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THE COMMON DENOMINATOR



Summertime is just beginning here in North America, and there is a resurgence of activity on the Hobie scene across the country. This is really exciting to see!

The theme of this issue of the Hotline is "Family". The term family is often used to describe who we are as an organization.

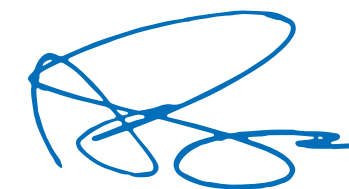
Many who have been around Hobies for any period of time understand how true this statement is. This year marks the 54th year since Hobie Alter created the first Hobie Cat. When he created that first 14, he created more than a boat, he created a culture.

We recently held a zoom meeting with division leaders across the country where it was discussed what it means to be a part of this organization. Stated by many, it is hard to put on paper, the family atmosphere, the camaraderie, making lasting memories and lifelong friends along the way. Some families have even been created at Hobie events!

Many of you may or may not know that Hobie sailing here in North America is run and organized by an organization staffed by volunteers from within the Hobie "family". The HCA-NA, also known as Hobie Class Association of North America, plays a very important role supporting Hobie Cat sailing here in North America as well as around the world. The HCA-NA organization not only produced this Hotline and all previous Hotlines (which started in 1971!), but the association determines class racing rules, and most importantly, provides liability insurance coverage for HCA-NA Division and Fleet sponsored events, including both racing and fun-sailing events. We are a 100% non-profit volunteer organization, working across the nation promoting and organizing these events, which sustain the Hobie Way of Life as we know it. Also, when you join, you automatically become a member of the International Hobie Class Association.

If your membership has lapsed, please renew, or if you've never been a member, please SIGN UP, we would LOVE to have some new family members!

Your Chairman,



Jason Sanchez

SEE THIS SYMBOL?



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

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HCANA INITIATIVES - Q3 OUTLOOK & BEYOND

The Hotline is creating a ton of buzz and discussion about our current and future membership, not just in North America, but Worldwide! The Hobie community is waking up and the new interest and sign ups shows!

THANK YOU ALL for your continued support! We'll need to maintain this kind of ongoing support for fresh content and thoughts from our members for the Hotline moving forward and to keep the momentum we've just started to build. Expect us to reach out to some of you directly! The next issue will focus on new sailors, new membership, and positive momentum. If you have any interesting stories to share either inside or outside of this theme, please send those in! We love hearing from you – your voice and contributions are what makes this all a success!

If you have anything to share, email us at:

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the BUZZ



WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Hotline only happens with your content support!

We NEED to hear from you!

The theme of the next issue is "The New Hobie Sailor"

Submit an article by 8/31 to:

editorhobiehotline@gmail.com

and get featured in the

September issue! Give us a

heads up you're working on it!

1. ARTICLES
2. NORs
3. SCHEDULE UPDATES
4. PHOTOS (upload **HERE**, include photographer name and email address when submitting)
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7. RESULTS (provide links to results web pages)

Way to Go! Krista Vind is Rockin' new Memberships!

HCANA Membership Hero, Krista Vind, sees increasing Class Membership as just another goal. After a Division meeting where discussions on growing our member numbers, Krista took the bull by the horns. She created givvy bags with Hobie swag and encouraged youth sailors registering for the upcoming Youth event at OSYC, also become Hobie Class Association members. Krista is responsible for OVER A DOZEN NEW MEMBERS in just a month! Now growing Membership has become a Challenge! Krista runs around with her HCANA Member packet in her truck, always ready to sign up new members.

Take a look at the SWAG in the BAG she used to entice new Youth Members!

THANK YOU, KRISTA VIND, FOR SETTING A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR US ALL! Anyone else want to share their Membership Challenge experience?



Sweet Swag!

Check out the sweet Tees for the Pinata Regatta, Div 2 (Tucson)-10/7-9/2022 - Points Regatta - Sea of Cortez, Playa Bonita RV Park. See [Tucson Hobie Fleet 514 Facebook page](#) for more details. Tecate is our beverage sponsor, Big Saturday Night PARTY & RAFFLE!



SHOUT OUT! "Thanks to Lynn Pearson Myers and Bob Bergstadt at Trixie's Marina for getting me off those soft (14) hulls y'all saw last week! Went out on a maiden voyage yesterday and had a blast!!!"

Anthony Crupi – posted on Hobie Cats Facebook Page

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REGATTA & FUN SAIL SCHEDULES

DIVISION 2

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	9/10-9/11	Lake Arrowhead Regatta / Lake Arrowhead, CA	Gary Martell	gary.martell@mvfinc.com	✓
42	9/23-25	Fleet 42 Fun Sail, Lake Roosevelt, AZ	Scott Winkler	winklersh@yahoo.com	☀️
	9/24	Night Sail, Lake Mead	Richard McCreedy	mccreedyclan702@me.com	☀️
	9/30-10/1	Camping Trip, Night Sail, Lake Mead	Richard McCreedy	mccreedyclan702@me.com	☀️
514	10/7-10/9	Pinata Regatta / Puerto Penasco, MX	Barb Perlmutter	skipperbarb36@hotmail.com	✓
	10/29-30	Tucson Sailing Club Regatta, San Carlos, MX	Mark Kane	mtkane65@gmail.com	
	November (TBD)	Governor's Cup, Lake Pleasant, AZ	Arizona Yacht Club	racingfc@arizonayachtclub.org	

DIVISION 3

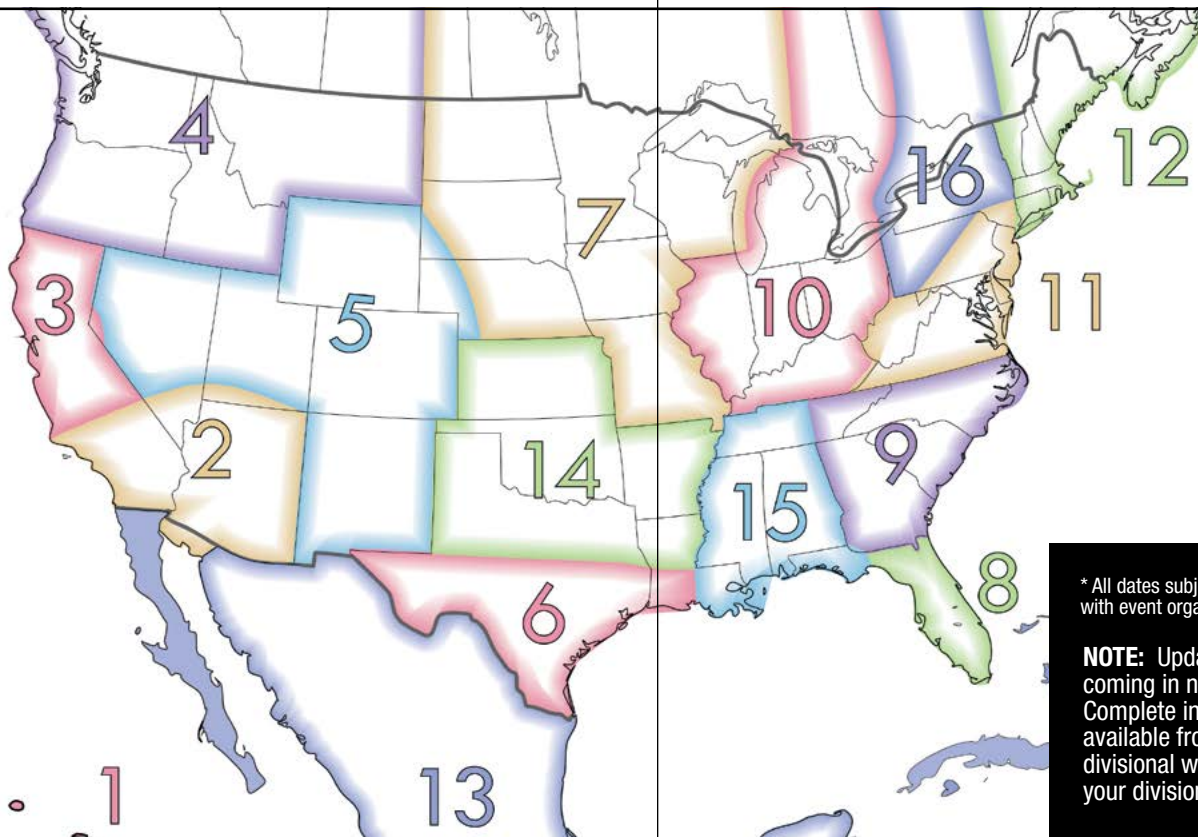
HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	6/25-6/2	Commodore's Classic / Huntington Lake, CA	Dafna Brown	dafnabrown@gmail.com	✓
240	7/16-7/17	Santa Cruz Multihull Regatta / Santa Cruz, CA	Dwight Manning		✓
	8/6-8/7	Mile High Regatta / Huntington Lake, CA	Dafna Brown	dafnabrown@gmail.com	✓
	8/27-8/28	Moss Landing Challenge / Santa Cruz/Elkhorn Slough, CA	Dafna Brown	dafnabrown@gmail.com	☀️
RYC	9/30-10/1 (2023)	RYC Multihull Invitational / Richmond Yacht Club, Richmond, CA	Gene Harris / Rolf Jaeger	rolf@pacificsound.us	
	TBD (2023)	Otter Regatta / Monterey, CA	Mike Montague		✓

DIVISION 4

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	6/25	Jericho Cat Classic / Vancouver, BC	Stu Dean		✓
	7/23-7/24	Sail Sand Point Regatta / Seattle, WA	Jack Killalea	Jack@sailsandpoint.org	✓
	7/30-7/31	Northwest Area Championship / Quinalt, WA	Al Jones	Sail102256@gmail.com	✓
	8/6-8/8	Skamakawa / Skamakawa, WA	Team Shrek	jibaset@comcast.net	✓
	8/6-8/8	Harrison Hot Springs Regatta Division Championship / Harrison Hot Springs, BC		pevenden@telus.net	✓

DIVISION 8

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	6/25	Summer Sizzler / Daytona Beach, FL			✓
	8/6	Gilligans Run / Distance Race / Daytona Beach, FL	Steve Caron	hobiedivision8@gmail.com	Distance
	10/29	Hairums Haul / Distance Race / Melbourne, FL	Scott Hubel	321-960-6580	Distance



* 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 / 315-427-0392 bcfaces@hotmail.com	✓

DIVISION 11

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
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			✓
106	8/20	Rehoboth-Fall Classic/HC16 Div. Champs.			✓

DIVISION 12

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
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	✓
Sail Newport	8/20-21	New England 100, Sail Newport RI F18/Hobie16 See NOR: HERE	Michael Easton / Todd Riccardi	781-929-4249 email / 203-915-9915 email	Distance
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
448	7/2-7/3	Commodore's Family Fun Days & BBQ / Compass Rose Beach, N. Kingstown, RI	Barbara Powers	davebarbara448@msn.com	☀️
	9/24-25	Tulsa Cattfight / Tulsa, OK			✓
	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@mtin.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 / kvind@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
	8/21-22	Burlington Ontario Canada - Multihull/Open	Mauro Spagnolo	Burlington.Website	✓
	8/27-28	Saratoga, NY - Multihull/Open			✓
	9/10-11	CMOR Canandaigua, NY - Multihull/Open		See Website	✓

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.

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2022 Sandy Hook Regatta

July 9/10, 2022
Notice of Race



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Hobie Fleet 250 will be the organizing authority.

RULES: Racing shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing and the class rules of the International Hobie Class Association. Competitors are reminded that per IHCA class rule 26, at least one crew member per boat shall be a paid member of the Hobie Class Association. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & CLASSES: The event is open to all class legal Hobie Waves, 14s, 16, 17s and 18s, 20s, Tiger and WildCat. A "B" fleet for Hobie 16's will be available.

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24656>
FEES:

- Double-handed: \$60
- Single-handed: \$50
- Youth Teams: \$10

Hobie Class Assn. memberships is free if this is the skippers first Hobie Regatta

SCHEDULE:

Saturday:
Registration/Check In : 8:00 to 9:30 AM
Competitors meeting: 10:00 AM
First race: Not before 11:30 AM

Sunday:
First race: Not before 10:00 AM

The objective is 3-5 races per day. There is no maximum number of races scheduled.

MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION: Boats will NOT be weighed or inspected for class rule compliance at the event. However, competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment is class legal according to HCA Class Rules.

Crew members may be weighed in accordance with class rules at check-in. During the competition any boat may be subject to inspection and any crew may also be subject to additional weigh-in.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Sailing Instructions shall be available online, be posted on the official notice board, and available on-site.

VENUE: Sandy Hook Bay, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

SCORING

- Low point scoring system per RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

RADIO COMMUNICATION: Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

PRIZES: Trophies will be awarded.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: COMPETITORS PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. SEE RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE. THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY LIABILITY FOR MATERIAL DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER THE REGATTA.

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

Further Information: contact Greg Raybon, 732-837-8542

Additional information

Instructional/Mentors: Mentors and pre- and post race instruction to be provided. Charter boats may be available upon request

Social:

- Saturday Night Dinner, tbd
- Sunday: burgers and dogs after racing, **Free**

ACCOMODATIONS:

Camping on-site has been reduced due to the club loss of access to the lot adjacent to the club. There may not be any space for RV's this year. Construction has not started yet, so there is a chance we can use the space.

Respect club rules – please do not move boats above the high tide line with sails up.



GRAB BAG

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

ADDENDUM: In the March issue, we mistakenly omitted the description of the winning photo of our photo contest (apologies to Stacey!).

"I live on the island of Oahu in Hawaii and that photo was taken at a very popular spot called the 'sandbar'. It's a sandbar in the middle of Kaneohe Bay on the east side of the island. In the background you can see the beautiful mountain ridge at Kualoa Ranch, which is a 4,000-acre private nature reserve and working cattle ranch. Parts of Jurassic Park and countless other movies were filmed there. I belong to a local sailing club in Kaneohe, Hawaii called Kokokahi Sailing Club. Here is the website for our club: <https://www.kokokahi-sc.org>. It's such a great club and there are many hobie cat owners who sail out of there daily." Stacey Williams — Honolulu, Hawaii



THIS OLD HOBIE (SAILOR) - contributed by Mark Evans, Fleet 27 - Wichita KS

A recent campfire discussion of some things which might indicate a seasoned Hobie Cat sailor. Below are a few.

1. You have ever sacrificed a Led Zep-pelin 8 track for tell tales
2. You sing soprano due to your Straight Aero trap harness
3. You drove all night to get to a "Nationals" points regatta. It took all night because the speed limit was 55 mph
4. They were "Nationals", not Continentals, not North Americans
5. Points mattered, so you joined fleets in 2 divisions
6. You put on Suntan oil not sun-screen
7. Beach chairs had tubular aluminum frames and 2 inch webbing
8. You always had duct tape
9. Beer had pull rings
10. If the pull rings cut someone - duct tape
11. Race committees knew how to set a B mark
12. You knew how to race to B mark
13. You had an orange and yellow Omega life jacket
14. Hobies didn't have daggerboards
15. Rainbow sails were not a political statement
16. You ordered a set of the cool new Stars and Stripes sails
17. You sailed in cut-off jeans, and, a Hefty trash bag spray top - sealed with duct tape
18. You bought the VHS version of "A Moments Glory"
19. You wore mirrored sunglasses
20. Gas was 50 cents a gallon!
21. We used actual paper maps to get to regattas
22. Regatta bonfires went all night
23. Everyone camped at the regatta
24. Everyone knew what Jiffy Pop was
25. A gate was something in a fence
26. You don't remember the 70's
27. You raced against Hobie Alter Senior
28. Hobie made surfboards and cats, not coolers, stoves, tents, etc.
29. Chase boats carried beer, soda and maybe water
30. If your boat leaked - duct tape
31. Your sails were made by McKibben, and were class legal
32. You used duct tape as batten chafe protection
33. You had a solid stick
34. You had an aluminum hiking stick
35. Your first trophy was in C fleet
36. There were competitive A B and C fleets at regattas
37. You bought some of that new fangled Harken stuff
38. You naked bon fire jumped,... and won
39. You treated sunburn with vinegar
40. The Wall was a hit pink Floyd album
41. You knew Sandy Banks would be in flip-flops no matter the weather
42. You ever attended a Texas Taco party at a Nationals
43. You ever attended a 204 Toga party at a Nationals
44. You ever attended both parties - and remember!
45. Knew a bottom job was not plastic surgery
46. You actually did a bottom job - because who had Cat Trax?
47. You creak more than your boat does
48. You laughed with long-time Hobie friends at a regatta and came up with this list!
49. YOU ARE A SEASONED HOBIE SAILOR - WELCOME TO THE HOBIE WAY OF LIFE

Did you know that...The Hobie HOTLINE is over 50 years old?!

The first issue of the newsletter was published in February 1971. You can view the early editions [here](#).

Check it out, you may see a familiar name or a familiar sail number! Or maybe yours on the next issue if you send us a cool pic or a description of an interesting experience! **email:** editorhobiehotline@gmail.com



This is the first in a series of monthly newsletters directed to all Hobie Cat skippers---both racers and pleasure sailors. We will attempt to print timely articles covering every facet of Hobie Cat sailing. Hopefully everyone will find items of interest in each publication. We will cover many topics each month. Among them will be: National regatta schedules, local racing information, fleet news, general sailing and maintenance tips, major events concerning Hobie Cats, new product news, news from Coast Catamaran regarding new designs and factory expansion, and much more. We are also inviting articles of interest from skippers, so if you think you are a journalist sit down and rip off an article. We will look it over and see if we can use it. All we ask is that you keep it relatively short as we are limited on space. In the future our deadline for information will be the 15th of the PREVIOUS month. We will try to mail between the 20th and 25th so we must have all information well in advance.

Photo Contest Winner - June 2022

— *Danny Robertson*

*Skipper: Jason Sanchez and Crew: Heather Mathews.
Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Midwinter's East
April Fools Regatta.*



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Hobie 17 / Hobie 18 North American Championships

August 16-21, 2022
Perry Lake, KS

DANNY ROBERTSON PHOTO



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA) in conjunction with Hobie Fleet 149 and Perry Yacht Club.

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. Competitors using dimensionally similar sails (no square-tops) manufactured by Whirlwind Sails shall not be protestable by a competitor, the race committee or the technical committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.4(a).

Venue: Perry Yacht Club, 8369 Yacht Club Dr, Meriden, KS 66512. Racing will be on Perry Lake.

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

Communications: The official notice board will be at the northwest corner of the PYC pavilion. 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 17s and 18s including those with Whirlwind Sails as noted above. All crews must be 2022 HCA-NA members (IHCA Rule 26).

Registration & Fees: \$275 / \$375 before August 1, 2022; \$50 late fee applies thereafter. Register online at RegattaNetwork.com. Registration includes racing, food, shirts, social events.

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: Primitive camping / hot showers / bathrooms are free on the regatta site. Limited RV parking is available (must contact Ron prior to arrival). For camping or nearby hotel lodging arrangements contact: Ron Holm ronholm@hotmail.com (913) 284-6571

Schedule:

Tuesday, August 16
1600-1800 hrs Registration and check-in at the venue

Wednesday, August 17
0800 hrs Breakfast
0800-1000 hrs Registration and check-in at the venue
1000 hrs Competitors' Meeting / Welcome
1130 hrs First Warning Signal

Thursday, August 18
0800 hrs Breakfast
1100 hrs First Warning Signal

Friday, August 19
0800 hrs Breakfast
1100 hrs First Warning Signal

Saturday, August 20
0800 hrs Breakfast
1000 hrs First Warning Signal
1500 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.



HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



SEPTEMBER 11-16, 2022 MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA



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.

ACCOMMODATIONS:
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

COMING FULL CIRCLE

— by Lisa Kravitz

It was the mid-70s, Elton John's Crocodile Rock was on the top of the music charts, and Phil Sanchez was living in St Petersburg, FL. He had a few favorite hobbies: racquetball, mono-hull racing and performing as a semi-pro water skier in a group called the "Aquamaniacs" at Cypress Gardens, FL. Phil had sailed all his life, mostly on mono-hulls, his friends convinced him to try sailing these newly designed multi-hulled boats from California called the Hobie 14... This boat combined his love for sailing, water skiing and racing. He was hooked!

A few years later, a local dealer wanted to get Phil racing in Hobie class regattas and gave him "a really good deal" on a brand new Hobie 16 with baby blue sails. He, with his wife Kathy as crew, competed in numerous regattas together. Fleet 5, Division 8 in Florida (one of the earliest divisions in the country) typically had 40-50 boats on the starting line, made up of A, B and C Fleets. They wouldn't allow Phil to start in C or B fleet, but they started him right out in A Fleet! He had a lot to learn, but it wasn't long before he was solid competition against those top sailors in the early regattas.

As it turned out, those baby blue sails were a foreshadowing of what was to come. His crew, also his wife, became pregnant and was due in the spring of 1976, just as Phil was hitting his stride and working to accumulate points to attend the 1976 Nationals. At that time, you needed to accumulate points and get a physical letter from Hobie Alter Sr. to be able to compete in the ultra-competitive National races. With all those sailors in Division 8, the previous year only saw four skippers qualified to attend the Nationals. Phil was ranked first in the division and ended up placing 24th in A Fleet at Nationals, not too shabby for his first year racing Hobies! Also, the very first Hobie 16 World Championships was scheduled for later that year in Honolulu, Hawaii. More reasons for more practice.

The Mid-Winter's East regatta was scheduled for April 16-18 in Tampa, FL. This regatta would draw some 300-400 boats, which meant more points! Knowing how important it was to her husband, Kathy insisted Phil attend the regatta. Jason Michael Sanchez was born in the early morning of April 17, literally in the middle of the regatta weekend (but in the hospital of course!). Phil had been there at the hospital, ran

home to hitch up the boat to race in the regatta, falling asleep in the booth of an all-night diner on the way back. To Jason growing up, this story was mere folklore, until during the 2019 Hobie 16 Worlds, whom he attended with his father, TL Lewis produced the June 1976 issue of the Hobie Hotline. There was the proof. On the Midwinter's East results, P. Sanchez had placed 6th in A fleet.

Two years later, Jason's younger brother Jarrett was born. His mom and dad divorced a couple years later, but that didn't deter the boys from tagging along with their dad to regattas and growing up with their Hobie family. In 1982 Phil married Cheryl Sanchez and when Jason was 9, they welcomed another crew member, Chase, to the family. Cheryl crewed for Phil for a few years, during which time they got to know Hobie Alter Sr. and his family fairly well. Phil tells of a story where they went to the Virgin Islands for the Worlds, and after the event, the Sanchezes, Alters and some other families chartered their own large sailboats to tour the islands. Well, as the saying goes, two or more boats on the water is a race, and that's exactly what happened. They ended up racing the big boats to the islands. Unfortunately for Phil, Hobie's vacation budget afforded a larger, faster boat. So much for single design!

During Jason's childhood, living in St. Petersburg, FL, Jason and Jarrett sailed often together. Their first big event was the 1988 Junior Nationals in Wildwood, NJ on the Hobie 16. When the boys were old enough to drive,



REGATTA RESULTS

HOBIE 16-A:			HOBIE 14-B:		
1. Stevens	41	7 3/4	8. D. Woods	14296	143
2. Edmonds	18172	12	9. J. Allen	2174	147
3. Stereding	7017	12 1/2	10. J. McCutchen	13908	148
4. Davis	15744	13 1/4	1. J. McCracken	10592	153
5. Bobbitt	16469	15	2. D. Duous	9553	154
6. Sanchez	10693	17	3. R. Viera	7364	170
7. W. Schaefer	215	25	4. L. Cushenberry	15125	171
8. Santarcangelo	9057	29	5. G. Starkey	10972	174
9. Jaworski	18519	33	6. J. Behler	15162	176
10. Duke	17487	36	7. W. Patterson	10127	179
11. G. Reed	18897	36	8. D. Woods	11830	179
12. Woodruff	7439	40	9. J. Allen	14394	182
13. Shafer	8732	42	10. J. McCutchen	13463	191
14. Blake	13932	43	1. J. McCracken	2225	192
15. Harden	1137	46	2. D. Duous	10223	192
16. Christensen	37	50	3. R. Viera		
17. Smith			4. L. Cushenberry		
18. Sloetzer			5. G. Starkey		



ANNOUNCING
 A New Addition To Sailing In This Area:
 Director, Chief Engineer, Designer, & Skipper
Phil Sanchez
 Producer, Co-Designer, & Crew
Kathy Sanchez
 This new addition comes with multiple hull covers, several changes of trampolines, and at least one set of sails. He is very versatile and can come about with little or no effort at all.
 Although this design has been several years in the making we hope you will welcome this new sailor without reservation and share in our happiness.
 For the landlubbers in the group, we would like to announce the birth of our baby boy —
JASON MICHAEL SANCHEZ
 Born: Saturday, April 17, 1976 at 3:53 A.M.
 Weighing in at 7 pounds 5 ounces, 19 1/2 inches long
 He's Our New Found Bundle Of Joy



Hobie Alter Sr.



Phil & Cheryl Sanchez, early '80s



Phil and son Chase, 1986

COMING FULL CIRCLE



Jason using the harness at 6 years old that he is still using today at 46 years old.

Summer Sizzler with Tiffany Deans



Three generations of Sanchez's - summer of 2013

Photo by Danny Robertson



Daytona Beach



Jason with wife Ashley, kids: Tucker, Sawyer and Haven- 2021



Jason and Jarrett's first regatta on the H14

Puffing Up A No.1 Ranking

CHRIS COOK
Sailing Writer

Phil Sanchez and Bob Clark of St. Petersburg dazzled competitors by winning first place in 16'-A at the Hobie Cat Midwinters East in Jacksonville last weekend.

The duo led the event all weekend, going into Sunday's race with only five points in two races. The next closest contender had 11 3/4 points. Competition in the 16'-A fleet also included Hobie Alter Jr., son of the man who designed the Hobie Cat as well as numerous surfboard refinements.

By beating out the 50 boats in his class, Sanchez, of Fleet 5, virtually locked in his No. 1 overall standing in Florida, making him an easy bet to be invited to September's prestigious 16' Nationals in Fort Walton Beach.

Skippers throughout the country com-

peted in one of the biggest Hobie Cat regattas since the 1975 Midwinters in Tampa. Registration, totaling 240 boats, broke all records except for the 267 boats in the 1975 Tampa regatta.

Sailors fought the elements Saturday with rough seas, 20 mph winds and a rainstorm in the second race which caused many boats to flop forward.

Sunday, skippers contended with fluky wind. "I used all six points of sail within 10 minutes," explained frustrated Dave Sloan of Clearwater.

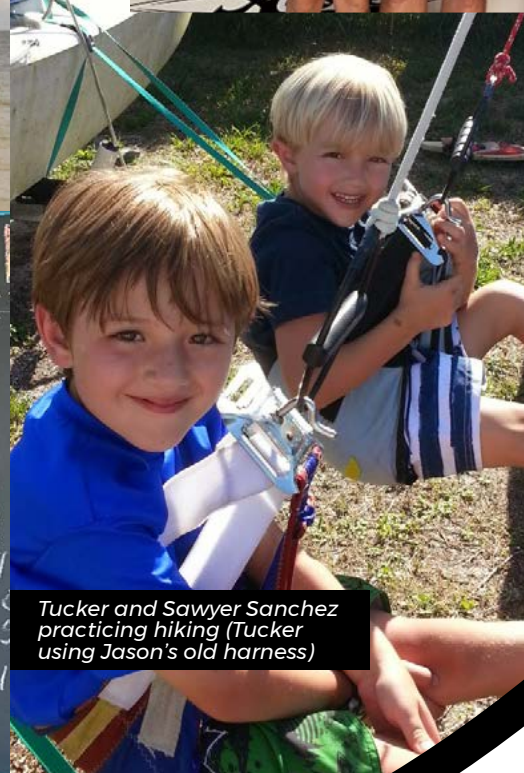
Another local boy, Wright Gres of Tampa Fleet 42, took home a first in 16'-B. The up-and-coming racer defeated over 70 others in his class.

The small fleet in Tampa, Fleet 42, came on big to finish within one point of Jacksonville Fleet 3, which won the overall fleet trophy. The overall trophy goes to the fleet with most members winning individual awards.

GULFPORT YACHT CLUB Spring Series

Club#	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10	Race 11	Race 12
115281	Jason Sawyer	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23
11	Herb Shwood	5	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
1754	Jim	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
80525	Sean & Kat	6	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29
115217	FRED Melera	3	7	10	13	16	19	22	25	28	31	34	37
52651	Cheryl	5	10	14	18	22	26	30	34	38	42	46	50
641	Wally	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
114958	Adam Doug	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
19	RICK	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
11575	Billy CHRISTINA	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
117	HENRY	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132

Jason and Sawyer Sanchez took a first in Gulfport, FL Kentucky Derby Regatta.



Tucker and Sawyer Sanchez practicing hiking (Tucker using Jason's old harness)

they trailered their boat with their 70's Chevy pick-up and drive across Florida to regattas. They grew up around Hobie sailors who would watch out for them when their parents weren't in attendance. According to Phil, when the boys were young, they would sometimes pack 10 people in a hotel room. Getting up in the middle of the night and making the trek to the bathroom was a challenge stepping over people! Phil and Jason still travel together to regattas, although they don't pack as many people into their hotel room anymore.

Father and sons started racing against each other in 1993. They had a "gentlemen's" agreement on the water to give way, however, Jason notes that both his rudder castings have white stripes on them due to Phil rolling over them.

Currently, Phil, Cheryl, Jason, Jarrett and Chase all still live in St. Pete with their families. Jason races a 16 with his crew Heather Mathews at almost every event he can get to. Every April 17th Jason, and fellow Hobie sailors, Cheryl Johnson and Kat Porter, who all share the same birthday, celebrate with a birthday sail. Jason's son Sawyer is beginning to sail with his dad and wants to sail in the North American's. Jason's daughter, Haven, who is 8 years old is interested in sailing club races but is still a little light!

Phil's favorite memory of sailing is not the trophies or first place finishes, but of his three young boys playing on the boats, putting on the harnesses, swinging on the trapeze and going to regattas. His advice to parents wanting to get their kids interested in sailing, "Pick a good day (with wind!), put them on a cat. The rest will take care of itself."

Phil wanted to make sure to add that Bob Clark made it possible for a lot of his success on the water. He sailed with him the longest and peaked his sailing ability to five straight point regattas. 1976 Mid-Winter's was in this group of races. There was a lot of fun and good finishes. He was also a good 16 sailor, great friend and still is to this day.

Phil's latest boat is a Wave he bought to race at this year's Wave Championship in Shreveport, LA this October. Almost 50 years later, he has come full circle sailing those single-handed boats.

... and Elton John is still touring. Rock on, Phil! ■



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-Thursday 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 cub 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



Presents

The 37th ANNUAL PIÑATA REGATTA

and

2022 DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE (2022-03-09)

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Hobie Class Association of North America in affiliation with Tucson Hobie Fleet 514

VENUE

Playa Bonita Hotel and RV Park, Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico. Racing will be on the warm waters of the northern Sea of Cortez

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Sailing Instructions will be made available electronically prior to the event, and will be provided at registration

CLASSES/STARTS

This regatta is open to all Hobie One-Design Classes. Starting groups will be determined after all registrations are received

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 7, 2022
5:30pm – 7:00pm Registration

Saturday, Oct 8, 2022
8:00am – 9:00am Registration
9:05am Competitor Meeting – Group photo to immediately follow
11:00am 1st Race Warning Signal
6:00pm Post-Race Dinner, Party, and Raffle

Sunday, Oct 9, 2022

9:00am Competitor's Meeting
11:00am 1st Race Warning Signal
No racing after 2:30pm
Awards to follow racing at 4pm

SATURDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

- Taco Bar from the Puesta del Sol Restaurant
- Tecate and Margarita Party
- World Famous Piñata Regatta Raffle

ACCOMODATIONS

Host Venue – Playa Bonita RV Park - <https://www.facebook.com/PlayaBonitaRV/>
Mail-in Registration Forms available on their FB page

RV Park Reservation Form also available here - <http://www.fleet514.com/2022-pinata-regatta-event-page-1>

Playa Bonita Resort Hotel information available here - <https://playabonitaresort.com/>

ENTRY FEES

Double-handed boats - \$80
Single-handed boats - \$60

REGISTRATION

On-line registration will be open by June 1, available through the Fleet 514 website here - <http://www.fleet514.com/2022-pinata-regatta-event-page-1>

All entries after September 23 will be subject to a \$15 late fee

CONTACT: Barb Perlmutter – 520-934-3930 - Skipperbarb36@hotmail.com



MADCATTER

— by Theresa White

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.

Winter in Upstate New York brings cold winds and copious amounts of snow; it freezes Oneida Lake hard enough to drive a car across it. While some people ski and embrace the snow, it's enough to break a Hobie sailor's heart. Consequently, when the winter is over, a kind of celebration takes place – a high holiday, if you will – where friends and family join together to rejoice in the beginning of sailing season. This celebration known as *Madcatter* has been a happy tradition for more than 46 years. It's a joyous occasion that belongs next to other important days, like Hanukkah, Christmas, or Festivus.

For Fleet 204 and those in the know, this holiday begins with Madcatter Eve, or as it is more commonly known, the Thursday night sail-over. Hobie Fleet 204 members rig their boats and race from their home marina to the beach of Oneida Shores Park, where the Madcatter regatta is held. Anticipation is high for those sailing over; the tent comes into view and the boats hit the sand for the first time that year. Unlucky 204 members who couldn't sail (darn work!) arrive by car to provide on-land support by bringing beverages to share with sailors and a means of transportation to get everyone back home.

The next day, the Madcatter gala begins in earnest, with the Stanley Cup, a roughly 10-mile distance race that was named to commemorate the life of Stanley Korzeniewski, one of the founding members of Fleet 204. The racecourse involves rounding Frenchman's and Dunham's Islands before returning to shore. Like Santa, at some point while the Stanley Cup sailors were racing around the islands, the beer truck arrives at about the same time as many of the other Madcatter competitors. Sailors from places like Michigan, Puerto Rico, Maryland, Rhode Island, Florida, Eleuthera, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indiana, all over New York

and Canada materialize at the park, shaking hands and hugging each other. The reunion – and the stories – begin anew.

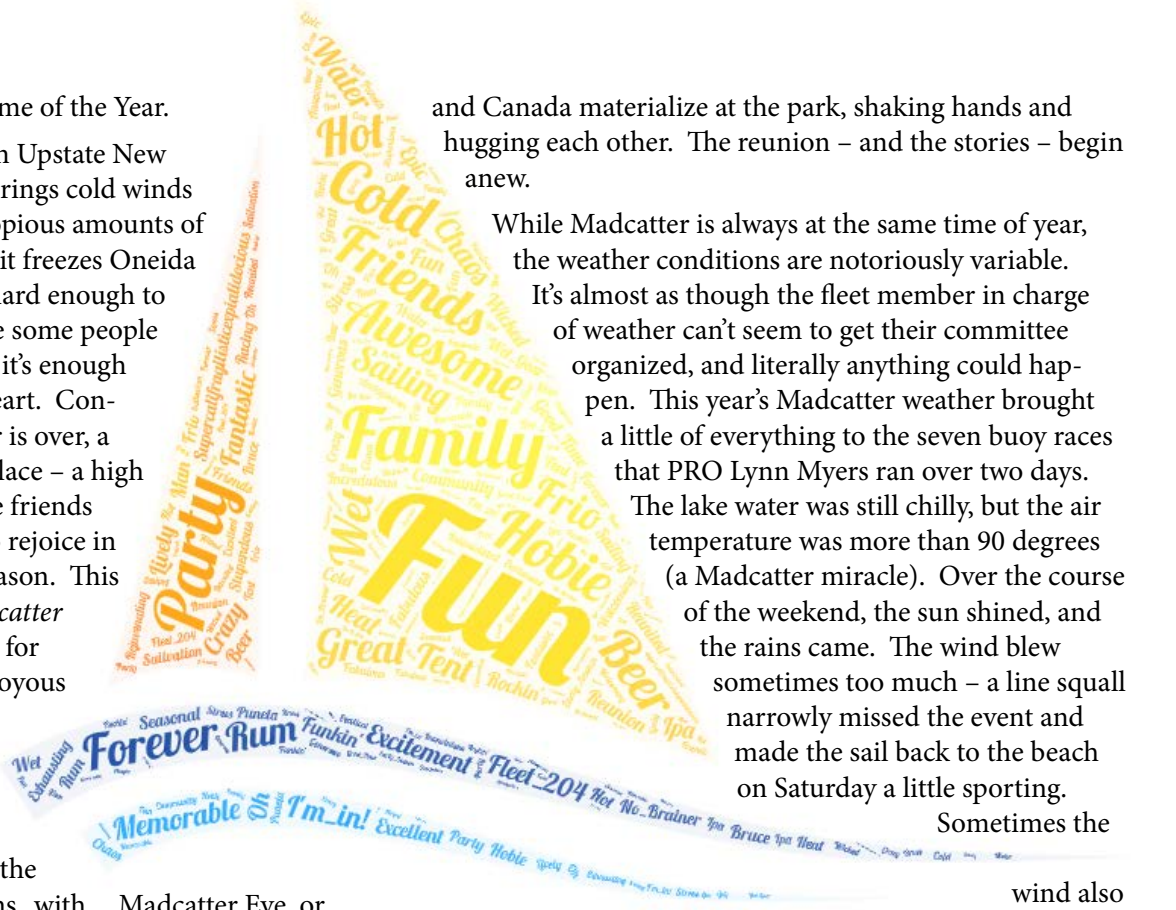
While Madcatter is always at the same time of year, the weather conditions are notoriously variable.

It's almost as though the fleet member in charge of weather can't seem to get their committee organized, and literally anything could happen. This year's Madcatter weather brought a little of everything to the seven buoy races that PRO Lynn Myers ran over two days.

The lake water was still chilly, but the air temperature was more than 90 degrees (a Madcatter miracle). Over the course of the weekend, the sun shined, and the rains came. The wind blew sometimes too much – a line squall narrowly missed the event and made the sail back to the beach on Saturday a little sporting.

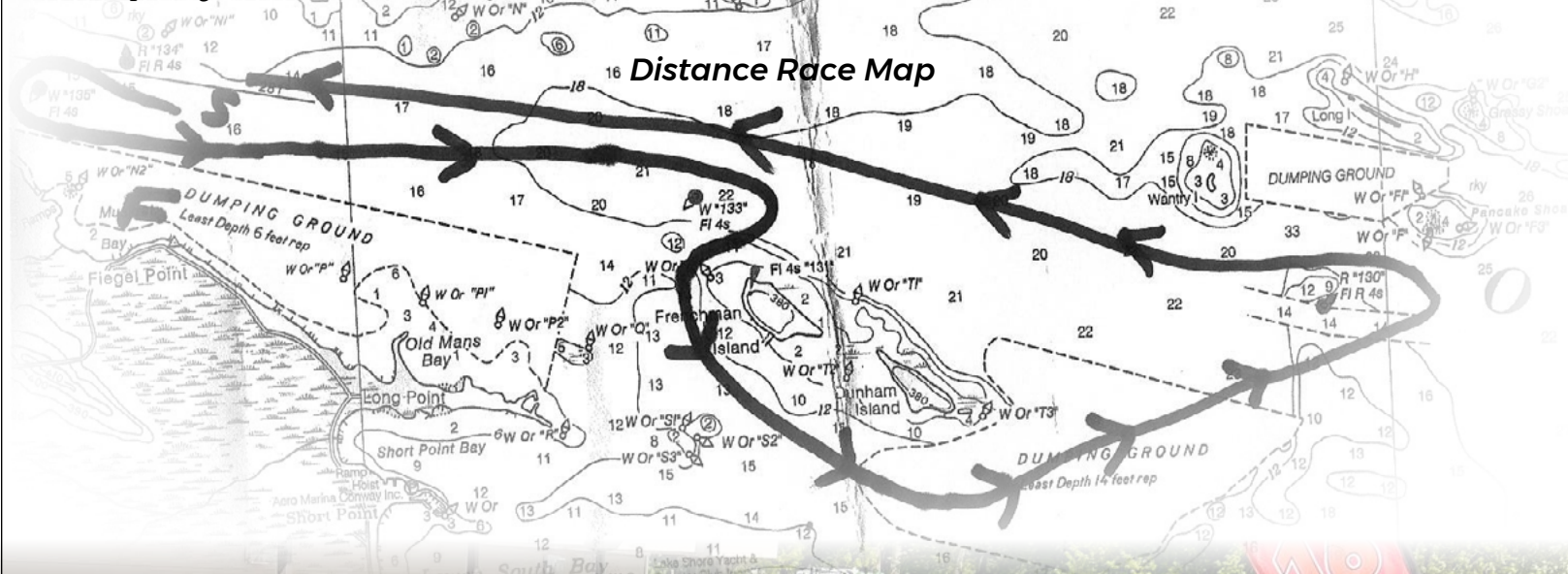
Sometimes the

wind also blew too little, and sometimes, it was just right. So, whether they were sailing a Wave, Hobie 17, Hobie 14, or Hobie 16, every sailor was challenged by some



of the conditions, quite possibly giving rise to traditional “airing of the grievances” on the water.

The Saturday and Sunday buoy races that comprise the heart of Madcatter are friendly, but fierce competition; think of them as the traditional “feats of strength”, because it really is tough out there. For example, this year's field of rivals included a number of North American Champions and at least one Olympian. Every sailor does whatever they can to choose the right path around the marks and to be on the first boat over the finish line. If you were fortunate enough to win your class this year, the party favor that you received was a beautiful Hobie-



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would remind you of your victory by showing 2:04 twice a day. Despite the competitiveness, Madcatter supports new sailors through a mentoring program and a Hobie 16B fleet. Those new to the sport have the curious experience of having an outstanding sailor help them rig the boat, tell them strategy tips, and still easily beat them to the finish. It's all part of the Hobie Way of Life, improving sailing through racing.

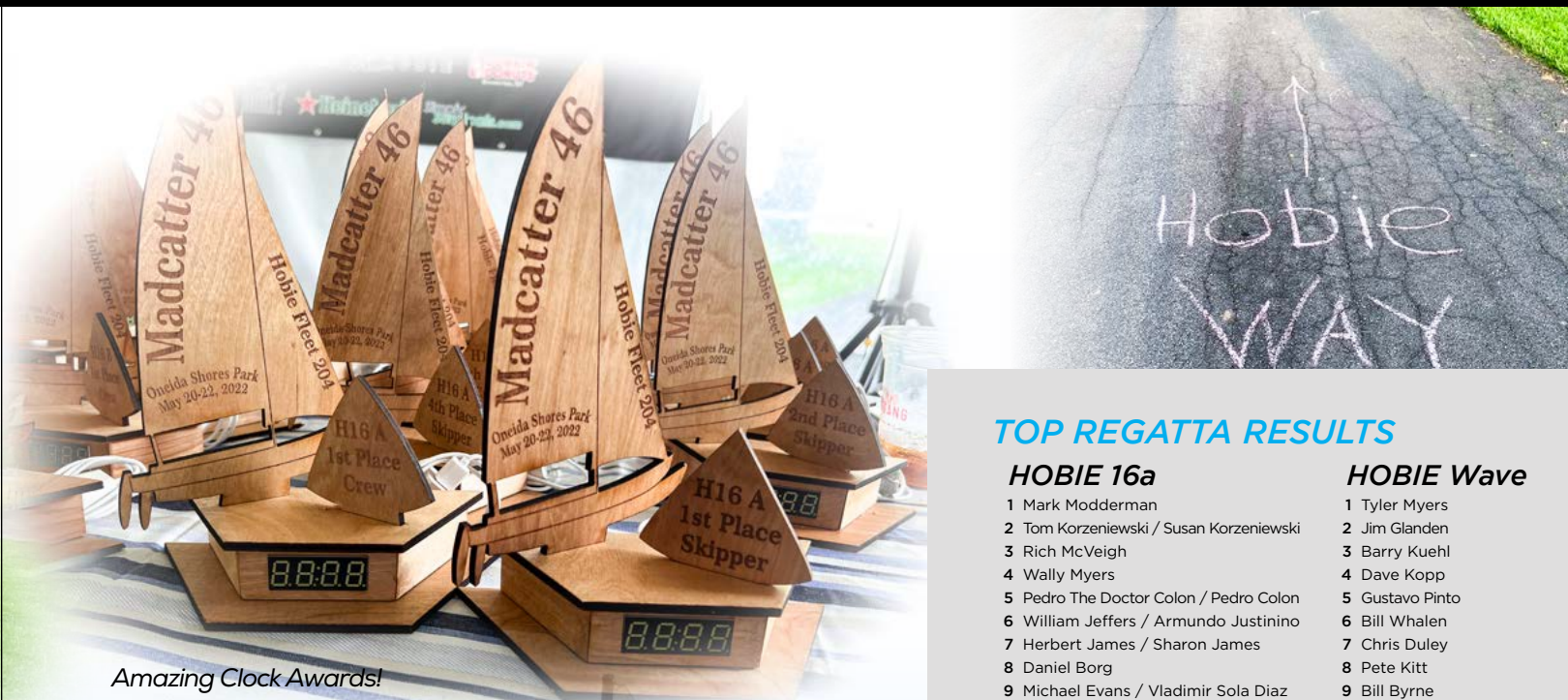
No true holiday would be complete without a feast, and Madcatter is no exception. Friday evening's registration was accompanied by chili and pasta. Saturday and Sunday breakfasts and coffee were provided by Dunkin' Donuts. A celebratory Saturday night dinner of pulled pork, ribs, and barbecued chicken was served with baked beans, homemade coleslaw, and salad. The desserts were many and diverse, contributed by fleet members for the event. After the feasting on Saturday evening came the music and dancing. The party was just a teensy bit raucous, but given the remote location, no complaints were filed. Before the awards

on Sunday, a lunch of sandwiches (more than six different kinds to choose from!) was provided by Byrne Dairy.

Holidays mean many different things to different people. Parties, food, family, and friends are all words that could be used to describe Madcatter – but the one that competitors say most often is fun, as you can see from the word art. If you've never made it to Madcatter, it's what Fleet 204 will promise you about the experience – fun. So put this holiday on your calendar for next year; it truly is the happiest season of all. ■



Our Contingency from Puerto Rico



Amazing Clock Awards!

TOP REGATTA RESULTS

HOBIE 16a

- 1 Mark Modderman
- 2 Tom Korzeniewski / Susan Korzeniewski
- 3 Rich McVeigh
- 4 Wally Myers
- 5 Pedro The Doctor Colon / Pedro Colon
- 6 William Jeffers / Armundo Justinino
- 7 Herbert James / Sharon James
- 8 Daniel Borg
- 9 Michael Evans / Vladimir Sola Diaz
- 10 Jim West

HOBIE Wave

- 1 Tyler Myers
- 2 Jim Glanden
- 3 Barry Kuehl
- 4 Dave Kopp
- 5 Gustavo Pinto
- 6 Bill Whalen
- 7 Chris Duley
- 8 Pete Kitt
- 9 Bill Byrne
- 10 Timothy Knapp

HOBIE 16b

- 1 Matthew Siau / Elisabeth Pittman
- 2 Ken Knapp / Lynn Knapp
- 3 Karen Grisko / Jake Grisko / Brook Grisko
- 4 Ian Smith
- 5 Michael Sataneck
- 6 Kacey Dutton / Christopher Dutton
- 7 Brian Sexsmith / Rachel Tanti
- 8 Mauro Spagnolo
- 9 Ralph Petrarca / Sandra Carl
- 10 Thomas Byrne / Byrne Dairy

HOBIE 17

- 1 Matt Bounds
- 2 John Bauldry
- 3 David Stiemsma
- 4 Rob Jerry
- 5 Christopher Molder

HOBIE 14

- 1 Randy Landis
- 2 Wolfgang Konrwebel
- 3 Robbin MocarSKI

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October 12-16, 2022
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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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.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

THE HOBBIE WAY:

LESSONS FROM... MY DAD

— by Kacey Dutton

Growing up, my dad (Christopher Dutton) used to say, *“the best smell in the world is the sharp tangy scent of old sailing gloves and the sweetest lullaby is the ting, ting, ting of the halyard hitting the mast at night”*.

I didn't know what he meant until my mom broke down in 2009 and finally allowed her baby to take to the seas. Now at 23-years old, the sight of a flying H makes my heart glow with excitement and a gust of wind hits me with the force of a hundred memories. A father's job is to lead by example and impart his hard-earned wisdom on the next generation. No small percentage of those lessons were shared on and around the water. So, when I say I was raised in the Hobbie way of life, this is what I mean:

LESSON 1: HOBBIE MEANS FAMILY

Families are a place where people care about you, support you, look out for you, and welcome you with open arms. My father joined Fleet 448 in RI in 2000 and they have been our family ever since. Hobbie sailing brings together people from all ages and walks of life; engineers, nurses, accountants, students, musicians, truck drivers, retirees, and people from across the country and world who in all likelihood would never have otherwise met. It doesn't matter if you think a sheet is something that goes on a bed and port is a type of wine, or if you were raised yelling starboard at the top of your lungs. It doesn't matter if you dug your boat out of someone's overgrown weed garden or if you buy a new one every couple of years. Whatever your experience, if you want to sail, we will welcome you with open arms and soon you'll be evangelizing for the sport like the rest of us. Growing up, I knew who the top sailors were and though they probably didn't realize it, they were celebrities in my little world. The fact that they also knew who I was definitely made me feel like something special. I would go back to school and whisper to my friends over my PB&J “I sailed with Mark and Grace Modderman this weekend!”. That is what Hobbie sailing means to me, we can fight it out on the water; but

ultimately, we are all there to have a good time and enjoy each other's company. My dad and I christened the newest addition to our quiver of boats, “Fellowship7” because as much as we love the wind and waves; sailing wouldn't be what it is without the relationships we build around it. I have seen my dad live this out in so many ways over the years. He is always looking out for less experienced sailors on the water to make sure they are okay. We are frequently circling back when someone flips, my dad tossing them a line (or his crew 😊). On the beach, you can find him taking time to set someone up to be successful on the water, and in the off seasons he can be found checking in with fellow sailors as life's challenges ebb and flow. The lesson in this is that while you are striving to reach your goals, it is important to look around you. The relationships you build along the way are the real treasures.



LESSON 2: LET OUT SOME SAIL

The first time I tried to skipper, I took my friend out on the 16 and had no idea what I was doing. On the way out we almost crashed into a sea wall, I turned us dead to wind and had no idea how to get out of irons. We sat there spinning in circles for an eternity before someone came to our rescue.

We ended up missing the start of the race, deciding to head in, and coming near pitch poling in our desperate attempt to return to dry land. I can't count the times we have been rounding a mark when

suddenly the wind shifts and the boat decides, that doing pirouettes while everyone else flies by, would be more fun than moving forward. My dad taught me that instead of continuing to fight it, the thing to do is to let out a little sail, take stock of where you are, wait as the boat oscillates until you feel forward momentum, and then sheet in. If you have to tack again, so be it, better than sitting in a hole trying to will your way out. Sometimes in life we find ourselves in that same situation, all sheeted in and wound up, unsure where the wind is coming from, and spinning in circles. Maybe we are facing a big life decision and aren't sure what to do or maybe something happens that causes us to lose steerage or stop short and we struggle to move forward again. It is in these moments that we should take stock of where we are and where we want to go, pick a favorable direction, and start moving. If we have to adjust in a couple feet, at least we have momentum to do so. My dad always says if there are two boats on the water, they are racing. Sure, you can just float along and enjoy the view, but it feels better to have a direction, a goal, something to aim at. It is for this reason that sometimes the best part of sailing for me are the long car rides to regattas in New York or New Jersey; sitting in the car with my dad and talking about life, getting my bearings and finding my heading.





THE HOBBIE WAY:

LESSONS FROM... MY DAD

LESSON 3: FLIPPING IS PART OF THE FUN!

We call them Hobie bites, the white paint on the car from tight turns and the cuts and bruises on our arms and legs after being thrown over the bridle. I remember the first time I flipped was the first time I really went out sailing with my dad. It was right after hurricane Irene and the winds were still high. We had hardly left the shore before we were in the water and I weighed next to nothing so my dad was on his own trying to right her. Eventually we drifted to shore and the coast guard came. My feet were cut up from the rocks, I was cold and wet, and my dad was worried he just lost his shot recruiting me as crew; but at the end of the day we drove to Megrew's boats, he bought me my first pair of boat shoes, and I have never regretted it for an instant. Sailing has taught me that failure is inevitable and you are going to flip 100 times before you know what you are doing and about 1000 more once you do. It requires a good measure of humility and grace for yourself to try something new; and seeing mistakes as opportunities to learn is easier said than done. However, I have observed that if you can learn to do that, you can do almost anything else. I think it's a rule that you spend more time talking about sailing than you actually spend on the water. Everyone has their theories and tricks about how to be a little faster than the next guy and they are usually more than happy to expound on why tying the trap lines this way instead of that is going to give you extra boat speed. Sometimes though, you just have to pick a line of sail and go for it, learning from your own mistakes along the way.

LESSON 4: BROKEN THINGS CAN BE MENDED

Hobies are durable boats, but we abuse them. Gale force winds, waves you can't see over, long distance races, the rocky new England coast, long snowy winters, or our own negligence and hubris. I have seen pretty much every part of a Hobie break at some point; shrouds, masts, hulls, sails, hiking sticks, trap lines, tramps, and rudders. I have also seen each of those boats mended and sent back out to sea. I swear some of the boats I have seen are more repairs than original. My dad carries around a massive toolbox of parts (if you break things a lot, you tend to accumulate spares) and he has recently become an expert at re-finishing rudders and hulls. Over and over again I have heard someone mention such and such is broken and over and over again my dad disappears into the trunk to re-emerge with just the part that is needed or something that can be jury-rigged to do the job. If he doesn't have it, he knows someone who does. We never let a little ding or scuff put a dent in our day. Life is short and we are here to soak up every moment on the water we can. Sometimes life finds us battered by the wind, broken down, in need of repairs; and each time we add tools to our toolbox and learn how to keep going. Then when someone in our life is struggling, we can come alongside them and say, "I know a little about that, maybe I can offer help." There is no question why I went into a helping profession (Occupational Therapy), my dad taught me that there is always hope, and that broken things can be mended.

LESSON 5: BOATS ARE NOT LAWN ORNAMENTS!

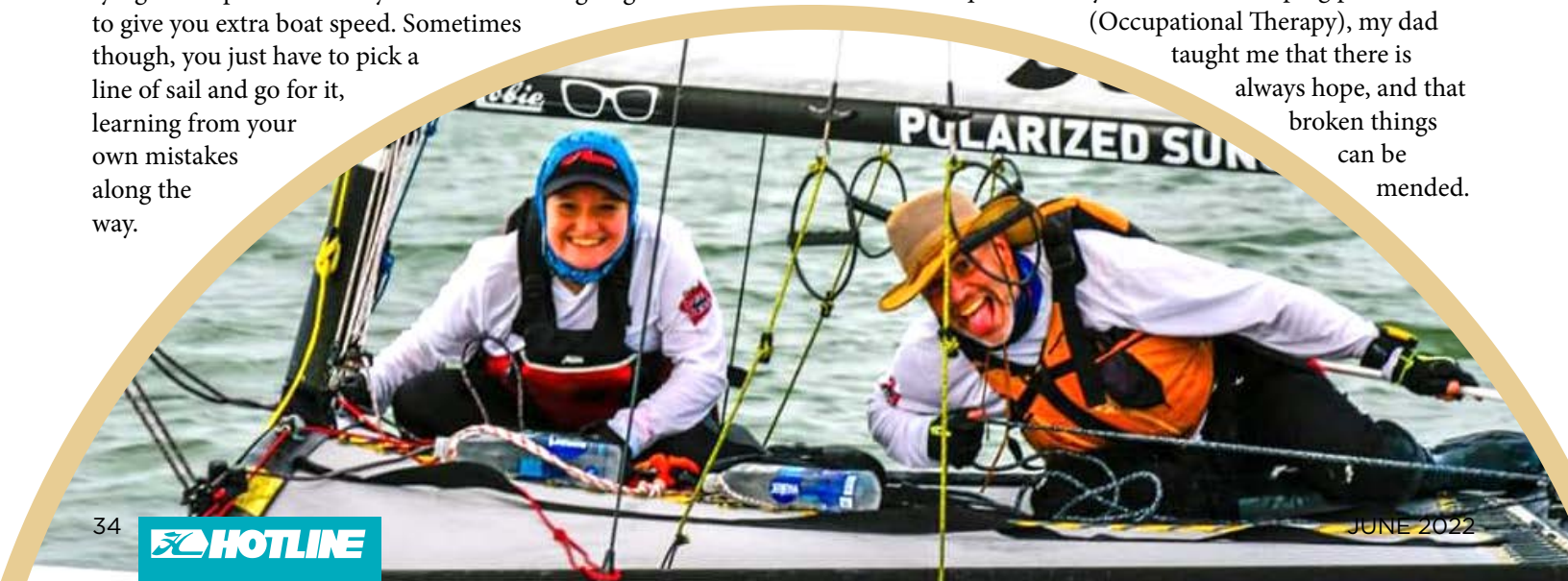
I am going to be honest, I probably spent about 85% of regattas sitting in a car or tent either reading or sleeping on a textbook. After 19 years, I have finally emerged from the bowels of academia with my Master's degree and more time than I know what to do with. However, you can't bring homework on a Hobie, and trust me I have tried. Everything in life is vying for your attention: work, school, projects, that self-improvement book that promised to help you find time you didn't know you had. You can easily let everything you think you have to do distract you until you turn around and start wondering what it was all for, or you can be intentional about how you spend your priceless time and attention in the present moment. My dad taught me the importance of being intentional about my priorities and how I spend my time. He may want to sail every weekend of the summer, but he also takes time to work around the house and help lead worship at church. On the flip side, he doesn't let work and the business of life keep him from sailing either. The hidden message to me in all of those sailing weekends was this: "Kacey, you are my daughter and you are worth my time and attention; life is short and I want to spend time with you". I only hope that my friends and family can say the same at the end of the day about how I treat them. Life is to be lived and summers may be long, but they go by fast if you aren't careful. So, if there is a good wind and clear skies, take it!

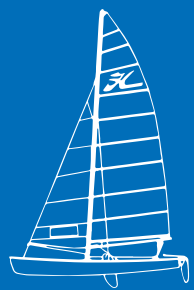
I know, I know, I have the best dad in the world. Before this gets to his head; I will say he is human and not perfect. However, I see the way he strives towards these ideals and I see

his love for the Hobie way of life, and I see what I want to be when I grow up. Thank you for taking me sailing daddy, I love you. ■



photo by: Lisa Kravitz





This Old Hobie

REMOVING MARINE FOAM FROM SIDE RAILS

— by Jason Sanchez

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Mineral Spirits
- Roll of 2" 3M blue tape
- Large Sheet of Painter's Plastic
- Workshop or Mechanic's Paper Towels
- Large Bucket
- Plastic Scraper

This started as something I thought should be easy, but it wasn't! When planning my attack, I had to consider all circumstances. Most importantly, I was NOT removing the trampoline!

I have way too much time invested in getting the tramp nice and tight to remove it, so it was staying put. Living down here in Florida, heat is typically our friend when it comes to working on boats in this salty environment. Therefore, my plan was to use a plumber's torch get the current material soft and make it easy to scrape it off in pieces. Well, that did not work, as when I torched it, the material just burned. It actually made it worse to try to get off, as the material just got hard. Well, the best thing to do when you're getting beat by a project is to call a friend who deals with this type of product. My friend suggested I use a multi-tool, to try to get it off in strips. This was not an option for me, however, as I did not want to dig through the black anodize and damage or expose the aluminum. If the aluminum is left raw, it will immediately begin to corrode with the salt water. As in many previous instances, I was left to turn to "YouTube University". I searched "marine mat removal".

I watched a short video produced by some guys with SeaDek, one of our local suppliers of this material. Naturally, they were doing a nice flat rear deck of a ski boat. The main ingredient they used was Mineral Spirits. I was a little nervous about how this may react to the tramp material, but, I knew it wasn't acidic, and more of an oil-based solvent, so

it would probably be ok. The key to success here is to trap the mineral spirits into the matting material. This isn't very easy on a 4" full radius rail, but I was determined to make it happen. Plus, I had to, because it looked like I sailed by a torch on half of the starboard side!

STEPS:

1. Cut a 6-7" wide painter's plastic strips to the length of each rail (1 for each rail). Apply to the tramp along the side rail with a good 2" strip of 3M blue tape (I recommend real 3M tape as this has the best adhesive in it).
2. Cut pieces of workshop or mechanic paper towels (light blue) into the 6-7" pieces as well. These are a little more durable and do not fall apart as easily as household paper towels. Drop into a bucket and pour in mineral spirits to soak the paper towels until dripping wet.



3. **PREP:** Before applying the soaked paper towels, lay a drop cloth over the hull to stop any chemicals from dripping on the top of the hull. Then Pull out a bunch of pieces of the tape so that they'll be ready for step 4.

Apply the soaked paper towels along the entire length of the rail so that there is enough that will wrap around the whole rail from top to bottom of the tramp.

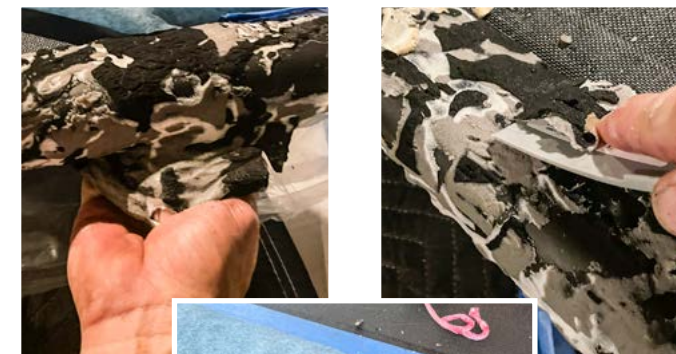


4. Wrap the plastic around the rail, starting on the top of the tramp where's it's already secured, working your way around the bottom and using the strips of tape that you've made ready, fasten the plastic to the bottom of the tramp.



Again, the goal is to trap the chemical onto the rail material, and to do so, it needs to be as airtight as possible. The chemical will need to soak into the material, ultimately softening and releasing the adhesive. The YouTube video said to let it soak to 24hrs. I found that this was too long, 3-5 hours will work.

5. Once the time has passed, remove the plastic from the top with a plastic putty knife. The foam comes off fairly easily now. Allow it to hang below and you will be able to pull off in larger pieces with the putty knife. I had a rag soaked in mineral spirits handy to help remove the adhesive. I found that rubbing the remaining adhesive with the soaked rag and your hand will remove it.



6. Now that you have the old material off, rub the rails thoroughly clean of any oils or residue with a rag soaked in Acetone. This is needed to make sure the new material will adhere.



You are now ready for new side rail material! There are a lot of options out there. Most of the products out there will work. It really comes down to your personal preference of color scheme. Have fun with it and add some flare to your boat!

Good Luck!

Doing Hobie maintenance? Please share your tip/trick or maintenance process with the Hotline team for "This Old Hobie"! We need you! Please email: editorhobiehotline@gmail.com



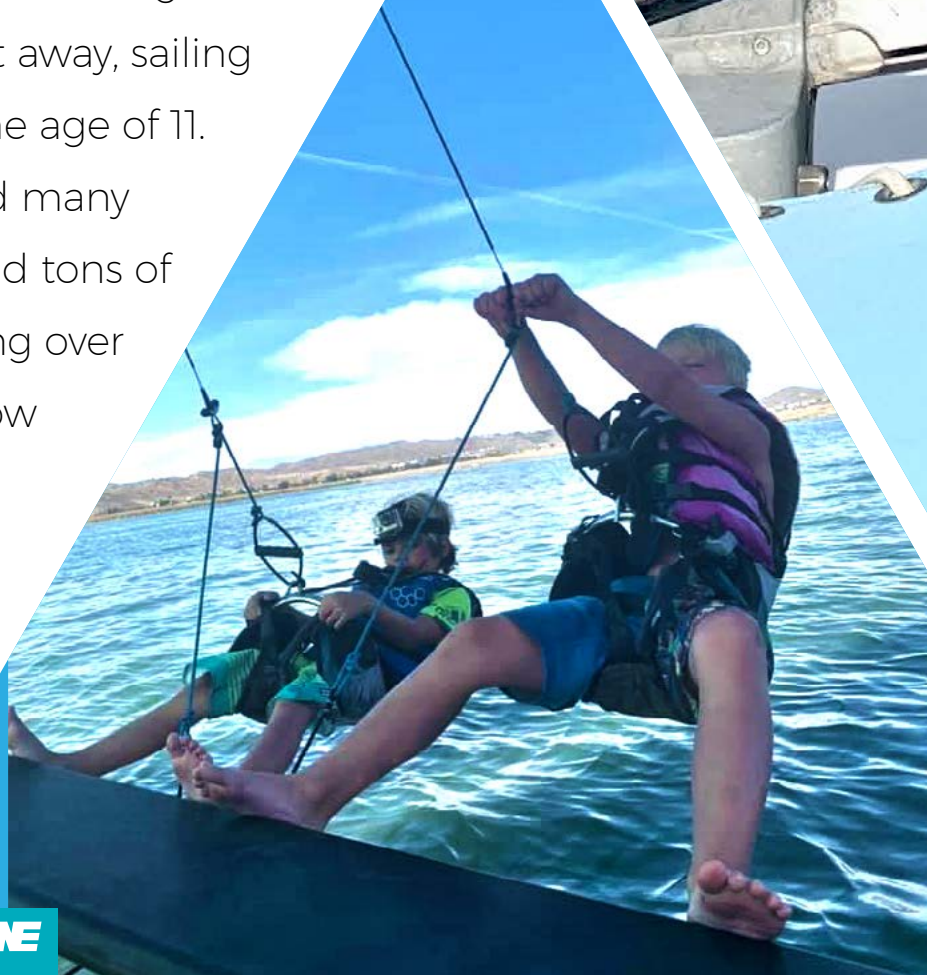
FAMILY & FRIENDS

...It's the HOBIE Way of Life...

—by Chayne Lesley

What's better than sailing a Hobie Cat? Sailing Hobie Cats with your family and friends! It's the way we have always done it, it's the Hobie way of life.

Since I was a young child, my parents Larry and Kathleen had Hobie Cats and got me hooked right away, sailing 16s solo at the age of 11. We attended many races and had tons of just fun sailing over the years. Now our children are taking over and keeping it alive!



My daughter, Journey Lesley at the age of 6, loves to drive in a light wind and my 9 and 10 year old boys, Talon Kane and Gage Lesley, are taking it on like they are taking over the sport.

My wife Brynne Briscoe and I race in regattas, and she has become a fan of the Hobie Wave. We take any and every chance to bring new people and families into the sport and get on the water every chance we get.

In the recent years, I've become the commodore of Hobie Fleet 30 Inland Empire in Southern California. The fleet was reinstated by Jason Agre and supported by Scott Finley and John Slone 6 years ago. We host fun sails every month at Lake Elsinore, CA and Lake Perris, CA. We try to promote the fun and family sail aspect as

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well as the racing aspect of Hobie sailing. Our goal is to bring Hobie sailing back to the beautiful fun of 100 Hobie Cats showing up to sail with friends like in the 1980's. It may be a lofty goal, but we have to start somewhere!

One thing's for sure... no matter who you take a Hobie out with, they always understand the meaning of "Having a Hobie Day". ■

Editor's Note: Check out the Fleet 30 Facebook Page [HERE!](#)

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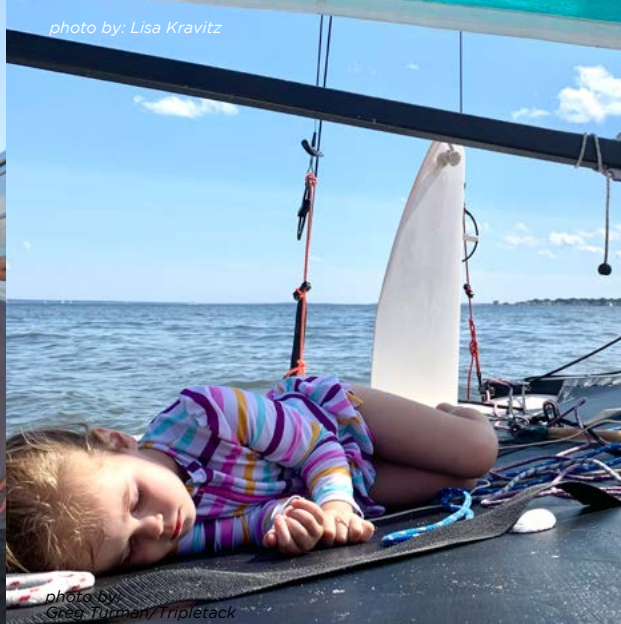


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NO YOKES!

by: — Brad Davis — Mark Santorelli — Krista Vind

The Midwinters East

It takes a village to pull off a successful event. But with like-minded Hobie family working together, it's such a blast. In the spirit of family and teamwork, we've provided the tale of this Midwinters East from three perspectives: **"From the Beach", "From the Signal Boat" and "From a Racer"**. From all three, this year's event was a true success — No April Fooling!



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FROM the BEACH

— by Krista Vind

Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Mississippi welcomed over 70 sailors and crew to this year's Midwinter's with strong attendance in all classes. Represented were H16, H17, H18, H20 and Waves. Unfortunately, there was no sailing the first day due to conditions, but the consolation prize was a great GIANT crawfish boil and keg sponsored by Division 15 and cooked up by Mr. Kenny Boudreaux! Crawfish, sausage, potatoes, onions, brussels sprouts, garlic.....YUM

OSYC is known for their hospitality and great food and this event did not disappoint. Full hot breakfasts and the world-renowned Tato Nut donuts were served before racing each day to fuel the group.

Always attempting to make the OS experience one to remember, the members of the O.S. Sailing Squadron provided a "chefs table" pizza night on Saturday. They created hand tossed varieties of pizzas and fired them in a pizza oven right there on the spot, served up with a fresh green salad.

That evening the raffle was held. OSYC raffles are always AMAZING! Special thanks go to the raffle team and chairwoman, Dee Boudreaux, and all the businesses with their generous sup-

port. Thanks also go out to the raffle helpers, Zoey and Liam Freer who traveled over 1300 miles from Colorado to pick the lucky numbers.

Ocean Springs is a community blessed with many talented artisans and one of those is Amanda Romano, who is a local H20 sailor and pottery artist. She made the beautifully handcrafted medals that each winning team received. We are also grateful for the talents of Danny Robertson and his photography skills. Being a sailor himself, Danny has a super keen eye for the action shots!

A quality event like this just cannot happen without the talents and volunteerism of all the folks who helped to pull it all together, including the wonderful staff of the OSYC! And we can't forget our always entertaining weather mark boys, Al Coupe and TL Lewis for their videos, antics, and mark rounding cheers.

At the conclusion and awards ceremony, pictures streamed above on the monitor as PRO Mark Santorelli presented trophies and everyone enjoyed fresh grilled hamburgers.

Please consider joining us at our next Hobie event, the Hobie 20 and Youth North American Championship this June 20-24. The hospitality, food and camaraderie at OSYC is unmatched!



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Hobie

MIDWINTERS EAST — an April Fools Regatta

MULTIHULL

FROM the
**SIGNAL
BOAT**

— by Mark Santorelli

Friday morning dawned with a big breeze out of the West/Northwest and an incoming tide. With the wind blowing right to left out under the Biloxi bridge, and the tide rolling in from left to right meant for a tall, short chop across the bay. This was very unapparent from the club looking South/Southeast and basically downwind. We held our competitors' meeting and many were concerned about the sea state and the forecasted winds. Some forecasts had gusts in the 30s. We decided to start as close to on time as we could and left the club for the harbor.

We launched the club's new signal boat, a 20 foot pontoon boat and headed out. We no sooner got to the first channel marker and started our turn upwind when it was obvious. We were NOT going to sail today! The first roller put a good 6 inches of water over the deck of the boat. The wave heights were a good 2 feet and only about a 1 second period between them. So, we turned her around and headed back to the launch. In the meantime, TL Lewis was out on the pier and recording winds of 28 knots. The decision to call it for the day was relayed to the club and we don't think anyone was upset with it. After all, probably half the competitors were going to stay on the beach anyway. The Wave fleet had all chosen not to go out. The Hobie 20s would have been seriously overpowered and probably only the tops of the 16A fleet would have enjoyed the day. These conditions would have stressed our support boats and made having a safe day on the water problematic. In the end, everyone was happy to sit on the beach, at the bar, at the pool, or wherever, just catching up and visiting with each other.

Saturday was an entirely different story. The bay was glassy flat as we all arose with a light breeze from the West/Northwest. The forecast was for the breeze to back to the Southwest around 1pm. With a scheduled 11am start we decided to postpone for 2 hours so up went the AP over numeral 2 flags. Around noon we all headed down to the harbor and launched our boats. We went about half way back towards the

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Danny Robertson

club and setup the course to a very nice 12-14 knot breeze out of 220. We had our normal long and short weather marks at 0.9nm and 0.7nm with gates upwind of the signal boat. It was decided earlier that we would have a 16B fleet with their own start giving us 6 classes and starts. Now, even with a long weather leg of a Course 1 there would be competitors rounding the gates before all the classes had started. Thirty minutes of starting is a LONG time. So, we decided to set a second gate about 300 meters downwind of the signal boat. We would start the faster H20 and H16A classes first and send them to the long weather mark and the downwind gate. This would naturally make their course a bit longer than the 40 minute target, but that's okay. The next start would be the Waves followed by the H16B class going to the short weather mark and the gate upwind of signal. Then the H17 followed by the H18 going long weather mark and the gate upwind of signal. This worked out fantastically except for the H18s taking longer to get around the course than anticipated causing the H20s and H16As to wait quite a while to start again. So, we switched it up a bit for the rest of the series putting the

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H18s ahead of the H17s and it all worked out great. Nice 40-50 minute races with as minimal of a wait as possible between sequences. Starting later on Saturday, and with 6 classes racing, we were only able to get 3 races in with everyone back on the beach around 5pm.

Sunday looked to be a carbon copy of Saturday with the wind a bit more left and basically from the normal sea breeze direction. We planned for a scheduled start of 11am and off we went to the harbor at 10. Again, we motored toward the club, this time a little further. With the wind being a bit more to the left this would allow us to stay comfortably away from the bridge. The wind was a bit lighter but forecasted to build, so we set the course up exactly as we did on Saturday with the weather marks set at 190 and 0.9nm and 0.7nm. We posted a notice changing the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and the starting order so we could start the H18s in front of the H17s, since that was not how it was written for the initial start of the day. The fleets all started and sailed lovely courses with

little to no interaction between them at the turning marks. We had a 1400 cutoff with the SIs stating no warning signals would be after that time. This was posing to be problematic as the wind was not building as was forecast. As a matter of fact, it was getting lighter and spottier! Doing the math said we had to start the first fleet of Race 6, the H20s, no later than 1325 in order to get all the classes off comfortably before the 1400 cutoff.

Well, the wind did begin to build in Race 5 with the real sea breeze filling in and getting most of the boats finished. We finished the stragglers on the water, went into AP and quickly got the sequence for Race 6 underway. We were also putting 60 seconds between class flags and figured if we cut that down to 30 seconds we would gain a precious 2-1/2 minutes. Well, we did it with the last start going off at 1359 and 30 seconds. Well done team!

Once again Ocean Springs Yacht Club provided an outstanding venue for some great racing. The leaders of all the classes basically put on clinics for the rest of their fleets. Bob Curry was first in the Wave class with 5 points throwing out a DNS after not sailing the last race. Greg Thomas and Karen Grisko were first in the H16A class with 5 points, throwing out a bullet and winning the last race with Karen at the helm and Greg crewing! The H16B fleet was won by Brad Davis and crew with 6 points, throwing out a 4th. Phil Collins, the H17 Master, won the H17 class with 5 points also throwing out a bullet. The H18 fleet was dominated by James Horton and crew with 5 points, throwing out a bullet. And the H20 class saw Dave Sparkuhl sailing Teri McKenna's boat with Teri as crew winning with 5 points, throwing out a bullet. Looking forward to the Hobie 20 North American Championships being hosted here June 19-24, 2022.

Signal Boat out.

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Danny Robertson

FROM a **RACER**

— by Bradley M. Davis

The 2022 Mid-Winters East (a.k.a. an April Fool's Regatta) was hosted on April 8-10 at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club (OSYC) in the delightful coastal community of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. This venue is always a favorite of mine and many other Hobie Class sailors, well known for their Southern hospitality and exemplary display of the Hobie Way of Life.

The regatta organizers, Krista Vind and Michael McNeir, the OSYC Fleet Captain, Robbie Holstead, and all the people supporting this amazing event did a remarkable job with many included features – daily breakfasts, cool T-shirts, a crawfish boil, handmade fire-baked pizzas, kegs of beer, prize raffles, on-site camping, and hand-crafted awards! I literally don't know how you could have a better weekend for the price.

This venue is special to me. It's where I competed in my first ever regatta, the 2016 OSYC Steeplechase, as well as my first ever Hobie Class Regatta, the 2018 Mid-Winters East/North. I've made life-long friends here and make it a point to travel to and race at this venue every year, multiple times typically.

46 boats competed in the regatta, with sizable Hobie 16, 17, 18, 20, and Wave classes. There were so many Hobie 16 teams that we organized a "B" fleet to give newer teams a chance to experience the race course with a little less stress and



photo by: Brad Davis

competition from the top teams. This is where I spent my weekend, taking a break from the bottom-third performance I typically deliver in a single large H16 fleet. It proved to be a worthwhile opportunity to do a little onshore coaching and encouragement for the folks newer to this and a chance to challenge these teams out on the course.

Racing was intended to kick off Friday morning with sunny skies and perfect 70° air. The wind looked brutal as all the teams prepped to race upon the lowering of the postponement flag. However, it seemed nature had other plans for us and prevented the committee boat from launching due to the pounding waves at the harbor boat ramp. It was probably for the best since the one brave Hobie 16 team that did leave the beach was met with a near immediate capsize and subsequent mud-covered mast tip owing to the 33 mph gusts logged at that time. The rest of the afternoon was spent in a variety of ways lounging on shore, sipping drinks on the beach or in the club, arm chair sailing and getting boat tuning tips, parts haggling and boat repairing, or as one group of college sailors did – driving to NOLA for an afternoon adventure on Bourbon Street.

Saturday provided perfect conditions with a steady 8-10 mph wind, enough to get in 3 races. Domination



photo by: Danny Robertson

NO YOKES!

was the name of the game, with each class having one team winning all or nearly all races. Bob Curry posted three bullets in the Wave class. Greg Thomas and Karen Grisko did the same in the Hobie 16. Bradley Davis and Erik Volk won two races in the H16 B fleet, with newcomer Michael Bradley winning the other. Phil Collins dominated the Hobie 17 class with wins, while James Horton did the same on his Hobie 18. In the Hobie 20 class, the same scenario played out with Dave Sparkuhl and Teri McKenna posting all first-place finishes.

Winds increased on Sunday with 13-17 mph winds, perfect conditions to work on double trapezing in those two-handed class-

es. The top team in each class repeated their winning performances again on Sunday, most of which posted the perfect "picket fence" of all "1s".

I'd be remiss to only mention racing and the competitive aspect. Hobie Class regattas offer more than just a weekend of sail racing. Beyond all those included meals and great swag I mentioned, the camaraderie at these events and opportunities for families to have shared recreation is undoubtedly the best part. The opportunities for discussions and tips from the experienced sailors constantly improve our abilities. The fun of sailing, the challenge of racing, and the Hobie family to share it all with... that's what drew me in and what keeps me coming back. I hope to see you there next year (or before)! ■

TOP REGATTA RESULTS

HOBIE 16a

- 1 Greg Thomas / Karen Grisko
- 2 Jason Sanchez / Heather Mathews
- 3 Mark Ralph / Sheila Holmes
- 4 Herbert James / Sharon James
- 5 Krista Vind
- 6 William Jeffers / Raket Holmes
- 7 Andy Humphries / Marc Bachman
- 8 Wolfgang Kornweibel
- 9 James West / Diane Brow
- 10 Daniel Jarrett

HOBIE Wave

- 1 Bob Curry
- 2 Phil Sanchez
- 3 Mike Pedersen
- 4 Kenneth Boudreaux / Joey Pocreva
- 5 Stephen Cooley
- 6 Wayne Fischer
- 7 John Kidder
- 8 Bill Fix
- 9 Mark Caraher
- 10 Robbie Holstead

HOBIE 16b

- 1 Bradley Davis
- 2 Michael Bradley
- 3 Doug Fogg / Megan Dogg
- 4 Anna Galli / Rafael Bosley
- 5 Jay Williams / Karoline Burroughs

HOBIE 18

- 1 James Horton
- 2 Ed Roch
- 3 Eric Robine / Servane Tonnellier

HOBIE 17

- 1 Phil Collins
- 2 Robert Eckles
- 3 Stuart Hill
- 4 Bryan Rainbow
- 5 Peter Pattullo

HOBIE 20

- 1 Dave Sparkuhl / Teri McKenna
- 2 Bart Beck / Hobie Beck
- 3 Richard Freer / Zoe Freer
- 4 Boz Bosley / Helen Gall
- 5 Mark Bengé / John Mork



photos by: Danny Robertson



photo by: Brad Davis

CINCO DE MAYO

— submitted by **BARB PERLMUTTER**,
(COMMODORE TUCSON FLEET 514)

all photos courtesy of Barb Perlmutter

Division 2, Fleet 66's recent Cinco de Mayo regatta was held in Puerto Penasco, MX in late April. It was pushed up due to the Mother's Day holiday.

The winds were constantly changing directions and were a challenge for the race committee to set a good course...

Kite Flying!

Tecate was the beverage sponsor...
"Thanks Tecate!"

TOP REGATTA RESULTS

HOBIE 16a

- 1 Tony Krauss / Kirsten Perkins
- 2 Mike Montague / Diane Norden
- 3 Blair Wallace / Sasha Wallace
- 4 Tom Sinnickson / Crystal Clark
- 5 Jeff Perlmutter / Dani Haneman

HOBIE 16b

- 1 Steven Dawson / Kevin Dawson
- 2 Chris Picknally / Kerrie McCarthy
- 3 Ron Pacheco / Miguel Desilva
- 4 Jim Stohlquist / Emma Richards
- 5 Richard Reiners / John Henderson

HOBIE Wave

- 1 Rick Buchanan / Ida Likone

HOBIE 18

- 1 Dave Topoloski

The sea water was warm as well as the air...

... and a good time was had by all!



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FAMILY

Photo by: Richard Freer



— by Liam Freer

Hi, my name is Liam Freer. I'm ten years old and I have a huge passion for sailing. I was Introduced to the sailing community during the summer of 2018. Me, my sister and my amazing Dad went to Hobie 20 North Americans at Lake Huntington, CA. Ever since then I've been going on sailing trips across the country. I could go on and on about all these trips but I'm going to focus on one trip last April. The trip was to Ocean Springs for the April Fool's regatta and there are no words that can simply express the wonderful experience. I live in Arvada, CO and Ocean Springs is in Mississippi, so in order to get there we had to wake up at 5:45 AM. We drove for hours through eastern Colorado until we finally saw the "Welcome to Kansas" sign. I thought being in a new state would be a lot of fun even though I had been there multiple times. I was very, very wrong. The powerful Kansas wind blasted dust off the ground creating swirling clouds that blocked our vision. After some long hours of driving we stopped at one of my favorite places — a gas station. This was not your average gas station. No! It has a hotel, restaurants, and it was amazing! This was my second time going to Ocean Springs and I had been to that gas station before, so it made me think of my other sailing trips. The second we crossed the Kansas-Oklahoma border the wind died down and the grass was suddenly green. We stopped at a rest center and then kept on driving. We finally reached Arkansas after a few hours and drove through the vast southern countryside. At around 11:00 PM we stopped at a hotel to get some shut eye. We woke up and hit the road. Me and my sister (whose name is Zoe) fell asleep. When we woke up we were in Mississippi! We continued driving further south towards Ocean Springs. Later in the morning we saw the blue roof of the OSYC (Ocean Springs Yacht Club) . My Dad is a member there. We parked next to the building in the gray gravel parking lot, it felt so good to put my feet on some solid ground! We quickly found my dad's friends Mr. Bart and Mr. Phil, who are very kind people. After getting the boat setup on the beach we went to a grassy section of land that overlooks the beach and set up my tent. While Zoe and Richard (aka Dad) were sailing, the tent would be my HQ. I also hung out with other people. One of them that is worth mentioning is Bev (Mr. Phil's wife). I remember sitting with Bev and her friends on the beach, they were so caring while Zoe and Dad were out on the water. A tradition at OSYC is a raffle. Zoe and I got to help out and it was so much fun! When it was time to leave I was very sad, not just because it meant going back to school.

No, it was because I had seen firsthand how amazing this community of sailors is, and leaving felt like leaving a family. ■



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Hull - O' - Fun!

Finish your regatta with Hull Flying! OR CREATE A STAND-ALONE EVENT!

Here's an idea for some fun competition during the next sailing season-Hull Flying Contests are one of the most exciting and spectator-pleasing Hobie Cat activities. Your fleet can usually draw a crowd (and maybe a few new converts) at the local sailing spot with an impressive show of "cat-flying." There are various ways to conduct and judge such events. Rod Mores of Fleet 22 in Edmonton, Canada, put together the rules and scoring processes for the two types of competition presented here in the late '70s. Review the article at your next fleet meeting, make adjustments where necessary to suit your own setup, and include a Flying Contest at your next regatta-raise a little hull! Contest is designed to provide the novice with practice and the expert an opportunity to show his stuff. The Points Meet is designed to take the element of chance out of the flights and to permit the contestant to choose the optimum flight for his/her skill.

The rules are the same for both the Mini Contest and the Points Meet. Only the method of choosing a winner differs.

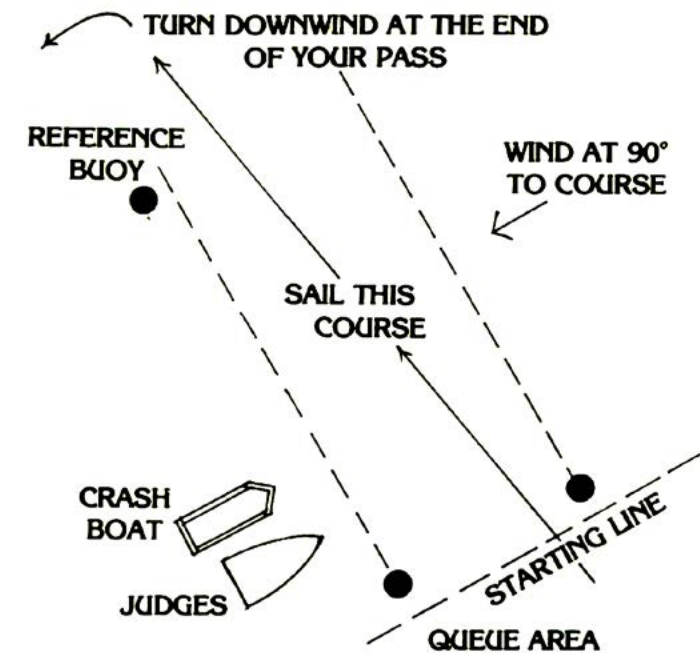
Rules:

1. Only one boat competes at one time.
2. The flight must be maintained for a minimum of five seconds-the time interval between when the hull leaves the water and again touches the water must be five or more seconds in duration or the flight is not counted.
3. If any part of the mast touches the water during the flight, the flight will not be counted.
4. Any ballast for the boat or any addition of weight to the body of skipper or crew is not permitted. Disqualification from the event will result in all cases. This is a safety measure.
5. The competition will end a minimum of one hour after the start or last until a time determined by the judges. The time extension would be to permit a large number of boats an opportunity to compete. In the event that the winds should drop to an unsatisfactory level during the competition and the event must be discontinued, the judges will determine whether a reasonable number of passes have been made by all competitors to declare a winner.

GREAT EVENT FOR BOTH RACERS & FUN SAILORS!

Guidelines for Application of the Rules:

This event is not sanctioned by any governing body. The rules are specified here only to provide some measure of control over the competition and to provide an atmosphere of fair play. The objective of the competition is to promote a unique aspect of catamaran sailing requiring skill and good judgement. The rules will be revised as necessary in the interest of fair competition but always with the enjoyment of the competitor and spectators in mind.



6. As many passes as possible can be made within the time period for the competition. Any boat on the course at the time of the signal for the end of the competition will be permitted to complete the pass.
7. Crew can be added or subtracted at the discretion of the boat's skipper. A two-man boat may be single-handed.
8. The flight must start between the start markers or at a point at right angles to the start line and in the direction of the reference buoy. Every attempt will be made to keep the course at 90 degrees to the prevailing wind direction.
9. The decision of the judges, whether made through the mini contest or through the awarding of points is final.
10. All competitors will exit from the course by sailing downwind to return to the queuing area for their next attempt. At no time should a competitor sail to windward of the course and disturb the air of those who follow.
11. The order of starts will be by rotation. Each boat should locate itself in the start queue and should identify its position in the queue relative to all other boats.

YOUR 2 OPTIONS

The Mini Contest:

The winner of the mini contest will be the boat, which in the opinion of the judges, flew a hull at the highest point above the water for the longest time in any one pass. Distance sailed is not considered. Height will be the most important factor in deciding between two flights of similar duration.

The Points Meet:

Points will be awarded by the judges for height above the water according to the following scale:

1. No flight	Zero
2. Up to 15 degrees	1 point
3. 16-30 degrees	2 points
4. 31-60 degrees	4 points
5. 61-90 degrees	6 points
6. Greater than 90 degrees	10 points

The points will be multiplied by the time duration of the maximum height of the flight to derive a score for the pass. Some allowance will be permitted for bounce caused by waves or by weight redistribution but not for changes in attitude to the water. The highest total score in a period determined in advance by the judges will be the winner.

Do you have any other Hobie game suggestions?



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FAMILY
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Meet Mark and Grace Modderman:

This dynamic father-daughter duo is well known and respected not only for their top finishes within the Hobie 16 in North American and globally, but also for their modesty and sportsmanship. Silver medalists at the Pan Am Games in 2015, Mark and Grace are always willing to help other sailors at ALL skill levels.

Grace Modderman

Fleet: 250 - Sandy Hook, NJ, Div. 11

Age: 23

Profession: Upstream Marketing Associate at Stryker

Hobbies: (other than sailing!): Running, Reading, Cooking

Last book read: Verity by Colleen Hoover

Latest accomplishment: Proposed a new cost-saving strategy to the VM/GM of Trauma and it's going to be implemented.



What I want to be growing up: It changed daily, still not sure if I know!

Favorite Quote: "If you think you can, you will."

Sailing Profile (what led you to sailing, how long, racing?): Absolutely, my dad. His passion for the sport and the fun we have while doing it together is the reason I stay involved. I started when I was pretty young, but then took a break for a while for various reasons. What got me started again was competing in the Youth North Americans with Matt Raybon, I think in 2013. That event was such a great time and was the perfect mix of competitive and laidback to get me back into the Hobie 16 racing scene. I did a few more Youth events after that as well. But, for the most part since then, it's been me and my dad on the water together!

Strongest sailing influence (person): My dad.

What would you like to see change in Hobie Sailing?

Something needs to happen to re-invigorate the Hobie sailing scene. It's definitely sad to see the number of boats at weekend regattas and even North American's dwindling. I can't say I'm blameless in this as my participation has lessened over the years with college and entering the workforce, but that's something I would love to see change. It gets me really excited to see new enthusiastic skippers on the start line.

When did you start sailing together? Always been sailing together! I've learned everything I know about being on the water from my dad.

Favorite sailing memory: My favorite or most memorable maybe is a better way to phrase it, is the last day of North Americans in Galveston, TX in 2015. That was one of the gnarliest days I've ever sailed in. We were getting launched off literal waves on the port tack up to the mark. Every tack seemed like it was going to be the one that flipped us over. Going downwind, we couldn't see the boats behind us. I was definitely scared, and seeing most of the fleet back on the beach rather than on the water was certainly not comforting. When Mark Santorelli, the PRO, put of the flag to run another race I was NOT a happy camper. But I put my faith in my dad and put my head in the game and it turned out to be one of the most gnarly, memorable days of sailing I've ever had. It tested my grit and most importantly our trust in each other as a team. Now, whenever there's a day with conditions that make me nervous, I just look back to that day and say "Damn, if we could do that, well, we can do this". Honestly, that whole event was such a great experience, it was definitely my favorite North Americans I've ever been to.

Boat: Just Hobie 16's! I love our Hobie 16 family (shoutout 3139!) and they're another huge part of why I keep coming back every summer.



Mark Modderman

Fleet: 250 - Sandy Hook, NJ, Div. 11

Age: 55

Profession: Fiberglass Technician

Hobbies: (other than sailing!): Kitesurfing, Surfing, Paragliding, Wildlife and Bird Watching

Last Book Read: Elephant Whisperer by Sir Lawrence Anthony

Latest Accomplishment:

Getting my P2 license rating for paragliding and having a fun racing weekend with my daughter.

What do you want to be growing up? Game Ranger

Favorite Quote: "You have not won the race if, in winning the race, you have lost the respect of your competitors." - Paul Elvstrom Four-time Olympic gold medal winner

Sailing Profile (what led you to sailing, how long, racing?): Surfing competitively as a boy and one Sunday in 1981 coming back from church we saw all the Hobies rigged up on the beach. My dad asked if I would like to try that, did a u-turn. Found a guy on the beach, John Devine, selling a 14 (Allycat). The rest is history.

Strongest sailing influence (person): Michael Collier, asked me to crew, qualified for the Worlds in Tahiti 1982. He was considered one of the best heavy weather sailors in the world at the time. Blaine Dodds, true gentlemen of the sport - multiple world champion and true sportsman. Editor's note: Blaine Dodd is a South African Hobie 16 world champion with the most podium positions of anyone in the world at World Championship events. Read more about Blaine [HERE.](#)

What would you like to see change in Hobie Sailing?



More boats, more kids.

When did you start sailing together? In my overenthusiasm I scared the daylights out of Grace when she was about 8 years old. That was a mistake. She was asked by a friend's son to crew for him several years later. I guess the bug bit her, and we enjoy sailing together now when we get the chance.

Favorite sailing memory:

- 1) The only time beating Blaine Dodds when I was still at school sailing with my sister. I sailed with Paula for many years when I was younger.
- 2) So many good memories with Grace. The favorite is probably competing at the Pan Am games in 2015 and standing on the podium with Grace winning the silver medal.
- 3) Crossing the Atlantic on a 30-foot boat with 3 of us on board.

Boat(s): Hobie 16, A-Cat

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June 2022 Edition - **Featured Sunset Pick**

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