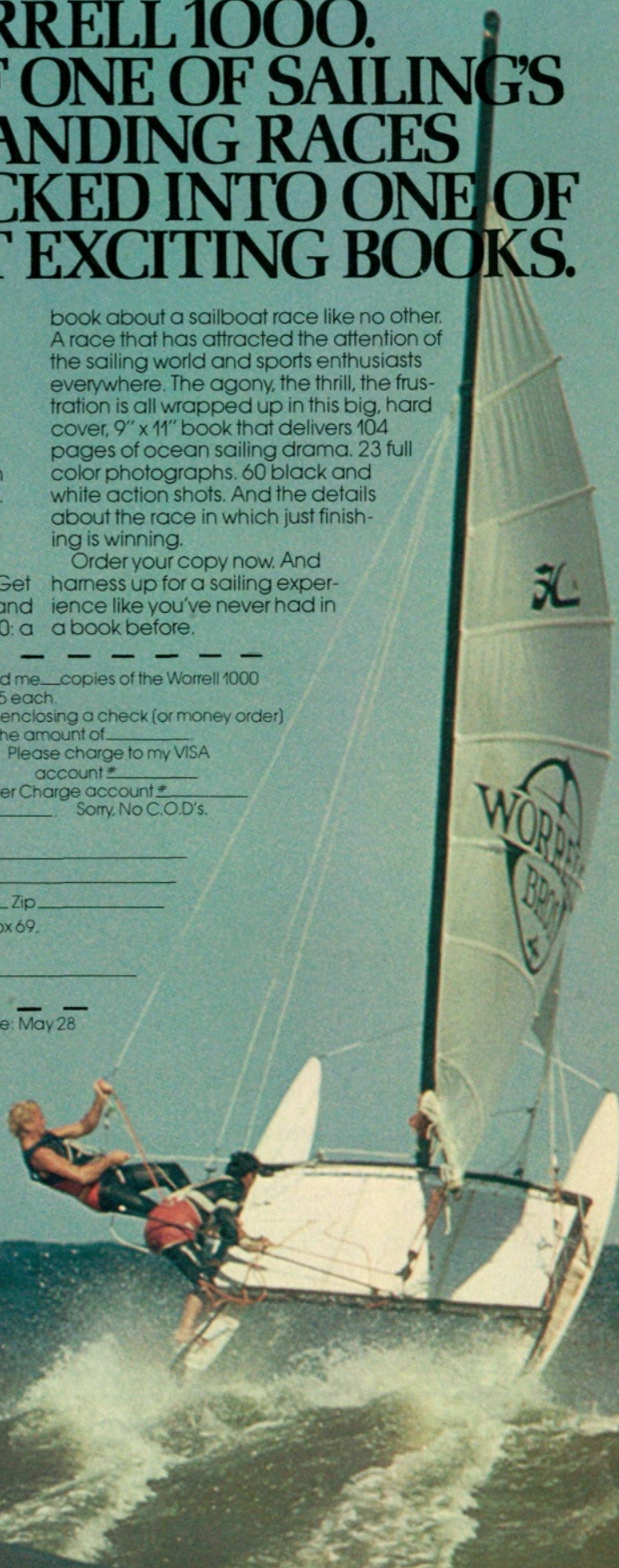
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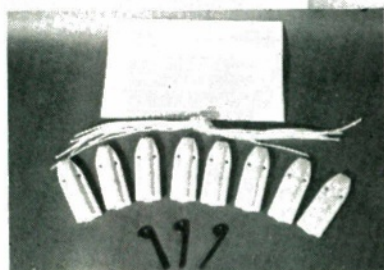
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by John Arendsen

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However, today's technology has unveiled a new generation of coatings. Chemically they are called "amino functional fluids" or in laymen's terms, hard surface sealants. Unlike a wax based product which is a soft surface coating with no bonding capabilities, the amino-functional coatings actually bond chemically and become a part of the finish. A wax-based coating will break down under intense heat, abrasion and exposure very quickly — sometimes in just a few days or even hours depending on the environment and type of exposure. Once the breakdown occurs, the exposed surface is subjected to the

weathering elements that lead to deterioration. And since wax-based coatings have no reflective capabilities, they virtually allow heat and ultra violet rays to melt the wax, permeate into the surface and attack the pigment of the exposed surface. Melting wax may be an asset to a burning candle, but it does nothing for the protection of your boat.

Amino functional fluids are from the silica family. Silica is used in making glass, crystal, silicones, etc. It is combined with petroleum distillates and a coupling agent, and when applied to a surface, the petroleum distillates evaporate, allowing the fluids to react and form a crystalline on the applied surface. The crystalline is very similar in effect to a prism — after it hardens it reflects heat and ultra violet rays. These characteristics of the fluids cut down about 90% of fading oxidation problems. In addition to their protective abilities, hard surface sealants have an extremely high gloss capability and provide a natural high luster finish that is glass hard and resists most environmental elements.

Non-abrasive amino functional fluids do not have any cleaning or polishing capabilities. For this reason, precautions should be taken in preparing a surface before applying the fluids. Any surface blemishes includ-

ing waterspots, fingerprints and oxidation must be removed first or they will be sealed into the surface. Ideally, the type of product to use for a one-step job is an *abrasive amino-functional fluid*, capable of cleaning, shining and sealing all in one application.

Amino functional fluids may soon become the new generation of surface protection but consumers should be alerted to many false claims that may be made to enhance the marketability of such products. While hard surface sealants will last about 6 times longer than wax, they should not be viewed as endurance coatings with indefinite lasting power. A user may neglect his boat for several years confident that he has a blanket protection policy and five years down the road, find that he has allowed his boat to suffer the consequences of environmental deterioration. These amino functional products are more expensive than wax, and although they are noted for their durability, they are not impervious to acidic elements that breakdown the protective finish.

Your boat is an important investment and any protective coating should be selected not on the basis of cost, but quality. And you must also realize that any coating you choose will not be a lifetime solution. Like everything else in this universe, maintenance is the key to longevity. *FL*

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HOW TO INTERPRET RELATIVE WIND ANGLE

by Fred O'Toole

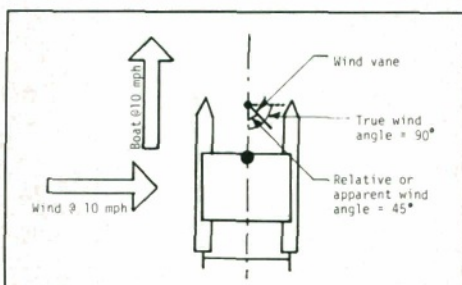
ed note: Every sailor has a different approach to mastering his art — some keep trying different methods until it "feels" right, some have to figure out the why and wherefore, some draw diagrams for evaluation, some watch the hot shots and try to imitate all methods and try to present a little of each. Here's one for the engineers. . .

Each time you change the direction in which you're sailing or if the wind shifts, you adjust your sail shape. Mainsheet, jibsheet, traveler, outhaul, and downhaul all offer various methods of control and tuning. If you wish to explore the nitty-gritty mathematical explanation behind all of these sail adjustments, Fred O'Toole has outlined here the physics of the situation. If you're one of the sailors who couldn't care less about the technical "whys" but needs some help reading wind angle and making appropriate tuning adjustments, try the Windecoder system invented by Fred which reduces all the logic to a simple color system.

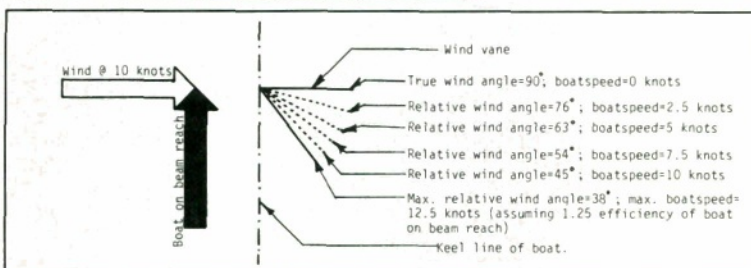
The observed angle of a wind vane with respect to the center line of a moving boat is the result of two forces — the velocity of the wind and the velocity of the boat. (Velocity considers both the speed and the direction of motion.) This angle is called the relative or apparent wind angle. For any sailor, it is an important factor to understand for fast, efficient sailing. Crucial sail adjustments are made by the sailor according to his interpretation of the wind direction and speed. Study the first diagram for a moment.

In this diagram, the boat is traveling on a beam reach at 10 mph and the wind is also at 10 mph. The result of these two forces is indicated by the wind vane at an angle of 45°. Consider why this is so. First, if the wind were the only force acting upon the wind vane (if the boat were beached), then the wind vane would indicate the *true* direction of the wind (in this case 90° from the center line of the boat). But the speed of the boat exerts a second force on the wind vane, "pushing" it back. The amount of pushing depends upon the speed of the boat — the more speed, the more push. Since in this diagram, both of these forces are equal, the result is that each of them only pushes the vane back half way, and consequently, we see the wind vane at a 45° angle.

As you can see, the relative wind angle will vary considerably not only with the speed of the boat, but also with the direction of travel of the boat. For example, if the boat in the diagram were to slow down to 5 mph,



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then the relative wind angle would change to 67.5°. On the other hand, if the direction of travel of the boat were to change from a beam reach to a run, then the relative wind angle would change to 180°.

Now consider this carefully. Suppose we could hold the direction of the boat and the velocity of the wind constant. Then the only variable that would affect the relative wind angle of the wind vane would be the speed of the boat. This is the situation which we are most often in when sailing. That is, the wind velocity on the lake or whatever is more or less constant for a period of time and direction of travel is held constant for a certain leg of a course (for example, beam reach).

The second diagram shows how to interpret relative wind angle and use it to your advantage to increase boatspeed.

From this diagram, you can see that the relative wind angle of a wind vane will vary in predictable ways; given that the wind and the direction of travel are constant. To put it simply, there is an inverse relationship between the speed of the boat and the relative wind angle. As the speed of the boat increases, the relative wind angle decreases. And, of course, it works the other way around — as the relative wind angle decreases, the speed of the boat increases. This is the key to using relative wind angle to achieve maximum boatspeed. Normally when we are out sailing, we know the approximate velocity of the wind,

and we know when we are traveling on a beam reach (for example). In this situation we can then maximize boatspeed by minimizing the relative wind angle of the wind vane on the boat — that is, we can make whatever sail adjustments (travelers, etc.) are necessary to minimize that angle.

Of course, there are limits to the amount we can minimize the relative wind angle and thus maximize boatspeed. These limits depend on the following three factors: 1) the design of the boat, principally its hull design, 2) the speed of the wind, and 3) the knowledge and ability of the sailor. Obviously there is little that can be done about either of the first two physical factors. We cannot exceed these limits, but we can approach their boundaries. This is where the third factor comes in, the knowledge and ability of the sailor. The best way to improve our sailing is by acquiring the knowledge and skills which will enable us to realize the maximum speed potential of the boat. Knowledge of the relative wind angle and how to interpret it are invaluable tools to the serious racing sailor. And for the beginner or the intermediate sailor, this knowledge can make a lot of difference in the sailing experience.

This brief article does not consider the relative wind angle for other points of sail. In many ways the analysis is similar to the above. If you are mathematically inclined, you can figure out new diagrams from the information supplied here. *FL*

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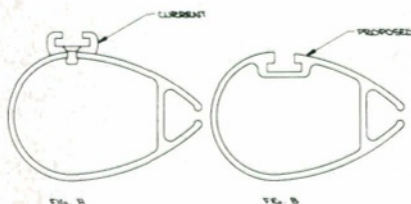
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REAR CROSSBAR PROPOSAL

Hobie Cat's Engineering Department is proposing a change to the World Hobie Class Association, concerning the rear crossbar and traveler track on the Hobie 14' and 16'. The Hobie Class Association feels that any change and/or improvement that may be of consequence to class competition should be shared with you, the members, for comment prior to ruling any changes. Your opinions are valued — we would appreciate it if you would take the time to carefully read and consider this proposal, then let us know what you think. In this way the World Hobie Class Association can make a decision which reflects your thoughts and opinions.

Presently the traveler track (Figure A) rivets onto the rear crossbar. The proposed crossbar would be a one-piece crossbar/traveler track with the track extruded as part of the crossbar (Figure B). Hobie Cat feels that this method is structurally sound, longer lasting and more consistent from boat to boat than the present riveted track. The prototype design is clean and neat in appearance and eliminates any problem with rivets working loose and




blocking movement of the traveler car. The Engineering Staff also believes that track damage caused by the mast when the boat is being transported will be reduced significantly.

Changing traveler cars would entail a different procedure with the proposed crossbar. In the present system, a few rivets at one side must be drilled to free the end of the track. The proposed crossbar would require drilling six rivets to free the corner casting in order to change the traveler car.

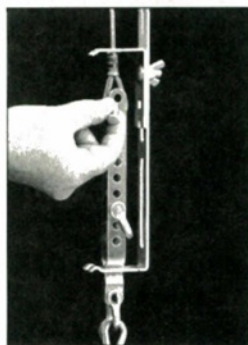
The major sailing point that concerns the Hobie Class Association is the possible additional one-half inch sheeting space that the new track crossbar creates. This one-half inch

could allow for a small amount of additional mast rake. Leading sailors that we have consulted feel that it is already possible to get the optimum amount of mast rake with the current track and that an extra one-half inch would not be of any value. It is already class legal to get more sheeting space by changing blocks or traveler cars, therefore Hobie Cat does not feel this extra one-half inch would be advantageous to any sailor.

Our commitment to Hobie Cat sailors and owners is to maintain production of equal boats and to support strict one-design class racing. Few major changes have been initiated since the first Hobie Cats were made and we do not intend to begin now. We do feel this change would be an appropriate move; we'd like to have your comments.

This proposal will go before the World Hobie Class Association Council for a vote before any changes are made. It is your class, your boat; please let us know what you think. Send your comments to: Hobie Association Crossbar Proposal, P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, California 92054. 


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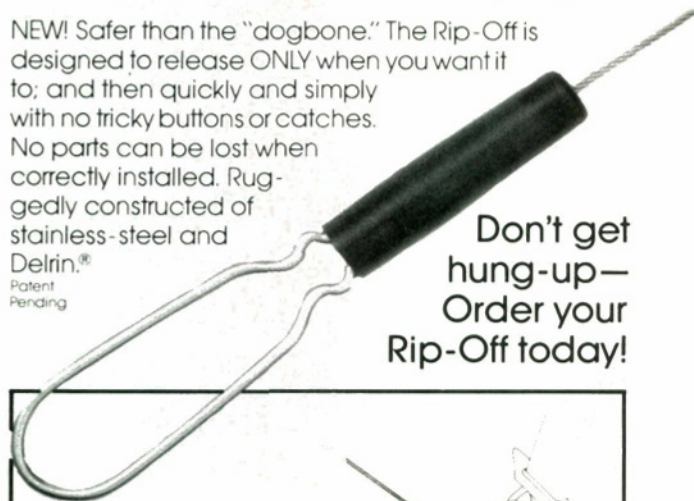
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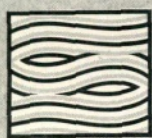
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WOMEN IN HOBIE CAT RACING

Women are demonstrating their independence in all realms — and the Hobie Cat world is no exception. From coast to coast, "ladies races" are being organized and conducted in earnest competition. No longer tagged as token fun races at the end of weekend regattas, these new events are cropping up everywhere complete with sponsors, unique trophies, practice sessions and enthusiastic support from dealers, the factory and even the male racers!

Though occasional all-women events have been held throughout the ten-year Hobie history, the current organized trend first became visible during the last two years. Many women started participating in racing clinics and how-to sessions, developing their knowledge beyond being a good crew and into the techniques of sailing "at the helm." The usual joking phase among husbands and boyfriends inevitably arrived and passed, as it grew apparent that many women were seriously interested in becoming competitive skippers.

The end of the '78 season saw these many concentrated efforts culminated in several impressive all-women competitor regattas. In recognition of this new movement, the Hobie Class Association will sponsor an additional major event in 1979 — the Hobie 14' Women's National Championship. Neither date nor location has been finalized as of press time, but both will be announced in the May/June Hot Line. Depending on the final site, the event will hopefully be staged in July or August. Each Division must decide upon their own selection process and notify the Hobie Class Association of their proposal. Final details will be announced in the next issue; Divisional organization and championship training should start now!

Following are two reports on an East Coast and a West Coast women's regatta. Both were conducted professionally and provided exciting and stiff competition for the racers as well as great entertainment for spectators. Our thanks to Mary Payne of Fleet 30 in Riverside, California and Jeanie Ryan of Fleet 5 in Clearwater, Florida for their assistance and contributions.

California Scene by Mary Payne

Years over due, it finally happened. In spite of initial negative male response and many jokes, the ladies of Southern California finally had their first official Ladies Regatta. (Thanks to Doug Griffis for his suggestion and to Fleet 30 of Riverside for their organization.) In the past, with wind and time permitting, a token ladies race was often run on the final morning of local regattas; participation was generally very enthusiastic. But now at last, a competitive regatta for women only.

In anticipation of the big event, practice was a must. After six or more years of crewing competitively, it was discouraging to realize just how little I knew about handling a 16'. My husband, Steve, was encouraging to the point of bravery when he trapped out during my first time at the tiller . . . The role reversal brought many questions to mind and a new respect for that demanding skipper I'd known. Suddenly, this new responsibility was all mine. Would I have a good start, follow a decent course, avoid capsizing, or hitting a competitor and still have a good time? Would I yell at my crew?

Preparation for the race brought together new racing teams, since crews also had to be ladies. Salty and Neil Brady had been one of the toughest competitors during the sea-



Winners at the California women's regatta. Photo by John Jones.

son, now she was to be my crew. In order to make weight Judy Jones was able to take two of her daughters as crew. Strategy was for Kim, 10, to hike out first, then Kellee, 13, to follow. Barbara and Sharyne Zervas were another mother-daughter team, with Sharyne constantly reminding her skipper, "pull in that mainsheet, Mom!"

The response from the fellows was quite enthusiastic, after the jokes died down. The classic came from Whitey Harris, "the marks should be E R A instead of A B C . . ." The girls laughed it off easily, practice was building confidence. We even suggested a "token men's" race to be held after our race day. The heartiest male support came from Fleet 3 of Long Beach, in the form of their adorable male cheerleaders, *The Pussycats*.

"Pull in that mainsheet, Mom!"

Lake Perris, suffering from drought and water removal for another reservoir, was down 20 feet. There was still plenty of water to sail on but two days before the race, the local newspaper erroneously printed that the lake was closed to all boats. A quick call to the lake reassured members that the race was still on; but we worried that the misprint might discourage racers from showing up for our fleet's first sponsored regatta. Much to everyone's relief, 41 boats arrived. Glorious weather promised a great race day and no need for wet suits. Registration provided all entrants with t-shirts and a bag over-flowing with goodies — a sure sign of good organization and planning. There was even a shuttle service running from the parking lot to the beach, thanks to Don Krueger.

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Marcia Miller (left) and Nancy Power (center) proudly display the winning Hobie 16 trophies from the 1978 Gulf Coast Women's Regatta.



Smiling skippers and crews after Florida trophy presentation



The Fleet 3 "Pussycats" showed their great form and enthusiastic support for the California women's regatta. Photo by John Jones.



Photo by John Jones.



"Women sail just as good . . . and we look better doing it!" Photo by John Jones.

Women in Racing

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Three races were run as planned. The ladies were challenged with every wind condition — the first race offered light to no wind, the second was double trap weather, the third just right. The all-male race committee was often seen, mouths gaping in amazement and delight, intently re-viewing some of the "racing forms" seen at the starting line, and yet there were no recalls.

Trophy presentation was an event all its own. Every skipper present received a prize in the drawing, thanks to local merchants and Hobie Riverside. Several encore cheers from *The Pussycats* accompanied the three-deep awards; winning skippers and crew each received Olympic style medals and bottles of wine. The perpetual trophy was presented to Becky Brooks by Chris Wassman, creator of the bronze wire Hobie Cat sculpture which featured the Latin female symbol in place of the Hobie "H."

Thanks to Fleet 30 for all the work it takes to put any regatta together and for their ability to start the races as scheduled. Our appreciation goes to all the people that turned out for this great regatta. The parking rules were followed to the letter and the beach was left impressively clean. Praise, and most important, a sincere invitation to come back was expressed by Jack Roggenbuck, spokesman for the park at Lake Perris. Special thanks to Jack for his assistance, patience and support.

Florida Scene by Jeanie Ryan

The 1978 Gulf Coast Women's Regatta, sponsored by Hobie Fleet 5 was held in September. Twenty female 16' skippers with their female crews and 17 female 14' skippers participating in this second annual event, convinced the men that the women are more serious about racing than the men had thought. Women from all over the Tampa-Clearwater-Bradenton-Sarasota area drove to Dunedin to compete in the one-day regatta.

Nancy Power and Marcia Miller of Fleet 5, coached by Marcia's husband Mike for weeks before the race, came

. . . it grew apparent that many women were seriously interested in becoming competitive skippers.


home with the first place trophy in the 16 class on the Miller's boat. Beth Orton, also of Fleet 5, took first place in the 14 class. Fleet 42 of Tampa was also well-represented among the top finishers.

Light winds hampered the racers during the first two races and collisions were kept to a minimum. To the delight of the women and the dismay of the men, who were watching from the beach with beer and binoculars in hand, the wind picked up for the final race.

Gary Leech of Fleet 5 organized canoe races, inner tube races and other activities on the beach for the men, complete with trophies. Ron Dickinson decided to observe the race at close range and sailed out to the race course, joined by six other people on his 16. With almost 1300 pounds of people aboard, Ron had trouble keeping the boom from filling up with water. . .

Helen Sloan was in charge of organizing the regatta, assisted by Jeanie Ryan. Merrick Endres and Mike Miller ran practice races for the women for several weeks in advance of the regatta.

Official sponsors for the race were Sun First National Bank of Dunedin, Florida which furnished the hand-made trophies featuring a Hobie sunset picture, and Highland Health Spa of Clearwater and Tampa, Florida, an all-women's spa, which furnished the T-shirts given to all participants. In addition, memberships at the health spa, discounts at Hair Productions, and gift certificates at the Colony Shop were presented to participants and winners.

Due to the enthusiastic response of the women in Fleet 5, the fleet is planning to organize once-a-quarter, all-women races for the 1979 sailing season and hopes to have even more women ready to sail in competition for the 1979 Gulf Coast Women's Regatta. 



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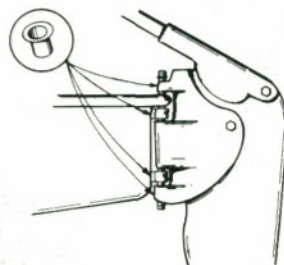
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In reference to an article in the Jan/Feb issue of the "Hot Line" entitled "Technical Opinions," some points should be clarified. The article inferred that the TrenTec "Draft Gauges" do not take into account certain sail shape variables, let us clear up this matter. Without expressly stating the particulars of the computer program used to calculate the "Draft Gauges," the following are some of the parameters that were considered:

- A. batten length
- B. desired draft and its location
- C. elasticity of sail cloth
- D. mast rotation
- E. wind velocity
- F. batten taper
- G. sail cut (shape)
- H. tensions exerted on sail
 1. sheet

2. outhaul
3. downhaul
4. batten

In addition to the above list of quantitative data, many hours were spent testing different increments determined by our computer. Obviously, batten tension cannot be reduced to a pure science but a 98% confidence level may be obtained. Each sailor may still, if desired, alter his personal setting depending on many outside variables such as: water condition, crew weight, and personal sailing preference, e.g. computers don't sail . . . people do!

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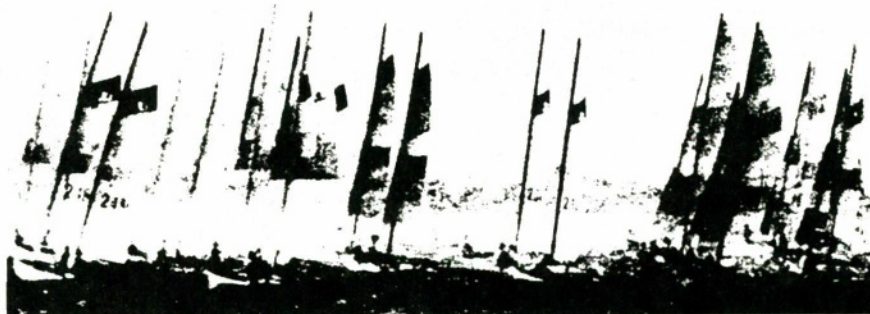
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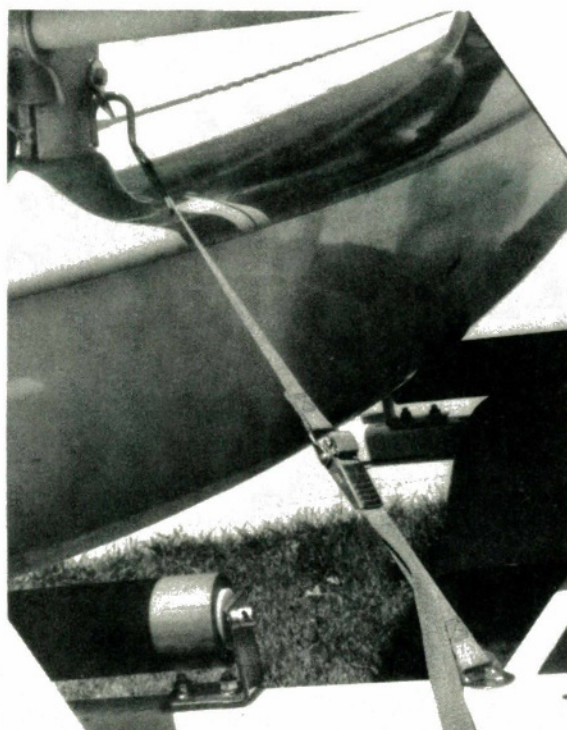


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FLEET NEWS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

MARCH/APRIL 1979

FLEET 6 Kailua, Hawaii

The Hawaii Hobie Cat Association has raised \$500 for Muscular Dystrophy by offering Hobie rides at Kailua Beach Park. "We sold about 200 advance tickets all over town," noted Dave Lung. "We asked for anything above \$2.50 a ride. Some people just showed up at the park and bought tickets on the spot. We spent all day Saturday and Sunday at Kailua Beach Park, ferrying crowds of excited riders around on our boats. Some 150 members of the fleet put in shifts over the two day weekend. All contributions went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association."

FLEET 44 Sunrise, Florida

Tom Wickenhouser has won a precedent-setting protest. At Fowlie Light, Tom protested other Hobie 18 skippers who were sailing single-handed in the race. No minimum weight had been established for racing 18s, but since the Wickenhouser protest, Coast Cat has set 285 pounds as a minimum weight to which Hobie 18s must conform in races.

FLEET 47 Cincinnati, Ohio

Why a Hobie Cat fleet? You as a Hobie Cat owner bought your boat with one thing in mind — having fun. And so did every other Hobie owner. Therefore, you all have something in common. As you sail your boat more you will discover that you can have a lot of fun sailing with other Hobies, whether racing around the lake together or exchanging ideas on the shore. The next natural step is to get together periodically to enjoy Hobie Catting. And there you have the basis for being a member in a Hobie Cat fleet. A Hobie Cat fleet can offer you a chance to get together with other owners and enjoy the sport of Hobie sailing. The fleet can provide organized activities, both racing and fun oriented outings, educational and entertaining meetings, and introduce you to a lot of new friends with a common interest.

FLEET 95 Bothell, Washington

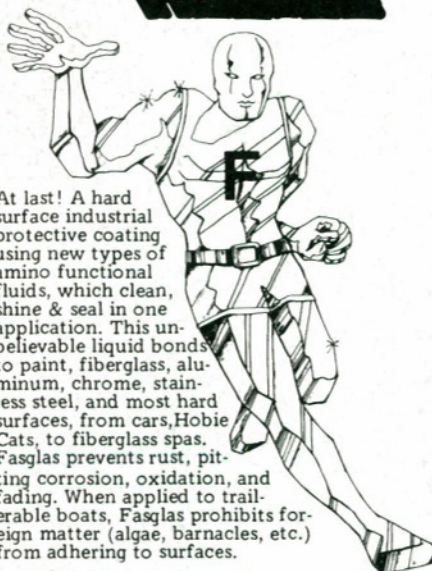
Rule of the month: *Same tack rules* (37.2) a yacht clear astern shall keep clear and (41.1) a yacht tacking or jibing shall keep clear of a yacht on a tack . . . are modified when rounding marks (42.2b) when a yacht clear ahead tacks to round a mark they remain the same. But (42.2a) the

yacht clear astern shall keep clear during a rounding or passing of a mark the yachts remaining on the same tack or jibs.

FLEET 128 San Antonio, Texas

In January, many of the fleet members volunteered to help out at the Jewett Services Hobie display at the boat show to answer questions about Hobies and the fleet. In February we had a fleet meeting to try to get the new year organized. With the new 16B and 14A fleets we established in 1978, we are experiencing growing pains and a little confusion. With so many new members we have many new problems. At this meeting, dates were set for all 1979 races and final plans were made for our First Annual Shifty Winds points regatta for Division 6 at Canyon Lake on June 23 and 24. The first three months of '79 are also devoted to an all-out membership drive and planning period to insure another fun year.

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FLEET 176 Hemet, California

Although there is really not an "off season" for Southern California Hobie Catters, Fleet 176 has had little racing activity this winter due to relocation problems. Vail Lake, headquarters for Fleet 176, upped the launching ante and gate admission to prices beyond the means of most of us. While searching for a new spot to conduct our races (Pacific Ocean — here we come!), Fleet 176's took on some community responsibility and opened a Hobie Class Association blood bank.

The American Red Cross has publicized a severe blood shortage in Southern California, so fleet members decided to pitch in and lend a hand (or shall we say a pint?). A new blood bank group account was opened in the name of the Hobie Class Association, Fleet 176. A record of all donations is kept so donors can be recognized individually and as a group for participation in this life-saving community project.

Why not discuss it at your next fleet meeting? Call the American Red Cross and tell them you want to open a group account in the name of Hobie Class Association, Fleet ____ (your fleet number). Remember, if you ever need blood, only another human being can provide it. Now you've got it. Please share. For more information, contact Commodore McCoy, 44698 Mayberry Ave., Hemet, CA 92343, phone 714/927-1506.

FLEET 267 Spray Beach, New Jersey

The 1979 season will be the first full season for Fleet 267. We hold our races on Little Egg Harbor Bay at Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Little Egg Harbor is one of the few bays in the South Jersey Area big enough to hold regattas. The winds are generally predictable in direction but run through the full scale in intensity. As a result we are used to all types of sailing.

At present we are only eight members strong and all are Hobie 16 owners. We conducted an extensive recruiting drive during the winter and we're hoping to gain a few new members. We contacted all the known Hobie owners in the area, thanks to the help of the Hobie Class Association.

Our summer schedule includes a Points Regatta on June 23 and 24. This regatta is being sponsored by the Spray Beach Yacht Club. This club has been in the race management business since 1927. We feel we've put our regatta into some very capable hands and are looking forward to a very successful one. We are also holding a Multihull Regatta July 21 and 22. We are extending an open invitation to all of you to attend either one or both. 

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Jurgen Asmussen

Huge waves and stormy winds cancelled the European Championships after only two races. As the gale rose to Force 8, even the best skippers could not keep their boats righted and the chase boats could not navigate the huge swells to keep everyone assisted properly.

Generally small boat regattas are not held on the Northsea as it is considered too rough. This proved all too true on site at the Championships in St. Peter Ording, north of Hamburg. Wind during the preceeding week was too strong to allow practice and the international skippers huddled on shore sharing tactics. Sailing conditions calmed momentarily for the first day of racing. But the forceful winds created a huge wave pattern which formed a thick scum along the shore, making it difficult for the Hobie Cats to even get out through the break. On the open sea, waves reached to 2.5 meters (that's 10 feet!) demanding maximum endurance of the racers.

The brilliant Dutch sailors, who sail practically all year long in their country, placed seven teams in the top ten. The only German team showing in the top of the fleet was Kurt Skacel and Udo Prothmann. One of the best German skippers, Calle Schmidt, failed to qualify in the A Fleet but was forced to sail with the B teams.

European Champions Heilbronn and Dieben from Holland arrived too late to qualify, believing that they were prequalified. The Race Committee allowed them to sail with the A Fleet but because of protests, they were disqualified.

The second day of racing started ominously with black clouds and Force 6 winds. Within five minutes of the start, more than a dozen boats capsized and at least 20 crews were overboard. The race was cancelled and there were several tense moments until all boats and competitors were safely ashore.

There were no serious injuries but boat damage was extensive. Racing was cancelled for the day. The next morning dawned even more stormy

and the Championships were abandoned. It was decided to name a winner based on the only two races held on the first day. Gerhard Loos and Ruud Visser earned the title only 1.6 points ahead of Tjibbe Veloo and Peter Spijker, but on the strength of defeating them as well one-on-one in the second race. Jean Lange of Holland took third and the husband/wife team of Muskens from Switzerland took fourth.

HOBIE'S SHINE IN TRANSKEI

by Andrew Fyvie

The excitement of sailing on new waters has gripped yachting enthusiasts in the Transkei, the territory which won independence from South Africa two years ago. With the completion last year of a massive earth dam over the Mtata River, 10km from the capital, Umtata, a huge lake has formed, creating a beautiful site for yachting, water-skiing and general recreation.

To test the number and enthusiasm of yachtsmen in the area, a few lads got together and staged an inaugural regatta. Imagine their satisfaction therefore, when nine Hobie 14's turned up, as well as three other classes (that's out of a town of 25,000!). The races were held in a friendly informal atmosphere and the light breeze enabled the more experienced skippers to show the novices just how it's done. Leading the field in the races was Dave Pollock, who took fifth in the South Africa Championships earlier this year. He was closely followed by another Hobie enthusiast, Geoff Skeen.

Of particular interest was the reaction of the local African population to the day's events. The lake shore now lies within a few hundred meters from their mud huts, and many of them have never seen so vast an expanse of water before, not to mention these "strange, two-footed craft" that skim silently over the water at great speed. They gathered at the water's edge in excited groups, and as the Hobie's hulls lifted out of the water, cries of amazement, and shouts of encouragement, could be heard drifting across the water.

All those participating agreed that the regatta had been a great success,

and they now look forward to the establishment of a proper yacht club on the shore of the lake. If the first day's sailing is anything to go by, the Hobie's will definitely dominate the new Umtata Yacht Club.


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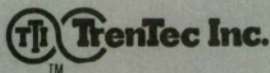
Our Executive committee will be putting emphasis in two major areas in the month ahead:

a) We are presently trying to reach all Hobie owners in Ontario to encourage them to join the Association. More members = stronger association = higher value for our boats. Some classes in Ontario are slowly dying and one result of this is the decided lack of prospective buyers for those class's boats.

b) The OHCA will spearhead a program, by contacting all Canadian Hobie Fleets to make a proposal to form the Canadian Hobie Cat Association. National class associations are eligible for substantial sums from the Canadian Yachting Ass'n. to support the growth of amateur sailing in Canada.

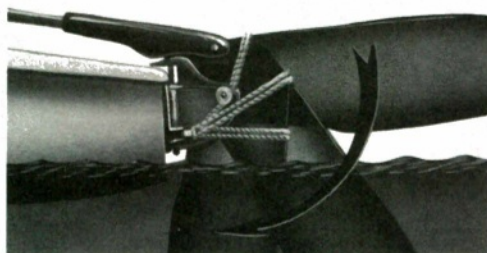
c) How can Ontario sailors compete with ocean sailors from Australia, South Africa, etc. in six to eight foot waves? In view of this, the London Hobie Fleet had initiated a petition which has already been sent to Coast Cat.

The petition signed by 36 Ontario Hobie sailors states that "We, the undersigned, all members of the Ontario Hobie Cat Association, would insincerely like to recommend that Coast Catamaran consider an inland lake or other protected water as the site for a future Hobie 14 or 16 World Championship." There have been many successful "Worlds" held in Hawaii, Tahiti, Puerto Rico and in the Canary Islands — all on the ocean. Since a large proportion of the active Hobie 14 and Hobie 16 competitive sailors race on inland waters, we feel there is a real need to hold the World Championships on a body of water like Lake Havasu (Arizona), Lake Thunderbird (Oklahoma), Lake George (New York State) or Pensacola Bay (Florida). We hope you will give serious consideration to our above mentioned request. 



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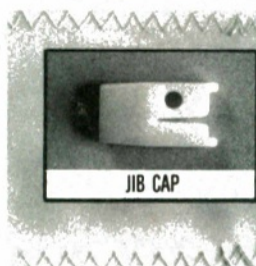
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A special Fleet News booklet will be included in every future magazine. This exclusive section will contain the full racing schedule, *all* results for the almost 200 points regattas each year (not just the top finishers), results of non-points regattas whenever space permits, and expanded Fleet News and World Report sections. We hope to print *all* contributions (in the next issue after material is received) from the many fleets which faithfully keep us informed. These write-ups have grown in number to as many as 50 per month during racing season (that's 100 per issue!) and previously we've only been able to print 10 or so per publication. As you can see, the Hobie Cat racing world grew so quickly that we were left behind in the spray and foam! So if you've been disappointed by seldom or never seeing your fleet's activities covered in the Hot Line, get out the paper and quill and send us some stuff . . . we'll tell the world! And if you place 47th in C fleet at a points regatta, you can count on seeing your name in our pages. Hopefully all non-points results will fit as well; they will receive priority after all points results are printed.

This special Regatta Section will be compiled by Michele Kohlmeier, Secretary of the Hobie Class Association. To expedite the handling of your contributions and fleet newsletters, please address them directly to Michele at Hobie Cat, P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, California 92054.

We are also welcoming to our pages an official Contributing Writer with a familiar name — Paula Alter. For the few who might not know, Paula is Hobie's daughter, a champion sailor and a Hobie Catter straight to the heart. And a blessing to us, she also writes! The January/February 79 Hot Line included Paula's article on Hobie sportmanship ("Fair Play, The Hobie Way") and this issue features her first person account of the 18' National Championships

held recently in San Diego. We have a list of projects waiting for Paula's talents and she has many excellent ideas of her own. The new Regatta Section will free up many pages of the existing Hot Line coverage for more "how to" articles and Hobie Catting lessons — trapezing, sailing the various legs of a race course, crewing techniques, boat maintenance, and on and on. Please note the questionnaire following this editorial; send us your suggestions and we'll tailor our articles to inform the readership. We know you'll enjoy Paula's expertise as much as we value "having her aboard."

So that's our good news for 1979! Be assured that we've been listening all along to your thoughts and suggestions and are very excited to have been able to put together this new package for our growing readership. It is through your support and that of our advertisers that we can make the necessary additions to keep up with the growing Hobie world. Thank you to all for your continued participation.

What Would You Like To See in the Hot Line???

How many times have you said, "Gee, I sure wish they'd print an article on 'such and such' in the Hot Line. . . ." Well, here's your chance to speak out! We want to know what you'd like to learn and read about in the Hot Line. So please take a minute to jot down your ideas — and be specific. Let us know *exactly* what would interest you. For example, don't just say "technical articles," say what *kind* of technical articles, i.e., "Sailing a Hobie 14 to Weather"; "Taking a Hobie 16 Downwind"; "Jibing a Hobie 18 in Heavy Winds"; etc.

Upon receipt of your suggestions, we'll compile a list, and starting with the most popular topics, do our best to fulfill your requests.

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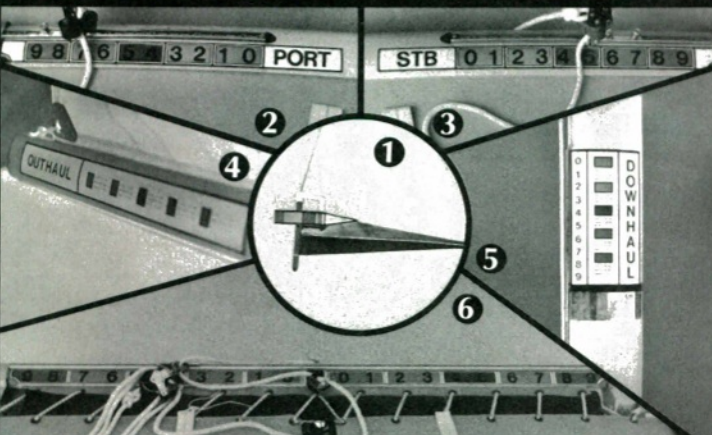
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"LIFE" MAGAZINE FEATURES HOBIE 18!

In their February 1970 issue, LIFE Magazine ran a big color spread on "The Cat That Flies" with dramatic photos of a little double-hulled sailboat leaping over waves in the California surf. The craft was called a Hobie Cat, after its designer, and proclaimed by LIFE as "the friskiest new-comer among pleasure sailboats."

Now, nine years and 70,000 boats later, Hobie Cat is once again featured in LIFE (January '79 issue). This time it's a giant double-page color photo of the Hobie 18, taken at the 18 Nationals in San Diego. In case you don't recognize the skipper, that's Paul Ulibarri, our Hobie dealer in Seattle. Far, far out! 



LIFE



MAJOR EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 3 & 4	Midwinters West/ Hobie Class Assn.	H.C.A. (714) 758-9100
APRIL 14 & 15	Midwinters East/ Fleet 111	Sailboat Supply (904) 396-1123
APRIL 21 & 22	St. Augustine, Florida Mideastern Championships/ Carbondale, Illinois	Grant Hicks (618) 549-8414
MAY 26, 27, 28	Mid-Americas/ Fleet 23	Michelle Stacey (214) 350-4085
JULY 7 & 8	Lake Texoma, Texas Atlantic Coast Championships/ Fleet 32	Gary Bobbitt (804) 463-2907
JULY 21 & 22	Virginia Beach, Virginia Northwest Area Championships/ H.C. Northwest/Golden Gardens, Seattle, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
AUGUST 4 & 5	Northeastern Championships/ Fleet 54 Bruffs Island, Maryland	Ted Leach (301) 439-7155

Site Proposals for Major Events

If you feel you have a good location to host a Nationals or World Championship event, let us know. It takes a lot of work to put together an event of this nature. Contact hotels, get brochures, put together a proposal and submit it to the Hobie Class Association. A major event site needs the following: 1) good sailing conditions and weather, 2) hotel accommodations, 3) fleet and/or dealer support, and 4) central location close to airports.

1979 14' Nationals: A lot of input has been received regarding this event. It has been suggested that the 14' Nationals be held before the start of school so this year the event will be in late August in the western United States. We are currently reviewing Lake Tahoe, California for a probable site.

1979 16' Nationals: We have received an excellent proposal from Chic McDaniel and Fleet 178 in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. At press time it looks like they will probably host the event, hopefully during the third or fourth week of September.

1979 18' Nationals: Proposals are forthcoming from several spots from the eastern seaboard to the west coast, no firm plans as of press time.

1979 14' Worlds: Super proposals have been submitted by Brazil and South Africa. Sandy Banks and Doug Campbell toured both countries in February to look at the proposed sites. A decision will be made in early March.

Definite locations and dates for all the 1979 United States Nationals and the 5th Hobie 14' World Championships will be announced in the May/June issue of the Hot Line. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Hobie Class Association.

Photo Gallery



"Look ma, one hand!"



The quick stop



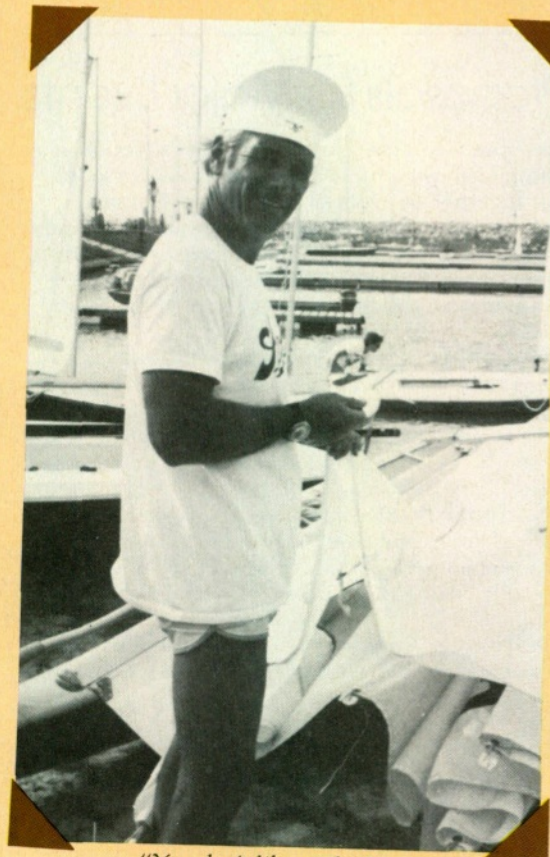
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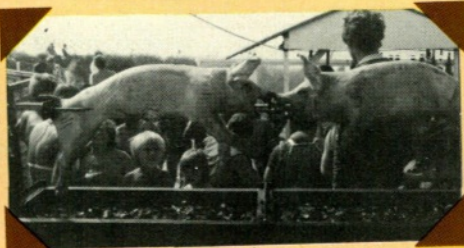
Water walking at the Hobie Worlds in Texas



A stained glass Hobie window



Ready to roll



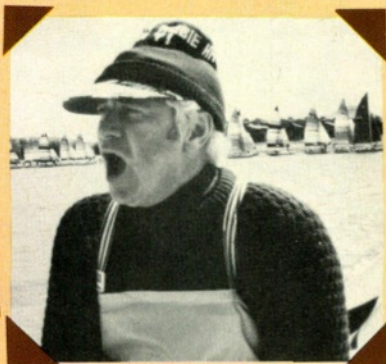
Viewing the eats between races



Weighing in before the races; boats as well as skippers must conform to the rules



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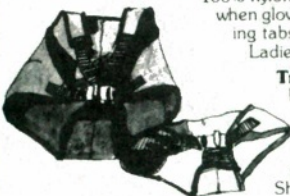


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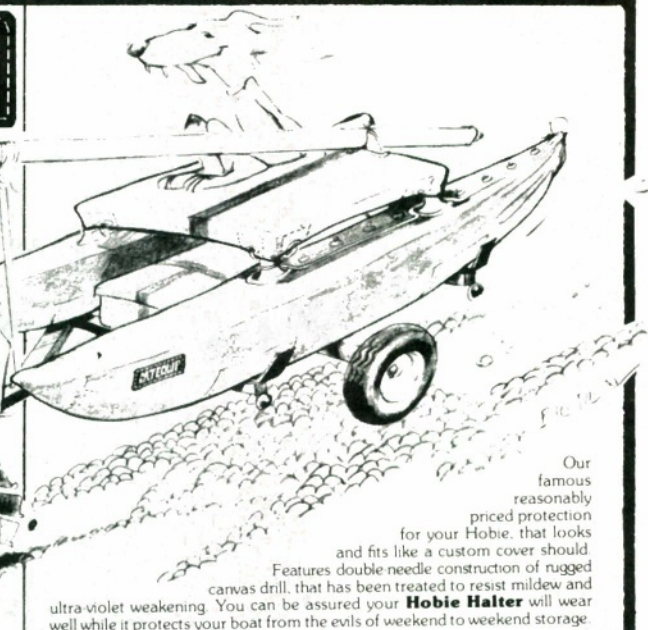
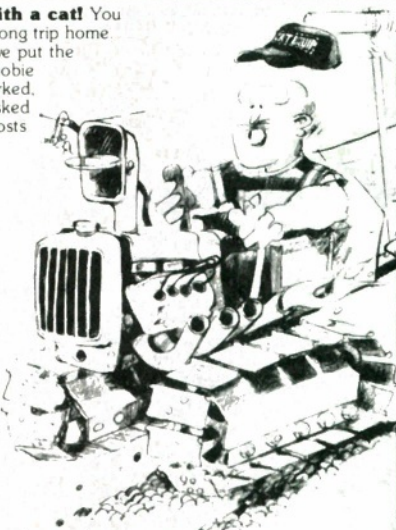
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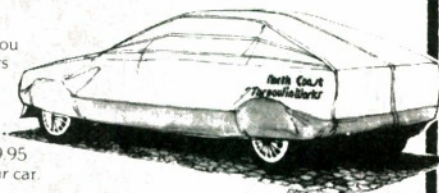
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DIVISION 1		
Mar 3	PVC Invitational/Fleet 6/ Hickam Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Mar 10 & 11	Marine Base Regatta/Fleet 6/ Kaneohe Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Mar 25	Kailua Regatta/Fleet 6/ Kailua Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Apr 1	Kokokahi Invitational/Fleet 6/ Kaneohe Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Apr 21 & 22	Kualoa Campout/Fleet 6/ Kualoa Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
May 5 & 6	Kahana Bay/Fleet 6/ Kahana Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
X May 26-28	Don Ho Regatta/Fleet 6/ Kailua Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
June 2 & 3	Pearl Harbor Invitational/Fleet 6/ Pearl Harbor Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
June 16 & 17	Bellevue Campout/Fleet 6/ Bellevue Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
July 4	Kaneohe YC Invitational/Fleet 6/ Kaneohe Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
July 7 & 8	Kokokahi Invitational/Fleet 6/ Kaneohe Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
July 14	Poor Mans Transpac/Fleet 6/ Kailua to Waikiki Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
July 29	Kailua Regatta/Fleet 6/ Kailua Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Aug 11 & 12	Hobie 14 States/Fleet 6/ Kaneohe Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Aug 25 & 26	Hobie 16 States/Fleet 6/ Kaneohe Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Sept 9	Outrigger Regatta/Fleet 6/ Waikiki Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Sept 15 & 16	Masaya Tamara Regatta/Fleet 6/ Waikiki Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303
Nov 2 & 4	Oahu Kahana Regatta/Fleet 6/ Kahana Hawaii	Tom Culbertson 808/941-9303

DIVISION 2		
Mar 3	Winter Series #3/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Mar 4	Winter Series #1/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
Mar 11	Winter Series #3/Fleet 66/ Arizona	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
Mar 11	Fleet 11 Regatta/Fleet 52/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Mar 11	Winter Series #1/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
Mar 11	Winter Series #1/Fleet 5/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Mar 17 & 18	Big Regatta/Fleet 2/ Lake Perris CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
X Mar 17 & 18	Idea of March Regatta/Fleet 66/ Lake Roosevelt AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
Mar 18	Winter Series #4/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Mar 18	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
Mar 25	Spring Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Mar 25	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Mar 25	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
Apr 1	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
Apr 7	Winter Series #5/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Apr 8	1st Spring Race/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
Apr 8	Spring Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Apr 8	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Apr 8	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
Apr 15	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
Apr 21 & 22	Castaic Kick Off/Fleet 180/ Castaic Lake CA	Windy Sails 213/365-4531
Apr 22	Spring Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Apr 22	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Apr 22	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
X May 5 & 6	1st W.H.C. F.F.R. Hobie Class Association/Lake Havasu City AZ	Hobie 14 714/579-2860
May 6	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
X May 12 & 13	Select Van's Points Regatta/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
May 13	2nd Spring Race/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
May 13	Spring Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
May 13	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
May 18-20	Big Bear Hobie Cup 79/Big Bear Lake Sailing Assn/Big Bear Lake CA Assn	Big Bear Lake Sailing 714/866-7717
May 20	Winter Series #2/Fleet 2/ Newport Beach CA	Ed Kinney 213/439-1961
May 27	Spring Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
May 27	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
X June 2 & 3	Hurricane Gulch Points Regatta/Fleet 3/ Cabrillo Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
June 7	Summer Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
June 10	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
June 14	Summer Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
June 17	Summer Series #1/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
June 21	Summer Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
June 23 & 24	San Diego Classic/Fleet 4/ San Diego CA	Fred Fogarty 714/488-6146
June 24	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
June 28	Summer Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
July 1	3rd Spring Race/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
July 5	Summer Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056

DIVISION 3		
July 7	Summer Series #2/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
July 7 & 8	Division Four Championships/Fleet 3/ Sudden Valley Lake Whalcom WA (Changed from Lake Washington, Seattle)	Dave Jarrett 206/733-1921
July 8	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
July 12	Summer Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
X July 14 & 15	Del Rey Regatta/Fleet 57/Dockweiler State Beach Playa del Rey CA	Mac Wright 213/375-2002
July 19	Summer Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
July 22	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
July 22	Hobie Olympics/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
July 22	Summer Series #3/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
July 26	Summer Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Aug 2	Summer Series #3/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Aug 4 & 5	7th Annual Todos Santos Points Regatta/Fleet 4/Campo La Jolla Mexico	Hobie Sports Center 714/488-0869
Aug 9	Summer Series #3/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Aug 11	Summer Series #4/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Aug 12	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Aug 16	Summer Series #3/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
X Aug 18 & 19	16 Division 2 Championships/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Aug 23	Summer Series #3/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Aug 26	1st Fall & Women's Race/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
Aug 26	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Aug 30	Summer Series #3/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Sept 1	Summer Series #5/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Sept 9	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Sept 9	Fall Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Sept 16	Summer Series #6/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Sept 23	2nd Fall & Women's Race/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
Sept 23	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Sept 23	Fall Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Sept 29	The 2nd Annual Division 2 Ladies Regatta Fleet 30 and Hobie Riverside/ Berryscott Pass Lake Perris CA	Doug Griffiths 714/866-3632
Oct 6	Fall Series #1/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Oct 7	3rd Fall & Women's Race/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
Oct 13	16 & 18 Single Handed Championships/ Fleet 3/Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Oct 14	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Oct 14	Fall Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Oct 21	Fall Series #2/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Oct 21	4th Fall & Women's Race/Fleet 66/ Lake Pleasant AZ	Ron Levin 602/991-1071
Oct 28	Fleet 51 Regatta/Fleet 51/ Lake Meade Marina NV	Jerry Snotte 702/384-2981
Oct 28	Fall Series #1/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Nov 3	Fall Series #3/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Nov 4	Fall Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Nov 18	Fall Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Dec 1	Fall Series #5/Fleet 1/ Dana Point CA	Norm Hedner 714/768-3699
Dec 9	Fall Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056
Dec 23	Fall Series #2/Fleet 3/ Long Beach CA	Dave Kohli 714/896-7056

DIVISION 4		
Mar 10 & 11	Camellia Cup/Fleet 17/ Browns River Folsom Lake CA	Will Eber 916/933-2962
Mar 11	Winter Series/Fleet 87/ Tomales Bay CA	Richard Friesen 415/454-7291
Mar 18	Kick Off Regatta/Fleet 280/ Commanche CA	No Ors 209/948-2122
X Mar 24 & 25	O'Neils Kick Off Points Regatta/ O'Neils Yacht Club/Santa Cruz CA	O'Neils Yacht Club 408/476-5200
X Apr 7 & 8	Folsom Lake Point Regatta/Fleet 17/ Pinnisuta Campground CA	Wayne Cowley 415/676-8514
Apr 15	Summer Series #1/Fleet 87/ Crown Beach Alameda CA	Richard Friesen 415/454-7291
Apr 15	Easter Funday Race/Fleet 280/ Commanche CA	No Ors 209/948-2122
X Apr 21 & 22	Quarter Mile High 79 Points Regatta/ Fleet 62/Miltoner Lake State Park CA	House of the Cat 209/431-6261
X May 12 & 13	Wet N Wild Division 3 Points Regatta/ Fleet 21/Woodward Reservoir Oakdale CA	Bobbi Allison 209/847-6111
May 26 & 27	Silver State Invitational Points Regatta/ Fleet 203/Clovis Reservoir Reno Hobie/ Kings Beach Lake Tahoe CA	Bill Dillenge 702/747-3426
June 3	Summer Series #2/Fleet 87/ Chino Camp San Rafael CA	Richard Friesen 415/454-7291
X June 9 & 10	Other Regatta/Fleet 222/ Monterey Bay CA	Colin Fishie 408/372-4271
X June 23 & 24	7th Annual Treasure Island Points Regatta/ Fleet 87/Alameda CA	Tony Harrow 415/924-7295
July 7 & 8	Monterey Invitational Multihull Classic/ Fleet 222/Monterey CA	Colin Fishie 408/372-4271
July 7 & 8	Woodward Reservoir/Oakdale CA	Richard Friesen 415/454-7291
X July 14 & 15	Fleet 20's Roaring Twenty's Points Regatta/Fleet 20/ Coyote Point County Park CA	Brian Boschma 408/374-0758
July 21	Mid-Summer Funday Race/Fleet 280/ Woodward Reservoir Oakdale CA	No Ors 209/948-2122
July 28 & 29	Division 3 Regional Championships/ O'Neils Yacht Center Santa Cruz CA	O'Neils Yacht Center 408/476-5200
X Aug 11 & 12	Mid High Points Regatta 79/Fleet 62/ Huntington Lake CA	House of the Cat 209/431-6261
Aug 18	Delta River Invitational/Fleet 280/ San Joaquin River CA	No Ors 209/948-2122
Aug 25 & 26	Summer Series #4/Fleet 87/ Berryscott CA	Richard Friesen 415/454-7291

DIVISION 5		
Aug 25 & 26	Lost Isle Overminter/Fleet 280/ San Joaquin CA	No Ors 209/948-2122
Sept 1 & 2	Transbay Challenge/Fleet 222/ Santa Cruz Monterey CA	Colin Fishie 408/372-4271
Sept 8 & 9	Summer Series #1/Fleet 87/ Woodward Reservoir Oakdale CA	Richard Friesen 415/454-7291
Sept 22	Inland Transpac 79/Fleet 87/ Albany Beach to Rio Vista CA	Tony Harrow 415/924-7295
Oct 14	Speed Trails/Fleet 87/ Alameda CA	Richard Friesen 415/454-7291
Nov 17 & 18	Invitational Turkey Regatta/Fleet 222/ Monterey CA	Colin Fishie 408/372-4271

DIVISION 6		
Mar 10 & 11	Six & Sea/Fleet 96/Local Sea Area & Matthews Beach Washington	John Halloran 425/2466
Apr 8	Sandpoint/Fleet 96/Washington	Bill Stone 746/5117
X Apr 28 & 29	Sandpoint/H.C. Northwest Fleets 14 & 95/ Lake Washington Seattle WA	Paul Ubbarr 206/782-8080
X May 12 & 13	Hobie Cat Northwest Fleets 195 & 95/ Seas Lake WA	Charlie Brown 509/943-8157
X May 26 & 27	Windjammers West/Fleet 72/ Columbia River Portland OR	Jim Severs 503/282-1444
June 2 & 3	Can-Am Invitational Port Angelous WA to Victoria British Columbia Canada	Paul Barrin 206/782-8080
X June 9 & 10	Jencho Beach/Fleet 214/ Kitsilano Marine Vancouver B.C. Can	Rick Chadwick 604/224-6955
X June 23 & 24	Sandpoint/Fleet 96/Lake Washington Seattle WA/H.C. Northwest	John Halloran 206/782-8080
July 7 & 8	Division Four Championships/Fleet 37/ Halley's Marina Lake Washington Seattle WA	Craig Bergama 206/733-4553
@ July 21 & 22	Northwest Area Championships/Hobie Cat Northwest/Golden Gardens Seattle WA	Paul Ubbarr 206/782-8080
Aug 4 & 5	Bettines South Sound Marina/Fleet 212 & 230/Ocean Shores WA	John Tiedell 206/491-1616
X Aug 18 & 19	Yale Lake/Windjammers West/ Woodland WA	Jim Severs 503/282-1444

DIVISION 7		
Apr 21 & 22	Utah Ski Yachting/Fleet 67/ Snow Bird/Great Salt Lake UT	Ken Brown 801/272-7868
X Apr 28 & 29	Elephant Butte Point Regatta/Fleet 48/ Elephant NM	Michael Zettel 505/883-6019
X May 26 & 27	Division 5 Points Regatta/Fleet 61/ Boyd Lake CO	Jerry Busch 303/825-0441
X June 9 & 10	Division 5 Points Regatta/Fleet 67/ Deer Creek Reservoir UT	Ken Brown 801/272-7868
X June 23 & 24	Billy Kid Invitational/ Steamboat Lake CO	Jack Kaufman 970/319-3179
X June 30 & July 1	Eric Hoff Memorial/Fleet 67/ Bear Lake UT	Ken Brown 801/272-7868
X July 14 & 15	Division 5 Points Regatta/Fleet 61/ Dillon Reservoir CO	Jerry Busch 303/825-0441
X July 28 & 29	Invitational Regatta/Casper Boat Club/ Lake Alcora WY	Norma Fowler 307/234-5855

DIVISION 8		
Mar 11	Goodbye Winter Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
X Mar 17 & 18	8th Annual Deep South Regatta/Fleet 9 & Lake Charles Yacht Club/Lake Charles LA	Chris Trahan 512/856-8253
Mar 24	Novice & Powder Puff Seminar & Regatta/ Fleet 99/Lake Corpus Christi Sunrise Regatta TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
Mar 25	Sunrise Regatta/Fleet 99/ Lake Corpus Christi Sunrise Beach TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
X Mar 31 & Apr 1	April Fool's Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Wayne Humbert 713/294-5637
X Apr 7 & 8	Second Annual Olympic Regatta/Fleet 99/ Corpus Christi Bay TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
X Apr 21 & 22	Cajon Classic V/Fleet 93/ Vermillion Bay LA	Mike Hefner 318/873-4244
Apr 29	Fleet 102 Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
X May 5 & 6	Hill Country Regatta/Fleet 64/ Canyon Lake TX	Brent Pfeiffer 512/258-4517
May 13	Mother's Day Race/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Mike Rogge 512/943-5059
May 19 & 20	Marys Regatta/Fleet 99/ Padre Island Surf TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
June 3	Fleet 102 Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
X June 9 & 10	Wayward Wind/Fleet 8/ Jamaica Beach TX	Billy Richmond 512/852-9548
June 16 & 17	Mansfield Campout/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Billy Dommey 512/943-5059
June 16 & 17	J.F.T.F. Regatta/Fleet 99/ Padre Island Surf TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
June 23 & 24	Shifty Winds Regatta/Fleet 128/ Canyon Lake TX	Chip Leonard 512/684-0308
July 1	Fleet 102 Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
X July 7 & 8	Third Annual Sand Dune Regatta/Fleet 99/ Port Aransas Surf/Mustang TX	Billy Dommey 512/943-5059
X July 21 & 22	Windjammer Points Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
July 29	Fleet 102 Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Mike Rogge 512/943-5059
Aug 4 & 5	Division 6 Championships/Fleet 99/ Padre Island Surf TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
Aug 12	Little Brown Jug Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
Aug 26	Fleet 102 Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Mike Rogge 512/943-5059
Sept 1 & 2	Fourth Annual Ruff Rider Regatta/Fleet 99 Port Isabel to Corpus Christi TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
Sept 9	Summer's End Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
Sept 23	Treasure Hunt/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Mike Rogge 512/943-5059
Oct 7	Relay Race/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
Oct 20 & 21	Bird Island Regatta/Fleet 99/ Bird Island Basin Marker 58 TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
Oct 21	Fleet 102 Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Mike Rogge 512/943-5059
Nov 4	Fleet 102 Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Ted Kennett 512/943-5327
Nov 24 & 25	Turkey Day Regatta/Fleet 99/ Lake Corpus Christi Sunrise Beach TX	Billy Dommey 512/852-9548
Dec 2	South Texas Freeze-Out Regatta/Fleet 102/ South Padre Island TX	Mike Rogge 512/943-5059

DIVISION 9		
X May 19 & 20	O.L.F.R. #1/Fleet 52/ Bald Eagle Lake MN	Nick Van Brunk 612/429-5390
X May 26 & 27	Broken Rudder/Fleet 84/ Big Creek Lake IA	Paul McKee 515/964-1031
X June 9 & 10	Minnesota Ice Breaker #4/Fleet	

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DIVISION 8		
X Mar 3 & 4	Sea 79/Fleet 36/	Catamarine Sailing Center Miami, FL 305/444-8488
Mar 10 & 11	Mayors Cup/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Mar 11	He's Green But Not Inish Race #9/Fleet 116/Phil Murawski	Phil Murawski Lake Arana, Auburn, FL 813/299-1426
Mar 17	Spring Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Mar 18	Publicity Sail-in/Fleet 116/	Phil Murawski Lake Arana, Auburn, FL 813/299-1426
Mar 25	Maybe A New Would Help Race #10/	Phil Murawski Fleet 116/Lake Arana, Auburn, FL 813/299-1426
Mar 31	Spring Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
X Mar 31 & Apr 1	Fleet 42 Points Regatta/Fleet 42/	Wynot Gires Tampa Bay, FL 813/251-5004
Apr 7 & 8	Catalina 22 Invitational/The Rudder Club/Jacksonville, FL	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Apr 8	The Difference-Skupper Boat Or	Phil Murawski Crew Race #11/Fleet 116/ Lake Arana, Auburn, FL 813/299-1426
X Apr 14 & 15	Midwinters East/Fleet 111/	Sailboat Supply St. Augustine, FL 321/396-1123
Apr 21	Spring Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Apr 22	Last Chance Race #2/Fleet 116/	Phil Murawski Lake Arana, Auburn, FL 813/299-1426
Apr 28 & 29	Wait Disneyworld Points Regatta/Fleet 11/	Jim McCann Disneyworld, FL 305/420-2633
May 5	Spring Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
X May 5 & 6	6th Annual Gulfstream Hobie Points Regatta/	Sue Kern Fleet 44/Fort Lauderdale, FL 305/764-8438
May 13	Mother's Sail Too Day Picnic/Fleet 116/	Phil Murawski Lake Arana, Auburn, FL 813/299-1426
May 13	Spring Cruiser Classic/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
X May 19 & 20	Spring Break/Fleet 80/	Mike Wiley Daytona, FL 904/761-4216
X May 26 & 27	6th Annual Jetty Park Ocean Regatta/Fleet 45/	John Murphy Jetty Park, Cape Canaveral, FL 305/432-4111
June 3	Mug Race/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
X June 9 & 10	West Palm Singer Island Ocean	Joseph Folino Championships/Fleet 34/ West Palm Beach, FL 305/965-7638
June 17	Summer Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
X June 23 & 24	Southwest Florida Championships/	Brad Ansey Fleet 173/Sandbell Island, FL 813/463-0361
July 1	Summer Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
July 8	Summer Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
July 14	Rear Commodore's Night Race/	The Rudder Club The Rudder Club/Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
July 22	Summer Cruise Classic/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
July 22	Summer Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
July 28	Miami-Key Largo Race/Fleet 36/	Miami Yacht Club Miami, FL 377-9877
Aug 4	Powder Puff/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
X Aug 3-5	Division 8 Championships/Fleet 5/	Jack Ryan Clearwater, FL 904/764-4094
X Aug 18 & 19	Club Championships/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Sept 1 & 2	Labor Day/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Sept 15	Fall Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Sept 29	Fall Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Oct 6	Fall Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Oct 20	Fall Series/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Oct 28	Fall Cruiser Classic/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Nov 10 & 11	Sandy Douglas Regatta/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
Dec 1 & 2	Gator Bowl/The Rudder Club/	The Rudder Club Jacksonville, FL 904/264-4094
DIVISION 9		
X Apr 7 & 8	103 Annual Grand Wizard Regatta/Fleet 92/	Alan Hunter Cowan's Ford Country Club, Lake Norman, NC 919/376-5681
X Apr 21 & 22	Gone With The Wind/Fleet 12/	Ann Lipscomb Atlanta, GA 404/256-1318
X Apr 28 & 29	Division 9 Points Regatta/Fleet 141/	Jim Humphrey Columbia, SC 771-4411
May 5 & 6	Pamlico Summer Series/Fleet 257/	Ray Barbre Washington, NC 919/522-2933
May 6	Ice Breaker/Fleet 32/	Gary Bobbitt Virginia Beach, VA 804/463-2907
X May 12 & 13	6th Annual Salter Path Regatta North Carolina	Bob Polent North Carolina State Championships/ Fleet 97/NC 919/811-9631
May 19	Who Are Those Guys Regatta/Fleet 32/	Gary Bobbitt Virginia Beach, VA 804/463-2907
May 26 & 27	The 4th Annual Bay Tree Lakes Fleet	John Peterson Regatta/Fleet 97/Bay Tree Lakes, Tomaheawk, NC 919/834-8339
X June 2 & 3	Sandlapper 79/Fleet 53 and Time-Out, Inc.	Walter Enhardt Isle of Palms, SC 803/864-6116
June 9	The June Jobe/Fleet 32/	Kim Cowen Virginia Beach, VA 804/481-3550
X June 9 & 10	Pamlico Points Regatta/Fleet 257/	Ray Barbre Washington, NC 919/522-2933
June 16 & 17	The Islander Regatta/Train N Sail/	Martin Puckett Gwynn's Isle, VA 804/232-3783
June 23	2nd Annual Shack Hull Flying Contest/	Kim Cowen Fleet 32/Virginia Beach, VA 804/481-3550
July 14 & 15	Pamlico Summer Series/Fleet 257/	Ray Barbre Washington, NC 919/522-2933
July 21	Dog Days Regatta/Fleet 32/	Candy Reed Virginia Beach, VA 804/587-0115
X July 21 & 22	1979 Divisional Championships/Fleet 101/	John Johnson Wrightsville Beach, NC 919/256-8653
Aug 4	2nd Annual Chesapeake Beach Low Rent	Beate Bailey Regatta/Fleet 32/Virginia Beach, VA 804/464-4146
Aug 18	Hull Flying Contest Snoopy's Revenge/	Kim Cowen Fleet 32/Virginia Beach, VA 804/481-3550
Aug 18 & 19	Pamlico Summer Series/Fleet 257/	Ray Barbre Washington, NC 919/522-2933
Sept 1 & 2	7th Annual Killbucktown Regatta/Fleet 32/	Gary Bobbitt Virginia Beach, VA 804/463-2907

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Sept 8 & 9	Heritage Regatta/Fleet 32/	Candy Reed Virginia Beach, VA 804/467-0115
X Sept 8 & 9	Drunkn Dicks/Fleet 53 and Time-Out, Inc.	Walter Enhardt Polly Beach, SC 803/864-6116
Sept 22	East Coast Single Handed Championships/	Chuck Overton Fleet 206/Virginia Beach, VA 804-393-1877
DIVISION 10		
Apr 21 & 22	Midwestern Championships/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Apr 22	Hardy Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield Hardy Lake, Scottsburg, IN 812/948-0041
Apr 28 & 29	Club Regatta/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Apr 29-May 6	Derby Festival/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield Louisville, IN/Tentative 812/948-0041
X May 5 & 6	May Day Points Regatta/Fleet 47/	Steve Tarcy Cowan Lake, OH 513/964-1907
May 6	1st Race Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
X May 12 & 13	Ice-Breaker Points Regatta/Fleet 58/	John Szostek Clarklake, MI 517/529-4222
May 13	2nd Race Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
May 20	3rd Race Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
May 20	Dean Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
May 26 & 27	Guelph/Ont. Hobie Cat Assn /	Miroslav Kymlicka Lake Belwood, Ont. Canada 471-5619
May 26 & 27	Lake Belwood/Fleet 150/	John Ietfield Guelph, Ont. Canada 519/823-1066
X May 26-28	Bay Area Hobie Association Invitational/	Kim Higgs Fleet 287/Tawass Bay, E. Tawass, MI 517/793-5021
May 27	4th Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
May 27	Kiser Lake Memorial Hobie Regatta/	Phil Stephenson Fleet 284/St. Paris, OH 513/465-5175
June 2 & 3	Egyptian Cup Regatta/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
X June 2 & 3	Ohio Championships/Fleet 85/	Joe McHenry Alum Creek Dam, north of Columbus, OH 614/886-3234
June 6	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
June 8-10	3rd Sail-In-Campout Fun Regatta/	Dave Cleaver Fleet 219/Kentucky Lake, KY 502/395-4015
June 9 & 10	June Bug/Fleet 185/	Miroslav Kymlicka London, Ont. Canada 519/471-5619
June 9 & 10	London/Ont. Hobie Cat Assn /	Miroslav Kymlicka Fanshawe Lake, Ont. Canada 471-5619
June 10	5th Race Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
June 10	Kiser Lake Hobie Race/Fleet 284/	Phil Stephenson St. Paris, OH 513/465-5175
June 10	Dean Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
June 13	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
June 16 & 17	3rd Annual Festival of the Fish Regatta/	Rick Exel Fleet 238/Vermilion, OH 216/327-5253
June 17	6th Race Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
June 20	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
June 23 & 24	Toronto/Ont. Hobie Cat Assn /	Miroslav Kymlicka Lake Ontario, Ont. Canada 471-5619
June 23 & 24	Toronto Catamaran Club/Fleet 183/	Brian Hughes Toronto, Ont. Canada 416/462-3609
X June 23 & 24	6th Annual Points Regatta/Fleet 89/	John Paritz Diamond Lake, MI 616/445-3643
June 24	Dean Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
June 24	7th Race Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
June 27	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
July 1	8th Race Spring Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
July 1	Annual Mid-Summer Regatta/Fleet 282/	Scott Brubaker Glen Haven, MI 616/334-4861
July 4	Hobie Firecracker Cup Race/Fleet 284/	Phil Stephenson St. Paris, OH 513/465-5175
X July 7 & 8	1979 Michigan State Championships/	Duane McDaniels Fleet 18/Pere Marquette Parr, Muskegon, MI 313/681-4863
July 7 & 8	Club Regatta/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
July 7 & 8	Sarnia/Ont. Hobie Cat Assn /	Miroslav Kymlicka Lake Huron, Ont. Canada 471-5619
July 7 & 8	Sarnia Lake Huron/Fleet 237/	Peter Braun Sarnia, Ont. Canada 519/344-5000
July 8	Dean Lake Fleet 255/	David Hatfield New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
July 11	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
July 15	1st Race Hambo Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
July 18	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
X July 21 & 22	Traverse City Hobie Points Regatta/	Duane McDaniels Fleet 18/East Bay, Traverse City, MI 313/681-4863
X July 7 & 8	1979 Michigan State Championships/	Duane McDaniels Fleet 18/Pere Marquette Parr, Muskegon, MI 313/681-4863
July 22	2nd Race Hambo Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
July 22	Barren River Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield Glasgow, IN 812/948-0041
July 23 & 24	Orillia/Ont. Hobie Cat Assn /	Miroslav Kymlicka Lake Couchiching, Ont. Canada 471-5619
X July 23 & 24	Canadian National Championships/	Gerry Pringle Fleet 150/Orillia, Ont. Canada 416/325-1713
July 25	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
July 29	3rd Race Hambo Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 1	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 4 & 5	Southern Georgian Bay/Fleet 278/	Lionel Conacher Midland, Ont. Canada 519/653-0434
X Aug 4 & 5	Division 10 Championships/Fleet 237/	Peter Braun Canatara Park, Sarnia, Ont. Canada 519/542-4437
Aug 4 & 5	Southern Georgian Bay/Ont. Hobie	Miroslav Kymlicka Cat Assn / Ont. Canada 471-5619
Aug 5	4th Race Hambo Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 5	Dean Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
Aug 8	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 12	1st Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
X Aug 12	Kiser Lake Hobie Point Championships/	Phil Stephenson Fleet 284/St. Paris, OH 513/465-5175
Aug 15	Wednesday Night Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 18 & 19	Summers End Hobie Regatta/Fleet 237/	Jeff Proctor Canatara Park, Sarnia, Ont. Canada 519/344-6941

Aug 19	2nd Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 22	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 25 & 26	Summers End Hobie Regatta/Fleet 237/	Jeff Proctor Canatara Park, Sarnia, Ont. Canada 519/344-6941
Aug 25 & 26	Rondeau V.C./Fleet 247/	Mark Stacy Chatham, Ont. Canada 519/453-2672
Aug 25 & 26	Chatham/Ont. Hobie Cat Assn /	Miroslav Kymlicka Rondeau Bay, Ont. Canada 471-5619
Aug 26	3rd Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Aug 29	Wednesday Night Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Sept 2	4th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Sept 8 & 9	Steamboat Days - Rockys River Regatta/	David Hatfield Fleet 255/Jeffersonville, IN 812/948-0041
X Sept 8 & 9	Brookville Invitational Regatta/Fleet 264/	Ferry Magee Brookville, IN 513/771-3645
Sept 9	5th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Sept 16	6th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Sept 23	7th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Sept 23	Dean Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
Sept 30	8th Race Fall Series/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Sept 30	Hardy Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield Scottsburg, IN 812/948-0041
Oct 6 & 7	Fall Regatta/Fleet 247/	David Machardy Rondeau Yacht Club, Ont. Canada 519/471-8126
Oct 6 & 7	Club Regatta/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Oct 6-8	Pumpkin Regatta/Fleet 185/	Hans Otte Rondeau, Ont. Canada 519/455-3253
Oct 14	1st Race October Cup Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Oct 14	Dean Lake - Beaky Buys - Regatta/	David Hatfield Fleet 255/New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
Oct 21	2nd Race October Cup Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Oct 28	3rd Race October Cup Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Nov 4	4th Race October Cup Race/Fleet 199/	Grant Hicks Carbondale, IL 618/549-8414
Nov 4	Dean Lake/Fleet 255/	David Hatfield New Albany, IN 812/948-0041
DIVISION 11		
X May 5 & 6	Sandy Point/Fleet 54/	Wes Westerfield Chesapeake Bay, MD 301/377-4638
X May 19 & 20	The Rehoboth Regatta/Fleet 271/	Tom Haggy Jr. Rehoboth Bay, DE 302/328-0733
X June 2 & 3	1979 Division 11 Championships/	Mike Hartung Fleet 65/Barnegey Bay, NJ 201/255-2079
X June 9 & 10	Breezy Point Beach/Fleet 196 &	Burt Truman Backyard Boats/Plum Point, MD 703/528-7209
X June 16 & 17	Spring Winds Regatta/Fleet 24/	Recreation Office Ocean City, NJ 609/399-6111
X June 17 & 18	St. Mary's/St. Mary's Yacht Club &	John Paradis Fleet 54/St. Mary's City, MD 410/364-1919
X June 23 & 24	Spray Beach Points Regatta/	Gary Kirschmann Fleet 267/Spray Beach, Long Beach Island, NJ 215/739-9488
X July 7 & 8	Atlantic Coast Championships/Fleet 32/	Gary Bobbitt Club 204/Owenshore Park, VA 804/463-2907
X July 21 & 22	6th Annual Mid-Summer Hobie Cat Classic/	Rocky Celea Fleet 190/Atlantic City, NJ 609/927-0684
X July 28 & 29	Pleasantville Points Regatta/Fleet 73/	Glenn Westervelt Yacht Club of Pleasantville, NJ 609/546-3674
X Aug 4 & 5	Northeast Hobie Championships/Fleet 54/	Fred Smith Breezy Point, MD 301/384-5233
X Aug 18 & 19	Bluewater Points Regatta/Fleet 54/	Wes Westerfield Ocean City, MD 301/377-4638
X Sept 15 & 16	Maryland State IV/Fleet 170/	Marvin Hoover Miami Beach, Middle River, MD 301/679-7346
DIVISION 12		
X May 19 & 20	The 3rd Annual Maccabees Points Regatta/	South Bay Sails Fleet 204/Owenshore Park, VA 804/463-2907
May 26	Spring Warmup/Fleet 206 Race Clinic/	Bill King Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
June 2	Moultonboro Bay Series/Fleet 209/	Bill King Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
X June 2 & 3	Hobie Fleet 109 Points Regatta/Stepping	Stone Sailing Club/Stepping Stone Park, Kings Point, Great Neck, LI, NY 516/863-3767
X June 9 & 10	5th Annual Vermont State Championships/	Allen Duffee Fleet 139/Lake Bomosee, VT 802/862-2626
X June 16 & 17	3rd Annual Arroyo Open Regatta/Fleet 209/	Gary Kirschmann Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
X June 23 & 24	Spray Beach Points Regatta/	Gary Kirschmann Fleet 267/Spray Beach, Long Beach Island, NJ 215/739-9488
X June 23 & 24	The Great Sacandaga Open/Fleet 238/	Wendy Bradshaw Sand Island, NY 516/472-3927
June 30	Old Glory Classic/Fleet 209/	Bill King Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
X July 7 & 8	Hobie Fleet 119 Division 12 Championships/	Ted Kurtzman Fleet 119/Wend Beach, Angola, NY 716/627-9611
July 14	Cow Island/Lemans Classic/Fleet 209/	Andy Anderson Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 603/544-9100
X July 14 & 15	The 6th Annual Long Island Hobie Masters &	Jim Matthews Points Regatta/Sayville Yacht Club, Boylan, NY 516/472-3927
July 28	Moultonboro Bay Single Handed Regatta/	Andy Anderson Fleet 209/Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 603/544-9100
X July 28 & 29	Fleet 78 8th Annual Point Regatta/Fleet 78/	Dan Ala Long Point State Park, Chautauque Lake, NY 716/763-8795
Aug 11	Female Skipper Classic/Fleet 209/	Bill King Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
Aug 25	Distance Run/Fleet 209/	Bill King Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
Sept 1 & 2	Fleet 209 Championships/	Bill King Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
Sept 15	Last Chance Regatta/Fleet 209/	Bill King Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonboro, NH 617/444-8387
DIVISION 14		
X May 26-28	Mid-Americas 79/Fleet 23/	Roy Howeth Sunset Park, Texoma, TX 214/245-2914
X June 23 & 24	10th Annual Fleet 23 Regatta/Fleet 23/	Roy Howeth Lake Lewisville, TX 214/24

REGATTA SCHEDULE

X Mar 31 & Apr 1	April Fools Points Regatta/Fleet 70/ Ocean Springs, MS	George Zorn 601/875-8645
X Apr 21 & 22	Stephens Charity Regatta/Fleet 43/ Tallahassee, FL	Mark Johnson 904/222-0216
X May 5 & 6	Broken Mast Points Regatta/ Fleets 235 & 134/Jackson, MS	Debi DeClements 601/866-1998
X May 12 & 13	6th Batten Buster Regatta/Fleet 120/ Panama City, FL	Gregg Kaeding 904/769-6747
X May 19 & 20	Hops Breath Hobie Regatta/Fleet 178/ Fort Walton, FL	Chic McDaniels 904/243-5504
X June 2 & 3	The Whitehurst Pensacola Points Regatta/Fleet 35/Pensacola, FL	Pensacola Sailing Ctr 904/456-7855
X June 9 & 10	Mobile Points Regatta/Fleet 76/ Fairhope, AL	Jo Gaston 205/342-4300
X June 9 & 10	The Gulf Coast Championships/Fleet 76/ Fairhope, AL	Frank Phillips 904/456-7855
June 16 & 17	Those Crazy People on Hobies/Fleet 178/ Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Chic McDaniels 904/243-5504
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X July 28 & 29	Gulf Coast Division Championships/ Fleet 178/Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Chic McDaniels 904/651-1314
Aug 11 & 12	Panama City Open/Fleet 120/ Panama City, FL	George Zorn 601/875-8645
Aug 25 & 26	Hobie For Heart/Fleet 178/ Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Chic McDaniels 904/243-5504
Sept 15 & 16	Pensacola Cat Fight/Fleet 35/ Pensacola, FL	Pensacola Sailing Ctr 904/456-7855
Sept 29 & 30	Redboard's Hobie Regatta/Fleet 178/ Nauvoo, FL	Chic McDaniels 904/243-5504
Oct 13 & 14	Hobie Jubilee/Fleet 76/ Fairhope, AL	Jo Gaston 205/342-4300

INTERNATIONAL

Mar 3 & 4	Ski-Yachting/Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
Mar 10 & 11	The Honourable Schooboy Regatta/ Fleet 179/Tai Tam, Hong Kong	Richard Day 5-280822
X Mar 31 & Apr 1	Hobie-Auftakt Steinhude/Germany	Siegfried Adloff 05131/51028
Apr 13 & 14	Easter Regatta/Fleet 179/ Tai Tam, Hong Kong	Richard Day 5-280822
X Apr 14 & 15	Dummer Dobben/Germany	Siegfried Adloff 05131/51028
X Apr 28 & 29	Eifel Cup/Germany	Ernst Bartling 0221/445204
X May 5 & 6	Fruhjahrspokal Starnberger/Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
May 5 & 6	Spring Regatta/Fleet 179/ SSBC, Hong Kong	Richard Day 5-280822
May 5 & 6	Bocksbeutel Goldkanal/Germany	Ottmar Gieser 0722/33486
X May 12 & 13	Hinkelstein Ammersee/Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
X May 19 & 20	Wenddorf Ostsee/Germany	Dieter Braun 040/6300662
May 24	Blaues Band/Germany	Ernst Bartling 0221/445204
X June 2-4	Ostseepokal Scharbenitz YLSO/ Germany	Siegfried Adloff 05131/51028
June 2-4	Munkmarsch/Germany	Dieter Braun 040/6300662
X June 9 & 10	Regatta Ostsee/Germany	Dieter Braun 040/6300662
June 16	Rund um Tessel/Germany	Ernst Bartling 0221/445204
X June 16 & 17	Rodensee Regatta Langenargen/ Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
X June 23 & 24	Dr. Bestenmimmung Chiemsee SCC/ Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
June 23 & 24	Munkmarsch Sylt/Germany	Dieter Braun 040/6300662
X July 7 & 8	Kellenhusen Ostsee/Germany	Dieter Braun 040/6300662
X July 28 & 29	Sylt Westerland Roth Cup/Germany	Dieter Braun 040/6300662
X Aug 4 & 5	Starnberger See Regatta/Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
Aug 25 & 26	Grobe Ammerlander Starnberger See/ Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
Sept 1 & 2	Verbands offene Regatta Goldkanal/ Germany	Ottmar Gieser 0722/33486
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X Sept 22 & 23	Hobel Regatta Ammersee/Germany	Manfred Dangel 08171/2738
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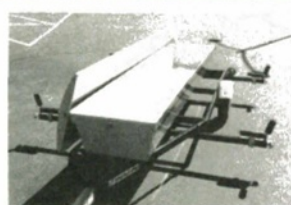
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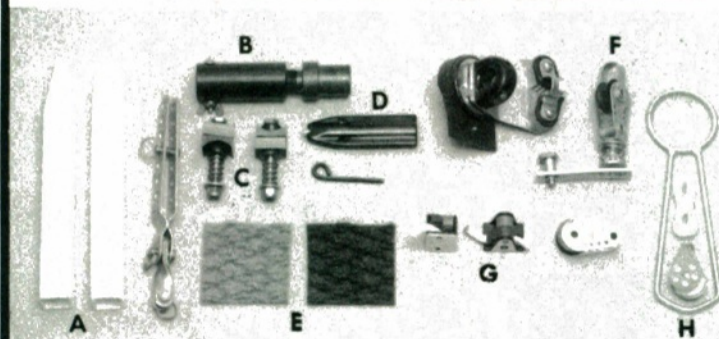
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The author and her father, Hobie Sr., rounding 'A' mark.



Miles Wood and John Golden in for a close-up.
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Hobie Jr. and Ricky Eddington enjoy a victory toast after Saturday's finals.



Phil Stone of Channel 39 TV interviews Paula Alter for the Six O'Clock News. Daily coverage of the Nationals by local San Diego media was tremendous.



Hobie Alter Jr. Wins Title In

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Only a few months ago, Hobie Alter Jr., 21, of Capistrano Beach, California, displayed his superior sailing ability by winning the Hobie Cat 14 National Championship in Virginia Beach, Virginia — his first title within the world-popular sailing class which his father created some ten years ago. As if one national victory wasn't enough, the young Alter went on to become the first Hobie skipper ever to hold TWO national titles in the same year by winning still another championship — this in the newest Hobie class of high performance 18-footers. The event, sponsored by "THE CLUB" Cocktails, was held in San Diego's South Bay off Coronado Island, November 28-December 2, and was the second national championship competition for the Hobie 18s.

The first day of the Hobie 18 Nationals was typical of a California winter. No wind, clear skies, cool temperatures, and lots of sunshine. Fifty-eight Hobie 18's (24 of which were new '79 models provided by the Hobie Class Association) were packed on to what seemed like our own private beach at Silver Strand State Park on Coronado Island across the bay from San Diego. Locals were not worried about the windless condition;

wind by noon was the word. At 11:56 a.m., the first wind patterns appeared; lunch was served, and by 1:00 p.m., the five to eight knot westerly was steady. With bellies full of hot dogs, skippers and crews were ready for Day One of the second Hobie 18 National Championships.

I was crewing for my Dad on a new "Cat Fever," as we sailed across the smooth waters of South Bay toward the 67-foot Ultralight Super Sloop *Merlin*, probably the classiest and

fastest sailing committee boat we've ever had, thanks to Paul Ulibarri of Seattle. Paul, a Hobie Cat dealer in the Northwest, had recently chartered *Merlin* for the Long Beach to Mazatlan Race, graciously offering to hold over in San Diego for the week of the Nationals if Sandy Banks would agree to a boat swap — the Race Committee could use *Merlin* if Paul could borrow an 18 for the races. We made out on that one!

Before the first race got underway, we had a practice start for the benefit of R. Paul Allen and his film crew, who were on the scene to catch some race action for a new Hobie 18 movie currently in the making. After hoisting a brave cameraman to the top of *Merlin's* mast, the flag went up and it was "bumper car city" as all 58 of the Hobie 18's jammed toward the committee boat end of the line — evidently *everyone* wanted to be a star!

After the Hollywood glamour, it was back to business. An ACABCAC course (A being the weather mark, B the reaching mark, and C the leeward mark) was called for the first and only race of the day, a good long course for the gentle 5-knot breeze. My brother, Hobie Jr., and his crew, Ricky Eddington, got off to a great start by tacking to port early and were first around the weather mark. Bob Thomas and crew Fritz Huber showed that the course was set fairly even by sailing the outside tack and rounding the mark

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Hobie Alter Jr. and Ricky Eddington show the form that won the National title.

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right behind Hobie Jr. Nick Steele, one of the best light-air downwind skippers, and crews Tannis Campbell caught and passed Thomas and Hobie Jr. downwind. Steele maintained his first position to the finish, with Hobie Jr. second and Bob Thomas third.

Looking around the beach after the first day, it was apparent that this was a *new* group of Hobie sailors. New in the sense that last year's Hobie 18 Nationals in Florida consisted of only a few true 18 sailors, with recruited 16 skippers filling out the majority of the fleet. It was exciting to see that this year there were many good 18 sailors (over half using their own boats) traveling from as far away as Colorado, Washington, Illinois, Florida, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana, and Arizona. The quality of the competition was tougher than many of the top 16 sailors participating had anticipated. The Hobie 18 fleet definitely has its own stars providing tough and exciting competition.

Thursday, the second day of the series, was a warmer version of Wednesday. The first race of the day (Race

...the wind clocked west and only a few skippers noticed that you could almost lay 'A' mark from the starboard end of the line.

#2) was a light air ACABCAC race with an excellent starting line set slightly to port. First to the weather mark was my youngest 16-year-old brother Jeff, with big brother Hobie on his tail. We were *almost* next in line, but my Dad lost his crew (yours truly) overboard avoiding a collision, which allowed Bob Thomas to sneak third around the mark. Hobie Jr. finished first, Bob Thomas second, with Stu and Casey Wentworth, San Diego's local Fleet 4 dynamos, third. (Rumor has it that Stu is so fast, you have to watch out for him — he's great at materializing out of nowhere.) Both Bob and Stu are hard-core 18 sailors and throughout the week they deftly demonstrated how to make the boat go fast.

Race #3 proved that even heavy-weights can race competitively in light airs on an 18. At 370 pounds, Lewie and John Wake (Hobie Cat's Research and Design Department's "monohull" sailors from Detroit) won this medium-light air, non-trapeze race. They showed what getting good starts, going the right way, sailing in clear air, and making your boat go fast can do (even if you do weigh a

good 85 pounds more than most of your competitors!). After two recalls during which the wind kept shifting directions, the line was reset fairly square to the wind. Seconds before the start however, the wind clocked west and only a few skippers noticed that you could almost lay "A" mark from the starboard end of the line. It paid to be in the right place; those that didn't catch the changing set of the wind were history. Second to finish were Wayne Schafer and crew Phil Edwards. Phil (co-designer of the Hobie 18) was so stoked he started sounding serious about becoming another 18 racing addict. Hobie Jr. took third, giving him impressive finishes of second, first, and third thus far.

Friday dawned as the "other" kind of typical California winter day — gray overcast skies, semi-cold, with an early morning 10 to 12 knot south wind. The morning race (Race #4) was our first chance at a double-trapeze race. Course 7 (ACABCAC) was called once again; a good race committee knows that you can run the same course every time as long as it is the most appropriate for the conditions, which Course 7 was for the majority of the regatta. Bob Thomas secured an early lead at the weather mark, followed by Larry Cooke and crew Denny Soden. Thomas and Cooke held their one-two positions around the entire course, while Hobie Jr. nudged out Miles Wood for third.

The wind lightened slightly for Race 5. A very long course with four windward legs was called just as the wind clocked so far to the west that "A" mark could almost be laid from the start. Hobie Jr. and Miles Wood were at it again, this time fighting for first and second, with Miles and crew John Golden eventually taking the lead before crossing the finish line. Paul Ulibarri and Dennis Durgan finished third, with Craig Bergsma and Mike Corning from Washington finishing fourth. The wind continued to shift throughout the race, turning most of the downwind legs into reaching legs. It was a follow-the-leader type course, yet it was possible to gain and pass boats by making short hitches to weather and sailing in clear air. There was a lot of high energy talk on the beach after the race about one of the reaches from A to B. It was an *exhilarating*, smooth and fast reach with skippers and crews sitting on the aft corner, sheeted in and smoking along as those great 18 bows cut through the water, keeping us all upright and going fast.

Throughout the series there were plenty of "THE CLUB" Cocktails, hamburgers, hot dogs and knock-wurst for lunch, all provided by our generous sponsors, "THE CLUB"



Paul Ulibarri anchored Merlin for us every morning, then hopped off onto an 18' to join the racers.

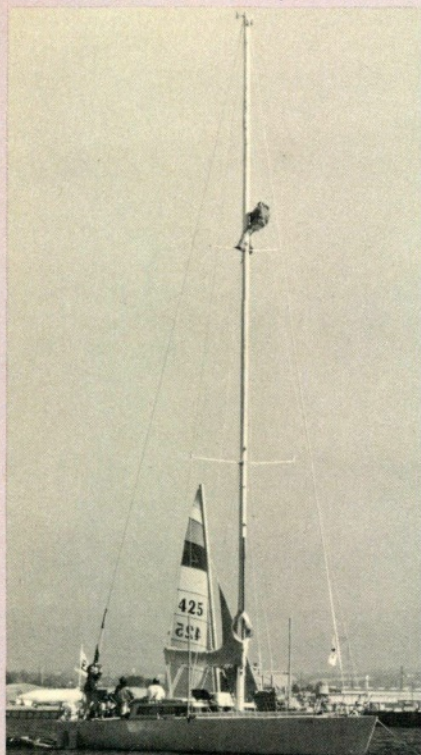


Miles Wood (left) and John Schuch (right) displayed amazing talent in constructing this monument to THE CLUB, despite numerous attempts at sabotage!

Cocktail people. Two evening parties were provided by "THE CLUB," featuring plenty of drinks and fabulous hors d'oeuvres — typical Hobie Cat informal gatherings with a great atmosphere for sail talk and getting to know other sailors and friends. Spirits were high throughout the event with relatively few protests, lots of evident sportsmanship, and only a few breakdowns which were handled quickly by the Hobie Cat crew. Sandy Banks, the Race Committee, and the chase boats did a great job setting excellent lines, calling good, long courses, and running a smooth regatta which greatly contributed to the good time that prevailed.

Going into the last day, Hobie Jr. was leading with an incredible $7\frac{3}{4}$ points and only a three thrown out! His closest competition was Bob Thomas with $12\frac{3}{4}$ points and an eight thrown out, and Nick Steele with $19\frac{3}{4}$ points and a 20 as a throw-out.

The sun returned for the final day of competition — as did the photographers, newspaper reporters, and TV cameras. The beach looked like a three-ring circus. T.H.E. Trailers supplied a huge purple hot air balloon that offered spectator rides, the giant "THE CLUB" Cocktail margarita can rested securely along the shore, and a local radio station that was broadcasting on site supplied free fried chicken lunches for the competitors and fans. Threats of 30 to 35 mph



Perched high atop Merlin's mast, a cameraman shoots footage for the new Hobie 18 movie.



Bob Thomas, a Hobie Cat dealer in Oceanside, California, and his crew Fritzi Huber, took second place in the overall competition.



Nick Steele and Tannis Campbell, third place team.



The Hobie 18 Perpetual Trophy, a Joni Carter Original, will be passed on from champion to champion.



Lunchtime.

winds, to the relief of many and to the dismay of others, never materialized. The small craft warnings transformed into clear skies and light air. The wind was shifty out of the west, picking up enough for a few double-trapeze moments in the second race of the day.

In the first race, Jeff Alter was first to the weather mark again, but Larry Cooke came on strong, generating amazing boat speed to finish a full minute and a half in front of second place Jeff. Nick Steele finished third, with Fletcher Olson and crew Ty Beach finishing fourth.

The last race of the series proved that what works in one race doesn't always pay in the next. Between races the wind had shifted slightly to the west favoring the starboard tack, rather than the inside as in the previous race. Bob Thomas was first to the weather mark, increasing his lead all the way through the rest of the course. Ricky Eddington (switching to skipper for this race) and Hobie Jr. finished second, taking the championship they had actually earned even before the start of the seventh race. Larry Cooke and Denny Soden finished third. Thomas sailed another excellent race, becoming the only skipper with two first place finishes in the series, but it wasn't enough to top Hobie Jr.'s overall score of 12½ (2¼-3-3-2-5-2) with a fifth as his "worst" score. Thomas of Oceanside, California, with a 3-2-7¼-8-6¾ series

placed second overall with a total score of 19½ points; Nick Steele of Balboa, California, was third with 28¾ points; Larry Cooke of Big Bear Lake, California was fourth with 32¾ points, and local skipper Stu Wentworth was fifth with 41 points. The next five positions were extremely close with only a four-point spread between sixth-place finisher Craig Bergsma of Seattle (53) and tenth place finisher Wayne Schafer of Capistrano Beach (57). Hobie Alter Sr.

...it was "bumper car city" as all 58 of the Hobie 18's jammed toward the committee boat...

finished seventh (54), Paul Parizeau eighth (56), and Lewie Wake ninth (56¾).

The winners were honored at a Mexican banquet Saturday evening. "THE CLUB" Cocktails were flowing, a Mariachi band provided music, and a great group of Hobie Cat sailors provided the fun. The top ten finishers and their crews were each awarded a mirrored silkscreened painting of a Hobie 18 by Joni Carter. In a short acceptance speech, Hobie Jr. gave much of the credit for his victory to his crew Ricky Eddington of Texas who is an excellent skipper in his own right. "Little" Hobie said he had sailed

cats mostly for fun at first, only competing seriously in the last three years. His record this year is impressive; it didn't take him long to show his stuff!

In talking to people who sailed the regatta, the common consensus was that the second Hobie Cat 18 National Championships were a super success. It was a series of good, fair races with a variety of wind conditions. Many skippers felt they had learned much about tuning and sailing their 18's, and everyone left with another great Hobie week to remember!

On behalf of all those who participated, I'd like to express a big Hobie thank you to Miles Wood and the many members of San Diego's Fleet 4 who helped make it all possible. Thank yous also go out to Bob MacFarland and Mike Sullivan for their assistance; to chase boat operators Randy Kulin, Bruce Campbell, Bill Stanton, Randy Misleit, Pete, Jim Grimes; to Scoring Committee volunteers Annette Peterson and Patti McGuire; to Bob Eisner and Robert Freeman of the Parks and Recreation Department; to the park rangers for their cooperation; to Hobie Athletic Footwear who donated shoes for the Race Committee; to "THE CLUB" Cocktails for sponsorship; to Paul Ulibarri for the use of *Merlin*; and to all those who contributed to help make this event a success!

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HOBIE CAT 18' NATIONALS RESULTS *continued from page 43*

SKIPPER/CREW	STATE	RACE SERIES							TOTAL
1. Hobie Alter, Jr./ Ricky Eddington	Calif.	2	3/4	3	3	2	5	2	12 3/4
2. Bob Thomas/ Fritzi Huber	Calif.	3	2	7	3/4	8	6	3/4	19 1/2
3. Nick Steele/ Tanis Campbell	Calif.	3/4	7	20	6	6	3	6	28 3/4
4. Larry Cooke/ Denny Soden	Calif.	4	5	18	2	24	3/4	3	32 3/4
5. Stu Wentworth/ Casey Wentworth	Calif.	6	3	9	7	5	11	19	41
6. Craig Bergsma/ Mike Corning	Wash.	11	10	13	17	4	10	5	53
7. Hobie Alter/ Paula Alter	Calif.	8	8	5	20	10	8	15	54
8. Paul Parizeau/ Doug Mulvey	Calif.	9	6	10	9	17	14	8	56
9. Lewis Wake/ John Wake	Calif.	17	18	3/4	8	7	17	7	56 3/4
10. Wayne Schafer/ Phil Edwards	Calif.	7	16	2	17	11	9	12	57
11. Miles Wood/ John Golden	Calif.	12	12	29	4	3/4	28	4	58 3/4
12. Jeff Alter/ Sean McNulty	Calif.	12	11	14	11	9	2	25	59
13. Fletcher Olson/ T.Y. Beach	Calif.	5	4	55	30	18	4	14	65
14. John Furman/ Mike Walsh	Fla.	10	19	24	12	13	7	16	77
15. Jeff Hardgrove/ Ken Roy	Calif.	14	27	6	10	34	19	10	86
16. Paul Ulibarri/ Dennis Durgan	Wa/Ca	19	25	19	5	3	31	17	88
17. Paul Fischer/ Mike Jerry	Calif.	24	9	4	27	14	36	20	98
18. Everett Walker/ Susan Jordon	Penn.	34	13	8	18	19	15	33	106
19. Tony Lucchino/ Kevin Foster	Calif.	33	35	12	14	29	12	9	109
20. Steve Broyles/ Bob Gillard	Tex.	30	20	39	26	37	13	13	128

21. Kirk Jeffries/ Gregg Jampolsky	Calif.	140	40. Terry Hanke/ Steve Grimshaw	Calif.	205
22. Bob Morria/ Mike Howard	Tex.	142	41. John Rueter/ Bob Rueter	Wash.	206
23. Steven Gann/ Ron Woonock	Calif.	143	42. Ed Halloran/ Kelly Pike	Calif.	220
24. John Hromadka/ Mitchell Butler	Tex.	144	43. Steve Tacy/ Bob Smith	Ohio	227
25. Chris Clements/ Steve Dousman	Calif.	146	44. Nicholas Van Brant/ Jane Van Brant	Minn.	235
26. Dan Zabel/ Mary Ford	Colo.	149	45. Douglas Cole/ Ron Phipps	Calif.	248
27. Robert Crew/ Diana Lee	Colo.	155	46. Karl Schopp/ Susie Schopp	Calif.	271
28. Dick Woodside/ Laura Woodside	Calif.	159	47. William Fuller/ William Parton	Colo.	274
29. Terry Smith/ Gene Foster	Calif.	175	48. Ron Mazzacane/ Fred Zettierbters	Conn.	279
30. Bill Settle/ Rocky Lane	Ohio	178	49. Paul Butler/ John Hartman	Calif.	281
31. Jerry Busch/ Lois Jensen	Colo.	178	51. Jess Greer/ Pete Van Horn	S.C.	294
32. Gordon Isco/ Gina Isco	Ill.	179	52. Ned Damon/ Jeanette Ebaugh	Calif.	305
33. Bill Hohn/ Jan Durkee	Minn.	186	53. Henry Provoot/ David Cranford	Calif.	323
34. Len Peddrord/ Tom Eckles	Calif.	193	54. Jim Benham/ Guy Knoller	Ariz.	336
35. Milan Vucurevich, Jr./ Tom Materna	Calif.	194	55. Skip Walker/ Greg Walker	Colo.	348
36. Grant Hicks/ Cathy Wilmarth	Ill.	194	56. Robert Hepler/ Kevin Lewis	Calif.	353
37. Bill Maynard/ Les Mesnard	Tex.	195	57. Francis Orranria/ Gary Carman	Calif.	365
38. Les Luby/ Sue Paulsing	Calif.	197	58. Dave Kissell/ Ted Wright	Ind.	395
39. Nick Hartley/ Debbie Weld	Calif.	197			



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DIVISION 3

FALL II SERIES FLEET 3 Long Beach, CA December 3, 1978

HOBIE 18		
1 Schopp	885	25
2 Harris	139	34
3 Kevacs	949	34
4 Merrissey	173	36
5 Woodside	597	36

HOBIE 16A		
1 Hernandez	1832	15
2 McGraw	24412	25
3 Hauser	2X	32 1/2
4 Brooks	0	41
5 Christensen	11716	53
6 Shayner	23088	58
7 Howard R	15466	66
8 Volaw	26183	81
9 Mathews	504	85 1/2
10 Kofahl	33268	92
11 Wickstrom	9	96
12 Lewis	22061	98

HOBIE 16B		
1 Higgins	31181	10 1/2
2 Newell	34145	18 1/2
3 Pettit	33700	30 1/4
4 Paul	20306	39
5 Hilliard	292	43 1/4
6 Harju	27323	52
7 Rathbun	25644	80
8 Wacławski	35344	81
9 LaBella	1970	86
10 Pederson	25302	88
11 McCormick	35634	92

HOBIE 16C		
1 Ward	8964	11 1/2
2 Sechous	33034	22
3 Kaiser	33136	23
4 Wilder	33725	31
5 French	34027	62
6 LaRosa	13304	70
7 May	23700	73
8 McNatt	93	
9 Edward C	16446	94 1/2
10 Forsyth	33196	98
11 Atkinson	15203	101
12 Cramer	135	105
13 Meere	3587	106

HOBIE 14A		
1 Sherriff	383	13
2 Carpenter	38	15

HOBIE 14C		
1 Christensen	21	6 1/4

NUT FREEZER #2 FLEET 95 Lake Tapps, WA November 12, 1978

HOBIE 18		
1 Ling/Mark	1341	2 1/4
2 Engstrom/Smith	116	4 1/4

HOBIE 16A		
1 Stephenson/	23957	4 1/2
2 Frankenhof/	31475	10
3 Whisler/	9748	10 1/4
4 Anderson	27800	12
5 Dahlin/Lamers	19634	12 1/4
6 Halloran/	17230	15
7 Shepard	13130	16
8 Gaston/Lyons	33644	18
9 Lade/Lade	18708	18
10 Olmstead/	21279	23
Jenkins	7337	23
11 Eaton/Butchart	13244	25
12 Allen/Kendrick		

HOBIE 16B		
1 Christensen/	19615	4 1/2
2 Carter/Carter	7811	4 1/4
3 Butchart/	12519	8 1/4
4 Jett/Wolfin	13711	9
5 Blankenship/	19604	12
6 Quiring/Barnes	16788	13
7 Nash/Alvey	10477	20

HOBIE 14		
1 Rueter	25652	3 1/2
2 Cross	22097	4 1/2
3 Klein	5691	6

DIVISION 4

NUT FREEZER #3 FLEET 95 Houghton Beach, Kirkland, WA December 9, 1978

HOBIE 18		
1 Ulibarri/	116	3 1/2
2 Carpenter	838	4 1/4
3 Ling/Wang	1341	9

HOBIE 16A

1 Lade/Lade	18708	6 1/4
2 Stephenson/	23957	7 1/4
3 Kirby/Kirby	19634	10
4 Halloran/	17230	12
5 Eaton/Butchart	7337	13
6 Tarleton/	14859	14
7 Frankenhof/	31475	20
8 Knight	27800	24

HOBIE 16B		
1 Christensen/	19615	6 1/4
2 Smith/Johnson	15994	7
3 Jett/Walen	13711	7 1/2
4 Blankenship/	19604	11
5 Stewart/Peters	14908	15
6 Stewart/Jozy	9837	18

HOBIE 14		
1 Rueter	25652	2 1/4
2 Cross	23097	7
3 Yule	17815	9
4 Klein	5691	11

NUT FREEZER #4 FLEET 95 Lake Union, Seattle, WA January 20, 1979

HOBIE 18		
1 Ling		2 1/4

HOBIE 16A		
1 Whisler/	9748	3 1/2
2 Anderson	18708	5 1/4
3 Lade/Lade	16923	6 1/4
4 Marshall/Rose	31475	9
5 Frankenhof/	13130	15
6 Guptil	19634	15
7 Kirby/Kirby	19634	15
8 Dahlin/Lamers	27800	18
9 Butchart/	7337	19
10 Stephenson/	297	20

HOBIE 16B		
1 Christensen/	19615	2 1/4
2 Carter/Carter	7811	6
3 Stewart/Peters	14908	7 1/4
4 Nash/	10477	11
5 Blankenship/	19604	13

HOBIE 14		
1 Rueter/	25652	2 1/4
2 Cross	22097	6
3 McAnally	12937	9

DIVISION 10

DIVISION 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS DIVISIONALS FLEET 126 Michigan City, IN July 29 & 30, 1978

HOBIE 18A

1 Timm	220	4 1/2
2 Greenwald	1181	8
3 Hicks	341	9 1/4
4 Settle	1262	10
5 Bosse	192	17
6 Isco	328	18
7 Tacy	711	20
8 Norberg	577	24
9 Wake	269	37
10 Pulte	1393	31
11 Vaculik	400	32
12 Ahnbecker	433	33
13 O'Neal	255	33
14 Bailey	309	37

HOBIE 16A		
1 Parritz	31929	12 1/4
2 Woodruff	34915	17
3 Marshall	20373	22 1/4
4 Barndy	32348	28
5 Smith	32789	28 1/4
6 Kovach	15008	31
7 Treuter	6965	33
8 Williams	RED	33
9 McDaniels	25728	34
10 Wedemeyer	22966	35
11 Willis	18285	38
12 Steel	32280	39
13 Hamilton	18385	43
14 Hevilia	33858	45
15 Beccel	35431	46

HOBIE 16B		
1 Murphy	215	13
2 Tuttle	25561	13 1/4
3 Culbert	22868	15 1/4
4 Higgs	22949	17
5 Pease	19177	18
6 Allen	25404	29
7 Hufano	13269	38 1/4
8 Akers	30833	41
9 Kimball	14223	41
10 Stefanick	25898	46
11 Trachtenberg	19681	51
12 Weissert	24510	51
13 Cyarrod	21097	52
14 Frederick	23621	53
15 Stanker	19609	55
16 Lovellette	7450	57
17 Masulis	31774	72
18 Young	25943	75
19 Kirchenlager	17398	78
20 Marshall	11596	79
21 Bidwell	8943	87

HOBIE 14A		
1 Robinson	25749	6 1/4

2 Bird	26024	10 1/4
3 Haney, H.R.	26020	13
4 Wall	3776	14
5 Kirk	2032	14
6 Kurz	26049	20
7 Glenn	23353	20
8 Meyers	21658	24 1/4
9 Stutsman	16994	26
10 Robinson	25737	30
11 Lemaitre	21179	32
12 Storer	1078	38
13 Bishop	5619	40
14 Hutton	17559	41
15 Anderson	12923	45
16 Steeby	71	48

HOBIE 14B		
1 Fairgrieve	9552	5 1/2
2 Driggs	15567	6 1/4
3 Akers	14466	7
4 Thompson	21088	10
5 Evans	1918	15
6 Ganz	17700	19
7 Mack	8759	26
8 Weede	8734	30
9 Szkopiec	17911	30
10 DeJongl	21412	30

DIVISION 12

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HOBIE 18		
1 Harris/Marcief	3	
2 David/Whitwell	6	
3 Caster/Demaline	9	

HOBIE 16A		
1 Berger/Ormand	4 1/2	
2 Juslin/Justin	8 1/4	
3 Dods/Pontecorvo	10 1/4	
4 Christopher/Darress	11	
5 Chamberlin/Chamberlin	16	
6 Berry/Wardell	24	
7 Alderman/Alderman	25	

HOBIE 16B		
1 Clark/Smith	6 1/2	
2 Caster/Caster	6 1/4	
3 Korzenewski/Kinslow	15	
4 Fournier/Fournier	17 1/2	
5 Hansel/Carr	18	
6 Kosba/Andrus	21	
7 Cisar/Cisar	24	
8 Klein/Ferguson	28	
9 Cichon/Cichon	38	
10 Ryan/Harris	40	
11 Stockhauser/	46	
Stockhauser	52	
12 Weber/Weber	52	
13 Thames/Thames	60	

HOBIE 14		
1 Lyttle	5 1/2	
2 Block	9 1/4	
3 Gunn	11 1/4	

4 Doyle	14
5 Elve	17

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HOBIE 16A		
1 DeLuca	17196	
2 McCarty Jr.	2383	
3 McCauley	2655	
4 Kringel	34903	
5 Racenet	20194	
6 Olson	18282	
7 West	13674	
8 Catillo	31061	
9 Peter	26085	
10 Becker	13097	
11 Christopher	24011	
12 Seluga	24300	
13 Delappa	34482	
14 Knowlton	18285	
15 Blom, G.	16676	
16 Littauer	26683	
17 Durfee	35753	
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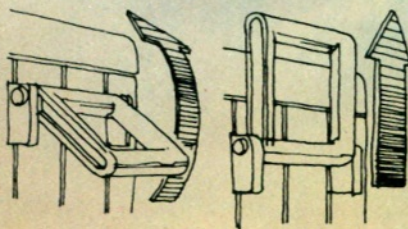
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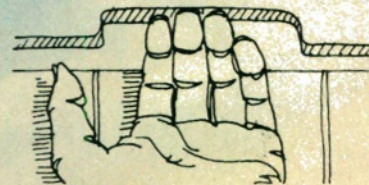
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