



HOTLINE



HOBIE SAILING
HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION NORTH AMERICA

RELAUNCH

HOBIE 16 CHAMPIONSHIP:

Lightning in a bottle

MYSTERY AT NOB HILL

PROFILES:

Zoe Freer

John Smith

THIS OLD HOBIE

HOBIE WAVE:

ALTER CUP

WINNING WAVE SETUP

PHOTO CONTEST

AND MORE...

51 years after the iconic "Flying Cat" photos were taken in July 1969, Bradley Sissins captures Mick Butler on the swell in his classic Hobie 14, taken July 2020.

Since 1968, the nonprofit HCANA is North America's go-to resource for the enrichment and growth of the Hobie Sailing Community.

HOBIE HOTLINE – Relaunch

The Hotline is back and ready to make some waves! Our team is focused on a clear new purpose to grow HCANA membership. We're working to introduce or reintroduce the Hobie way of life to novices / fun sailors, and to the racers who've gone off course for a bit. You'll notice we're now Hobie "Sailing" rather than "Racing". This is just a small part in our effort to appeal to a broader scope of folks and to inspire new Hobie sailors to run with us. Racing will always charge the core of the HCANA. We're just doing more to emphasize the good times, fun sails, camaraderie, and casual hangs that the entire community of sailing friends and family can enjoy through the HCANA. As we go forward, we'll look for your support in sharing content, photos and stories, and especially in inviting new folks out to just have fun with our amazing Hobie community!

Anything to share? We'd love to hear from you!

Just contact our Editor: editorhobiehotline@gmail.com



MARCH 2022 | VOLUME 47-1



OFFICERS

<i>Chair</i> Jason Sanchez	<i>Women's Representative</i> Robbin Mocarski
<i>1st Vice Chair</i> Sheila Holmes	<i>Championships/ GEP Coordinator</i> Bridget Quatrone
<i>2nd Vice Chair</i> Bradley Davis	<i>Media/ Communication</i> Ben Wells
<i>Youth Director</i> Danielle Zwerg	<i>Webmaster</i> Nicolas Liebel
<i>Race Director/ Membership Chair</i> Matt Bounds	<i>Treasurer</i> Sharon James

HOTLINE

Editor in Chief:
Lisa Kravitz - editorhobiehotline@gmail.com
Creative Direction / Design:
Justin Cook - Justin@SproutMedia.biz

CONTRIBUTORS

Sheila Holmes	Theresa White
Lisa Kravitz	Ben Wells
Zoe Freer	Tom Whitehurst
John Nekus	

The Hobie Class Association HOTLINE is the official publication of the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA). Contents © 2022 HCA-NA. All rights reserved: reproduction in whole or in part without permission is prohibited. It is distributed four times a year to HCA-NA Members. Its goal is to keep the North American Region informed of the business of the Class Association. Questions and suggestions should be directed to the address below. The HCA-NA is proud to be a member of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing).

The purpose of the Hobie Class Association of North America is to establish and promote the highest standards of Hobie Cat sailing/racing in its geographic boundaries in collaboration with the National and International sailing authorities.

The name Hobie Cat® and the "flying H" logo are used by permission and are registered and licensed trademarks of the Hobie Cat Company, P.O. Box 1008, Oceanside, CA 92051.

THE COMMON DENOMINATOR



The younger generation says, "It's been a minute" the older generation says, "what's taken so long?" The past couple years have been some crazy times due to the pandemic, new ownership of Hobie Cat Company, the economy and politics in sailing and out of sailing!

I and many others have never experienced anything like this pandemic or the aftermath that followed. It has been very interesting to hear and see the differences that people have endured around North America. Some were on lock down, some are still on lockdown, mask mandates, you can do some things but you cannot do others. Different states, different countries, different beliefs.

You may ask, what does this have to do with sailing? Actually quite a bit! Fortunately, there has been a massive resurgence of old Hobies being brought back to life over the past year. I have seen more and more people buying old boats and getting together and sailing again! This has been awesome to see. Unfortunately, many local events and many large events were postponed or cancelled due to the pandemic. With a lack of events being able to be hosted, our membership numbers are way down. It's time to bring everyone, and then some, back! We are focusing on memberships and getting new members to join the Hobie way of life.

If you're reading this, you are part of the excitement of the Hobie Hotline being back. Bringing the magazine back has been a big undertaking! There are some very special people involved that have devoted countless hours and dedication to a publication that has been enjoyed by members for over 50 years! Big thanks to Lisa Kravitz, Sheila Holmes and Justin Cook! This first version will be an online version, however we are looking to be able to publish a hard copy for the next publication with increased memberships and some paid for advertisements!

In closing, there are many events in the upcoming months, some you will see in the Hotline, others that are being promoted on social media. Our goal as an organization is to continue to grow our membership, ultimately growing the Hobie family! We will need your support in many ways to make it all happen and we are here for you!

Your Chairman,

Jason Sanchez

C O N T E N T S

9 **GRAB BAG**
Misc. Items, Calls to Action, and Other Fun Stuff.

16 **PHOTO CONTEST WINNER!**
Stacey Williams

20 **MYSTERY AT NOB HILL**
Brad Davis digs for answers

33 **THIS OLD HOBIE**
Cheap Tricks & Maintenance Tips

38 **NEXTGEN** - Sailing, Camaraderie and Competition, Zoe Free leads a new generation

40 **IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES**
Break it up and try something new!

42 **FACES 'N PLACES**
Ecclectic images of our Hobie community

44 **PROFILES**
Youth Racer, Zoe Freer | Leisure Sailer, John Smith

48 **CTSPOTY** - The Carlton Tucker Sportsperson Of The Year Award - Jim Glanden

50 **PASSAGES** - Bruce "Wrinklie" Fields

REGATTA REPORTS & FEATURE ARTICLES

10 **2021 ALTER CUP '21 - THE HOBIE WAVE**
- Feature Article: Riding The Wave
- Feature Article: Winning Setup

26 **HOBIE 16 N. AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021**
- Feat. Article: Lightning in a Bottle

46 **HOBIE 17 N. AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021**

NOTICES OF RACE

18 **MIDWINTERS EAST 2022** - Ocean Springs, MS

19 **HOBIE 20 N. AMERICANS 2022** - Ocean Springs, MS

24 **CINCO DE MAYO 2022** - Puerto Penasco, Sonora, MX

32 **HOBIE 16 N. AMERICANS 2022** - Michigan City, IN

34 **HOBIE 16 WORLDS 2022** - Costa Brava, Catalonia, Spain

36 **HOBIE 14 N. AMERICANS 2022** - Oak Point, TX

37 **HOBIE WAVE N. AMERICANS 2022** - Puerto Penasco, Senora, MX

RESOURCES

6 **2022 REGATTA & FUN SAIL SCHEDULE**

8 **HCANA DIVISION & BOARD CONTACTS**

52 **HCANA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



JIM GLANDEN

LEGEND

- = Area Championship
- = N. American Championship
- = FUN SAIL

DIVISION 2

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	3/12-3/13	MuColloch Cup Regatta / Lake Havasu, AZ	Rex Miller	rexmiller99@hotmail.com	✓
	4/1-4/3	Mid-Winters West Regatta / Lake Mohave, AZ	Rick McCreedy	mcreedyclan702@me.com	✓
66	4/23-4/24	Cinco de Mayo Regatta / Puerto Penasco, MX	Bill Feil	bfeilac@hotmail.com	✓
	5/28-5/29	Tucson Sailing Club / San Carlos, MX	Tony Krauss	abkrauss@cox.net	
4	6/17-6/19	San Diego 50th!! / San Diego, CA	Scott Wentworth	hobiejeppscott@yahoo.com	✓
514	9/7-9/9	Pinata Regatta / Puerto Penasco, MX	Barb Perlmutter	skipperbarb36@hotmail.com	✓
	9/10-9/11	Lake Arrowhead Regatta / Lake Arrowhead, CA	Gary Martell	gary.martell@mwfinc.com	✓

DIVISION 3

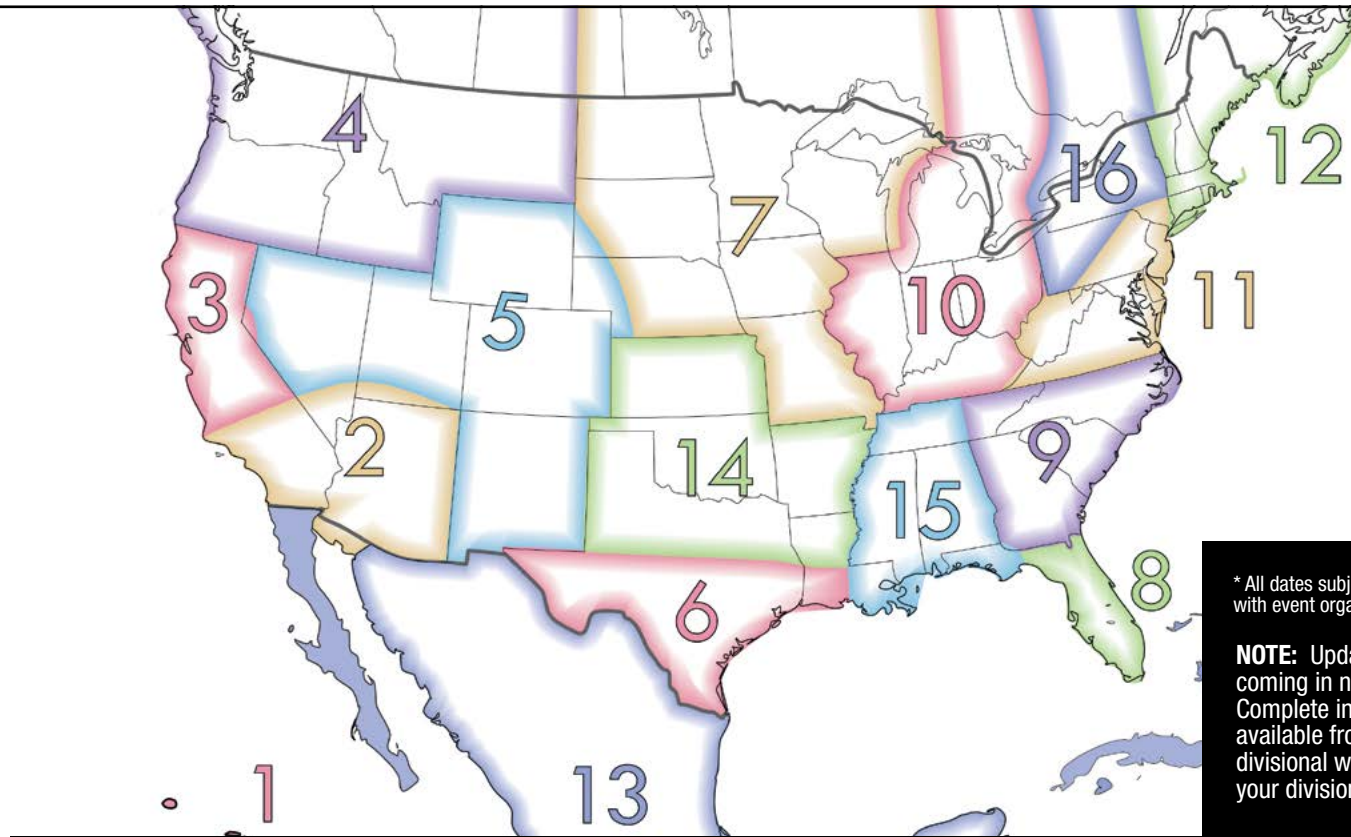
HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	6/11-6/12	Round Treasure Island / Encinal Ramp Alameda, CA	Tom Sinnickson	tom@murrays.com	✓
	6/25-6/2	Commodore's / Huntington Lake, CA	Dafna Brown	dafnabrown@gmail.com	✓
240	7/16-7/17	Santa Cruz Multi-hull Regatta / Santa Cruz, CA	Dwight Manning		✓
	8/6-8/7	Mile High Regatta / Huntington Lake, CA	Dafna Brown	dafnabrown@gmail.com	✓
	8/27-8/28	Moss Landing Challenge / Santa Cruz/Elkhorn Slough, CA	Dafna Brown	dafnabrown@gmail.com	
	10/1-10/2	Multihull Invitational / Richmond Yacht Club, Richmond, CA	Gene Harris / Rolf Jaeger	rolf@pacificsound.us	
	10/15-10/16	Otter Regatta / Monterey, CA	Mike Montague		✓

DIVISION 4

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	5/14-5/15	Cultus Lake / Cultus Lake, BC	Paul Evenden		✓
	6/11-6/12	Live on the Edge / Fern Ridge, OR	EYC, Roeland Kapsenberg		✓
	6/11-6/12	Jericho Cat Classic / Vancouver, BC	Stu Dean		✓
	7/23-7/24	Sail Sand Point Regatta / Seattle, WA	Jack Killalea		✓
	7/30-7/31	Northwest Area Championship / Quinault, WA	Al Jones		✓
	8/6-8/8	Skamokawa / Skomakawa, WA	Team Shrek		✓
	9/3-9/4	Division Championships / Harrison Hot Springs, BC	Stu Dean		✓

DIVISION 8

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	4/8-4/10	2022 Mid-Winters East / Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, MS			
	5/28	Kelly Park / Merritt Island, FL			✓
	6/25	Summer Sizzler / Daytona Beach, FL			✓



* All dates subject to change with event organizer

NOTE: Updated Information, coming in next issue. Complete information available from your divisional website or via your divisional chair.

DIVISION 10

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
126	9/11-9/16	Hobie 16 North American Championships / 50 On the Lake, Michigan City, IN	John Nekus / Bridget Quatrone	312-656-1689 johnnekus@gmail.com / 315-427-0382 bqfaces@hotmail.com	✓

DIVISION 11

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	4/30	Gunpowder/HC14 Div. Champs.			✓
	6/10	Spray Beach Hobie Wave Clinic / Spray Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, NJ			
267	7/3	Spray Beach/Wave Div. Champs. / Spray Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, NJ			✓
250	7/3	Statue of Liberty Race / Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club, Atlantic Highlands, NJ			
250	7/9	Sandy Hook/HC17 Div Champs / Atlantic Highlands, NJ			✓
416	7/30	Barnegat Breezer/HC 18 Div 11 Champs. / Berkeley Township, NJ			✓

DIVISION 12

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
448	6/18-6/19	Learn to Sail/Skills Clinic / Compass Rose Beach, N. Kingstown, RI	Barbara Powers	davebarbara448@msn.com	
448	7/2-7/3	Commodore's Family Fun Days & BBQ / Compass Rose Beach, N. Kingstown, RI	Barbara Powers	davebarbara448@msn.com	
448	8/13-8/14	Megrew's Cup/Fleet 448 Champs. & Narragansett Bay Sail / Compass Rose Beach, N. Kingstown, RI	Barbara Powers	davebarbara448@msn.com	✓
448	8/27	Island Hop, Hoppy's Landing / Fairhaven, MA	John Smith	508-636-8210	

DIVISION 14

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	10/1-10/2	2022 Mid Americas Champs. / Oak Point, TX			
	10/3-10/7	Hobie 14 North American Championships / Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club, Oak Point TX	Sheila Holmes	972-979-5465 HobieFleet23@ntn.net	✓

DIVISION 15

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	4/8	Mid-Winters East an April Fools Regatta / Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, MS			✓
	6/19-6/24	Hobie 20 N. America Championship and Youth NA Championship (Supplied Waves) / Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs, MS	Krista Vind	850-598-3289 kkvind@gmail.com	✓
	10/12-10/16	Hobie Wave North American Championships / Shreveport, LA	Eric Dorschner	612-710-7714 erdorschner@gmail.com	✓

DIVISION 16

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
204	5/21-5/22	46th Madcatter / Lake Oneida, NY	Rob Jerry	rob@southbaysailandkayak.com	✓

IHCA

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	9/15-9/29	23rd Hobie 16 World Championships 2022 / La Ballena Alegre, Spain		https://hobieworlds.com	✓

Note that some dates are still tentative for 2022. Please check the Division's website or Facebook page before making a commitment to an event.

2022 HCANA DIVISION & BOARD CONTACTS

DIVISION CHAIRS (VOTING MEMBERS)	DIVISION 2 Rex Mitchell Henderson, NV 702-564-5066 hobiecatracing@yahoo.com	DIVISION 6 Jane Sherrod Hitchcock, TX 409-933-9984 jbsherrod@aol.com	DIVISION 10 Gail Tinker-Stiemsma Portage, MI 269-760-2666 getinker@gmail.com	DIVISION 14 Mark Ralph Valley View, TX 214-878-9392 stepupstairs@ntin.net	WEB Hobie Class Association of North America www.hcana.hobieclass.com Hobie Cat Company www.hobiecat.com Hobie Cat Community Forums www.hobiecat.com/forums facebook.com/HCANorthAmerica
	DIVISION 3 Tom Sinnickson Carpinteria, CA 415-505-0079 tsinnickson@gmail.com	DIVISION 7 Jake Larson Storm Lake, IA 712-661-9279 jakel Larson29@gmail.com	DIVISION 11 Greg Raybon Shrewsbury, NJ 732-939-5414 hobiedivision11@gmail.com	DIVISION 15 Michael McNeir Santa Rosa Beach, FL 850-585-3285 mneir080605@centurylink.net	
	DIVISION 4 Paul Evenden Chilliwack, BC 604-816-3043 pevenden@telus.net	DIVISION 8 Gregory Minnaar Oakland Park, FL 954-937-7788 hobiedivision8@gmail.com	DIVISION 12 Dave Heroux Foster, RI 401-647-3203 davebarbara44@msn.com	DIVISION 16 Rob Jerry Syracuse, NY 315-559-9768 rob@southbaysailandkayak.com	
	DIVISION 5 Richard Freer Arvada, CO 302-552-8667 rfrer72@msn.com	DIVISION 9 Carter Lucas Roswell, GA 404-402-8080 carter.lucas@gmail.com	DIVISION 13 Pedro Colon Caguas, PR 787-744-3246 kcario@caribe.net		

CLASS BOARD / OFFICERS / OTHER	Chair Jason Sanchez 727-580-5550 jmsgroupcontracting@gmail.com			
	1st Vice Chair Sheila Holmes 972-979-5465 sheilaholmes@ntin.net			
	2nd Vice Chair Bradley Davis 573-465-3057 bradley.marcus.davis@gmail.com			
	Treasurer Sharon James 315-256-6314 hcanatreasurer@gmail.com			
	Race Director/Membership Chair Matt Bounds 248-980-7931 hobiemembership@gmail.com			
Women's Representative Robbin MocarSKI 315-256-7644 hobiewomen@gmail.com	Youth Director Danielle Zwerg 228-238-5100 kdaniellezwerg@gmail.com	Championships/ GEP Coordinator Bridget Quatrone 315-446-9868 bqfaces@hotmail.com	Media / Communication Ben Wells 319-504-8419 bmwells23@gmail.com	Webmaster Nicolas Liebel 647-996-6795 hcanawebsite@gmail.com



GRAB BAG

Misc. Items, Calls to Action, and Other Fun Stuff.



We have an exciting update on our sustainability efforts from the Corpus Christi Alter Cup regatta. With our partnership with Sailors for the Sea, our goal was to achieve a GOLD level certification, which we had done. One of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club members completed a very nice sustainability report and submitted it just so they could have an official record of what we did. **After review, Sailors for the Sea adjusted our rating to PLATINUM – the highest sustainability rating possible.** This is a tremendous achievement we are very proud of, and it proves that any regatta can be sustainable and environmentally friendly with just a little effort.

– Chris Wessels

Where is your favorite local spot to launch your Hobie for a day out on the water?

- » Is it a nice, sandy beach?
- » How is the wind, typically?
- » Would water conditions normally be appropriate for beginner sailor or seasoned pro?
- » Is there plenty of trailer parking?
- » Are there other Hobie sailors around?



WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!

Email us at editorhobiehotline@gmail.com and send pics!



Madcatter 46 - Save the Date!
See Here on Facebook

May 20th - May 22nd Stay tuned / Like for more information.

SEE THIS SYMBOL?

It's a content request, and yours could be featured in the next Hotline!

Do you remember your first pitchpole? Tell us your story at: editorhobiehotline@gmail.com



Send anything from a quick sentence or two to a full story. Photos are great too! Even just a headshot!



INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE HCANA CLASS OFFICERS ROSTER

Sharon James - Secretary / Treasurer
treasurer@hcana.com



Sharon James is a member of our 20Florida group, trading the cold winters in Syracuse for the balmy breezes of Florida. Sharon & her husband Herb are long-standing members of HCANA and seasoned sailors on the circuit. Sharon & Herb will compete in the 2022 World Championships in Spain later this year. We're thrilled to have Sharon as Treasurer, bringing her past business experience and tenure with the Class Officers roster. Sharon is backfilling "Hobie Fred" Weidig.

Thanks to Fred for obtaining HCANA 501c status, and for supporting the Class Association.

Bradley Davis - 2nd Vice Chair
Bradley.marcus.davis@gmail.com



Bradley, newer on the Hobie scene, sails a Hobie 16 competitively and for fun. He even made a video of the H16 NACs in Ocean Springs last year. When not traveling to regattas, Bradley resides in Madison AL. Read about Bradley's serendipitous adventure to find a t-shirt (in this issue). Bradley is taking the 2nd Vice Chair role and will continue the Membership Committee work started by Herb James. We welcome Bradley's enthusiasm and perspective and appreciate his commitment to the Class.

Thanks to Herb for his continued support of the Class Association.

The HOBIE WAVE was selected as the one-design class boat for last year's US Sailing's 2021 Multihull Championship.

RIDING THE WAVE — at the 2021 Alter Cup Championship

— by Ben Wells

Everything is bigger in Texas! That was certainly the rally cry for all involved in the 2021 US Sailing Multihull Championships this year. Big air, big water, big numbers, and big parties made race week in Corpus Christi the awesome, memorable event we were all hoping it would be.

Planning for this event had been in the works for nearly two years, with Ashley Enders from US Sailing helping the Formula Wave Class get approvals and learn the methodology that US Sailing requires of its Championship hosts to be compliant.



Photo by: Ashley Enders

The goal was 100 boats for the regatta, so starting early was necessary for the size of the task and for proper recruitment of sailors. Regatta Network opened registration 18 months before the regatta, and by January 1st, 2021, we had 50 boats pre-registered and were starting to create the registration inertia needed to reach our goal by November. As excitement grew, calls came in from people that we wouldn't normally think would be interested in racing a Hobie Wave, but with these kinds of numbers already committed, it was piquing people's interest. Our numbers topped out at 84 boats in October, but due to some unforeseen health issues and the tragedy of one of our sailors passing away, the final regatta count was 77 boats. But those 77 sailors had a great week.



Photo by: Ashley Enders

Sailors began arriving as early as Friday for the following week's four-day regatta. It didn't take long for a line of boats to develop in the host hotel parking lot, and of course, impromptu parties outside the RV of whoever was mixing drinks at any given time. Trailers showed up one after another, some with several boats disassembled. By Sunday afternoon, that big regatta buzz was in the air that so many of us are familiar with – the excitement, the anticipation, and the laughing with friends that we haven't seen in months.

The sailing plan for the week was straight forward. Tuesday and Wednesday would feature round-robin style racing, with the sailors split up into four color groups (red, purple, yellow, and green). The goal was for three races each day, so each group would race against the other groups twice. The course was a trapezoid course, allowing for two races to essentially run at the same time (ie. Race 1 would feature Red vs. Purple, and Yellow vs. Green).

"The real story of the regatta, however, isn't the racing..."

Wednesday night would feature a cut party, splitting the group into Gold and Silver fleets, with the Gold fleet racing for the Alter Cup and the Silver Fleet racing for bragging rights. All in all, 11 races were sailed, cutting one race short on the final day due to dying winds.

The real story of the regatta, however, isn't the racing. It was the social aspect and the partnerships utilized to pull off the regatta.

As part of the sailor recruitment process, the country was divided up into different regions, and a team captain was assigned to that region to sign sailors up. Those who ended up on that team, would be a team for the week long social activities. These social activities included Trivia Night, a Scavenger Hunt, Beach Clean Up participation, Cornhole, and Giant Beer Pong. Almost every night we found a reason to get people together to have fun, socialize, and have some friendly competition outside of sailing. A team score would be tallied at the end, with prizes for all on the team. This made for a lot of fun pictures, memories, and more laughs than anyone could ever count. Sailors came to sail, but the social events made the regatta special.



Photo by: Ashley Enders

The partnerships we utilized were another major factor in the success of the regatta. The Corpus Christi Yacht Club and their race management team was a first class organization among first class organizations. Everything was done professionally and efficiently, and it showed why the club has hosted so many national and world sailing championships. The Surfrider Foundation local chapter was instrumental in helping achieve the sustainability goals of the regatta and helped prove that an event of this size can be done with little impact on the environment. It's likely we left the beach far cleaner than it was when we arrived.

The devil is in the details, as they say, and it's those details – those extra things, that took the US Sailing Multihull



Photo by: Greg Turman / TripleTack

Championship from a good event to a great event. In the end, it was the biggest Alter Cup championship on record, more than doubling the previous high mark. We had travelers from over 30 states and Puerto Rico. Everyone sailed. Everyone had fun. For the Formula Wave Class, it's a statement and a proof point that the Wave is a viable racing boat for sailors of any age and any skill level to enjoy. ■



Photo by: Greg Turman / TripleTack

REGATTA RESULTS (Top 15)

GOLD	SILVER
1 Tom Whitehurst	1 Tom Sinnickson
2 Tyler Myers	2 Gustavo Pinto
3 Jim West	3 Roger Taha
4 Michael Siau	4 Anthony Krauss
5 Mike Pedersen	5 John Bauldry
6 Michael Mcneir	6 Stephen Titus
7 Francisco Figueroa	7 Stephen Cooley
8 Jane Sherrod	8 Ryan Richardson
9 Doug Seib	9 Alexander Wessels
10 Jim Glanden	10 Alan Monson
11 Mark Ralph	11 Jake Larson
12 Pedro 'The Doctor' Colon	12 Dafna Brown
13 Wally Myers	13 Andrew Larson
14 John Williams	14 John Nekus
15 Bob Everson	15 Ashley van der Meulen

View full results [HERE](#)



WAVE — '21 ALTER CUP WINNING SETUP

— by Tom Whitehurst

After winning the Hobie Alter Cup on the Hobie Wave, I thought I would write an article on the setup of my Hobie Wave for the Hotline. One of the nice things about the Hobie Wave (F13 Open Class) is how simple the boat is rigged and easy to sail, so, keeping that in mind, let's keep it simple. It's not complicated, but there are some key points in a good setup. The F13 Open class allows for some non-Hobie items to be used (like the sail & tramp), but the F13 class is dedicated to making this as close to the Hobie Wave as possible so either boat is competitive. Getting out on the water and getting some tiller time is always the best thing you can do to improve your racing skills. Therefore, I have outlined a list of items in order of importance so you don't have to waste a lot of time tuning or outfitting your boat:

Items with 3 stars are critical (*)... everything else can wait.**

***** HULL ALIGNMENT:** The boat hulls should be checked for proper alignment. This is measured from side to side (parallel) and measured from the center of the bows (bridle eye strap bolts) and the center of the lower rudder pin on the transom. Mine is 5'8-7/8" or 175mm. It may vary slightly but they need to be the same, otherwise the boat will not sail well upwind. If the boat is not parallel you can place shims between the hulls and the stainless bracket on the bottom of the crossbars.

***** TRAMP TENSION:** Make sure the tramp is taut, especially side to side, when you measure the above.

***** RUDDER ALIGNMENT:** After measuring the hull alignment and ensuring the tramp is taut, the rudders also need to be in parallel alignment. There are many articles on how to measure, but it's a simple process of measuring the fore and aft edges from side to side, and then adjust the tiller arm to make them parallel. I don't have any toe in or out. There are 2 rudder systems used on the Hobie wave and many tiller variation

setups as well. They are not as important as the 3 steps above in succession that need to be checked and adjusted if necessary.

***** MAST RAKE:** I have a 10 hole adjuster plus a shackle for the forestay. Some use a shackle on either end of the bridle wire at the bow to remove the wires, so check this before you add another shackle to the forestay. The shrouds are on the second hole up from the bottom. I make no adjustment to the rake or shrouds or to the downhaul while racing or for different wind conditions. This is a Hobie 14 loose rig setup, but trust me on this one and leave it alone. Even pulling the rig forward downwind with the mast rake adjuster is not critical but it helps.

***** WEIGHT POSITION:** The wave is only 13' long, so where you set is critical! This is especially true in chop upwind which was the case in Corpus Christi, TX. Positioning yourself is easy to locate on the wave as there is a hump between the pads on each hull. This is the center (fore & aft) of the boat. Put yourself in the middle of the hump and stay there. In lighter winds sit inside on the tramp but still in the center of the hump. As a wave approaches I lean aft but my butt stays put. The boat sails well with the windward hull slightly up out of the water so you do not need to hike, but as winds increase you will need to adjust the mainsheet in the puffs. Just sit on the windward side in the middle of the hump.

***** RUDDER RAKE:** I use the same method used on the Hobie 16 for measuring the rake of the rudder (fore and aft). There are past articles on how this is measured and may require you to re-drill the top hole. From this point forward, anything you do is fine to tune the boat for optimal performance. If you have the above adjustments, you are set to be competitive. Keep in mind, any good tack, jibe, going the right way, or even better, having the proper sail trim, will far out perform any boat speed setup you can make to fine tune your boat for more performance.

Go sail your boat and have fun at this point. The rest can wait!

RUDDER SYSTEM: Hobie Cat has supplied 2 different rudder systems on the wave and several arm connections as well, so I'll address them separately. (Hobie-17 and EzLock). I have the H-17 with EPO3 rudders with shorter tiller arm setup behind the mainsheet. While racing with either system, the rudders must be kept down. This is because the Ezlock system

fail, so when I was changing my rudder setup, I replaced them with the current Hobie Wave stock tiller connection. One issue I had was that the old tiller crossbar was shorter because I removed the old adjuster used to adjust the crossbar length. My new setup required the tiller arms to be angled in slightly, but once the rudders were aligned, there was no need for the crossbar to be adjustable. The old arms were loose so I needed



Photo by: Greg Turman / TripleTack

doesn't handle well with one rudder up, and by keeping both rudders down, makes either system competitive and fair. Also, when kicking up a rudder on the H-17, sometime the cam will not release so it will not lock down. Sailing upwind with one rudder not locked down is not good. This was a good thing (rule) to close the gap and make both rudder systems more equal.

TILLER ARM SETUP: As with the rudder setup, Hobie Cat has also supplied several tiller connections, arms and different length crossbars, so make sure you measure your rudder alignment. The tiller arm connections I had were known to

to re-drill new holes as the old holes were not useable. The Hobie 20 tiller connection does have an adjuster if you prefer to have the adjustment in the tiller crossbar.

SHORT TILLER ARM VS. LONG ARM SETUP:

The Ezlock system (2005 and later) usually have shorter arms and the older H-17 system (2004 and prior) had longer tiller arms. Neither system originally had a tiller extension, but they are needed, especially on the short arm setup in order to sit forward. This is a personal preference, yet both setups have (+) and (-) that I'll discuss.

WAVE — '21 ALTER CUP WINNING SETUP

— continued

SHORT ARM SETUP: In this setup, the tiller extension must swing behind the boat when tacking or jibing, but on reaches, the arms don't impede you sitting in the back of the boat. OK... Remember I said to stay in the middle of the boat on the hump? Well, there are exceptions to any rule, and on a screaming reach you need to be in the far back corner of the boat. However, depending on wave & wind conditions, I move a lot on reaches so as not to be too far aft. So until you have a better feel for the boat on a reach stay in the back corner of the boat and keep the boat upright. Having shorter tiller arms allows for easier steering in these conditions. When tacking, I also like being aft so the bows pass thru the wind easier. As I have to bring the tiller extension around the back of the boat, it also helps being aft and not forward. Tacking the wave is another topic to cover and something you'll need to master, but that can be addressed in another article on sailing techniques.

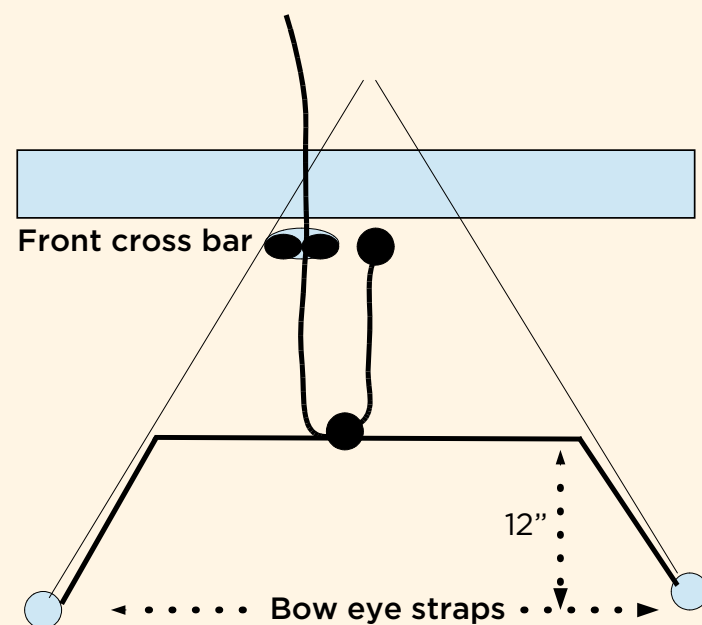
LONG ARM SETUP: This system goes in front of the mainsheet, but the tiller extension is easier and shorter to cross in front from side to side while tacking and jibing as it's in front of the mainsheet. My issue with this setup is when sheeting the main upwind, the main hits the crossbar. It also impedes steering from the back of the boat on a reach as your legs need to go under the tiller arms, so it's not easy to hang on comfortably. This is why I use a hybrid of the 2 systems (the old H-17 system with short tiller arms). That being said, either system is good and competitive. You just have to decide which setup is best for you.

MAST RAKE ADJUSTER: This setup is used to pull the mast forward (more vertical) downwind by reducing the play in the loose rig. I also use it between races to keep the rig from bouncing around. (A flopper stopper as Mimi Appel calls it!) It is faster to have the mast more vertical downwind by reducing the amount of rake. I use two lines. One that ties to each bow and has a half hitch about a foot up and crosses to the other side with another hitch and ties to the other bow eye. It has a block that slides loosely between the bridle wires on this line. I then have a 2-1 line that is tied at the grommet eye

of my tramp hiking strap, thru the block on the forward line between the bridle wires and back to a cleat mounted to the top of the front crossbar (see fig. 1). When the line is pulled, it pulls the sides of the bridle together, thus moving the mast forward, and tensions the rig. I am showing one example... there are several ways to do this, and you may find pictures online that you prefer. The issue in any setup is the forestay and bridle attachment is so high and the angle down to the front crossbar doesn't work well.

MAST SHACKLE: I put spacers (you can use washers) in the shackle on each side of the mast tang to take any slack out of the attachment. If you don't do this, the shroud lengths can vary and the swage on the wire can rub on the mast. As with any shackle, I put them all on with pliers so they will not come loose while sailing.

SAIL: I have a custom sail from Schurr Sails. I've been involved in its development for several years now, working with Hunter Riddle, the owner of Schurr Sails. I won't get into all the details of the design changes, but I look at the sail draft, leach & tell tails a lot. The tell tail placement I use is the standard tell tails setup on all the Schurr sails. I use all the tell tails. Another option (not



standard but optional on the Schurr sail), are tapered battens, which allows me to move the draft forward in heavier air. I keep these battens with less tension in lighter winds to keep the draft further back. The sail is much a fuller cut than the Hobie sail giving it more power. Knowing how to trim it is key, and I almost never cleat, as I consistently make adjustments to keep all tell tails flowing correctly. I have a mark on the mast that I use for my downhaul adjustment. Depending on the wind, it's ¼" above or ¼" below the mark in heavier winds. Also, I mentioned I do NOT adjust my downhaul while racing, or even have a cam cleat in my system as I use the stock horn cleat on the mast.

****** SAIL TRIM:** One question people ask, "is it better to foot or pinch upwind?" To answer that is about knowing the stall factor of a wing. I'm not going to answer this now and will let you think about and study that for a bit prior my next article. I do have a phrase I used when I was a sailing coach... "when in doubt, ease it out"! Remember, I almost never cleat the mainsheet and constantly adjust my sail looking up and checking all the tell tails for flow. This is by far the most important item to know how to do, but you have to look up at the sail and know when to adjust. For me, I feel it coming so I look up before it happens to make any adjustments.

STEERING: I'll also reserve this subject for sailing the boat, tacking and jibing. Keep in mind though, any tiller movement slows you down, so don't overseer.

RATCHET BLOCK: I use the harken HSB411 ratchet block as my top block. Whenever I'm sitting up on the hump upwind the ratchet is on, but always off sailing downwind. Otherwise, my mainsheet is stock. I do wrap the tail of the mainsheet under the forward hiking strap on the starboard side so it's less likely to wash overboard (even with no center lacing) and so it's always handy to sheet before a start. The ratchet block allows me to constantly adjust the mainsheet upwind and I almost never cleat. The block is fixed so it will not swivel and I put a Velcro strap around the S hook to keep it from coming loose while sailing. If you don't do this, trust me, it will come unhooked at the wrong time!

TRAMP SETUP: I have a 2006 Hobie Wave so when my vinyl tramp fell apart, I replaced it with an aftermarket one-

piece (rear lace only) tramp for the simple reason that it prevents the mainsheet from washing down the center of the tramp while sailing. And again, Hobie Cat has offered 2 tramp tension system setups: 1) The "classic" with a wire tension system and 2) the recreational "club" boat, which just uses the lacing for tension. Don't waste too much time trying to make this complicated... it just needs to be taut. You do NOT need to have the classic tension system.

COMPASS: I use a digital tactick compass. I made a carbon fiber mount that fits under the front crossbar in front of the mast. I use it for knowing if I'm lifted or headed at starts and mark rounding. If you know the downwind angles, you'll also know if you're headed or lifted downwind too. I check all of these settings before a start and mark them down on the boat deck with a grease pencil that I carry in my life jacket pocket.

HULL PREP: I sand the keel of my wave to reduce the scratches on the bottom of the boat. While I try to use the dolly getting the boat out of the water, it still gets some scratches. I also buff the hull with a rubbing compound and follow with a buffing compound. I have a portable spray pump, so after a day of racing I rinse my boat with fresh water. I always kick up my rudders before hitting the beach to avoid them getting scratched. My hulls are not perfect by any means, but I try to keep the scratches to a minimum.

I race a modified F13 Wave setup. A standard Hobie Wave is competitive, but let's face it, I'm looking to get the most performance. Most Wave events will have an open class and a Hobie (stock only) class which I also like. I'm not new to the Hobie Class as I've been sailing them since the early 70's, but not much until the last 10 years. Long story there, but it was due to Kirk Newkirk at Keysailing.com that I got into the Hobie Wave. We traveled to many regattas for several years prior to covid. If you ever get the chance to come to Pensacola, FL, come out to the beach and stop by KeySailing. It's a great place to sail. Kirk is always good for a few sailing stories too. Ask him about looking up at the tell tails!

Tiller the next time, Have a Hobie Wave Day! ■

Photo Contest Winner - March 2022
— Stacey Williams



Enter to win prizes for next issue's *Best Photo* by submitting your (High Res) Photos to: EditorHobieHotline@gmail.com. Remember, non-winning photos may also get featured!



**2022 MIDWINTERS EAST an APRIL FOOLS REGATTA
OCEAN SPRINGS YACHT CLUB, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS
APRIL 8, 9, 10, 2022**

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Ocean Spring Sailing Squadron and Division 15

Venue: Spectacular Mississippi Sound at OSYC, Ocean Springs, MS

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

Classes: The regatta is open to all One-Design classes including A-Cat (Classics and Foilers), Hobie 14, 16, 17, 18, 20 and Wave, F16, F18, Nacra 15, Nacra 20 and Weta. There must be (5) five registrants to be scored as a class. Starting groups will be determined after all registrations have been received. *Other classes may be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

Eligibility: As per IHCA class rule 26, all competitors shall be members in good standing of their respective class association at the time of the race weekend.

Insurance: Each team must show proof of \$100,000 USD liability insurance.

Entries: Singlehanded - \$80 / Doublehanded \$135. Register through Regatta Network at www.regattanetwork.com. \$50.00 Late Fee applies to registrations made after midnight March 20, 2022.

Measurement: Boats will not be weighed or measured at the event. However, competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment is class legal according to their respective Class Rules. During the competition, any boat may be subject to inspection.

Trophies: Will be awarded as soon as possible after last race on Sunday.

Accommodations:

Gulf Hills Hotel & Resort (228) 875-4211 Special Regatta rate – just mention April Fools Regatta Block

Golden Nugget Casino (228) 435-5400

Travelodge Ocean Springs (228) 215-1144

Check out www.Airbnb.com for many surprisingly reasonable house/condo rentals in Ocean Springs

Primitive RV parking and Tent Camping available for free on site **No water, electric or sewer hookups**

<u>Schedule:</u> Breakfast at 0830 each day of competition	<u>Saturday April 9:</u> Racing continues – 1 st Warning TBD 1800 Dinner Party
<u>Thursday April 7:</u> Check In 1500 - 1900	<u>Sunday April 10:</u> Racing continues – 1 st Warning TBD No initial warning signal after 1400
<u>Friday April 8:</u> 1000 Competitor’s Meeting 1130 1 st Warning Signal 1800 – Keg of beer and light food at OSYC	

For more Information:

Regatta Chairman: Michael McNeir (850) 585-3285
OSYC Fleet Captain: Robbie Holstead (225) 921-2080

**2022 HOBIE 20 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
OCEAN SPRINGS YACHT CLUB, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS
JUNE 19 - 24, 2022**

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America

Venue: Spectacular Mississippi Sound at OSYC, Ocean Springs, MS

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

Classes: The regatta is open to all Hobie 20s.

Eligibility: All competitors shall be members of the Hobie Class Association at the time of the event.

Insurance: Each team must show proof of \$100,000 USD liability insurance.

Entries: \$385 Registration fee. Register through Regatta Network at Regatta Network. \$50.00 Late Fee applies to registrations made after midnight May 30, 2022.

Measurement: Boats will be weighed at the event. See schedule below.

Trophies: Will be awarded at the Awards Dinner on Friday, June 24 at OSYC.

Accommodations:

Gulf Hills Hotel & Resort (228) 875-4211

The Roost Boutique Hotel (228) 285-7989

The Beatnick (228) 285-7424

Check out www.Airbnb.com for many surprisingly reasonable house/condo rentals in Ocean Springs

Additional accommodations will be posted on the official Facebook page

Primitive RV parking and Tent Camping available for free on site **No water, electric or sewer hookups**

<u>Schedule:</u> 0830 Breakfast Tuesday – Friday at OSYC	<u>Wednesday June 22:</u> Racing continues – 1st Warning TBD 1800 Dinner Party
<u>Sunday June 19:</u> Early Weigh in and check in 1100 - 1500	<u>Thursday June 23:</u> Racing continues – 1st Warning TBD 1800 Pizza Party, Raffle, Cash Bar under Club
<u>Monday June 20:</u> Weigh in and check in 1100 - 1800 Welcome Party – lite hors d’oeuvres, keg of beer	<u>Friday June 24:</u> Racing continues – 1st Warning TBD No initial warning signal after 1500 1800 Awards Dinner and Trophies
<u>Tuesday June 21:</u> Weigh in and check in 0800 - 0900 0930 Competitor’s Meeting 1130 1 st Warning Signal	

For more Information:

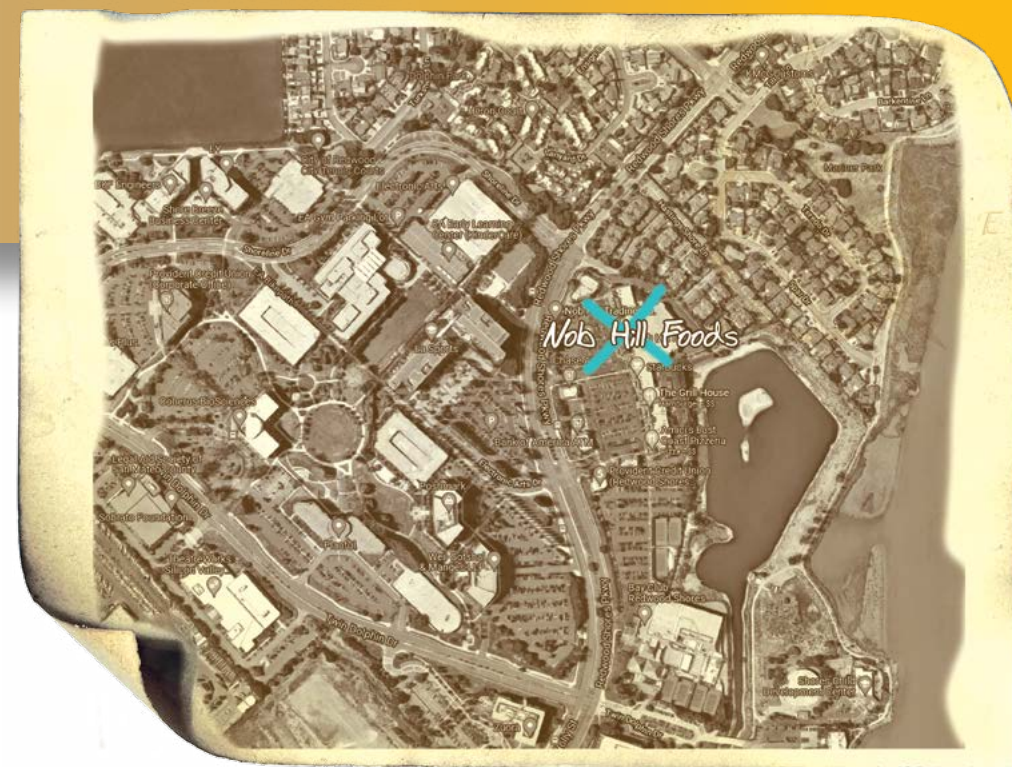
Regatta Chairman: Michael McNeir (850) 585-3285 mcneir080605@centurylink.net
Regatta Organizer: Krista Vind (850) 598-3289 kvind@gmail.com
OSYC Fleet Captain: Robbie Holstead (225) 921-2080 fleetcaptain@osyc.com

Mystery at Nob Hill



© DJR PHOTOGRAPHY 2015

*"Did you know your
Hobie 16 is a mural..."*



— by Lisa Kravitz

Like many new Hobie sailors, Brad picked up an older boat when he started sailing: a 1984 Hobie 16 with Blue Hawaii sails.

Brad lives in Alabama but was working down in Hurlburt Field, FL, so he brought the boat along for a weekend of sailing. He will take his boat to the gulf any opportunity he gets. This particular weekend he headed to Fort Walton Beach. It is a beautiful place to launch with soft white powdery sand. The day presented itself with flat water and 10-15 knots of steady breeze, sweet conditions, especially for a single-handed day.

Brad was enjoying his day of sailing when a woman with a camera approached him and she asked if she could take pictures of him sailing his Hobie. Afterwards, she sent him a killer photo of him flying a hull to document his day.

Six months later, Brad received an email from Ben Whan whom he had never met. The email read "Did you know your Hobie 16 is in a mural painted at the Nob Hill grocery store in Redwood City, CA?" Ben had googled Brad's sail number to find the owner.

To this, Brad replied, "They have made hundreds of thousands of these boats. Are you sure it's mine?" Brad sent Ben a photo of his boat.

A day later, Ben sent him a photo of the mural in the grocery store. Yup, it was definitely his boat.

The next day, Ben emailed Brad again with another picture. "They are selling t-shirts!"

"This is insane!" Brad exclaimed. "I want to go to this grocery store, find the sign, and buy a shirt."

Brad happened to have a business meeting in the San Francisco bay area, a fortuitous opportunity to go and check out the mural. He walked into the store and was shocked to see the mural of HIS boat right there in front of him.

*"The Sail,
Numbers Match..."*

Brad brought the picture of his boat with him for proof. He told the story to the bartender ("why is there a bar in a grocery store? I don't know,

that's how they do it in CA I guess!"). The bartender exclaims "That's you! That's the same thing!" They call over another employee to share the story. After 30 seconds of convincing, that employee also agreed it must be the same boat.

Wondering how this could have happened, Brad tries to dig a little deeper. He calls the store manager over, shows him the photo. The manager replies "That's not you. We commissioned an artist. They... made... that."

Brad tries to be a little more convincing "Look, here's the photo. THE SAIL NUMBERS MATCH, 79922."

"No. That is totally random, that's not you"

"Look," says Brad, "I am here to give you money. I want to buy your shirt!" The manager is still not convinced but sells him the shirt anyway. Brad left with his t-shirt but not really knowing just how this artist had gotten ahold of the photo of his boat. And so this little mystery was left never quite solved.

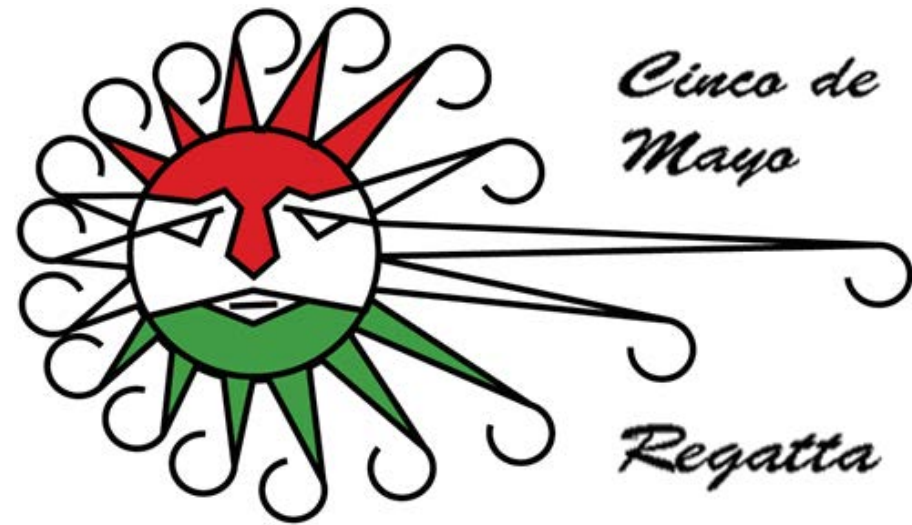
If you're ever in the Redwood Shores area, go to the Nob Hill grocery store to check out Brad's mural. You never know where your Hobie will take you... from the beaches of the Florida panhandle to a grocery store in California... that's quite a ride! Brad's even got the t-shirt to prove it. ■

Brad tells the story that is as colorful as his sails.
Check out his YouTube video about the encounter [HERE](#).
To check out Brad's day of sailing
in Fort Walton, [CLICK HERE](#).



*"Yep, that's the boat!
...So funny he didn't believe it..."*

All photos, courtesy of Bradley Davis



Phoenix Hobie Fleet 66, Cinco de Mayo Regatta

Puerto Penasco, Sonora Mexico, April 23rd –April 24th, 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Hobie Class Association of North America in affiliation with Phoenix Hobie Fleet 66

VENUE

Playa Bonita RV Park, Puerto Peñasco, Mexico

RULES

Sailing Instructions will be available on Saturday.

CLASSES/STARTS

Regatta is open to all Hobie One-Design Classes.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Each skipper must be a current member of the HCA. Membership status can be checked at - <http://www.hcanamembers.com/>

ENTRY FEES

Double-handed boats **\$80 + 2 dinner, 2 t-shirts**

Single-handed boats **\$60 + 1 dinner, 1 t-shirt**

Extra T-shirts \$15. List size: XS, S, M, L, XL

REGISTRATION

On-line registration via [Regatta Network](#)

COVID 19 rules in Mexico

Sonora Mexico strictly enforces mask wearing and social distancing rules. They understand the benefits of outdoor dining and encourage eating outside on patios with a mask on. Most restaurants are open.

Clothes Donations – Rocky Point Church

We will be collecting used clothes for homeless people in Rocky Point. The church at the roundabout is in need of men's shirts/pants (M/L only) and children's clothes and shoes.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 22, 2022

5:30pm Happy Hour

Saturday, April 23, 2022

9:30am Skippers Meeting/Registration

1st Race Signal 11 am, wind permitting

Dinner provided by Playa Bonita Hotel restaurant.

Desert pot-luck – Fleet 66 members

Dinner ticket \$10 adults. Kids 8-12, \$5 or <7 free.

Fleet 66 potluck desert

Sunday, April 24, 2022

1st Race Signal 10:30am, wind permitting

Hot Dogs, chips, drinks– Gary/Wanda Lucht

Trophies – Dave Topolski

ACCOMODATIONS

Playa Bonita RV Park

http://www.fleet66.com/PlayaBonitaRV_reservation.pdf

Playa Bonita RV Park assured us camping sites are available. It's not too late to pre-register.

They recommend getting your campsite before you arrive in Mexico. See link above.

Playa Bonita Hotel reservations:

<https://playabonitaresort.com/>

Phone – From US – 011-52-638-383-2596.

Sonoran Sky condo reservations:

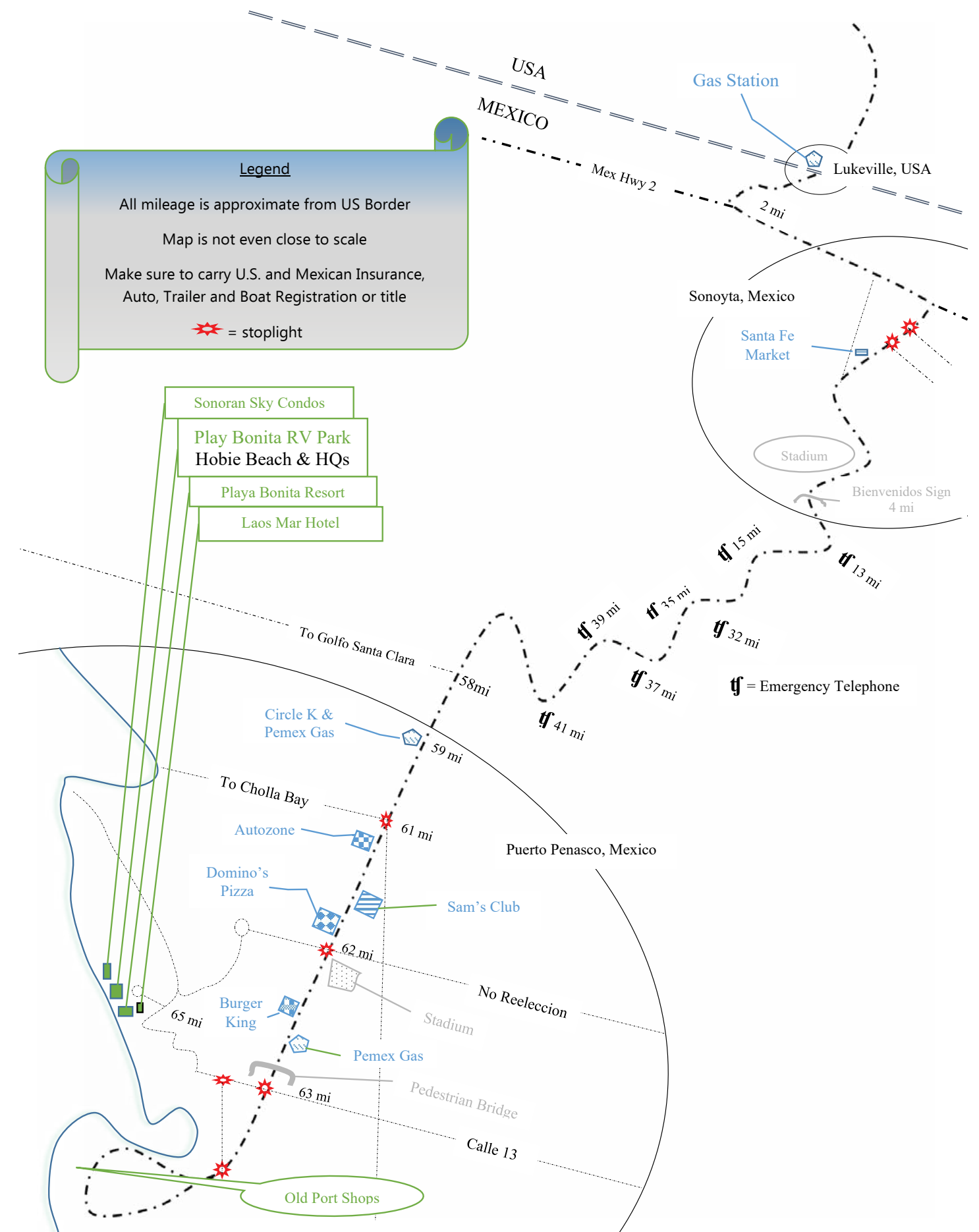
[Sonoran Sky Resort - Sonoran Resorts](#)

Phone – From US – 011-52-638-112-4399.

Sponsors

Playa Bonita RV park donates regatta spaces.

Tecate will be providing the beer and regatta site. Please drink responsibly my friends.....



NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Hobie 16

photo by: Kim Rivard



REGATTA RESULTS (TOP 20)

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1 John Tomko / Dylan Tomko | Canyon Lake, TX |
| 2 Mark Modderman / Grace Modderman | Long Branch, NJ |
| 3 Ben Brown / Casey Astiz | Los Altos, CA |
| 4 Greg Thomas / Karen Grisko | Fallbrook, CA |
| 5 Buddha Michael Evans / Gabrielle Evans | Atlantic Highlands, NJ |
| 6 Herb James / Sharon James | Treasure Island, FL |
| 7 Rich McVeigh / Carol McVeigh | Laurel, MD |
| 8 Jeffrey Newsome / Michelle Eatough | Long Beach, CA |
| 9 Jason Sanchez / Heather Mathews | Seminole, FL |
| 10 Mike Montague / Julianne Jones | Santa Rosa, CA |
| 11 Blair Wallace / Sasha Wallace | Olympic Valley, CA |
| 12 Adam Borcherding / Caleb Borcherding | Santa Cruz, CA |
| 13 Patrick Porter / Melissa Gann | Garden Valley, CA |
| 14 Jeff Perlmutter / Barbara Perlmutter | Tucson, AZ |
| 15 Peter Nelson / Holly Deuteran | Seattle, WA |
| 16 Mark Ralph / Sheila Holmes | Valley View, TX |
| 17 Tommy Butler / Caden Bradshaw | Denver, CO |
| 18 Greg Raybon / Nancy Kornblum | Shrewsbury, NJ |
| 19 Steve Leo / Aine Porter | Thousand Oaks, CA |
| 20 Wolfgang Kornweibel / Benson Chiles | Toms River, NJ |

View full results [HERE](#)

photo by: Kim Rivard



photo by: Kim Herndon



photo by: Kim Rivard



photo by: Kim Rivard



LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE

— by Sheila Holmes

Wow, you just had to be there to experience the spectacular events

which unfolded at the 2021 Hobie 16 North American Championships (NACs). This outstanding regatta was organized by Krista Vind & Michael McNeir of Ocean Springs Yacht Club (OSYC) in Mississippi. The highlight reel for this championship would take 2 hours to just capture SOME of the excitement!

The anticipation begins Saturday as the teams begin to arrive. Who will come from California, New York, Ohio, Texas, Georgia, Florida and points in between? Old friends grin and greet, for some the first meeting of the season, relaunching bonds from previous events. Fist bumps, handshakes or hugs, the joy of seeing our scattered Hobie friends, and competitors, is what brings us together –



photo by: Kim Herndon

making room for all to share the beautiful beach venue at OSYC. Teams are unpacking, rigging boats, preparing for the week – and the Sunday afternoon practice races.

Sunday's wind was peppy, gusting to 20 knots with thunderstorms forecast for the afternoon. With the practice race cancelled, a few sailors opted for free sailing, tuning runs, shaking down the rigs and getting comfortable with the sailing conditions in Biloxi Bay. Others

continued rigging, catching up with friends and getting ready for the evening Welcome Party hosted by OSYC.

Now beer drinking may or may not be part of your regatta experience, however regardless of your favorite brand, **who cannot ADORE the BUDWEISER CLYDESDALE HORSES?** Rumors, rumbles, scuttlebutt on the beach –

the Clydesdales are coming – this afternoon 3:00 p.m. in front of OSYC. Confirmation and Anticipation! The Budweiser Clydesdale Team semi-trucks rumble slowly down Front Street. The grand equines will be unloaded up the road and parade proudly in their



handsome regalia right past the 40+ Hobie Catamarans at the OSYC venue. What a way to kick off a Championship Regatta!

The Welcome party offered libations, music, and the camaraderie of friends gathering. Robbie Holstead cooked up a Cajun feast not to be beat. What a welcome, thanks Robbie and OSYC. Hey, there's Peter Hammond & Emily Moncrief (MS), Rafa Bosley & Anna Galli (OSYC), both teams sailing their first NAC. Greg Raybon (NJ) & Nancy Kornblum (MT) traveling to meet for this championship. Seasoned salts Wally Myers (NJ) & Diane Bisesi (NY), Herb & Sharon James (204lorida), even Greg Thomas of Hobie Cat teamed with Karen Grisko to gather and gab with all the many folks, new sailors and salts, enjoying the festivities. All sharing stories, goals and dreams for the coming week. Tomorrow 45 teams would be

vying for starts and inside overlap, but tonight friends were gathered to share the Hobie regatta experience. Relaunch – The Hobie Way of Life!

Monday morning brought a light but building breeze – and more serious faces on the beach. Sailors rigging, sails hoisted providing an awesome backdrop for the skipper's meeting. Some shrouds were as tight as a skipper's – grip! – while others preferred a looser rig.

"Off the Beach" the familiar call for those not yet launched into the bay. It's time to go, may the fast boat be mine! From the beginning the current created challenges for some competitors on the start line, drawing several boats OCS and resulting in General Recalls before the PRO pulled out the UFD flag. Finally, the start is good, and boats are off on the first leg of the 2021 H16 NACs, with Team Lupe Tortilla taking 1st place in the first race, and an excited & surprised Team Perlmutter taking

"Day 2 was Glorious..."

2nd. Day 1 racing continued with the liberal use of the UFD flag creating havoc in the fleet results. The building breezes favored Mark and Grace Modderman who used the wind to bag 2 bullets, and the lead for the day.

Day 2 was glorious, though selecting course tracks was crucial in avoiding the lighter pressure areas of the course. Four more races on Tuesday, with leads changing each race. A battle was developing – father/daughter Team Modderman vying with father/son Team Tomko – two generations sailing together, creating bonds and memories together. The familial and competitive side of the Hobie Way of Life.

As Day 3 dawned to early storms, racing was delayed. Once started, winds ranged from 15 knots, getting lighter as the day progressed. Ben Brown & Casey Astiz took 2 bullets, while Greg Thomas & Karen Grisko scored a 1-3-2-5 to bring in the day, working to offset the UFD scores from Day 1.



photo by: Trevor Reid Designs, LLC

the essence of these regattas! The Hobie Way of Life!!!

There are 45 Hobie 16s registered for the regatta – 90 competitors ready to enjoy our sport. Friends help unload Hobies, sailors reserving shore access for boats and coordinating trailer parking,



LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE

After 4 races we all headed to shore with Mark & Grace Modderman leading the series. After sailing, time to get ready for the 80's Disco Party organized by Krista – did you bring your bell bottoms and tie-dyed garb?

And what a party it was. Krista and the OSYC organizers put together an outstanding shindig. Flashing disco lights, rocking disco dance music and

Holmes (soldier/medic). If anyone has video, please share as it was a night of revelry that topped the parties of 2021!

Day 4 racing was delayed due to an offshore fishing tournament which brought huge, fast, fuel guzzling monster boats zooming across our course as the tourney started. Wise delay, as the waves and chaos of their departure left unsettled conditions in their wake.

However, Matt Bounds, PRO, was able to complete another 3 races for the day.

“...memories to last a lifetime”

The Modderman's had a tougher day in the lighter conditions while Team Lupe Tortilla managed 2 bullets, moving into the lead.

Day 5 – the final day – who would prevail? Mark & Grace Modderman sailed brilliantly, taking 3 bullets of the 4-race day. John & Dylan Tomko managed to take the other bullet, covering closely enough to Mark & Grace to take top honors for the event and earning the Championship title. Congratulations John & Dylan Tomko!

The best Hobie 16 North American Championship, best party, great Hobie friends and memories to last a lifetime. Lightning in a bottle! ■

To see a video of the event, [CLICK HERE!](#)



libations to liberate the hips. Due to advance promotion of this over-the-top event, there were some 80s “notables” in attendance. As the party warmed up, the Village People marched in heralded by the tune “Macho Man” and the mania of the crowd intensified. And when the Village People’s signature song “YMCA” played, the crowd roared, and the cell phone videos recorded the madness. Hobie sailors dancing and partying late into the evening. Thanks to our Village people group: Bridget Quatrone (Indian), Jane Sherrod (Construction worker), Herb James (cop), Sharon James (biker), Mark Ralph (cowboy) and Sheila



photo by: Bridget Quatrone



Dylan Tomko,
— 2021 Winner / Team Tomko



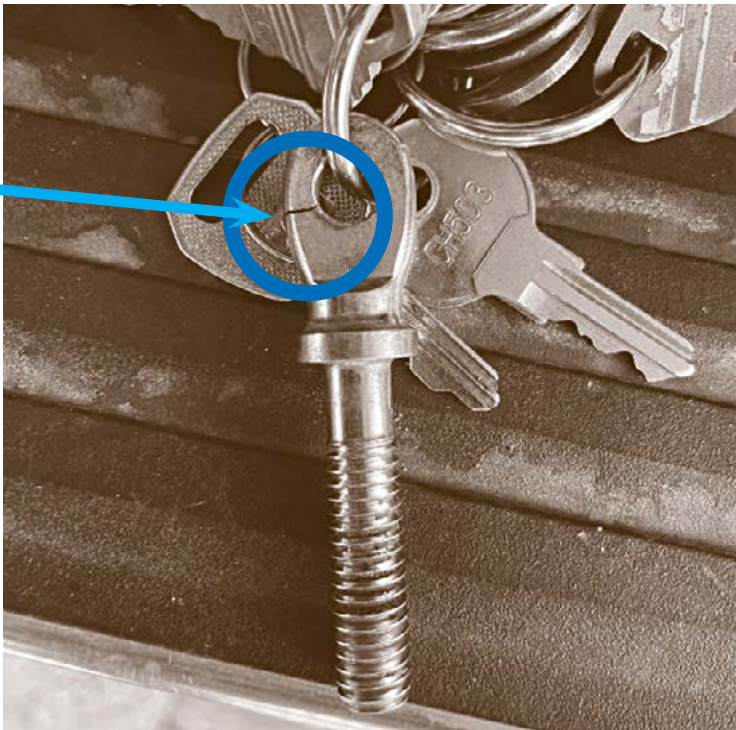
This Old HOBIE

CHEAP TRICKS & MAINTENANCE TIPS

Check your Anchor Pins for hairline stress cracks. These cracks indicate “replace now!”

Stress Crack on Anchor Pin = Imminent Failure!

Anchor Pin failure = Demasting!



HELPFUL TIP: If you have a cracked anchor pin, keep it on your key ring to remind you to check again each time you head out on the water!



Do you know a lot about old Hobie maintenance? Would you like to join the Hobie Hotline editorial team for “This Old Hobie”? We need you! Please email: editorhobiehotline@gmail.com

NOTICE OF RACE



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), in affiliation with HCANA Division 10 and Hobie Fleet 126.

RULES: The regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 will not apply.

ADVERTISING: Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY: The event is open to all class legal Hobie 16s. Per IHCA Class Rule 26 all crewpersons must be 2022 HCA-NA members. Enter on-line at regattanetwork.com.

FEES: \$355 Early / \$395 after March 31 / \$450 after August 15. Youth teams \$175 (both crewpersons <21 years old as of Sept 12, 2022). Social tickets (including meals and parties) & extra 2022 H16 NAC regatta t-shirts will be available at regattanetwork.com.

MEASUREMENT: Boats will be weighed at this event prior to check-in. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment is IHCA Class Legal. Crew members will be weighed in accordance with class rules. During the competition, any boat or crew weight may be subject to inspection by a designated technical official.

VENUE: Washington Park Beach in Michigan City, IN. Racing will be on the open waters of Lake Michigan.

RADIO COMMUNICATION: In accordance with IHCA General Class Rule 16.3, competitors may use a VHF radio to monitor RC broadcasts. Its use and restrictions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

SCHEDULE:
Boat / Crew Weighing and Inspection
 1000 – 1600 September 9-11 (weigh before stepping mast)
Registration / Check-In
 1000 – 1600 September 10-11 (weigh before checking in)
 0800 – 0900 September 12
Championship Racing
 1100 First Warning Signal - September 12-16
 There may be practice racing on 9/11 - check the notice board for details. There will be 5 days of championship racing with the objective of 3 to 5 races per day. Four races are required to constitute a series and there is no maximum number of races. On 9/16, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

AWARDS: The top placing team shall be named the 2022 Hobie 16 North American Champions. Other awards will be made based on the number of competitors

INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall have current third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000 USD. Proof of this insurance must be presented at registration.

ACOMMODATIONS:
Blue Chip Casino Hotel, 777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, IN 46360
 Reserve Online: www.bluechipcasino.com, 888-879-7711. We do anticipate obtaining a block of rooms at a discounted rate - check the event site on regattanetwork.com for more information, including additional hotel options.
 On site tent and self-contained RV parking. Must reserve in advance.

INFO: John Nekus, johnnekus@gmail.com, 312-656-1689
 Bridget Quatrone, bqfaces@hotmail.com, 315-427-0382

Hobie 16 WORLDS

COSTA BRAVA • CATALONIA • SPAIN • 2022

SANT PERE PESCADOR (CATALONIA – SPAIN) SEPTEMBER 15 – 29 ,2022

Venue & Dates

The 2022 Hobie® Cat 16 World Championships will now be held 15th – 29th September 2022, Sant Pere Pescador (Catalonia – Spain), organized by the Club de Vela La Ballena Alegre in conjunction with the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation in three (3) world championships disciplines: Women’s, Youth and Open with three (3) additional disciplines Masters Cup, Grand Masters Cup and Great Grand Masters Cup.

Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority (OA) is organized by the Club de Vela La Ballena Alegre in conjunction with the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) under the authority of the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation and in conjunction with Hobie Cat Europe.

Rules/Sailing Instructions

The 2022 Hobie Cat 16 World Championships will be governed by World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Hobie Class Rules, the IHCA Discretionary and Standard Penalty Policy, and this Notice of Race except as any of these is altered by the Sailing Instructions.

review full sailing instructions in the complete NOR at:
<https://hobieworlds.com/event-info/notice-of-race>

Eligibility

The World Sailing Competitors’ Eligibility Code applies, this also applies to the qualifying crew’s selection. Attention is drawn to World Sailing Regulation 19.15.

A competitor who has represented one country and who has another nationality, has changed his nationality, or has acquired a new nationality shall not represent his new country unless:

he has not represented his old country within the last three years; and at least three years has passed since such change or acquisition.

All competing skippers and crew members shall be paid-up members of a National Hobie Class Association or Hobie Fleet in good standing with the IHCA. Any competitor in the championship must be a national of the country of the Member National Authority which is entering him/her or which he/she represents. Each competitor shall present proof when requested by the OA.

Both skipper and crew must be financial members of a fleet or Hobie association affiliated to the IHCA (IHCA General Rule 26).

All the Spanish competitors or teams representing Spanish Clubs must be in possession of the 2022 RFEV License card.

[DP][NP] Competitors’ Insurance

Each ‘person in charge’ (see RRS46) shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than €300,000 EUR. Proof of this insurance must be presented at registration. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

For those unable to purchase Third Party Liability Insurance in their country, the OA will make arrangements to provide insurance on site, by purchasing a Sailing Licence from the Catalan Sailing Federation. Further information to follow.



Yamil SABA and Gonzalo CENDRA from Venezuela are the 2019 Hobie 16 World Champions

Awards

The first 3 teams in the Youth, Women’s, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters will receive trophies; the first 10 teams in the Open event will receive special awards. The overall winner in the Open event will be declared the 2022 Hobie Cat 16 World Champion.

Entries/Accommodation/Equipment, etc:

Go to the official event website: <https://hobieworlds.com>.

Under “Event Info” you’ll find:

- Registration
- Resort Accommodations / Resort Bookings
- Complete Event Info/Notice of Race



2022 Worlds Accommodations at La Ballena Alegre Bungalows in Coast Brava



2022 Hobie 14 North American Championship

Lewisville Lake, Oak Point TX

October 3-7, 2022



Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA), Hobie Division 14, Hobie Cat Fleet 23, and Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club (DCYC)

Venue: Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club
1399 Yacht Club Road, Oak Point, TX 75068
Racing will be on Lake Lewisville.

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS 40.1 shall apply. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One Turn Penalty replaces the Two Turns Penalty. The US Sailing Rx to RRS 63.2 will not apply.

Advertising: Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

Sailing Instructions: SIs will be posted on RegattaNetwork.com by September 1, 2022. Hard copy will be posted at venue.

Communications: The Official Notice Board will be located on patio under stairway. An unofficial notice board will be on RegattaNetwork.com. **Sailors may bring and use VHF radio.** Its use and restrictions will be described in SIs.

Eligibility & Entry: The event is open to all IHCA class legal Hobie 14s. All skippers must be 2022 HCA-NA members (IHCA Rule 26).

Registration & Fees: \$275 before September 1, 2022; \$325 thereafter. Register online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24031>

Insurance: Each participating boat shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000. Proof of insurance must be presented at registration.

Schedule:

Monday, October 3, 2022

11:00am – 4:00pm Registration / Competitor Check-In
2:00 pm Practice Race First Shape (TBD)
6:00 pm Welcome party – DCYC Patio

Championship Racing: The race committee intends to run 3 to 5 races per day back to back. There is no maximum number of races. One race will constitute a series.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

9:00 am Skippers meeting - DCYC Pool Area
10:30 am First Warning Signal
6:30 pm Burgers, Brats & Beer – DCYC patio

Wednesday October 5-Thursdays October 6, 2022

10:00 am First Warning Signal
6:30 pm Evening social / dinner TBD

Friday, October 7, 2022

10:00 am First Warning Signal
Friday, Oct. 7th no warning signal will be made after 3:00 pm
6:30 pm Social/Dinner/Awards

Risk Statement: Refer to RRS 3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Accommodations: Free camping (yacht club showers and bathrooms available). Free RV camping on-site (no hook-ups). There are numerous hotels in the area. Contact Sheila Holmes if you need help finding a place.



Contact: Sheila Holmes, Hobie Cat Fleet 23, HobieFleet23@ntin.net 972-979-5465

Hobie Wave

North American Championship

October 12-16, 2022
Shreveport, LA



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA) and Shreveport Yacht Club (SYC).

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS 40.1 shall apply. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One Turn Penalty replaces the Two Turns Penalty. The US Sailing Rx to RRS 63.2 will not apply.

Venue: Shreveport Yacht Club, 2905 Municipal Pier Rd, Shreveport, LA 71119. Racing will be on Cross Lake.

Sailing Instructions: SIs will be posted on RegattaNetwork.com.

Communications: The official notice board will be outside the lower level bar on the north side of SYC. An unofficial notice board will be on RegattaNetwork.com. Sailors may bring and use a VHF radio. Its use and restrictions will be described in the SIs.

Eligibility & Entry: The event is open to all IHCA class legal Hobie Waves. All crews must be 2022 HCA-NA members (IHCA Rule 26).

Registration & Fees: \$250 before September 5, 2022; \$300 thereafter. Register online at RegattaNetwork.com. Registration includes racing, food, shirts, social and events. Social packages will be available at check-in for \$175. Registrants before June 1 will be entered into an early June drawing for new EPO3 rudders. No refunds for registrations entered into the drawing. Register early!

Insurance: Each participating boat shall have current third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000. Proof of insurance must be presented at registration.

Accommodations: Free primitive RV parking on-site (no hook-ups) Free camping (yacht club showers and bathrooms available for use) There are numerous hotels in the area contact Eric Guvernator if you need help finding a place - e.guvernator@icloud.com (318) 347-8800

Schedule:

Wednesday, October 12
1600-1800 hrs Registration and check-in at the venue

Thursday, October 13
0800 hrs Breakfast
0800-1200 hrs Registration and check-in at the venue
1000 hrs Competitors' Meeting / Welcome
1300 hrs First Warning Signal - Practice Racing
Evening social event with appetizers, keg and corn hole tournament

Friday, October 14
0800 hrs Breakfast
0930 hrs Competitors' Meeting
1100 hrs First Warning Signal
Evening social event with appetizers and a keg

Saturday, October 15
0800 hrs Breakfast
1100 hrs First Warning Signal
Dinner - grill your own steak, rum party, and live band.

Sunday, October 16
0800 hrs Continental breakfast
1000 hrs First Warning Signal
1300 hrs No warning signal after this time
Awards as soon as possible after racing
The Race Committee intends to run 3 to 5 races per day, back to back. There is no maximum number of races.

Risk Statement: Refer to RRS 3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Contact: Eric Dorschner (612) 710-7714 erdorschner@gmail.com

ZOE FREER LEADS A NEW GENERATION WITH A LOVE FOR HOBIE SAILING, CAMRADERIE AND COMPETITION

— by Zoe Freer

Hi, my name is Zoe Freer. I'm a 13-year-old female Hobie sailor. I've been sailing catamarans with my dad, Richard, since I was 8 and I still love sailing today. Recently my dad and I went to a regatta (Tulsa Catfight) and Hobie 18 nationals in Oklahoma. Oklahoma was one of the first places that I sailed.

When my dad and I went to this year's Nationals in Oklahoma, there was a weekend regatta before the NACs so we got to stay in Oklahoma for a whole week. One thing I liked was that after we set up our boat, we got to stay at a campsite in a pop-up camper. We like to use the camper when we go on sailing trips. It was also super fun in the mornings before the races. My dad and I could go socialize and hang out with everyone and talk about the races.

I know that when we sailed the Oklahoma regatta, my dad and I were sailing our Hobie 18 both for the regatta and Nationals. It was super cool to be able to sail in a regatta with lots of people I met and many people I'd never met before.

By sailing, I've met so many great people that I never would have met if I hadn't sailed with my dad sometimes at night after races, we would go down to a place in the campsite where lots of our fellow sailors would go and hang out. Sometimes we had dinner down there which I thought was cool and fun.

When my dad and I sailed the regatta in Oklahoma we were

able to win first place and it was fun to be able to accomplish that. When we sailed Nationals, we got to sail with some of the best Hobie 18 sailors in North America. It was an honor to get to sail with them! Sometimes, there wasn't much wind, but we still had a lot of fun out on the water.

It was also hard to get in the lead sometimes with so many good sailors we had to compete with, but we still managed to get second place overall. I know on the last night of sailing we had a big campfire and roasted smores and we got to listen to a band playing music for a while and everyone was just hanging out and it was awesome.

I think that sailing Hobie catamarans is a great thing to get to experience, especially since I started sailing when I was younger I got to get to have that experience even now that I'm 13.

"we were able to win first..."

I think that overall sailing the Hobie catamarans is just so amazing and there's just nothing else like it. In my opinion, sailing helps me relax and forget about what's going on in the outside world.

I know now that I have been sailing the Hobie catamarans with my dad for around 5 years that sailing is something I think everyone and anyone can enjoy doing! ■



Editor's Note: Zoe Freer sails with her dad on Hobie 16, Hobie 18 and Hobie 20. In 2020, Zoe & Richard won the Hobie 18 North American Championship in Ocean Springs MS. Thanks Zoe for contributing this article.

For 2021 Hobie **18** and **20** N. American Championship results, click [HERE](#)

IT'S ALL FUN & GAMES

— By Lisa Kravitz

When Hobie Alter senior designed the first Hobie 14, his vision was to “build a toy and a game to play with it”. The first official Hobie regatta was a Hobie 14 regatta in 1969, and the rest of that story is history. We all know many, many Hobie racers who have been hooked by that competitive spirit and their lifestyle is formed around the points regatta schedule.

However, there are many other ways to have FUN on your hobie cat without racing in a regatta. There is nothing better (to me!) than getting on the water with a group of friends and sailing to a distant island or sandbar in the bay on a beautiful day with a good breeze. I have to admit though, Hobie Alter was onto something. It is more fun sailing when you make a game out of it. With this in mind, we've compiled some FUN, on-the-water Hobie game suggestions for you.

Watermelon “Races”

This game is best played with a larger group of people/boats, and you do need some sort of a “committee boat”. You will also want to play it where there is not a lot of boat traffic or drifting tides! You will need approximately 15 – 20 watermelons (hopefully, you are friends with a farmer!). While the boats are lined up on the beach, the “committee boat” heads out with the watermelons and drops them in various spots in the water. Be careful, as the watermelons will drift! Try to keep them contained to your “playground”!



Rules:

1. You may load up your boat with as many people as you'd like.
2. Gather as many watermelons as you can onto your boat
3. Pirating of watermelons from other boats IS allowed!
4. No boat to boat contact is allowed.
5. You may use tools (fishing nets, “gatherers” tied to your boat is another idea...)
6. The boat which returns to the beach with the most watermelons wins.
7. Cut up the watermelons and enjoy!

Some versions of this game will have you oil the watermelons, but that is not needed nor recommended. We don't need to make it more difficult, create environmental issues, or have you trying to slice up an awkward, slippery large fruit with a sharp knife.

Scavenger Hunt

This game will need some planning in advance. Some sort of a “committee boat” is required for this game as well. The “committee boat” will go out on the water ahead of time and place objects at various places on the shoreline. Each boat gets a list of items and a bag in which to gather the items, or you can decide you will only need pictures of the items if you don't want to carry a bag. The list of items can include placed items, naturally occurring items (such as a certain kind of seashell, certain color of seaglass, etc.) or a picture of the skipper or crew in front of a certain lighthouse, buoy, beach sign, etc. The boat that returns with the most items wins. Set a realistic time limit for the game... enough time to make it a little challenging yet enough time on the water for an enjoyable sail. The more competitive your group, the shorter you can make your time limit!



Poker Run

Again, need that “committee boat”! Determine five spots on the shoreline where you can safely leave a bag or bucket of five envelopes. Each envelope should have one playing card inside. The number of cards and envelopes you need is five times the number of boats participating. The committee boat goes out ahead of time and plants the envelopes at the predetermined sites. Each boat gets a map of the drop locations, and the boats travel to those spots on the



shoreline and pick up one envelope per spot. Once all boats have returned to the beach, open up the cards. The team with the best poker hand wins!

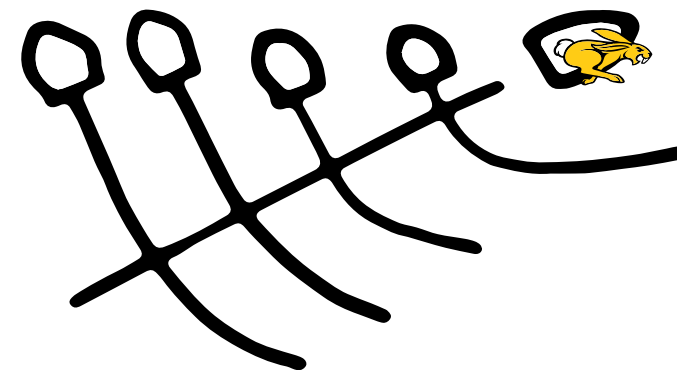
Frozen T-Shirt Contest

Who doesn't love a Hobie event t-shirt? For this game, a week ahead of the event, the organizer dampens the shirts and throws them in the freezer. At the event, your “committee boat” takes the cooler with the shirts out on the water with them and parks near an upwind or downwind “mark” (you can use a buoy or point on the water). An organizer on the beach does a beach start (or you can do a rabbit start... see below!). The boats race around the mark, at which point the committee boat throws them a couple of shirts. The first team back to the beach with their shirts on wins. This is not as easy as it sounds! It requires thawing the shirts by dunking them in water several times.

Rule: Never remove your PFD on the water! Wait until you get back to the beach to don your shirt!

Rabbit Start Races

Ok, ok. This is a sort of race, but it doesn't come with all the fanfare and intense competition of your typical Hobie regatta. No committee boat needed! However, you do need to assign a boat as the “rabbit”. It is best to have at least 4-5 boats.



All boats head out on the water. Choose two buoys or points on the water. One should be an upwind mark (A) and one a downwind mark (C).

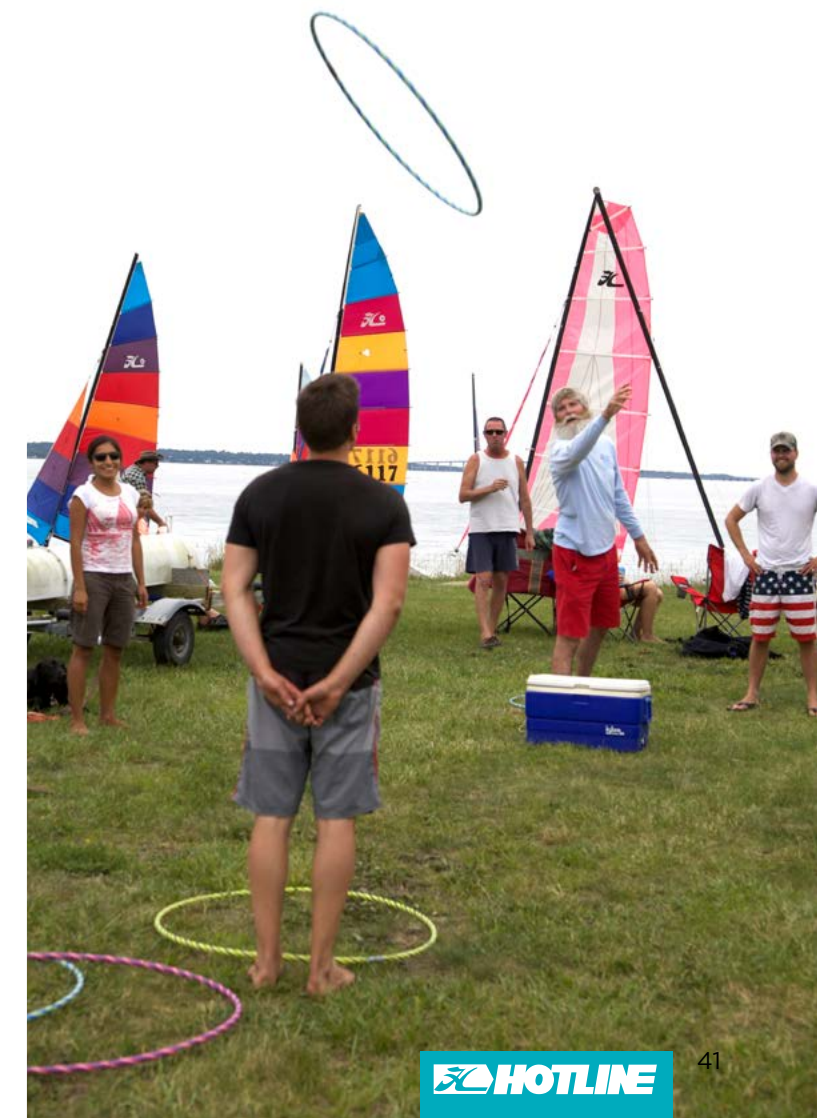
The starting line is now the line between the port-end starting mark and the rabbit. The rabbit rounds the downwind mark to starboard and comes across on port tack in front of the boats to create the starting line. A boat starts the race after the rabbit crosses in front of them. Once the rabbit passes all the boats, the rabbit tacks to starboard. All boats head out on starboard (and may round to port if preferable after the rabbit tacks to starboard). All boats round the upwind mark to port, and the finish line is to pass the downwind mark to starboard. No need to keep score... and if you have wind, these races are quick and FUN!

... and, if you don't have wind, there's always the hulu hoop toss!

Do you have any other Hobie game suggestions?



Send us pictures and articles at editorhobiehotline@gmail.com



FACES IN PLACES



photo by: Kenny McIntosh

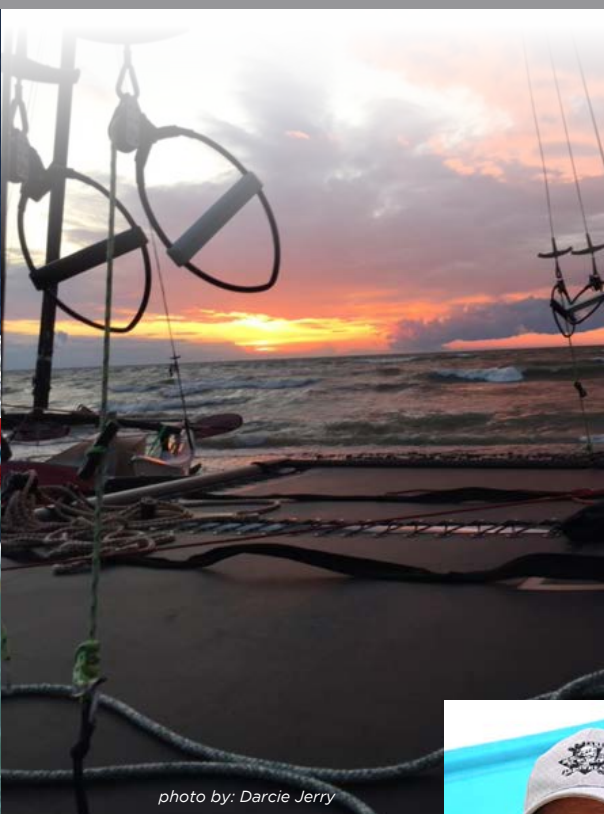


photo by: Darcie Jerry



photo by: Richard McCreedy



photo by: Kim Rivard



photo by: Stacey Williams



photo by: Greg Turman/Tripletack



photo by: Peter Nelson



photo by: Kim Rivard



photo by: Ed Roch



MARCH 2022
photo by: Deborah Swanson



www.hcana/hobieclass.com

©KimRivard



photo by: Ralph Petrarca



Zoe Freer

Meet Youth Sailor, Zoe Freer, who has been sailing with her Dad in local regattas and National Championship events for years. Zoe & Richard (dad) won the Hobie 18 North American Championships in 2020 and placed 2nd in the 18 NACs in 2021. Zoe is definitely the future of Hobie Cat sailing! And I can attest to her being the best S'Mores Marshmallow toaster west of the Mississippi River. Regattas are always more fun when Zoe is sailing with us.



Name: Zoe Freer

Fleet: 61, Rocky Mountain Region

Age: 13

Profession: 7th-grade student

Hobbies: Sailing, Art, Volleyball

Last book read: Paper wishes by Lois Sepahban

Latest accomplishment: making honor roll at school

What I want to be: when I'm older I want to be a teacher.

Favorite Quote: be the change you wish to see in the world.

What led you to race, how long have you been sailing: getting to watch my dad sail when I was 8 and wanting to be able to sail with him. I've been sailing for 5 years.

Strongest sailing influence: my dad.

What would you like to see more of in your hobbies: sailing: I would want to see more younger people sailing because sailing is an awesome thing to be able to do for anyone.

Boat: Hobie 18 and 20.



John Smith

Meet John Smith... John has been an active Hobie sailor for over 50 years. Although he was active years ago in racing, for the past 30 years he has been organizing fun sails in the waters of Buzzards' Bay, MA. He started the "Island Hop" in 1991 and has hosted it every year since. John's interest in the Coast Guard book he read had to have been sparked by the fact that he and his buddy Jim Riddle were once rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter from the chilly November waters off the coast of Westport MA when John's Hobie 16 mast snapped. If you ever meet John in person, have him tell you his story!

Name: John Lindsey Smith

Fleet: 448, New England

Age: 64

Profession: Fedex Owner/Operator

Hobbies: Hiking, Boating, Storytelling

Last Book Read: The Guardian, a Coast Guard Story

Latest Accomplishment: Planning for my retirement in April!



What do I want to be? I wanted to be someone who had the weekends off to go sailing!

Favorite Quote: "Have I got a story for you..."

(Sailing) Profile (what led you to sailing, how long, racing?): in 1971 on Boathouse Row in Westport, MA a friend who was normally a power boater had picked up a new Hobie 16, and invited me out on it. I was immediately hooked, although it took me a few years to purchase my own boat. There was a very active fleet (#28) in New Bedford, MA which I joined.

Strongest sailing influence (person): Randy Smyth. We once held a one week Rick White sailing seminar in New Bedford, MA and Randy was the guest speaker.

What would you like to see change in Hobie Sailing? Would like to see more people attending events. In the heyday, we would get 300 boats at our local events!

Boat(s): Currently a 2018 Hobie 16 with Tortola sails. Sold my 1983 & 1988 Hobie 16s, 2000 Nacra and 1993 Miracle 20

PROFILES



2021 Hobie 17 North American Championship Regatta September 9-12, 2021 in Michigan City, Indiana

Congratulations to Phil Collins the 2021 Hobie 17 North American Champion and to Greg, Matt, Ken and all competitors for an awesome display of sailing skill and sportsmanship.

Lake Michigan challenged these sailors with varying wind and sea conditions during the four day event. Thank you to them for participating. Also thank you to Matt Hill our PRO, our Race Committee Team, HCANA, Hobie Fleet 126, our many volunteers and support personnel, Timeless Aerial Photography, Fish Camp Restaurant, MCYC, the Michigan City Parks Department, the Michigan City Port Authority and the City of Michigan City for your keen assistance and support. ■

— article & photos courtesy of:
John Nekus



REGATTA RESULTS

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Phil Collins | 7 Steven Acquart |
| 2 Gregory Raybon | 8 James West |
| 3 Matt Bounds | 9 Bruce Williams |
| 4 Ken Hilk | 10 Rich Chamberlin |
| 5 David Stiemsma | 11 Xander Wessels |
| 6 John Bauldry | 12 Steve Brewer |

View full results [HERE](#)



— by Theresa White

JIM GLANDEN

SUCCESSFUL AGING. Although you may have heard the term before, you may not know what it means. Frankly, even experts have difficulty defining it, because it's somewhat personal. In cases like this, it's sometimes easier to demonstrate a concept with an example, rather than a definition. So, consider the case of one of the recent Hobie Wave North American Champions, **JIM GLANDEN**. At the age of 77, he cuts a wide path through the stereotype of older sailors as occasional cruisers rather than competitive racers. For more than 50 years now, Jim and his lovely wife Pat have been living the "Hobie way." They've raced their Hobie Cat in places all over the world – many of which they wouldn't have dreamed of visiting otherwise: Fiji, Australia, Mexico, Holland, Hawaii, Guadalupe, and many other exotic spots. It's clear that for this couple, racing sailboats is not a leisurely hobby – it's a way of life that is unimpaired by age. Although good health has played a part in Jim's longevity as a competitive racer, here are a few other life lessons that can be learned from talking to the Glandens that might contribute to your own successful aging.

Be Open to New Experiences. The tendency to try new things has been associated with better cognitive ability later in life. So why not try something new? When Jim decided to attend a college dance around 55 years ago, he met Pat on the dance floor. Somewhere during the steps to a rousing jitterbug, the two soon-to-be teachers fell in love. They eventually married, and the new bride wanted to get a present for her husband. She knew that her cousin enjoyed sailing, so she decided to give Jim sailing lessons

as a gift. It turned out to be a situation where being open to trying new things changed the course of their lives.

Keep Learning. Acquiring new skills can improve mental sharpness. Over the years, Jim has tried to learn what he can from other sailors. He took a Rick White course to improve his sailing skills, where he enjoyed talks by Randy Smyth and Robbie Daniels. He also attended a seminar led by Wayne Shafer at Wildwood, where Wayne was talking about using a coat hanger to make a wind indicator that would help you to make certain that you're not sailing straight down-wind. Shafer instead advocated "tacking downwind", essentially running at 45 degree angles. Pat and Jim tried it, and did pretty well in the event. Sure enough, next regatta, there were plenty of boats with very similar coat-hanger set ups! In recent years, Jim has taken up kickboxing and yoga. Physical activities are great new things to learn, because exercise alone has been shown to improve brain connectivity.

Keep Trying. It's not always easy to learn things. Particularly physical skills require repeated practice in order to improve. So, it's important to give yourself enough time to do so. Jim wasn't too impressed with his first sailing experience. It was cold and very windy, and like most new sailors, he had no gear. Things happened too quickly on the boat for his instructor to really explain it, so it was just out and back, which was not very much fun. He said that he wasn't going to do it again – but the lessons were already paid for. So, two weeks later, when the weather was warmer, he went back. This time, the wind was calmer, and his instructor turned out to be a college racer who wanted to explain the sport in detail. Jim was hooked, but he says that

those early lessons only taught him how to control a boat. He says that he really learned to sail after that, through racing. Pat and Jim bought one of the first Hobie 16s on the east coast, with sail number 335. Jim still sails under that number, as a bit of a nostalgia for that first boat. Their local dealer pointed them toward a small, local regatta. It was so early in the season that they had to wear winter jackets on the boat, but they wound up taking 3rd place. They thought "Hey! This racing is easy!" In those early days, the Hobie 14 outnumbered the Hobie 16s pretty heavily at regattas, but that was about to change. An explosion of people racing Hobie 16s meant that a second trophy was a long time coming for the Glandens, but they persevered, and won their first regatta at Atlantic City.

Adapt to changing times. Aging brings its own inconveniences, which are different for each person. Rather than letting them slow you down, it's better to figure out strategies that will let you can keep doing the things that you love. When Pat presented with MS a few years back, she had to give up racing but not sailing or going to regattas. They bought a large motorhome, because the "camper" made travelling to the roughly 12 regattas that they attend each year more comfortable for both of them. They've made other changes, too. Though Jim has competed on most of the boats that Hobie makes, he now primarily sails a Wave. He says that the Wave has extended his sailing career. In some ways, the boat is an adaptation to age, though there is still a competitive racing class. Weather that might now give him some pause as to whether or not to go out on a Hobie 16 does not even provoke a hesitation if he's sailing a Wave – especially after his wild ride at Barnegat Bay. Suffice it to say that

although many boats were broken that day, the Hobie Wave that Jim was on was not one of them. It navigated the 8-10 food swells just fine, though he did say that going downwind was kind of like surfing sitting down, with a freight train behind you. He was so excited that he when he hit the beach, he didn't sheet out to slow down, and almost ran the boat over the trailer!

wave in the Daytona surf. Rob Jerry, a fellow competitor, quickly jumped off his boat to help her. Because friends may not be at every regatta, Jim and Pat have adopted an easy going relationship with many Hobie sailors over the years. In Jim's words, "You enjoy them. You appreciate them but you sort of accept the fact that life takes people in such different directions that you may never cross

it was the "best day of his life" over and over. Jim feels that he's gotten as much out of his mentoring relationships as the new sailors have; they help to keep his thinking fresh.

Sailing is a sport that you can enjoy for your entire life. Continuing to live the life that you enjoy, full of friends and sailboat racing, for as many years as possible may not be a textbook definition of successful aging – but it certainly will



photo by: Greg Thurman / Triple Tack

Relationships Matter. Social relationships are very important for well-being throughout life. The best part about Hobie sailing for Pat and Jim has been the people that they've met along the way. Travelling to regattas offers the chance to see old friends and meet new ones. Pat and Jim took their Toyota Chinook across the US in 1988 with the idea of sailing at as many regattas as possible. They sailed 11 miles high near Colorado Springs, at a San Diego Regatta, at a Baha Regatta, at one in Shreveport, and many more. Along the way, they met and sailed along side Hobie legends, like Hobie Alter and his children, Jeff, Hobie P., and Paula – as well as many others. Friends can be an important source of emotional support, but sometimes the support is more tangible. Pat recalls being washed off the boat by a rogue

paths with some of these sailors again. Then, the next thing that you know, Paul Garlick pops up in your camper – or Sue Korzeniewski's Dad, Luke Pescane, shows up on a Smucker's commercial for turning 100 years old – and you know that we're still all connected somehow." These connections make life richer at any age.

Pay it forward. Sharing things that you love with others can be rewarding. Over the years, Jim has taught many people to sail. Some were people that he sailed with for just one day; others were regular crew, and they have become like children to Pat and Jim. Regardless of how long he has to spend with them, Jim tries to share the joy of sailing with his crew. Tyler Myers ran a sailing day, where seasoned sailors took out kids looking to try the sport. Bobby, the kid who sailed with Jim, just kept saying that

keep you sailing happily into the future for years to come. ■

Jim Glanden profile: [Click Here](#)

For more info on the Carlton Tucker award: <http://hcana.hobieclass.com/carlton-tucker-award>.

PAST WINNERS of the CTSPOTY

2021	Jim Glanden	2005	Lori Mohney
2020	Jane Sherrod	2004	Susan Korzeniewski
2019	Laura Sullivan	2003	Phil and Beverly Collins
2018	Mike Montague	2002	Doug Skidmore
2016	Slim Johnson	2001	Cindy Phipps
2015	Steve Murray	2000	Stoney Douglas
2011	Bruce "Wrinkle" Fields	1999	Armando Noriega Sr.
2010	Kelvin Tellinghuisen	1998	Carlton Tucker
2009	Sue and Ted Lindley	1997	Marvin Gantsweg
2008	Rick Buchanan	1996	Kitsy Amrheim
2007	Max Hinneberg	1995	Steve Latham
2006	Todd Wilson	1994	Drake Barber & Bonnie Lee



BRUCE "WRINKLIE" FIELDS

November 1933 - August 2021 — by Sheila Holmes

It's not often we meet a legend – and less often that we spend decades with an iconic person. Not only did I have that honor, so did Bruce "Wrinklie" Fields.

Wrinklie not only was a legend he knew and ran with THE LEGENDS. Bruce was one of the fortunate guys that got into Hobe Cat sailing during the early days. Bruce knew

Hobie Alter, Sr. and "the kids" (Hobie Jr., Jeff & Paula), Wayne Schaefer, and Sandy Banks just to name a few. He lived the Hobie Way of Life during the heyday, crewing for the hotdogs, hanging out with the cool beach cat sailors, and basking in the glory days of Hobie Catting. Bruce contributed his heart and soul

to Hobie Cat sailing and the development of what has become the Hobie Class Association of North America.

The story is that Bruce showed up at an early Hobie 14 regatta and struck up a conversation with a guy around a boat. Bruce enjoyed a good jaw session and the two talked for 20 minutes, with the guy explaining what was going on and was going to happen. When it was time for skipper's meeting, Bruce extended his hand and introduced himself and the fella said, "My name's Hobie Alter". A fortuitous moment for both gentlemen!

From that moment Bruce was hooked, buying a new Hobie 14 and getting with the core group of Hobie sailors in Southern California. Wrinklie participated in beach parties, local races, competed in the newly created Hobie regatta program and even attended early World's Championship events. It was at a World's event that Wrinklie earned his nickname. The South Africans told Bruce that they call young people "pimplies" and old people "wrinklies" and he loved it. Story has it Wrinklie was only 45 at the time, and he proudly carried the moniker for 40 years!

There's another story about the spelling, but he was emphatic that it was WRINKLIE – as he was an original.

Wrinklie not only sailed Hobie Cats for decades he exemplified and lived the Hobie Way of Life. A fixture at major regattas, if he wasn't competing, Bruce was working the event. Bruce brought his own power boat (later a Hobie skiff) to so many events, acting as Chase or Safety boat, that I cannot remember them all. He traveled all over the United States and the World to volunteer - I repeat, VOLUNTEER, his time to ensure Hobie events were well staffed and that sailors had fun!

Bruce might appear gruff, but he was the friendliest and most giving person on the circuit. Need a chase boat? Call Wrinklie. Ride to a regatta? Call Wrinklie. Advice on Camping Etiquette? Don't ask, you'll get it. The best campsite meal - Wrinklie's San Felipe Shrimp Scampi.

After retirement, Wrinklie

moved to Division 14 and settled in Arkansas. During these years, Wrinklie continued to compete in regattas, sailing primarily Hobie 14s and 17s. His wiry frame stood him in good stead in the lighter air races as he could pop out on the trapeze well before many competitors. We raced against one another at many Hobie 14 events, and I always knew I'd get a "little comment" about how he got around me somewhere on the course.

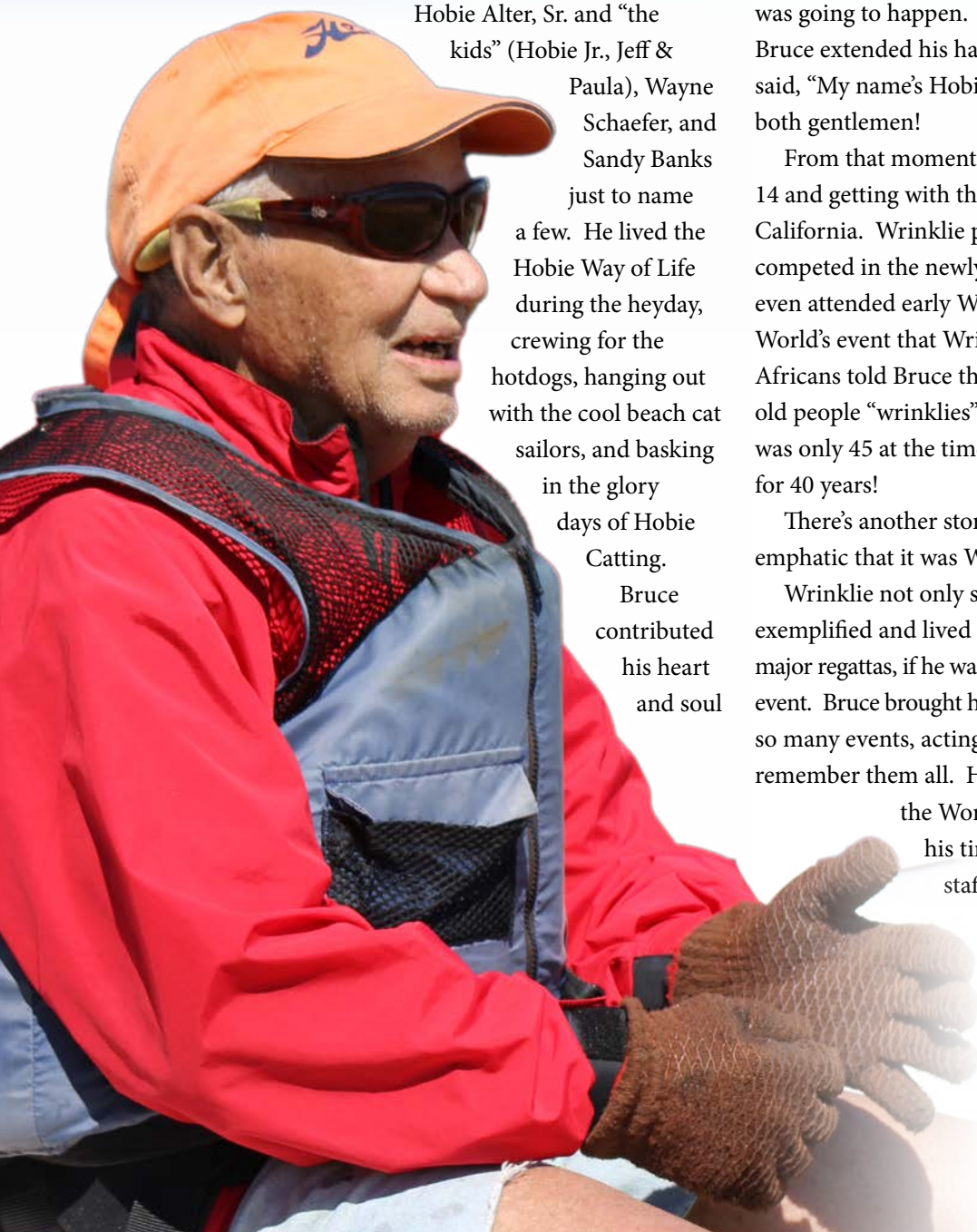
Wrinklie continued as an integral member of the Division 14 regatta scene for over 20 years. Not a race committee officer

I know has not received course advice from Bruce, some accepted more favorably than others. Bruce was dedicated, and he honored the history of our sport and our lifestyle. Wrinkle was an example of the Hobie Way of Life! And I am honored to have known and shared stories with Wrinklie.

Sail away, my friend! You will be missed! ■

Bruce might appear gruff,

but he was the friendliest and most giving person on the circuit...



2022 Membership Form

Membership is for the calendar year (Jan 1 - Dec 31)

**JOIN OR RENEW
ON-LINE**
www.hcana.hobieclass.com/join

Primary Member Information PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME	GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
STREET ADDRESS		APT #	
CITY		ST / PROV	ZIP / POSTAL CODE
E-MAIL ADDRESS		FLEET	DIVISION
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE		DATE OF BIRTH IF UNDER 21

Family Member Information LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF ONE ADULT LIVING AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS THE PRIMARY MEMBER YOUTH MEMBERS MUST BE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 AS OF DECEMBER 31 OF THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR

FAMILY MEMBER NAME (ADULT)	E-MAIL ADDRESS	GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
FAMILY MEMBER NAME (YOUTH)	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
FAMILY MEMBER NAME (YOUTH)	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE

Boats Owned / Sailed CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bravo | <input type="checkbox"/> Getaway | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobie 18/M/SX | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobie 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> SUP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wave | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobie 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiger | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobie 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobie 14/14T | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobie 17 SE/Sport | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildcat | <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure Island | |

Membership Categories

STANDARD	IHCA Membership (eligibility to race in HCA points regattas, NAs and Worlds), support for Guest Expert Programs, Youth Programs and subscription to HCA HOTLINE magazine	\$ 45.00
FAMILY	(Standard and Top Cat members may purchase additional memberships for family members - see restrictions above.) Same benefits as Standard, but no additional copies of the magazine.	\$ 10.00 EACH
TOP CAT	Patrons, sponsors and corporate members. Same benefits as Standard, with special recognition in the HCA HOTLINE magazine.	\$ 100.00
INDEPENDENT YOUTH	Same benefits as Standard, for non-family youth members. Must be under the age of 21 as of December 31 of the membership year.	\$ 25.00
RECREATIONAL / SUP	Subscription to HCA HOTLINE magazine only. Does not fulfill IHCA membership requirement to race in sanctioned points regattas. Allows participation in SUP races at regattas.	\$ 20.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED
(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO HCA-NA)

Release of Liability - Waiver of Claims

I acknowledge the risk of injury to my person and property while participating in sailing events. To the fullest extent of the law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (including the IHCA and HCANA) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

SIGN _____ DATE _____

Send completed form with check or money order to:

HCA MEMBERSHIP
% Matt Bounds
3798 Damas Dr.
Commerce Twp., MI 48382
248-980-7931
hobiemembership@gmail.com



This Issue's Hobie Sunset Pick - 03/22 Edition