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Oh, The Tales We've Told

One of the best things about Hobie Cat sailing has absolutely nothing whatever to do with sailing.

Lest you think I've swallowed one too many raindrops during our wet California winter, let me amplify that statement. Take a look in the mirror, because I'm talking about you. That's right, the people who sail Hobie Cats are the best thing about Hobie Catting. It's incredible how fascinating each and every one of you is!

Throughout my many years here with the company, I've had the pure pleasure of getting to know many of you personally, and of having the opportunity to talk to many more readers on the telephone. Some of you I don't know by appearance or voice, but at least I've been able to "meet" you through the mail.

As publisher of HOTLINE, I feel privileged to share stories of different sailors' lives in what has become one of my favorite features — Cat Tales. Sometimes, the stories veer off from sailing into other facts of life — marriages, births, and sadly, divorce and death as well.

We've featured people from all over the country, young and not as young, in a variety of circumstances and walks of life. Significantly, however, the positive influence of Hobie sailing is a key element in their lives.

If you're wondering how we come up with people to profile, take another look in the mirror. Our ideas come straight from you! Thanks! Without you, the cat would indeed have our tongue and we'd be faced with a few blank pages in every issue.

Many times, I follow up on something I've read in a local sailing newsletter, so keep sending me your division and fleet publications. They're a great source for future Cat Tale subjects. Often, we receive unsolicited stories as well.

Where else do our ideas come from? Well, if you know me, you know I love to talk to people. It must be my southern upbringing, but I always feel that everyone I meet is a potential friend. I'll be on the phone talking to someone who called in regard to a race or the magazine, and pretty soon we're shooting the breeze and a little mast in my head goes up and I'm thinking hey, this would make a perfect Cat Tale!

So before we go any further, I want to thank all of you who bared your souls and shared your lives and times with us. I especially want to express my appreciation to the person who got us started on this tack exactly four years ago. While preparing the March/April 1991 issue, we were thrilled to receive a delightful article from Ross "Rosco" Tyler about the one that got away — a megamouth shark he encountered while sailing off usually serene Mission Bay, California.

Four years ago, there were no Cat Tales. I'm hoping this is one feature that <u>never</u> gets away.

I began this column by saying the best thing about sailing has nothing to do with sailing. Now that I've reached the end, I realize I was mistaken. The "Hobie Way of Life" is the tie that binds each of us to every other Hobie Cat sailor around the world, and it is the strength of that tie which we celebrate in every Cat Tale.

The best thing about sailing has EVERYTHING to do with Hobie sailing. Here's to another nine lives of great Cat Tales, thanks to you!

Bonnie

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KUDOS TO THE "SALSA REGATTA" TEAM

I had the opportunity to race in the North American Hobie 18 Championships. Having participated in the organization of the 16 Nationals in 1991, I know that it takes years of preparation to put on an event of this caliber. Congratulations for a job well done to Shirley and Ron Palmer, Sue and Ted Lindley, Tecate Beer, The Sausage Deli, the whole state of Arizona and everybody else involved.

Rod Clay San Diego, CA

PORTSMOUTH REVISITED

The correct Portsmouth number for a Hobie Miracle 20 was .655 in 1994.

Wick Smith was in error. US Sailing is the national authority and its Portsmouth ratings are used by most open class multihull events — not NAMSA (a small group in the Gulf Coast/Colorado).

Mark Harris US Sailing Portsmouth Committee Multihull Representative

Referring back to "Racer's Edge" in the September/October 1994 HOTLINE, the base rating Portsmouth number published for the Hobie Miracle 20 was 65.5.

Wick Smith received his Portsmouth number information directly from the US Sailing Association (USSA) and it is our understanding (re-verified by USSA) as stated in "Letters," January/February 1995, that the information is correct.

USSA stressed the importance of utilizing wind-dependent numbers for the system to work as intended. USSA stated, "The use of the DPN number alone defeats the purpose, which is to make the handicap equitable under all wind conditions." Example: In 4-10 knots, the Miracle 20 rating is 67.6; 11-16 knots, 66.6. (For more information please refer to the chart on page 31 of the September/October 1994 HOTLINE.)

NUTS ABOUT HOBIE

Well you might consider me a 50-yearold Hobie Nut, but I am the proud owner of two Hobie 16s, one Hobie 14 and now a 1973 Hobie 12. I am presently re-fitting the 12 and would like to know if any of your readers would be able to send me or fax me a copy of the Hobie manual for the 12? Also, has HOTLINE ever done any articles on sailing the 12?

I moved to the southeast Florida coast

in '68 and have been sailing Hobies ever since. Their speed, their durability and the convenience of sailing off the beach are all reasons for my passion for the boat. It always amazes me when I am at the beach that the younger generation doesn't get into sailing more. The thrill of harnessing a 15-25 knot breeze is hard to beat.

Thanks for any help you may be able to give me.

Stewart Barcalow, DVM 5920 SW 37th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 Fax: 305-981-8445

We don't consider you a nut, but a true Hobie aficionado. People like you make this sport what it is — an intoxicating lifestyle. Thank you!

We were unable to locate a Hobie 12 manual or any HOTLINE articles. However the book, "Hobie Cat Sailing" by Jake Grubb, published in 1979, devotes 11 pages to how to rig the Hobie 12. The information is very detailed and includes lots of pictures, making it easy to understand.

FOREVER LOCKED IN LOVE

Sometimes worldwide recognition is hard to get and isn't always positive. But this time the credit goes to you and your great staff at HOTLINE. Thanks to you and your hard-working group, Claire and I are famous in a positive light. Thank you for the advance copies of the January/February '95 HOTLINE and your personal touch on the Cat Tales article. It's wonderful.

If the urge strikes again, I will try some other articles, but I don't think they will be on the same subject. You can only do that once and write about it.

Thanks again for the very romantic work you did on a very important event in my life. I am happy to share it with all Hobie Catters.

Chris Cooper Clearwater, FL

THE HOBIE WAY HITS THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

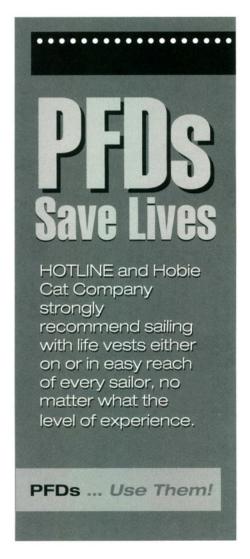
This January I started an electronic mailing list for the discussion of Hobie Cats and anything else that pertains to them. Being only a week old, we already have members from three continents!

Anyone who has an E-mail account on the Internet can subscribe for free. All they have to do is send a message to hobie-request@delrey.com asking to join. Then, they will be on the list to receive and send information and questions to Hobie Catters all around the world.

Dave Aronson dave@delrey.com Simi Valley, CA

As readers of "Racer's Edge" know, HOTLINE has a lane on the superhighway, too. Wick Smith welcomes questions and comments pertaining to "Racer's Edge." His CompuServe user I.D., or address, is 72262, 1373. As he says, see you on the PC!

Send your letter, with your name, address and daytime phone number to: Letters, HOTLINE, P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, CA 92051 or fax to (619)758-1841. Letters may be edited for space or clarity requirements.









NEWLY ELECTED NAHCA CHAIRMAN

I'LL SHOW YOU MINE IF YOU'LL SHOW ME YOURS!

Would you entrust the NAHCA to this man? Dick reveals all to Jana Seamon, observed by an amazed Mark Laruffa, alias Biff (prior to nose job). The occasion: the Hobie 18 World Championships, Toronto, 1987.

All jokes aside, congratulations and best wishes to recently elected NAHCA chairman, Dick Blount.

Paul Pascoe Hampshire, U.K.

NSIA PROGRAM PROMOTES FREE INTRODUCTION TO SAILING

Free is one of the most popular words in the English vocabulary, believes the National Sailing Industry Association (NSIA) so the concept of a free introduction to the joys of sailing should make good sense and lots of dollars to dealers across America. Sailing schools and dealers are being asked to give newcomers to the sport a short, no-hassle "Discover Sailing" ride.

Being the great folks they are, many Hobie dealers have been providing this kind of service all along, but now it's official. The NSIA offers a toll-free "Discover Sailing" number: 1-800-535-SAIL. Hobie Cat Company will be happy to help discoverers find a location near them, too; just call 1-800-HORIE-40

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- 5. You never crew for guys named Satan or Wally.
- 4. You always carry the tiny locket your grandmother gave you on her deathbed, unless you are fighting for a bullet, in which case you throw it overboard to reduce weight.
- 3. You cross your fingers that they will be giving trophies 25 deep.
- 2. You'd rather T-bone the committee boat than finish in 13th place.
- 1. You always sail with your lucky cow on board.

John Harmon, North Syracuse, NY

Let the Cat out of the bag and send your superstitions to: Cat Charms, HOTLINE, P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, CA 92051.

Spot Shots



Got some photos you might like to see. Yes, there is (was) a Hobie 16 under that mast.

Maui is extremely windy — up to 40 knots out of nowhere. I've been here ever since the 17 Worlds, but I can't say I sail much in

conditions like these. If you lose it here, you are really gone.

Ron Shranz Maui, HI

Send your photos and explanations to: Spot Shots, HOTLINE, P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, CA 92051. Don't forget now we're saving this spot for your shot!

NAME GAME CORNER



My name is Ainsley-May Gray. I am from Canada and my dad owns a dealership called Northern Sailworks. We get your magazine to sell in our shop. I am in the 11th grade and have been sailing since I was very young. I love to sail the Hobie 21. My dad wants to get a different boat, but I won't let him because I love my O'kee Dokee.

Now the reason I am writing is I always see the article about the bestnamed boat. Well, here's what we think is the best-named boat because its name is O'kee Dokee.

We named it that because my dad always says o'kee dokee to everything whenever we go out of town. When we went to Storm Lake last year, everyone knew who we were because of our boat's name.

I love to sail. We sail every weekend at our lake. We have little regattas, too. We do very well. We sail against Steve Niemen and Marty Cowen from Clear Lake, lowa. There are other 21 sailors, but I am the youngest. This past season I was "best junior sailor of the year."

I hope you put our boat in the HOTLINE. It would mean the world to me. Thanks.

Ainsley-May and Paul Gray West St. Paul, Manitoba, Canada

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Dear John

BY JOHN HACKNEY

HOBIE 20 TELLTALES: IT'S NOT HOW MANY, BUT WHERE THEY ARE THAT COUNTS

I just bought a Hobie 20. I love it! It is so fast — wow! I read the 20 tuning article in the May/June 1992 HOTLINE plus the crewing article in the January/February 1994 issue, but there's nothing on telltale placement. I know you've been racing a 20 since they first hit the water. Based on your expert opinion, what is the best telltale placement on a 20 sail?

Telltales are probably the most common sailing aid seen on a Hobie Cat, or any sailboat, for that matter. The reason: they work!

Telltales are an effective way to determine how the sail is functioning from head to foot and luff to leach. They also provide insight on jib/main interaction. Pretty slick for a two-dollar part; well, with inflation a ten-dollar part. Love those black telltales.

One thing I do at a regatta is look at other boats to see what's up. A lot can be learned from the guy at the front of the fleet, and even from the sailor bringing up the rear. Telltales are one component I always notice.

Surprisingly, I have seen no real pattern to the telltale location on the new Hobie 20. It seems that, in general, standard locations presently prevail.

The Hobie 16 has been around for a while. Very specific telltale locations have been determined over the years. Placement is delineated in Jack Sammon's book, "Welcome To A Fleet."

The Hobie 16 has the benefit of years of trial and error to identify the location. The Hobie 20 is a relatively new boat, so telltale location has not been nailed down as well.

As with just about everything in Hobie Cat sailing as well as in the larger race we call life, everyone has his or her own view on telltales. Some sailors have a gazillion of them flying from top to bottom, and need a computer to keep track of every subtle change. Others have no

telltales at all. They proclaim that only weenies need telltales, that REAL sailors can feel the wind on their brow. Bull!

STOCK HOBIE 20 FEATURES STANDARD TELLTALES

A stock Hobie 20 has just a few telltales. These are located in what can be argued as the most general of locations. Basically, placement is one-third of the way back on the sails at the approximate location of maximum draft, with one about one-third of the way down the sail and the other half-way on both the main and iib.

These telltales are the bare minimum, but they will give you lots of information about airflow over the entire sail. Generally, the more you sail a specific boat, the fewer telltales you need. The main ones provide the majority of information, while additional telltales just tweak the sail that last one percent.

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I like to add telltales to the trailing edge of the sail between the battens, placing one about one-third of the way down, another one-third of the way up, and one in the middle, for a total of three on both the main and jib. These trailing-edge telltales offer insight when the trailing edge is stalled.

On the jib, I also like to add a telltale about four inches back, one-third of the

way up and one-third of the way down, to make sure the entry is correct. These telltales are extremely important when going upwind.

The Hobie 20 can sail very close to the wind and still maintain boat speed, so the jib must work properly going upwind, so as not to hinder speed. Unlike other Hobies, the 20 does not pick up a lot of speed as you foot off; pointing is paramount. If you over-stand a mark going to weather, that distance never is gained back, and you can kiss the competition's rudders goodbye.

MAST ROTATION: WING IT

Last spring I traveled to New Mexico by plane. I was "lucky' and got a window seat right over the wing. I noticed that on takeoff and landing, the pilot put down flaps in the front part of the wing. When I got home, I asked my friend who flies a plane and sails a Hobie 16 what that flap does. He said it helps produce more lift on takeoff and also helps slow the plane down on landing. I pondered this for awhile. What the book says to do with mast rotation in heavy air is to over-rotate; wouldn't that produce more heeling power and slow the boat down when going upwind?

A sail functions just like an airplane wing in developing lift, which is the driving force that makes the boat go. Without entering into a complex dissertation on Bernoulli's principle (which, by the way, has absolutely nothing to do with the correct kind of Parmesan to sprinkle on your pasta), the more curve in the sail—or draft—the more lift. An airplane uses flaps and other stuff to produce more curve in the wing, enabling the plane to develop lots of lift for takeoff and landings.

Extra lift has disadvantages; drag. When flying a hull on your Hobie, more lift is not welcomed, especially if the wind blows like stink and your new crew tells where you can stick that extra lift.

Increasing the sail's draft can be accomplished in a variety of ways on Hobies. Not all adjustments can be performed while racing your particular Cat. Outhaul, downhaul, batten tension, mainsheet tension and mast rotation affect draft in the sail, and hence, power developed.

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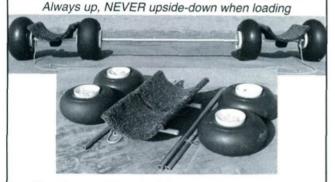
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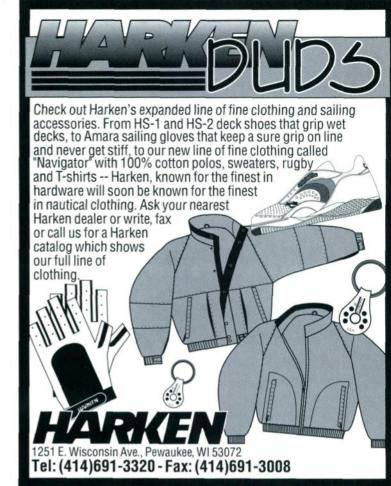
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"Full of life" doesn't come close to describing Rebecca Cliness' vitality, boundless enthusiasm and unflagging optimism. "I'm an up person," she states, or rather, understates.

Rebecca is more active in a week than most folks are in a month of Sundays. Her only complaint: "I'm so busy, I don't have any time to sleep. There just aren't enough hours in the day."

Like her many other interests, Hobie Cat sailing is something Rebecca jumped into whole-hog, and she confirms it's something that always buoys her up. "It's the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me," she explains. "I love being on the water. It's a healthy, focused escape. Everything else stays on shore."

Everything else includes leading a twice-weekly step aerobics class (another accomplishment Rebecca says she "just fell into," although she saw the opportunity and made the effort to take advantage of it); studying toward a Master's Degree at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio (a mere 70-minute drive from her home in rural Ansonia); coaching cheerleading, girls' volleyball and track; and oh yes, working full-time as a teacher of severe behavior handicapped (SBH) students at Ansonia High School.

The link between her job (which she calls "my hobby," in reflection of how much she loves what she does) and her beloved Hobie Catting not only forms the basis of this story, but also points toward a hope for the future of the seven troubled children, ages 15-18, with whom she daily interacts. On the surface, Hobie Catting represents an activity that can take you away from your problems, if only for awhile. "I tell my kids, find something you love to do, and then do it," says Rebecca.

On a deeper level, sailing becomes a symbol of life itself; of trials to be faced,

obstacles to be overcome and personal successes to be cherished and built upon. You can't let life get you down, is the ultimate lesson. If adversity threatens to pull you under, establish supportive relationships, take responsibility for your actions and, above all, don't sink — soar!

Sometimes it's a vicious struggle, Rebecca knows. She has learned this not just from empathizing with her students, who suffer from different maladies (including Tourette's Syndrome, manic depression and other emotional problems stemming from growing up in abusive homes), but also from personal experience

"Once, I thought for a minute I was going to drown" she relates. "It was blowing and I was crewing with my skipper, Bob Johnson (chairperson of Division 10). The boat went over — I couldn't get unhooked from the harness — then the boat turtled — I was under for what seemed like a long, long time. Bob dove in and helped me. Experiences like that make you closer."

A CREW ON THE WATER, SHE SKIPPERS HER STUDENTS THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

Unsinkable Rebecca Cliness works hard to keep her students afloat, and she's found that sharing her love of sailing has brought her class closer to each other and themselves. "I'd come to school on Monday morning and they'd want to know what I did over the weekend. I began telling them all about sailing and racing. I brought in a video of people sailing and gave them the rules of the sport." As you can see from the sidebar, her students take Rebecca's words to heart.

"My job is highly rewarding, and I feel so fortunate," says Rebecca of a career that many of her colleagues consider the formula for automatic burnout. "The kids love me no matter what. I'm the only stability in their life, and they give me unconditional love."

Acknowledging that "it's hard for them to understand and accept that I still want them in my class even after they screw up," Rebecca does not hide her emotions from her students. "I have to be honest with them and show them I'm human. I tell them when I'm angry with them. I operate on the premise of strict behavior modification. They need to know they have to take responsibility for their actions and they have to learn appropriate ways to express their emotions.

Rebecca credits the principal of her school for "being wonderful and allowing me to make decisions," but she is frus-

trated with a court system that sometimes returns children to an unhealthy home environment. As you can imagine, Rebecca rises to leap over that hurdle, too. "I'm a real advocate for my students. If the judge doesn't give them what they need in the courtroom, I'll go right to his chambers! I'm a risk-taker," she adds, which comes as no surprise.

After earning her M.A. in Special Education next fall, Rebecca's long-term goal is to attain an administrative position in the field. "That way, I can implement changes that I know desperately need to be made."

For now, she explains, she'll just keep on keeping on. She and her skipper, Bob Johnson, have discussed the possibility of taking the kids sailing, if they can overcome the liability issue. As overcoming just comes naturally to Rebecca, odds are her kids will find themselves flying a hull one way or another.

SHE LEAPS OVER BOUNDARIES

To many teachers, the last day of school in June never arrives soon enough. To 27-year-old Rebecca, it always comes too early. "The only thing I don't like about teaching is summer break," she declares, because she believes her students need the continuity of the classroom.

Rebecca says she "just kind of fell" into the SBH field; if so, it was a very fortunate fall for her students. Like many happy and successful people, Rebecca credits her many achievements to good fortune, modestly ignoring the fact that she makes things happen.

Take her fitness class, for example. There she was, taking step aerobics, when the teacher up and quit. Most of us either would find a different class or gratefully succumb to inactivity. Rebecca decided to learn how to teach the program, earned her certificate and became the instructor! (Of course, now that she's back in college, she's stepped back from six times a week to "only two.")

Or consider her coaching career. "At the beginning, all I knew about volleyball is that there were six people on a court," she chuckles. How about track? "I didn't know much about that, either, and I had a handful of boys and girls together. I really must have motivated them, as now we have 30 girls and 26 boys (this, in a 300-student school), so they had to find a boys' coach."

SHE FACTORS IN FLEET FUN

Rebecca's track record in sailing is similar to that in all her many other endeavors — she entered head-first and

landed on her feet. "I was dating a guy who sailed. He and I didn't work out, but sailing and I clicked right away."

She recalls, "A few years ago, I had never even heard of a Hobie Cat. Once I got hooked, I pleasure-sailed for some time. Then, during a stint on a committee boat at a local race, Bob Johnson asked me to crew for him." The rest is history — a history of winning and having loads of fun.

"Division 10 people are great! We have so much fun during and after the regattas — it's an entire weekend of good times. I can't imagine anybody not enjoying sailing."

What's not to enjoy? "Once you win a couple races, you really get that thrill."

Bob and Rebecca are moving up from Bfleet to A-fleet this season. They try to hit most of the area regattas, and meet to sail at a lake halfway between their homes.

Is it a coincidence that Hobie Cat sailing attracts the most interesting, enthusiastic, friendly, proactive and people-oriented women and men? Is it something in the water — or perhaps in the "Hobie Way of Life"?

We're not sure, but we hope everyone is as fortunate as the kids in Rebecca's class and the sailors in Division 10. Everybody needs a Rebecca Cliness in their life, to make them glad they're alive.

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SAILING THROUGH LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS EASY

One day at school, Rebecca Cliness shared the ten rules of Hobie Cat sailing with her class. As a gift to Rebecca, a 17-year-old, emotionally disabled student wrote an essay comparing Hobie sailing to surviving in a difficult and cold world. Here are the rules this adversity-racked young girl developed to deal with the extreme challenges of her life.

Rebecca fervently believes, "A child needs a safe, structured environment to succeed." We applaud teachers such as Rebecca Cliness who care so much and work so hard to remove the many perils and pitfalls along these adolescents' road to success.

RULES OF SAILING

- 1. Always sail with someone you trust and work as a team.
- 2. Find the best and most efficient way to get to your mark.
- 3. When you turn your mark, search the horizon for the next one.
- 4. When the wind is light, lean forward and rest up for a faster tack.
- When the wind is strong, hold tight and lean back hard to maintain control.
- Watch the telltales for any signs of a windshift.
- 7. Take the race seriously, but not so much that you don't have fun.
- Bend your knees when the waves are high. The shock will be much less.
- Dress appropriately. Cold weather may wear you down.
- When you cross the finish line, whether win or lose, feel proud that you reached your goal.

RULES OF LIFE

- Always surround yourself with friends you can trust. They will stay with you throughout your life.
- 2. Make achievable goals and follow the easiest road to achieve them.
- Once you have reached a goal, make another that is one step up from the last.
- When things are coming easy to you, rest your mind for the next challenge.
- When things are going out of control, find a support base and hold on tight until your troubles let
- There are always signs that things may become chaotic. Watch for those signs.
- Take life seriously, but always make time to have fun.
- 8. Be flexible. Sometimes life throws us for a loop.
- 9. Always be prepared for bad times and always enjoy the good times.
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Not far from Huatulco, near the isthmus city of Tehuantepec, is the Cerro Cruz Padre Lopez archaeological zone, which contains centuries-old ruins and pyramids. The Piedra Grande Zapotec ruins lie to the west, on the hill known as Guiengola. Tourists motoring along the Puerto Angel Highway may not see Juan Valdez, but they can visit high-quality coffee plantations that provide the main source of livelihood for the inhabitants of Pluma Hidalgo.

Close to Huatulco Bay itself, the government has established a 3,000-acre enclave. Some 23 species of mammals and 55 species of birds, many of them exotic and in danger of extinction, live on this protected site.

Primitive Pleasures, Modern Transportation

Although Huatulco and the surrounding environs of the state of Oaxaca are a real blast from the distant past, prospective tourists need not worry about the romantic isolated atmosphere extending to primitive transportation or accommodations. Huatulco has what it takes to satisfy tourists in all ways.

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Fun and food are to be found everywhere, day and night. While the dozen anchorages shine brilliantly like a string of pears in the noonday sun, try snorkeling among the coral heads at Pllya Entrega, then feasting on fresh seafood at one of the fantastic restaurants around the bay. Later, charter an afternoon coastal cruise and breathe in the fresh-aired serenity as you watch the crew catch your bountiful deep-sea twilight snack — perhaps a gleaming green and yellow dorado for the ceviche.

How time flies when you're having fun. You'll have to save the horseback riding, golf, tennis and a relaxing massage for another day.

When night falls, boogie-woogie on down to the Club Med night hot spot or whisk your loved one romantically away to one of the many uninhabited spots along the bay. The tranquility of La India, a remote beach within Chachacual is a sure-fire spark for a paradise built for two.

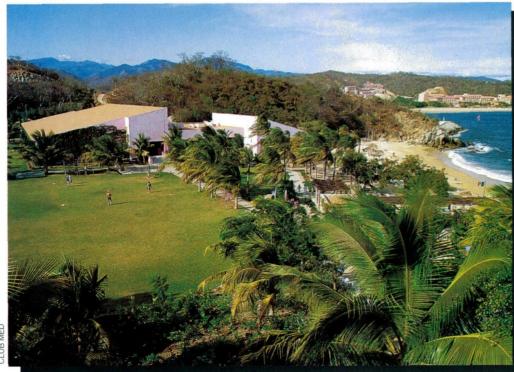
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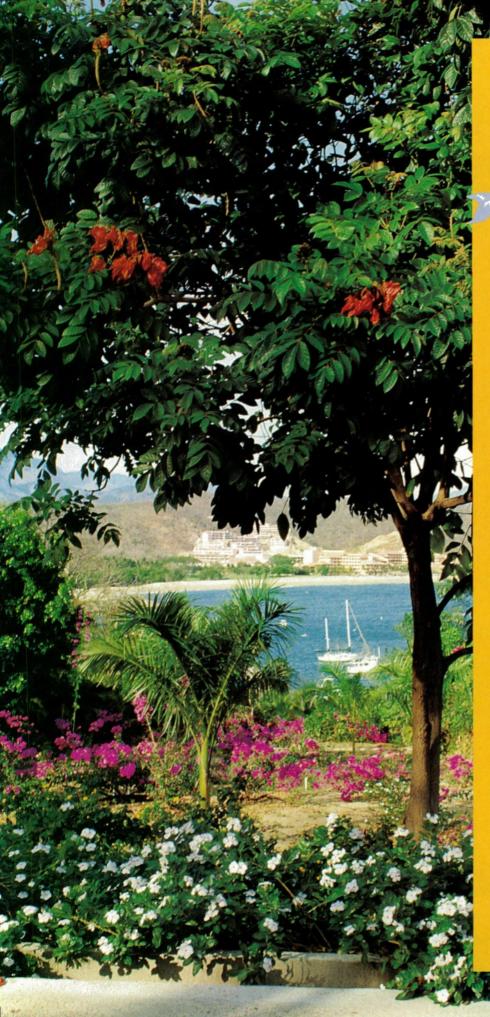
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f you've never experienced the camaraderie and friendly competition of a Hobie Cat regatta, 1995 is your year. With over 500 fleets across the country and around the world, there are new friends right around your corner. And Hobie events are open to everyone, whether you have never raced before or are an Olympic hopeful.

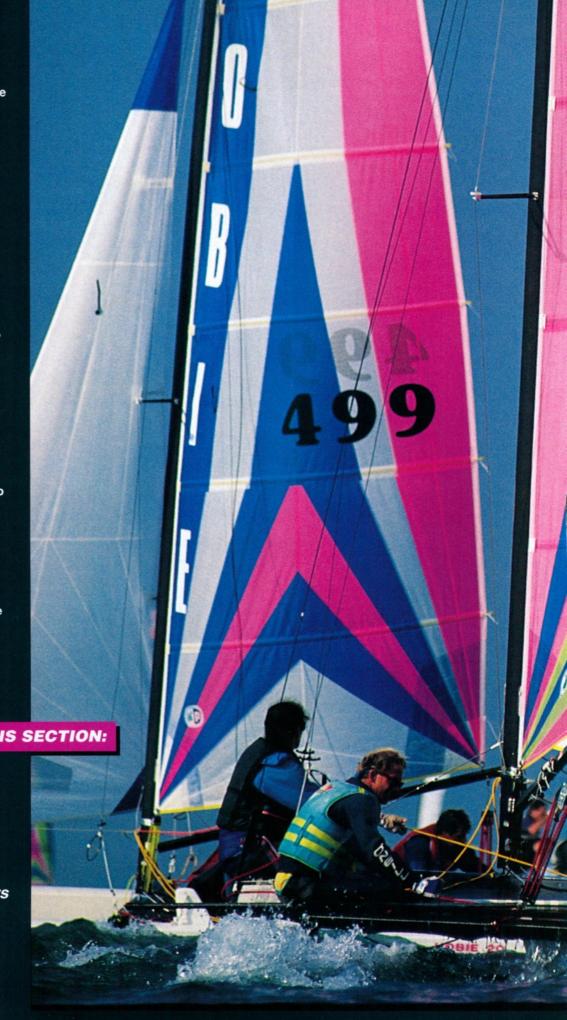
Jumping into the fun of a fleet event means not only great sailing, but great off-the-water social activities, too - such as barbeques, ski trips, and lots of parties.

This issue of HOTLINE has all the information you need to get in the Hobie swim of things. In addition to event schedules, we've listed the names, addresses and phone numbers of key local and national contacts.

Sailing and fun - it's all part of the Hobie lifestyle and all just waiting for you. So give your local fleet a call, the water's fine. And the people — they're great!

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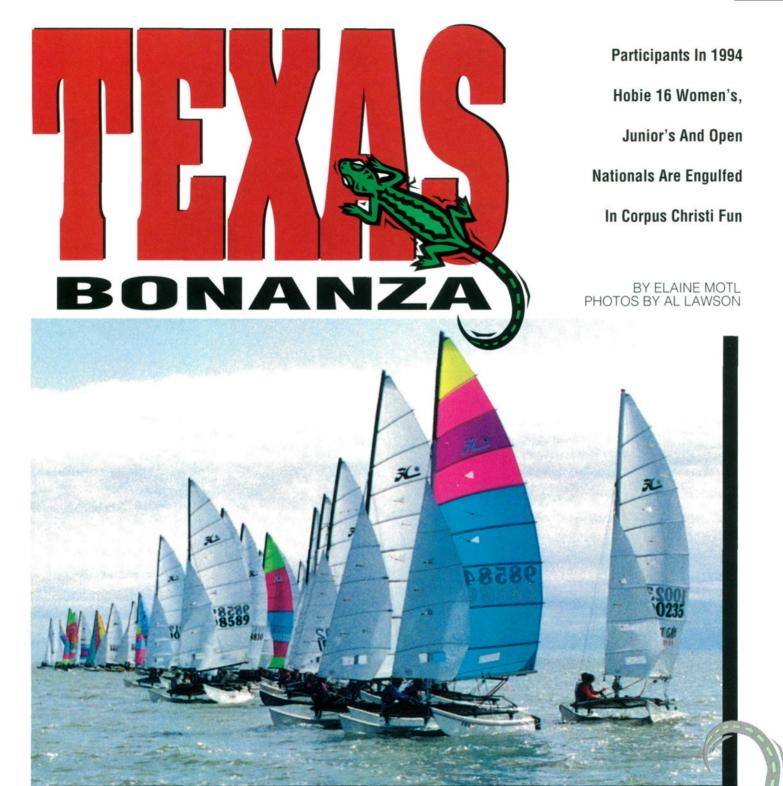
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In 1836, defeated Texans vowed to "Remember the Alamo." One hundred and fifty-eight years later, the nearly 200 sailors who raced to Corpus Christi for the 1994 Hobie 16 Open, Women's and Junior National Championships last fall will find it hard to forget the winning ways and windy days they encountered in this great southwestern state.

The nine-day, three series event was "blessed" with high winds that created challenging conditions and fingernail-biting thrills for the racers. For some who suffered damage to their boats, bodies or egos, the wind was a mixed blessing, indeed. Several crews in the open regatta took a beating on hair-

raising jibes and the many resulting pitchpoles. Competition was canceled on one especially intense day, when wind readings on the committee boat reached 35 knots.

The Texas-sized winds were matched by the open hearts and warm hospitality of hosts Fleet 99, Division 6 and E.M. Marketing Company, who welcomed ladies, gentlemen and children of all ages and from all parts north, east, south and west to the harmonious trio of events. The many generous sponsors included Continental Airlines, TAG Heuer, Roberts Jewelers, Eddington & Associates, L.L.P., MasterCraft, The Olive Garden, Executive Surf Club and Blackbeard's.

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Enough Food To Fill The Rio Grande

While the wind wreaked havoc and shallow waters played mind games with the racers, the before- and after-race activities made a wonderful respite from hot competition and weather worries. Junior sailors raced to Playland on the Beach, where video games, go-cart racing and hot dogs made for an evening of fun. After their awards banquet, they were treated to all the pizza and flavored water they could devour; needless to say, the abundance of fresh air and heavy racing resulted in appetites as big as the state they were visiting. Later, the competition moved from sea blue to green, as they played miniature golf at Pirates of the Gulf.

In contrast to runners, the participants in the women's class saved the pasta for after the race, where The Olive Garden was the place to be. Before the series got underway, the ladies enjoyed tacos and great company at Blackbeard's. The tasty Tex-Mex ambiance carried over into the open welcome party on Halloween, where the quesadillas served up at the Executive Surf Club brought people back to the covered patio table for seconds and then for thirds!

The food seemed never to begin or end, thanks to a bunch of folks who believe the "Hobie Way of Life" includes a large helping of down-home, southern cooking. At the Cajun cut party sponsored by Baton Rouge's Fleet 9 and Miller Lite, Glen and Karen Richard served up a spicy dinner of Louisiana gumbo, jambalaya, boudin and (of course) red beans and rice. The meal was scrumptious and people were rumored to be bribing the cooks for the recipes.

Sponsoring other ethnic fare were Fleet 99 of Corpus Christi, who prepared the mouth-watering Famous Fajitas, and Houston's Fleet 8, who provided a heartwarming chili and baked potato lunch. None of these great meals would have seen the light of day without the culinary skills of Division 6 personnel, who chopped till they dropped all week long.

When Hobie sailors weren't eating, partying, enjoying the comforts of the Sandy Shores Hotel or getting reacquainted with friends from Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico and the USA, they were doing what they'd come to Corpus Christi to do: race.

Texans Top The Charts

Women and children first is the call for an emergency at sea. Despite dominating winds, the Hobie 16 National Championships thankfully included no dire emergencies, but the order of events did follow the above maxim, with marvelous results for two tough Texan women's teams and the winning Texan juniors. A whopping six of the 18 women's teams hailed from Texas.

True to her form, Puerto Rican Dorian Goldberg got the race off to a great start with a bullet. The first day began to warm and the breeze built to 12 knots. Texan Sheila Holmes, who won two races, ended the day on top.

Day two dawned with light, oscillating winds, warmer weather and a crowded course as junior competitors joined the women on an inside windward-leeward mark configuration. By day's end, the course was clear but the setting sun created a glare as challenging as the heavy traffic. Again, Holmes triumphed to remain in the lead.

Excitement filled the air on the last day of racing. Unfortunately, the wind did not. Enrique Figueroa and Mark Santorelli held an impromptu tuning seminar that

was awarded to Ryan Srofe and Devine Possert from Palm Harbor, Florida.

In a smart tactical move akin to another savvy, south-of-the border sailor, Enrique Figueroa, who hooked up with a non-sailing athlete (windsurfer Osvaldo Alcaide) with great results (as in first place) in the 1994 Hobie 20 National, 17-year-old Armando invited his buddy Enrique Montaño, one of Mexico's top junior mountain bikers, to crew for him. Like Osvaldo, Enrique learned fast, and he and Armando have a second-place trophy to prove it.

Junior sailors beware: Armando and Enrique are already training hard for next year's event in Daytona. Adult sailors better beware as well: at 17 years of age, these "kids" will soon be hot on your trail!



engrossed the racers until the sea breeze finally made its long-awaited appearance.

New Yorkers Susan Korzeniewski and Wendy Howard displayed their Yankee pride by capturing two first-place finishes, but ultimately Texans won the day and the event. Judy Fuller and Karen Palmer from Lewisville won the first-place trophy while Houston's Aimee Larchar and Lisa Davis were just one quarter-point behind in second.

Dorian Goldberg and Didi Deliz captured third. Dorian will now hold the National title for Puerto Rico.

Texas took the top in the nine-team junior event as well. Accepting the first-place trophy were Michael Wittington (last year's champ) and Matt Golterman from South Padre Island. Second place went to Armando Noriega, Jr. and Enrique Montaño of Mexico City, and third place

Wind Makes For An Un-Sweet 16 Open

Perhaps in preparation for the winds of change sure to come when the sailing juniors reach maturity, Corpus Christi had the 70 open teams already on their toes. Dick Blount, NAHCA Chairman and 16 National presiding judge, said "The wind gods gave the sailors the widest range of sailing conditions in recent memory. The series opened on Tuesday in light air, meaning anybody in the second row of a start was DFL for a while. Decorum doesn't permit me to reveal the colorful discussions going on during those frequent general recalls and subsequent one-minute rule problems at the pin end of the line."

By the third morning, on the day of the cut, skies were bright and wind was building, resulting in a short, steep chop

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Left Is Right

The Right Half Of Your Brain May Be The Wrong Guide In A Race

BY WICK SMITH

It's the last race of the regatta, and you are ahead of your chief rival in the standings. He goes down the line early and is going to start on port. You aren't good at port starts and prefer starting at mid-line on starboard. You have started this way all day and now lead the regatta by two points.

At the worst possible time, that little critter called Ego (no, not Jiminy Cricket: this ain't Walt Disney) taps you on the shoulder and chides, "You can't let that sucker show you up by getting out on port without you!" You make the mistake of agreeing with him and head down to the other end of the line for a late port start. You get buried and your rival comes out clean, winning both the race and the regatta.

The big problem with this story is that it is no fairy tale. It happens all the time. Every athlete has to deal with emotions that cloud his or her judgment and playmaking ability.

Successful participants at the higher levels of every sport must possess many intangible qualities. None is more important than the "right stuff." This attribute can be loosely defined as the ability to make logical, intelligent decisions even when everything around you is falling apart. Ironically, this right stuff emanates not from the right, but the left side of your brain.

To get a handle on the continuing conflict in our minds, let's talk anatomy for a minute. Think of your brain as having two halves, left and right. In the real world, this is in fact the case, although you won't find the following definitions in any medical text.

The left side is the area where you store your racing knowledge. When you read a book or HOTLINE article on sail trim, the information is stored in the left half. When you see a competitor execute a particularly good starting maneuver, your left brain catalogs that move. When you discover that less mast rotation works well in winds over 20 knots, lefty files it away for future reference. All you have learned over the

years is stored in the left half of your brain.

Your right brain is the emotional half. It stores greed, fear, elation, anger and the everpresent ego. When exterior forces trigger emotions, the right side preempts the thought processes, and the entire knowledge base stored on the left side is thrown on the back burner. Until you control the emotional outburst from the right, the left brain's knowledge is suppressed to the point of being useless.

Let's examine that first-paragraph decision to start on port. Your left side knew to start at mid-line on starboard. That position is your strength, as has been proven again and again. Sailboat racing is a game of percentages, and the cards are stacked in your favor if you follow what you know best.

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When your right side saw your rival go down to start on port, two key components — greed and ego — went into action. First, they shut down your left side's command of where to start. Then, they concocted a plan destined to fail. They "forced" you to follow another boat to an area in which you weren't comfortable.

At this juncture, your left half salvaged just enough energy to warn the right half it was making a mistake. This message further aggravated the situation, so the right side added indecision and fear to the formula. The right side of your brain won the battle, and your ability to concentrate on getting off cleanly on port went out the window.

In your confused state, the right side started your boat in the race. To add

insult to injury, it continued to do the thinking as you attempted to extricate yourself from a poor tactical position after being buried. Everything you tried moved you farther back in the pack. The only mental image remaining was that of the first-place trophy sliding out from between your fingers and melting away.

SAILING IS AN ENDURANCE SPORT, NOT A SPRINT

How could you have avoided this fate worse than death? Let's analyze what the right stuff is in the world of sailboat racing. We read about concentration, focus and intensity. We hear pre-game speeches by Vince Lombardi that get the troops so fired up, they want to tear the heads off their opponents. While this kind of high may be suited to football and sports requiring intense bursts of physical energy, it is detrimental to the athlete engaged in sailboat racing.

While sailing does require quite a bit of physical energy, it is more an endurance race than a sprint. The mental side of our sport is the key to winning.

I like to describe a race as a moving chess game against 10-20 opponents at the same time. Can you imagine being engaged in such a board game? Depending on the house at which you play, the board is a different shape in every game. Each player moves his pieces simultaneously to yours. Every move directly affects your success.

To make matters worse, the board changes constantly as the game progresses. Each square can move closer to you, and shift away just as quickly, taking away any advantage you may have gained.

Now, imagine the rules are very complicated and change every four years. If someone breaks a rule, you might not know it until after the game is over. Then, you have to find three people not even involved in the game to decide what happened!

You would have to be at your height of mental awareness to succeed at this challenging and often frustrating endeavor. I don't think Milton-Bradley would find this to be a very popular board game; yet, we engage in it several weekends a year in the form of sailboat racing.

Any emotion that inhibits your decision-making ability impairs your opportunity to succeed. If you want to get psyched for a big sailboat race, the best thing you can do is to prepare the boat as well as you can, review what you want to do, and then relax, so you won't be too fired up. Let's consider how you can improve your mental approach to the game.

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BUILD CONFIDENCE IN YOUR BOAT AND YOURSELF

Nothing helps your chances in a race like confidence. The place to begin building confidence is in your boat. If you believe you have done everything to make the boat as fast and reliable as possible, then you don't have to worry about it holding you back.

All boat maintenance must be performed during the week before an event so you don't get distracted at the regatta. Check every fitting, nut, screw, block, shackle, line and piece of bungee for signs of wear. Replace anything that

looks suspect.

Close attention to details not only helps prevent breakdowns, it increases confidence in your equipment. Nothing blows your train of thought on the morning of the big race like finding out your rudder cams are shot and the closest shop is 30 miles away! These parts are easy to change and cost very little.

Boat tuning is the next confidencebuilder. Do what is necessary to ensure your boat is as fast as you can make it. Read books and articles that explain how to maximize your class of boat, and do it! Square the hulls and fair the bottoms; stiffen when you can; dry out the boat to get it light; replace the sails if they show too much age.

Once you complete this regimen, even the right side of your brain will be confident you have done everything you can to your boat to make it fast. It is one

less source of distraction.

One of the many benefits of racing a Hobie Cat is the one-design rules. There is very little you can legally change to make your boat faster. Even better, there is very little your competition can change as well! The thickness of one's wallet plays a much smaller role in this class than in most others.

The next area in the preparation department is your knowledge of the rules. You can work on this aspect during your spare time away from the boat. Many skippers are afraid of starts with lots of boats or tight mark roundings, because they don't have an adequate handle on

the rules.

Obtain a good working knowledge of the IYRU rules by which we sail. You don't have to become a senior judge; you just need to learn who has rights in common situations.

If you have to stop and think about who is right and wrong in a certain situation, you will not be able to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves. The uncertainty will anger and frustrate you, and then you will be back to the right side of your brain dominating your decisions.

If you are sure of your rights as an encounter develops, you will know how to get through it unscathed. This knowledge will increase your confidence as well as keep you out of the protest room. Very few things destroy concentration like being involved in a protest.

MASTER THE BASICS, BUT DON'T BE A BULLY

Basic boat handling is another key to success. Tacking, gybing and rounding marks must be as automatic as tying your shoes in the morning.

I don't mean just turning the boat. I am talking about nailing the tack each and every time it is performed, and smoothly rounding each mark with maximum exit speed. Boat handling thus becomes one less thing to occupy the left side of your brain and one less reason for the right side to rear its ugly head.

The starting line is the most important part of the course. The biggest gains and losses occur right here. The start also is the only time in the race in which all boats are bunched together. For these reasons doing well at the start requires

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utmost confidence and concentration. This is the one area in which a healthy dose of controlled aggression really helps. The operative word is controlled.

Aggression must not take the form of "Damn the torpedoes - full speed ahead!" Instead, simply defend what is yours. You worked hard to carve that hole to leeward; don't let anyone snatch it from you. Holding your own can be accomplished through planned, strategic maneuvers that let those around you know you mean business.

Controlled aggression is in marked contrast to the right-brained (or nobrained) starter who comes barging in at the committee boat screaming at everything in his path. He is not thinking his way through the start, only bullying. He is sure to be protested or forced into the

committee boat. In either case, his emotions will work overtime, seriously impacting his finish position (not to mention his overall health). It is best to identify these types early in the series, and then stay as far away from them as possible.

The key to a good start is to plan where you want to be when the gun goes off. Improvise when necessary, in case others have the same plan and shut the

door on your spot.

Above all else, do not get rattled if you end up with a less-than-ideal start. It happens to every sailor at least a small percentage of the time. Work to break free from the pack, but not before fully

evaluating your situation.

Let the left side of your brain work on the problem and come up with a solution. The right side will yell, "You dumb #&*!% ... TACK, TACK, TACK!!!" Doing so may not be the best move, especially if the right side thought of it.

DON'T BE LIGHTHEADED OR *HEAVYHANDED*

The start isn't the only place where some sailors allow their judgment to fly out the window. Light air certainly can bring out the monster in the most pleasant people. Many sailors feel defeated before they even get on the water.

Light-air racing is a game of patience; not a trait at the top of righty's list of virtues. If you decide to venture out on light-air days, duct tape your right eye closed and think your way through the day. You might find you are pretty good at it if you just relax.

Heavy air is another condition that stirs emotions in most sailors' minds. These feelings range from stark fear at one end of the spectrum to testosterone overload at the other.

Heavy air requires almost as much calculated thought as light air. Control is a must. Every wave and puff must be anticipated and the appropriate response executed, to get the most out of

Whether it is light air, heavy air, crowded mark roundings, 30-boat starts or any other particular facet of racing that spooks you, you must learn to control the emotions generated. The only way to gain confidence in these situations is to participate in them over and over.

Nothing builds confidence like repetition. You can read all the books you want, but until you repeatedly get out there in the condition that bothers you most, you will not conquer it.

A FROG HAD WINGS

We've talked about fear and lack of confidence. Now, let's discuss the "Poor, Poor Me" syndrome. How many times have you heard someone say, , I would have won the

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NAHCA NEWS

Join The Fun

The NAHCA Is Looking For Class Members Just Like You

BY DICK BLOUNT NAHCA CHAIRMAN

Calling all Hobie sailors! WENEED YOUR HELP! A dedicated group of people, from Canada to El Salvador and from Maine to Hawaii, is trying to reach past, present and future Hobie Catters. They are by far the friendliest people on the planet.

These Hobie enthusiasts, who comprise your North American Hobie Class Association (NAHCA), are singing out with one voice to issue this invitation directly to you: "LET'S GO SAILING AGAIN!"

Have you ever been a member of the finest sailing organization in the world, the Hobie Class Association? Would you like to be? Of course you would!

Get The Lines On Hot Hobie Fun

The first step in Hobie sailing is knowing where the fun is. There are two excellent sources of Hobie information. You hold the primary source in your hands. It's HOTLINE magazine. Since day one, HOTLINE has been here for you, showing and telling you all about the "Hobie Way of Life." The quality of HOTLINE speaks for itself.

The second source of information is the NAHCA News. Now in its fourth year, it, too, strives to get the word out to all Hobie sailors.

For those of you who don't know, the NAHCA is the voice of Hobie Cat sailors. We need to hear from you on all matters related to Hobiedom. Our class is self-governed on all levels, from fleets to divisions to regions. Over the years, the NAHCA has grown in membership, in terms of both numbers and geographical locations served.

New Days, New Ways

Funding for the class was once the sole responsibility of Hobie Cat Company. That is no longer the case. We, the sailors, must invest in our fun; that's only fair.

The NAHCA's main goal will always be to promote fun! We heartily invite you to join us at our fleet get-togethers, youth clinics, sailing seminars, class promotions, regional races, and continental and world events.

Pick The Membership Option That's Right For You

Review the NAHCA membership alternatives that accompany this article. Choose

the option that fits your needs and pocketbook. As you can see, we provide a variety of membership plans that shouldn't cramp your budget.

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FLEET 6	DATE Mar 4	EVENT/LOCATION *Kailua Beach	NAME Dan Williams	PHONE NO. 808/235-3507	17	Jul 8-9 1995 Jul 22-23	Wh Un Ro
6	1995 Mar 26	*Chinamans Hat and Back	Mike Jacobs	808/247-8730		1995	Cr
6	1995 Apr 8	Kaneohe PHYC Invitational	Mike Germain	808/638-9640	259	Aug 5-6 1995	Sa
6	1995 Apr 29-30	Kualoa Campout/Windward Boats	Dean Froome	808/261-9003	62	Aug 12-13 1995	Mil
6	1995 May 21	*Kailua Bay	Jim Orrick	808/261-0289	2	Aug 26-27 1995	*W TB
6	1995 Jun 17	*Aloha State Games	Mike Germain	808/638-9640	281	Sep 9-10 1995	Sh
	1995				222	Nov 4-5 1995	Tu
6	Jun 24-25 1995	Kahana Bay Return Kahana Bay	Tom Zelko	808/261-6736	D	IVISI	OI
6	Jul 8 1995	MKYC Invitational	Mike Germain	808/638-9640	FLEET	DATE	EVE
6	Jul 29-30 1995	*Haleiwa Campout Jamison's	Mike Germain	808/638-9640	95	Apr 29-30 1995	Sa
6	Aug 12-13 1995	*HHCA Invitational Kaneohe	Mike Germain	808/638-9640	195	May 13-14 1995	Tu
6	Aug 27 1995	Kailua	Ken Kaan	808/988-9222	95	May 27-28 1995	Sa
6	Sep 16-17 1995	State Championships/Compadres	Mike Germain	808/638-9640	72	Jun 4 1995	*Ya
6	Oct 14 1995	WYC Duke	Mike Germain	808/638-9640	94	Jun 10-11 1995	Cr
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Div 2		MidWinters West San Felipe, Mexico	Stoney Douglas	702/376-4485	72	1995 Jul 16	Va *Ya
180	Apr 8-9 1995	Lake Castaic Lake Castaic, CA	John Forgrave	818/880-5750	USS	1995 A Jul 20-21	*A
30	Apr 22-23 1995	Lake Perris Regatta Lake Perris, CA	Curt Smith	909/684-7204	72	1995 Jul 22-23	Ya
3	Apr 29-30 1995	Hurricane Gulch Long Beach, CA	Roger Brown	714/643-5392	Div 4	195 Aug 5-6	Ya
66	May 6-7 1995	Cinco de Mayo Puerto Peñasco, Mexico	Ron Brewer	602/838-6555	72	1995 Aug 13	Lal *C
15	May 20-21	Cachuma Challenge	Jim Williams	805/482-6978	72	1995 Aug 19-20	Th
	1995 May 27-28	Lake Cachuma, CA Alter Cup	Alan Egusa	310/545-2355	214	1995 Sep 2-3	Co
4	1995 Jun 17-18	Long Beach, CA San Diego Classic	Frank Mardel	619/277-5152	72	1995	На
3	1995 Jun 24-25	Silver Strand State Beach, CA Big Bear Hobie Cup	Udo Winkler	909/867-2864	12	Sep 16-17 1995	Ca
162	1995 Jul 8-9	Big Bear Lake, CA Lake Isabella Regatta	Paul Harness	805/589-8698	D	IVISI	01
4	1995 Jul 22-23	Bakersfield, CA Todos Santos	Ross Tyler	619/268-0125	FLEET 50	DATE Mar 4	EVE *N
259	1995 Aug 5-6	Ensenada, Mexico CA State Championships	John Bauldry	805/735-6898		1995	Lo
3	1995 Aug 19-20	17, 18 & 20 Divisionals	Tom Materna	818/784-4500	61	Mar 25 1995	*SI De
3	1995 Aug 28-	Long Beach, CA 17 Continentals	Bruce Fields		61	Apr 29-30 1995	*SI Ch
	Sep 1, 1995	Long Beach, CA		310/540-9949	50	May 20 1995	*S _l
3	Sep 9-10 1995	14 & 16 Divisionals Long Beach, CA	Keith Christenson	310/496-1976	48	May 27-29 1995	Me
180	Sep 23-24 1995	Marina del Rey Championships Marina del Rey, CA	Marv Gantsweg	310/306-0106	50	Jun 2 1995	*Fr
514	Sep 30- Oct 1,1995	Piñata Regatta Puerto Peñasco, Mexico	Dean Zimmerman	602/795-3632	61	Jun 3 1995	*Le
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17	Apr 8-9 1995	Breakaway Lake Camanche, CA	Brian Joder	916/988-6022	61	Jun 23-24 1995	*C De
240	Apr 22-23 1995	O'Neil Kick Off Santa Cruz, CA	Stan Manning	408/479-4963	61	Jun 30- Jul 1	Bu
537	Apr 29-30 1995	Twisted Skippers Redding, CA	Mike Strahle	916/221-7197	50	1995 Jul 7	*Fr
20	May 20-21 1995	Roaring 20s Woodward Reservoir, CA	David Head	510/833-9472	156	1995 Jul 14-16	Gle
222	Jun 3-4 1995	Otter Regatta Monterey, CA	Rod Nixon	408/373-7701	50	1995 Jul 22	*A
62	Jun 24-25	Commodore's Regatta	Pat Padilla	209/294-7903	61	1995	Ro

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	Jul 2	*Inland Transpac Richmond, CA	Kit Wiegman	916/736-0609
17	Jul 8-9 1995	White Caps Union Valley Reservoir, CA	Dave Collier	916/965-5617
194	Jul 22-23 1995	Round Treasure Island Crown Beach, CA	BettyArlene Rodal	408/366-2833
259	Aug 5-6 1995	CA State Championships Santa Barbara, CA	John Bauldry	805/735-6898
62	Aug 12-13 1995	Mile High Huntington Lake/Fresno, CA	Pat Padilla	209/294-7903
2	Aug 26-27 1995	*Women's & Junior's TBD	Ramone Stark	916/273-4150
281	Sep 9-10 1995	Shark Feed Bodega Bay, CA	Mike Montague	707/526-6948
222	Nov 4-5 1995	Turkey Regatta Monterey Bay, CA	Rod Nixon	408/373-7701
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FLEET		EVENT/LOCATION	INFORMATION CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
95	Apr 29-30 1995	Sandpoint Regatta Seattle, WA	Tom Ling	206/822-1441
195	May 13-14 1995	Tumbleweed Tack Tri-Cities, WA	Sarah Burton	509/946-4554
95	May 27-28 1995	Samish Island Anacortes, WA	Jon Nilan	206/813-8254
72	Jun 4 1995	*Yale Lake Fun Sail Cougar, WA	Mike Wallace	206/896-0579
94	Jun 10-11 1995	Crescent Lake SW of Bend, OR	Kelly Havig	503/548-5203
95	Jun 24-25 1995	*Whidby Island Fun Sail Oak Harbor, WA	Tom Ling	206/822-1441
214	Jul 1-3 1995	Jericho-Canadian Nationals Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Graham McGlashan	604/876-2286
72	Jul 16 1995	*Yale Lake Fun Sail Cougar, WA	Mike Wallace	206/896-0579
USS	A Jul 20-21 1995	*Alter Cup Yale Lake, WA	Zop	206/733-3326
72	Jul 22-23 195	Yale Lake Regatta Yale Lake, WA	Mike Wallace	206/896-0579
Div 4		NW Area Championship Lake Quinault, OR	Ken Marshack	503/661-6114
72	Aug 13 1995	*Cascade Locks Fun Sail The Gorge, OR	Andrew Richardson	503/245-7361
72	Aug 19-20 1995	Skamokawa Columbia River OR	Mike Wallace	206/896-0579
214	Sep 2-3 1995	Harrison Lake Regatta Harrison, B.C., Canada	Steve Jung	604/263-1347
72	Sep 16-17 1995	Cascade Locks The Gorge, OR	Andrew Richardson	503/291-1450
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50	Mar 4 1995	*Notta Regatta Loveland, CO	Anne & Will Tully	303/663-5854
61	Mar 25 1995	*Spring Party/Trimaran Factory Denver, CO	Deb Betts	303/789-2046
61	Apr 29-30 1995	*Ski/Sail/Loveland Cherry Creek, CO	Deb Betts	303/789-2046
50	May 20 1995	*Spring Party/Boedecker Lake Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625
48	May 27-29 1995	Memorial Day Heron Lake, NM	Wanda Martinez	505/821-4688
50	Jun 2 1995	*Friday Nite Series Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625
61	Jun 3 1995	*Learn to Sail/Cherry Creek Denver, CO	Deb Betts	303/789-2046
50	Jun 10-11 1995	Prairie Winds Jackson Lake, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625
50	Jun 23 1995	*Friday Nite Series/Boyd Lake Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625
61	Jun 23-24 1995	*Craig Days/Cherry Creek Denver, CO	Deb Betts	303/789-2046
61	Jun 30- Jul 1 1995	Bun Burner Lake McConaughy, NE	Deb Betts	303/789-2046
50	Jul 7 1995	*Friday Nite Series/Boyd Lake Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625
156	Jul 14-16 1995	Glendo Regatta Glendo, WY	Tad Jones	307/472-4052
50	Jul 22 1995	*AYC Sail/Boyd Lake Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625
61	Jul 29-30	Rocky Mtn Regatta	Deb Betts	303/789-2046

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	1995	Lake Dillon, CO			111	Jul 8-10	The Party Plus Regatta	John Botterbusch
50	Aug 4 1995	*Friday Nite Series/Boyd Lake Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625	5	1995 Sep 2-3	Jacksonville, FL St. Petersburg Pier	R Stevenson
50	Aug 12-13 1995	*Family Sailing Jackson Reservoir, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625	80	1995 Sep 16-17	St. Petersburg, FL Summer Sizzler	Mike Zabel
67	Aug 19-20 1995	Strawberry Regatta Strawberry Reservoir, UT	Steve Fliesher	801/226-1325	_	1995	Daytona Beach, FL	
50	Aug 25 1995	*Friday Nite Series/Boyd Lake Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625	D	IVISI	<u>ON 9</u>	INFORMATION CONTACT
61	Sep 1-4 1995	Mac Attack McConaughy Lake, NE	Deb Betts	303/789-2046	FLEET 520	DATE Mar 18-19	EVENT/LOCATION Pee Dee Classic	NAME Buzz Moore
50	Sep 23-24 1995	Last Gasp/Boyd Lake Loveland, CO	Craig Simpson	303/484-3625	12	1995 Apr 8-9	Hartsville, SC Gone with the Wind	Tammy Duran
61	Oct 7 1995	*Octobie Fest/Cherry Creek Denver, CO	Deb Betts	303/789-2046	164	1995 Apr 22-23	Atlanta, GA Bare What you Dare	Aziz Tajuddin
61	Dec 2 1995	Christmas Party/TBA	Deb Betts	303/789-2046	97	1995 May 6-7	Seneca, SC NC State Championships	Doug Miller
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FLEET	DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	INFORMATION CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	32	1995 Jun 3-4	Myrtle Beach, SC Mid-Atlantic Championships	Chris Merrell
407	Mar 11-12 1995	Ides of March Lake Somerville, TX	Sonia Mikel	713/874-0549	101	1995 Jul 8-9	Virginia Beach, VA Offshore Regatta	Richard Womack
9	Mar 25-26 1995	Deep South Lake Charles, LA	Glenn Richards		141	1995 Aug 19	Wrightsville Beach, NC *Cat Classic	Tommy Whiteside
232	Apr 8-9 1995	Spindletop Sabine Lake	Donna Gremillion	409/735-6899	32	1995 Sep 3	Columbia, SC *Low Rent Regatta	Chris Merrell
64	Apr 22-23 1995	Hill Country Lake Buchanan, TX	Mike Rour	512/335-2865	92	1995 Sep 9-10	Virginia Beach, VA Cat Fest	Jeff Price
99	May 6-7 1995	Olympic Corpus Christi, TX	Dana Chilton	512/991-2385	191	1995 Sep 30-	Charlotte, NC Old Spice Regatta	Tom Sutton
128	May 20-21 1995	Longneck Canyon Lake, TX	Betty Reeh	210/656-5278	53	Oct 1,1995 Oct 28-29	Greensboro, NC Sandlapper	Barry Blackburn
102	Jun 10-11 1995	Windjammer South Padre, TX	Rob Whittington	210/761-2045	_	1995	Charleston, SC	bury blackburn
8	Jun 24-25 1995	Wayward Winds Texas City, TX	Glenn Ashworth	713/266-6735	D	IVISI	<u>ON 10</u>	INFORMATION CONTACT
8/128	Jul 15-16	MidSummer Classic	Betty Reeh	210/656-5278	FLEET 47	DATE May 6-7	EVENT/LOCATION May Day	NAME Steve Glaswitsch
99	1995 Jul 39-30	Palacios, TX Sand Dunes	Scott Kee	512/850-8889	247	1995 May 13-14	Cowan Lake, Cincinnati, OH Rondeau Bay Ontario	D MacHardy
99	1995 Sep 2-3	Palacios, TX Ruff Rider	Scott Kee	512/850-8889	519	1995 May 20–21	Ontario, CAN Austin Lake	Steve Chapman
D	1995	S. Padre to Corpus Christi, TX				1995 Jun 17–18	Portage, MI Holiday Inn	Joe Kuchenbuch
			INFORMATION CONTACT	DIVOLENO	501	1995 Jun 24–25	St. Joseph, MI Grand Lake Regatta	Doug Wilkens
FLEET Div	Jun 3-4 1995	*Sailing Technique Seminar Saylorville Lake, IA	NAME Lois Dixon	PHONE NO. 515/278-4646	519	1995	St. Mary's-Celina, OH Ludington Points	Dave Steimsma
52	Jun 10-11 1995	Bald Eagle Regatta Big Marine Lake, MN	Ron Swanson	612/738-1976		1995 Jul 29-30	Ludington, MI Turkey Point Open	Information
149	Jun 24-25	Hulls Angels Regatta	Lori Holverson	913/721-3938	10	1995 Jul 29-Aug 3	Turkey Point, Ontario, CAN Bay Week Steeple Chase	Deb Schaeffer
291	1995 Jul 8-9	Lake Perry, KS Oldtimers PRegatta	Kelvin Tellinghuisen	605/335-7374		1995 Jul 31-Aug 2	Put-in-Bay, OH H-18 Great Lakes Champs	Jim Frederick
475	1995 Jul 22-23	Yankton, SD SLOBS Regatta	Phil Redenbaugh	712/732-3986		1995	Put-In-Bay, OH	Dave Sullivan
192	1995 Aug 5-6	Storm Lake, IA Bent Mast Regatta	Scott Nepper	402/493-4306	400	Aug 5–6 1995	Fleet 400 Divisionals LaSalle, MI Grand River Regatta	Rick Roten
84	1995 Aug 19-20	Branched Oak Lake, NE Division 7 Champs	Norm Beattie	515/282-5025	445	Aug 19-20 1995	Grand River, OH	Jim Mencin
149	1995 Sep 9-10	Saylorville Lake, IA Pitchpole Regatta	Lori Holverson	913/721-3938		Aug 26–27 1995	Muddy Waters Carlyle, IL	
10	1995 Sep 16-17	Lake Perry, KS Clear Lake Regatta	Steve Neiman	515/357-8756	400	Aug 27 1995	Around the Bay Maumee Bay, Lake Erie, OH	Mike Fahle
-	1995	Clear Lake, IA			85	Sep 16–17 1995	Alum Creek Columbus, OH	Jamie Diamond
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FLEET 11	DATE Mar 18-19	EVENT/LOCATION Lake Monroe Classic	NAME Louis Adiano	PHONE NO. 407/877-6244	FLEET		EVENT/LOCATION	INFORMATION CONTACT NAME
42	1995 Apr 1-2	Sanford, FL MidWinters East	Mike DiSalvo	813/885-4573	416	Apr 29-30 1995	Shifts Happen Lake Nokamixon, PA	John Sherm
127	1995 Apr 29-30	Tampa, FL Devils Triangle	J Russel	407/467-2537	106	May 6-7 1995	DE State Champs Dewey Beach, DE	Turtle Marshall
5	1995 May 13-14	Ft. Pierce, FL Inn on the Bay	Russ Stevenson	813/384-5803	54	May 20-21 1995	A Blue Hawaii Weekend Gunpowder, MD	Lynn Flanigan
45	1995 May 28-29	Dunedin, FL Memorial Day Ocean	Jeff Boucher	407/453-1410	267	Jun 3-4 1995	1995 Points Regatta Spray Beach, NJ	Tom Kimmel
	1995	Cocoa Beach Pier, FL Daytona Open	Mike Zabel	407/855-1121	65	Jun 10-11 1995	Barnegat Bay Spring Shore Acres, NJ	Mark Schleckser
80	Jun 10-11							O D
80	Jun 10-11 1995 Jun 24-25	Daytona Beach, FL Cocoa Beach Ocean Regatta	Dave Foy	407/254-1868	452	Jun 17-18 1995	Trump Plaza Regatta Atlantic City, NJ	Gary Patterson

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250	Jul 16-17 1995	*Area "C" Alter Cup Sandy Hook, NJ	Greg Raybon	908/872-2809	138	Jun 30-Jul 2 1995	Larga Distancia Livingston, Manabique	Juan Maegli	5022 318 317
452	Jul 30 1995	*Around Long Beach Island Race Waretown, NJ	Dave West	609/971-3603	D		ON 14		
250	Aug 12-13 1995	1995 Points & Open Sandy Hook, NJ	Greg Raybon	908/872-2809	FLEET	DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	INFORMATION CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
443	Aug 26-27 1995	Wildwood Classic Cup XI Wildwood Crest, NJ	Doug Ackroyd	609/861-5674	63	Apr 15-16 1995	14 Division Champs Lake T-Bird, OK	Pat Allen	405/321-4689
54	Sep 9-10 1995	Maryland State Champs Gunpowder, MD	Lynn Flanigan	410/821-6761	91	Apr 29-30 1995	Cowtown Cats Benbrook Reservoir, TX	Stefan Vann	817/535-6028
D		ON 12			25	May 13-14 1995	Cat Fight/Lake Ft. Gibson, OK	Mark Benge	405/733-0394
FLEET	DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	INFORMATION CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	23	May 27-29 1995	Mid-Americas Lake Texoma, TX	David Mimlitch	903/447-4111
	May 27 1995	*Beginners Learn to Sail/Race Guilford, NH	Mark Hibbard	603/895-6594	131	Jun 10-11 1995	KATT Scratch Lake Hefner, OK	Debbie Taylor	405/341-7845
	May 28 1995	*Michelob Cup Race Guilford, NH	Tom Sullivan	603/293-8151	63	Jul 8-9 1995	16 Division Championships Lake T-Bird, OK	Pat Allen	405/722-7700
496	Jun 10-11 1995	Hampton Beach Hampton Beach, NH	Mark Hibbard	603/895-8594		Jul 23-24 1995	Prairie Regatta Lake Cheney, KS	Scott Mathia	316/744-9434
197	Jun 17-18 1995	Oka Regatta Montreal, Quebec, CAN	Nicolas Leibel	514/697-5788	63	Aug 5-6 1995	Thundering Hulls Norman, OK	Pat Allen	405/321-4689
209	Jun 24-25 1995	NH State Champs/Ellacoya S Park Guilford, NH	Tom Sullivan	603/293-8151	27	Aug 12-13 1995	Cheney Cat Fight Lake Cheney, KS	Scott Mathia	316/744-9434
_	Jun 29-Jul 9 1995	*Special Olympics West Haven, CT	Joe Manganello	203/421-3614	23	Sep 16-17 1995	Sand Snake Regatta Little Rock, AR	Jon Claas	501/228-0793
109/		Mid-Summer Classic Hockscher St. Park, E. Islip, NY	Milt Dinhofer	516/621-5591	23	Sep 30-Oct 1 1995	Dallas Regatta Lake Texoma, TX	Samual Baker	214/444-8995
124	Jul 22-23	*New England 100	Rick Bliss	508/339-5588	D		ON 15		
28	1995 Jul 29-30	The Buzzard Regatta/East Beach	Steve Latham	508/993-0867	FLEET	DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	INFORMATION CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
136	1995 Aug 4-6	New Bedford, MA Savin Rock Festival/Prospect Bch	Joe Managanello	203/421-3614	35	Mar 5 1995	*Icepick Pensacola Beach, FL	Curtis Flower	904/932-1851
231	1995 Aug 19-20	West Haven, CT Sebago Lake Regatta	Richard Pierpont	207/655-3701	35	Mar 11-12 1995	Performance Midwinters (open)	Curtis Flower	904/932-1851
28	1995 Aug 25-27	Raymond, ME Nahant	Scott Baker	617/231-5342	70	Mar 25-26 1995	Lilly Bowl Ocean Springs, MS	Greg Ervin	601/872-3747
448	1995 Sep 9-10	RI Fall Classic-Div 12 Champs	Dave Blydenburgh	401/782-2584	70	Apr 1-2 1995	*April Fools Ocean Springs, MS	Bill Allen	601/875-5423
186	1995 Sep 16-17	Narragansett, RI Roton Point Multihull	Chip Romans	203/255-7580	178	Apr 1-2 1995	*Spring Splash Ft. Walton, FL	Randy Bell	904/664-0361
56	1995 Sep 30-Oct 1	Rowayton, CT LI Sound Champs/Compo Beach	Kate Selden	203/254-0605	43	Apr 22-23	Stephen C. Smith	Dell Moore	904/668-9208
31	1995 Oct 7-8	Westport, CT CT State Champs	Mitch O'Hara	203/354-8089		1995 Apr 29	Tallahassee, FL *Jackson Co Jumpup	Ashley VanderMuelen	504/394-3906
_	1995	Brookfield, CT			35	1995 May 6	Pascagoula, MS *Sea Buoy	Curtis Flower	904/932-1851
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FLEET 133	DATE Mar 4	*Seminar	NAME Pedro Colon	PHONE NO. 809/744-3246	178	1995 May 27-28	Pensacola Beach, FL Hog's Breath	Randy Bell	904/664-0361
133	1995 Mar 5	San Juan, PR Sunday Series	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	533	1995 Jun 3	Ft. Walton, FL *Slip to Ship	Bill Elenbaas	601/452-2547
138	1995 Mar 5	San Juan, PR Copa Topke	Juan Maegli	502/235-7031	120	1995 Jun 10-11	Long Beach, MS Run Away Island	Mike Wilson	904/325-2823
138	1995 Mar 18-19	Sitio Tono Regata de la Marina de Guerra	Juan Maegli	502/235-7031	178	1995 Jun 24-25	Panama City, FL Grat Bay Race	Randy Bell	904/664-0361
133	1995 Mar 24-27	Puerto Quetzal Don Q International Regatta	Robert Newland	809/754-7840	70	1995 Jul 1-2	Ft. Walton, FL Horn Island Hop	Greg Ervin	601/872-3747
133	1995 Mar 31-	*Heineken Cup	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	178	1995 Jul 7-8	Ocean Springs, MS Hobie For Heart	Carlton Tucker	904/244-2722
138	Apr 2, 1995 Apr 1-2	San Juan, PR Campeonato Nacional Salvadoreno		503/271-1031	533	1995 Jul 16	Mary Esther, FL *Race for the Case	Bill Elenbaas	601/452-2547
138	1995 Apr 7-9	Ilopango, ES *B.V.I. Spring Regatta	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	35	1995 Jul 22-23	Long Beach, MS *Alter Cup Trials	Curtis Flower	904/932-1851
133	1995 Apr 14-16	Tortola, British Virgin Islands *Rolex Cup Regatta	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	120	1995 Aug 5	Pensacola, FL *Around Shell Island	Mike Wilson	904/235-2823
133	1995 Apr 29	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands *Seminar	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	35	1995 Aug 19-20	Pensacola Beach, FL Treasure Bay	Vic Vincent	904/934-1928
133	1995 Apr 30	San Juan, PR Sunday Series	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	35	1995	Pensacola Beach, FL *Sea Buoy Race	Curtis Flower	904/932-1851
_	1995	San Juan, PR				Aug 26-27 1995	Pensacola Beach, FL	V	
	Apr 30 - May 1, 1995	Campeonato Nacional Guatemalte Sitio Tono		502/235-7031	70	Aug 26-27 1995	*Shearwater Ocean Springs, MS	Bill Allen	601/875-5423
138	May 7 1995	Sunday Series San Juan, PR	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	533	Sep 9-10 1995	Walet Regatta Long Beach, MS	Bill Elenbaas	601/452-2547
133	Jun 3 1995	*Seminar San Juan, PR	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246		1995	Round the Island Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Randy Bell	904/664-0361
133	Jun 4 1995	San Juan Cup San Juan, PR	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	35	Sep 30 1995	*Mayor's Cup Pensacola Beach, FL	Curtis Flower	904/932-1851
138	Jun 10-11 1995	Regata Mario's Marina Rio Dulce	Juan Maegli	502/235-7031		Oct 7-8 1995	*Juana's Navarre, FL	Juana's Pagoda	904/939-2130
133	Jun 24-25 1995	*Luquillo Regatta San Juan, PR	Pedro Colon	809/744-3246	178	Oct 9-14 1995	20 Continentals Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Carlton Tucker	904/244-2722

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REGATTA SCHEDULE

533	Oct 21 1995	*Celebrate the Gulf Long Beach, MS	Bill Elenbaas	601/452-2547
	Oct 28-29 1995	*Halloween Cat Caper Birmingham, AL	Tom Shannon	205/979-0053
35	Nov 11 1995	Turkey Cup Pensacola, FL	Curtis Flower	904/932-1851

DIVISION 16

FLEET	DATE	DN 16 EVENT LOCATION	INFORMATION CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
204	May 19-20 1995	MadCatter Brewerton, NY	Bob Young	315/475-8051
150	May 27-28 1995	Open Regatta Barrie, Ontario, CAN	B Murray	519/722-8640
298	Jun 3-4 1995	Voodoo Winds Ottawa, Ontario, CAN	Dave Milne	613/828-6131
183	Jun 17-18 1995	Flying High Toronto, Ontario, CAN	Chris Ufton	905/456-1642
466	Jun 24-25 1995	PA Cat Champs (Div 16 Champs) Pittsburgh, PA	George Rosenberg	412/421-5389
119	Jul 8-9 1995	Wendt Beach Regatta Angola, NY	Don Tompkins	716/627-9362
New	Jul 15-16 1995	Mississauga Regatta Ontario, CAN	lan Tompson	416/604-8669
295	Aug 5-6 1995	Ontario Open 017 Hamlin Beach, NY	Mark Gibson	716/533-1531
TBC	Aug TBC 1995	KinkyKat Regatta Kinkardine, Ontario, CAN	Chris Ufton	416/456-1642
238	Aug 19-20 1995	Grat Sacandaga Regatta N. Hampton, NY	Phil Adriance	413/684-1144
183	Aug 26-27 1995	Wellers Bay Regatta Ontario, CAN	Ian Tompson	416/604-8669
150	Sep 9-10 1995	Open Regatta Barrie, Ontario, CAN	B Murray	519/722-8640
183	Sep 16-17 1995	Ben Hur Open Toronto, Ontario, CAN	Chris Ufton	905/456-1642

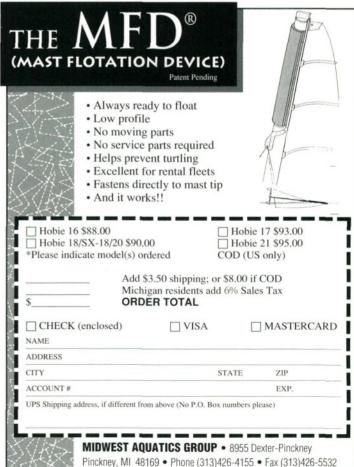
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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Mar 4-5	Point Regatta	Carnac, France
Mar 5	Seniors Championships	St Gilles La Reunion, France
Mar 9-20	Tour de lle Maurice	lle Maurice, France
Mar 11	Youth Championships	St. Gilles La Reunion, France
Mar 11-12	Point Regatta	Antibes, France
Mar 11-12	Trofeo Incio Temporada	Calafell, Spain
Mar 12	Point Regatta	Val Joly, France
Mar 18-19	Point Regatta	Carnac, France
Mar 18-19	Catafollies	La Rochelle, France
Mar 19	Guadeloupe Championships	Gosier, FWI
Mar 22-23	Point Regatta	Ciboure, France
Mar 24-26	Olympic Sailing Week	Anzio, Italy
Mar 25-26	Catamaran Regatta	Erguy, France
Apr 1-2	Regatta Wind Cat House	Calafell, Spain
Apr 1-2	Point Regatta	Carnac, France
Apr 1-2	La Deferiante	La Rochelle, France
Apr 1-2	Point Regatta	Cazaux, France
Apr 2	Criterium HC 13 & 16 Easy	Les Sabienttes, France
Apr 2	Youth Challenge	Gosier, FWI
Apr 2	Point Regatta	Valenciennes, France
Apr 8	Youth Championships	St. Gilles La Reunion, France
Apr 8-9	Aquafresca Regatta	Assenza, Italy
Apr 8-9	Point Regatta	Martinique, France
Apr 9	Guadeloupe Championships	Gosier, France
Apr 9	Senior Championships	St. Gilles La Reunion, France
Apr 9	Catamaran Regatta	Beaulieu/Mer, France
Apr 9	La Barca Challenge	St. Aubin, Channel Islands
Apr 14-16	IV Open Sitges	Sitges, Spain
Apr 15-17	Vele di Pasqua	Cesenatico, Italy
Apr 15-17	Open French Nationals	La Grande Motts, France
Apr 17	Point Regatta	Gosier, FWI
Apr 18-22	Training Regatta ENV	Quiberon, France
Apr 22-23	Eifelcup	Laacher See, Germany
Apr 22-23	Catamaran Cup Schwerin	Schweriner See, Germany
Apr 22-23	Regate des Cloches	Carnac, France
Apr 22-23	Hobie Cat Challenge	Hyeres, France
Apr 22-23	Challenge Basque	Socco, France

Apr 22-23	Point Regatta	Muiderzand, Netherlands
Apr 23	Dinghy & Multihull	St. Aubin, Channel Islands
Apr 25-May 1	Eurocat	Carnac, France
Apr 28-May 1	Seimana Catalano de Vela	Sitges, Spain
Apr 28-May 1	Open Italian Nationals	Venezio Lido, Italy
Apr 29-30	Fruhjahrspokal	Stambergersee, Germany
Apr 29-30	Catamarangau	Brombachsee, Germany
Apr 29-30	Queen Mary Reservoir	South Shields, Great Britain
Apr 29-May 1	Youth Challenge	Gosier, FWI
Apr 29-May 1	Fleet Regatta	Nurnana, Italy
Apr 29-May 1	Hobie 20 F Circuit Race	Assenza, Italy
Apr 29-May 1	Eurocat	Carnac, France
Apr 29-May 1	Weiden Regatta	Neusiedlersee, Austria
Apr 30-May 1	Coupe Coriphene	Les Saintes, FWI
Apr 30	Catamaran Regatta	Beaulieu/Mer, France
May 5-8	French Olympic Sailing Week	Brest, France
May 6	Youth Championships	St. Gilles La Reunion, France
May 6	Fuji Film Serries	St. Aubin, Channel Islands
May 6-7	Hinkelstein Regatta	Ammersee, Germany
May 6-7	Regatta Wind Cat House	Calafell, Spain
May 6-7	DHCA Spring Cup	Greve Strand, Denmark
May 6-7	Naz Cagliari	Cagliari, Italy
May 8	Point Regatta	Wimeroux, France
May 8	Point Regatta	Sables d'Olonne, France
May 9	Liberation Cup	St. Ouen, Channel Islands
May 13	St. Ouen St. Aubin Race	St. Ouen, Channel Islands
May 13-14	Goldener Ginster	Rurse-Eifel, Germany
May 13-14	Katamaranregatta	Altmuhlsee, Germany
May 13-14	Open Plo Olimpic	Barcelona , Spain
May 13-14	815 Tune Cup	Skovshoved, Denmark
May 13-14	Hobie Cat 16 Nationals	Skovshoved, Denmark
May 13-14	Point Regatta	Wassenaar, Netherlands
May 13-14	Naz Bracciano	Trevignano, Italy
May 14	Point Regatta	Wimereux, France
May 14	Senior Championships	St. Gilles La Reunion, France
May 14	Bravad Regatta	St. Tropez, France
May 14	Point Regatta	Goyave, FWI
May 14	Point Regatta	Le Lementin, France
May 18	Regatedesdeux Freres	Les Sabiettes, France
May 20	Point Regatta	Fort de France, FWI
May 20-21	Cat-Spektakulum	Waginger See, Germany
May 20-21	Regatta Wind Cat House	Calafell, Spain
May 20-21	Open German Nationals	Plobsheim, Germany
May 20-21	Hobie 18 Ranglist Regatta	Plobsheim, Germany
May 21	Dinghy & Multihull	St. Aubin, Channel Islands
May 21	Point Regatta	Wimereux, France
May 21	Point Regatta	Cagnes/Mer, France
May 24-25	Point Regatta	Le Touquot, France
May 25	Blaues Band vom Rursee	Rursee Eifel, Germany
May 25-26	Catamaran Regatta	St. Maio, France
May 25-26	Bray-Dunes Perroquet	Brey-Dunes, France
May 25-28	Criterium de Printemps	Saint Raphael, France
May 25-28	Folio's Cup	Hyeres, France
May 26-28	Champ Quadre	Marina di, Italy
May 27	Coupe Coryphene	Les Saints, FWI
May 27-28	Podersdorf Regatta	Neusiedlersee, Austria
May 27-28	Hobie 17 German Nationals	Pioner See, Germany
May 27-28	Ascheberger Hobie Troff	Pioner See, Germany
May 27-28	Point Regatta	TBC, Netherlands
May 28	Voile 44	Goyave, FWI
May 28-31	Open British Nationals	South Shields, Great Britain
June 1-4	Open Italian Nationals	Venice, Italy
June 3-4	MBSC Pokal	Chiemsee, Germany
June 3-4	Regatta Wind Cat House	Calafell, Spain
June 3-5	Open Swiss Nationals	Crans, Switzerland
June 3-5	Ostseepokal	Scharbeutz Ostsee, Germany
June 3-5	Raid des lies d'Or	Hyeres, France
June 3-5	Challenge Cote Basque	Soccoa, France
June 4	Senior Championships	St. Gilles La Reunion, France
June 4	Hobie Cat 16 Challenge	Gosier, FWI







IHCA REPORT

1995 Gets Off To A First-**Class Start**

Exciting Changes In Hobie Cat Sailing Begin At 16 World Championship

BY PAUL PASCOE **IHCA PRESIDENT**

The 1995 Hobie 16 World Championship in Huatulco. Mexico brings a few firsts to IHCA events. It will mark the first time a women's event has been held in conjunction with an open event. The Championship also will be the first time the new "gate" courses will be used at an international

ATTENTION WORLDLY WOMEN

The inclusion of the women's regatta immediately prior to the open category will undoubtedly increase the level of awareness of the entire event, as well as its international reputation. Due to a great deal of interest from abroad, many new faces are sure to be at the helm. I personally hope many of the women will compete in the open event, although it is going to be tough for those who don't get a break during the qualifying round.

The women's event is called the World Cup rather than World Championship because we are sailing a boat designated by the IYRU as an international class. We want to keep this status, so we are bound by the IYRU's regulations concerning the naming

of events.

The IYRU is trying to reduce the number of "World Champions" in the sailing community, because it believes the term becomes meaningless in a class raced by only a handful of boats. With time, the IHCA may be able to give the women's event the full title of world championship, but the outcome will depend partly on the amount of support and participation provided by women around the globe. Okay, ladies, the ball's in your court!

HERE COME THE GATES

The new gate courses have been tested at many events during the last couple years. They have proven to be extremely popular with competitors. These courses were approved for use at world championships at last year's IHCA meeting, and so will certainly be high on the list for race director, Paul Ulibarri, in Mexico.

There are two variations. One features a mid-gate halfway up the weather leg. The second incorporates a leeward gate instead of a leeward mark.

The mid-gate is quite wide. It forces every competitor to do at least three tacks up the course, rather than taking the safe, predictable port tack out to the starboard layline and following the crowd. Having a wide rather than narrow gate opens up a lot more possibilities up the leg, as compared with two laylines through a narrow gate.

The leeward gate is great for Cats, in that it immediately splits the fleet at the leeward mark rather than resulting in a single port tack parade out of the leeward mark. If your course includes a gate and everyone else goes through on port, just gybe across and take the other exit by yourself.

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A leeward gate also significantly changes tactics on the approach to the mark. No more is the inside running the ideal spot. It may be better to be the outside boat, force all boats inside you to round one mark, and at the last minute gybe off and round the other mark all on your lonesome.

Both gate variations can be a lot of fun, but challenging, too. If you plan to attend a world championship this year, I suggest you twist the arm of your local fleet or club captain to get in some gate-course practice.

MORE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON

Last year's IYRU World Championship provided a stepping-stone not for just new sailors, but also in terms of additional nations represented. We are keen to keep this interest strong.

The 1996 16 World Championship in Dubai will bring another change with the introduction of a master's title. When the category was first suggested, IHCA officials and other sailors pondered the age of eligibility. Then, they considered which sailors would race in this category. It quickly became clear a master's race would not be a quiet sail by a couple gray-haired old gents, but rather would be challenging to sail and difficult to win.

Over the last few years, all sorts of other experiments in sailing have taken place. Several rather different courses and event formats have been tried. Some have proven successful, while others have floundered

hopelessly.

The IHCA is committed to reviewing both the courses and formats for world championships continually, but we firmly believe these events are not the places to experiment. Therefore, we will introduce only changes that have been proven at less-critical events. We also believe in the motto, "Evolution rather than revolution."

ALL "FOHR" YOU AT THE 1995 14 WORLDS

Later this summer, Germany will play host to the Hobie 14 World Championships. The tiny island of Fohr is a summer holiday resort, offering plenty of activities in addition to the sailing.

When Henri van der Aat and I originally visited the site last year, two things led us to believe it was really windy. We noticed lots of large wicker windbreaks for bathers on the beach and many wind generators on the island. To me, these observations are much more credible than the usual lines from the locals about how it "blows all summer, steady, 20 knots."

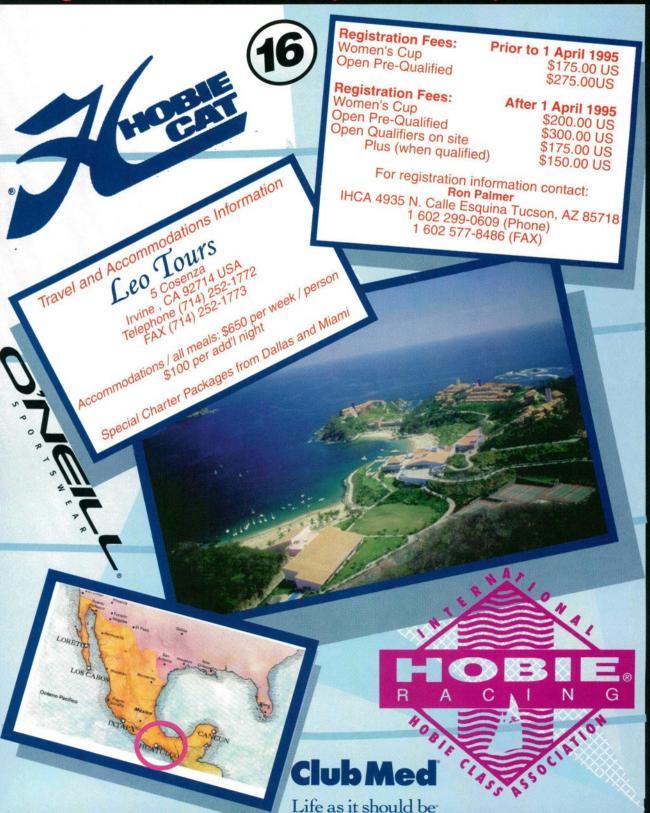
Good sailing, and see you in Mexico.

P.S. Somehow the gremlins got into the November/December HOTLINE. My real phone and fax number is +44 1703 253 711. The man at the other number is getting sick of fax messages left repeatedly on his home phone in the middle of the night.

For a complete list of 1995 IHCA officers refer to the November/December '94 HOTLINE, page 34. Ed. 3C.

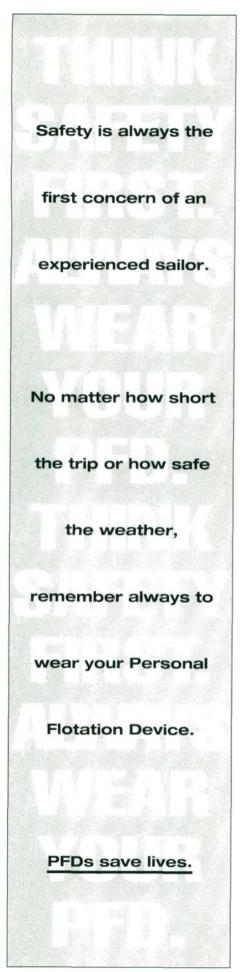
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On a boat such as the Hobie 20, which allows most of these adjustments while racing, the draft needs to be changed as you go from upwind to reaching to off the wind. Changes also are dictated by sea conditions and wind velocity.

Response is critical on the race course. The sailor who adjusts quickest and best for the conditions often will win the race. Thus, draft does play an important part in sailing your Hobie Cat.

DRAFT CONTROL ON THE HOBIE 16

This specific question is about the Hobie 16 and mast rotation for draft control. Superficially, as mast rotation increases, draft increases.

Most Hobie 16 sailors sail with considerable mast rotation. Over the years, the factory actually has cut back rotation stops.

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By class rules, Hobie 16 mast rotation cannot be changed while racing, so what happens in heavy air when you do not want that extra draft and increase in power? Over time, a way to depower the sail without changing the mast rotation has been found. The answer lies in mainsheet tension.

As the mainsheet is tensioned, the mast is bent, allowing the leach of the sail

to fall off to leeward. The maneuver decreases draft, thus depowering the boat.

Bending the mast is like adding more material to the leach, making the sail flatter. The more you sheet and bend the mast, the flatter the sail becomes. Sheeting in the 16's main with the mast overrotated actually depowers the sail.

Sailing upwind in a blow requires only that you over-sheet the main and really bend that mast, enabling you to sail faster and higher. The drawback is when a puff hits and you must sheet out. At that point, the sail momentarily provides an increase in power. Real men don't sheet out anyway; just kidding, ladies.

Initially allowing the mast to rotate more increases draft, creating more power. However, the reality is that the decreased cross-section of the mast permits the force of the mainsheet to bend the mast and decrease draft.

In summary, if you need to decrease power on your Hobie 16, just over-sheet the main and bend the mast. This will flatten the sail, just what the doctor ordered. If you want a quick way to depower the main in heavy air, sheet harder to depower ... it seems backwards, but it works.

If you have a Hobie question you would like answered in print, send it to HOTLINE "EXPERT," P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, CA 92051 or fax to (619)758-1841.



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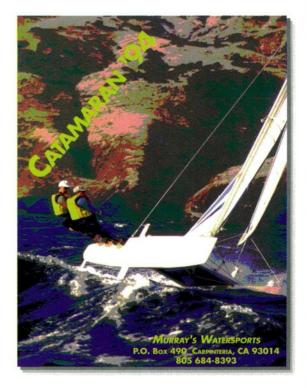
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that made Division 6 slicers and dicers look like kitchen novices. As some boats grabbed by the chop flipped over backwards on tacks and others surrendered to strong gusts and blew over, Blount quipped, "Hobie Alter should have added another nine feet to the back of a trampoline on a 16."

Wind speed became even more excessive, and mud hens reigned supreme. Tom Materna was crowned king of the mud hens; he stuck his boat into the stuff so hard that when he finally got it out, the flying "H" three panels from the top was no longer visible on his formerly white sail.

On the day after the cut, the top 42 racers were dismayed to discover they once again would have to face weather conditions more challenging than mere mortal competition. Huge gusts and steep chop made the 25 knots of powerful gulf air into a daytime nightmare. One-fourth of the fleet didn't finish the race. Sailors left the boat-strewn beach praying for light air.

They got their wish, and then some. On the next and final day, racers had to play each shift as it came in the nine knots of fluky air. In the end, Wally Myers and Mark Santorelli of Marmora, New Jersey repeated their 1993 performance and again claimed the title of Champion. Second place went to Californians Keith Christensen and Chris Venneman, with Enrique Figueroa and Carla Malatrasi from Puerto Rico in third.

Blount succinctly summed up the event, saying "Wally Myers proved he could sail fast in heavy, medium and light air. That's what champions are all about."

Although Texans did not place among the top three spots in the open division, as they did in the women's and junior races, Texas favorites admirably represented their state (see race results.)

Exciting Open Gives Way To A Great Close

As the windy week wound down to an end, the open awards banquet kicked off with a champagne toast in honor of all racers, then proceeded with the awarding of several unique prizes that all participants had the opportunity to win. TAG Heuer and Continental Airlines donated over \$2,000 worth of great gifts for special drawings, including beautiful watches and a round-trip airline ticket.

In addition, all participants had the opportunity to win a brand-new Hobie 16, compliments of Hobie Cat Company. The drawing was held at the 16 Open awards party. Florida skipper Juli Dixon and crew Marc Dixon were the lucky winners.

Silver-fleet trophies were presented to the top four finishers, in a demonstration of the large geographical base of the Hobie 16's popularity. Marv Gantsweg and Barb McPherson from Marina del Rey, California took first; then came Robert Wythes and Jeannie Summers from Kailua, Hawaii; Armando Noriega Junior and Armando Noriega Senior from Mexico; Juli and Marc Dixon from Cocoa, Florida; and Jim Sykes and Mike Vraebal from Houston, TX.

Custom-etched glass trophies were presented 15-deep in the gold fleet. Champions Wally Myers and Mark Santorelli walked away with a large, one-of-a-kind piece.

Phil Trotter received a round-trip Continental airline ticket for winning the 1994 Hobie 16 National Sportsman Award. Each sailor had voted for the racer they felt best portrayed good sportsmanlike conduct throughout the event.

Looking back on the week of wind — compliments of the outstanding Hobie hosts and the dozens of great women's, junior and open racers — the 16 National Championships couldn't have been held in a better place than Corpus Christi. The unforgettable event was as huge as all of Texas.

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HORIE 16 WOMEN'S

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Nai	me	St	Points
1.	Fuller/Palmer	TX	26.50
2.	Larcher/Davis	TX	26.57
3.	Holmes/Creel	TX	29.25
4.	Goldberg/Deliz	PR	33.50
5.	Korzeniewski/Howard	NY	33.50
6.	Tully/Winternitz	CO	54.75
7.	Tully/Haubl	CA	76.00
8.	Havig/Seaman	CA	78.00
9.	Welch/Nelson	TX	90.00
10.	Garlick/Murray	CAN	95.00
11.	Amrhein/Galbraith	IL	114.00
12.	Wyatt/Lingafelt	TX	120.00
13.	Worth/Whitear	CAN	125.00
14.	Harding/Warfield	CO	131.00
15.	Summers/Lunt	TX	135.00
16.	Hennessey/Venell	TX	135.00
17.	McHugh/Shockey	PA	141.00
18.	Drake/Miloy	TX	165.00

HO	HOBIE 16 JUNIORS				
Name		St	Points		
1.	Whittington/Golterme	nTX	11.75		
2.	Noriega/Montano	MEX	14.25		
3.	Srofe/Possert	FL	19.75		
4.	Tomko/McCarthy	TX	21.50		
5.	Edwards/Kornacki	NJ	24.00		
6.	Marshack/Marshack	OR	36.00		
7.	Kee/Marksbury	TX	36.00		
8.	Myer/Lang	TX	39.00		
9.	Apple/Jeffries	CA	41.00		

HOBIE 16 GOLD FLEET				
Na	me	St	Points	
1.	Myers/Santorelli	NJ	98.75	
2.	Christensen/Venneman	CA	116.25	

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	Wythes/Summers	HI	6.75
	Noriega Jr./Noriega S	Sr.MEX	7.00
	Dixon/Dixon	FL	8.00
	Sykes/Vraebal	TX	8.00
	Johnson/Luber	MN	10.00
	Richardson/House	OR	11.00
8.	Tomko/McCarty	TX	13.00
	Tully/Haubl	CA	15.00
	Hill/Fuller	WY	17.00
11.	Mathia/King	KS	18.00
12.	Pierpoline/Michel	TX	18.00
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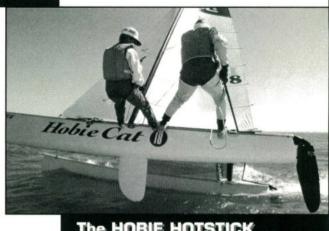




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race!" Fill in any of the following phrases in the blank space:

- 1) I hadn't gotten screwed
- 2) he hadn't fouled me
- 3) I hadn't sailed into that hole
- the race committee hadn't screwed up the start
- 5) my crew hadn't blown that tack for us
- 6) that cleat hadn't jammed on the reach

We all succumb to these excuses on occasion. Successful skippers don't let mishaps affect them on the course. They just keep on plugging and make the most of the cards they are dealt.

Just as in life itself, if something bad happens to you, dwelling on it doesn't get you up the course any faster. It will only slow you down. If someone fouled you, protest. Otherwise, circumstances cannot be undone.

There will be some times you are handed a gift from the wind spirits. Other times, defeat will be snatched from the jaws of victory by those same gods. That's yachting ... save the excuses for that night's campfire. They are more fun to embellish after a cool one or two.

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YOUR CREW AND YOU

The interaction between skipper and crew can make the difference between triumph and failure. On two-person boats, the relationship can have a dramatic impact on the performance of the team. Everything may depend on what happens when the chips are down.

There is enough tension and pressure from outside sources while racing. It is exponentially multiplied when team members do not support each other.

Crews can be your best asset when it counts. They can act as a cheerleader, fostering a positive attitude. They can help focus your energy on making the boat go fast. A crew's importance to the

skipper should be typed boldly in their job description.

As in any sport, when one team member makes a mistake, he doesn't need to be told about it. He knows he screwed up, he knows it cost you places in the race, and he knows you are not happy about it. Yelling at him only heightens the negative waves pulsing from the right half of his brain. If you can muster a word of encouragement rather than expletives at that moment, you will gain a more receptive partner and loyal friend.

This advice goes for both skipper and crew. If a problem needs to be discussed, wait for a quiet time between races or at the end of the day to talk rationally about what happened. Then, discuss what can be done to prevent the problem in the future.

WINNING EMOTIONS

Emotions are considered the spice of life. Without them, the world would be a very dull place.

There is a place in sailboat racing for joy, anger, fear and other right stuff. Skippers who allow these feelings to control them will become frustrated and never improve. Those who can control their feelings and allow the steadfast sailing knowledge stored in their left sides to dominate their strategies on the course are the ones standing proudly on the trophy platform at the end of the weekend.

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