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THE COMMON DENOMINATOR



Fall is upon us, and the weather is beginning to show it! Membership growth this year has been better than the last two, and we hope to see more across the board for 2023.

Many sailors just wrapped up the Hobie 16 North Americans, which were held in Michigan City, Indiana. What a great

event, and well put on by its organizers. The event was proposed 3 years ago, and had been postponed due to covid, and the Hobie 16 worlds. I cannot thank the organizers and sailors enough for hanging in there and seeing it through.

It was absolutely refreshing to welcome the approximately 15 new sailors at the event that had not sailed in a North Americans! A real treat, it was exciting to see these new teams and spend time with them — just awesome on and off the water!

The HCA-NA board will be meeting in the weeks to come for our AGM, also known as Annual General Meeting. A couple of the board members and I met while attending the H16 North Americans and we will be proposing some significant changes to the current configuration of our organization. I am hopeful that these changes will cater to a broader audience, ultimately attracting more new sailors to our organization.

Many ask me, "what do I get for being a member" I have to say, "more than you know!" The first is structure to an organization, run by volunteers that share the same passion, secondly membership dollars are used for insurance needed for the events that are held across the nation. Membership dollars are also used for grants to help support events and for the Hobie Hotline which you are reading now! Lastly, the organization can be compared to a bottle of glue, used by a whole bunch of like-minded folks sticking everything together. It's this cohesion allows us all to continue sharing this amazing Hobie way of life.

We are all ears with ideas of how to grow our organization and support all aspects of sailing! If you have ideas you would like to share, my email address is listed on page 10. Please feel free to email me or any of the HCA-NA board members!

Thank you all!

Your Chairman,

Jason Sanchez

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The Hotline and the HCANA as a whole is continuing to create buzz about our current and future membership growth Worldwide! A continued focus on youth membership in particular is paying off and we encourage our members and fleets to invite out new folks to learn to sail – *and* to race!

This coming issue, we're building a larger team of support for the HOTLINE. Not only is this plus for HOTLINE content, but it will help keep a larger group more involved in some of the initiatives for HCANA growth! The next issue as always will focus on positive momentum and we'll pay tribute to our past sponsors. As we look to the future, we'll encourage more sponsorship acquisition by each fleet with the end goal of restoring a long history of national sponsorships! As always, reach out at any time – 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**



New Signups are Up! Way Up!

Class membership is gaining momentum! **There has been over a 70% increase** in new members since the last HOTLINE publication in June. Thanks to all members and fleets for your continued focus on growing our membership. We even signed up over 15 NEW member racers at the Hobie 16 North American Championships.

Let's keep it going!



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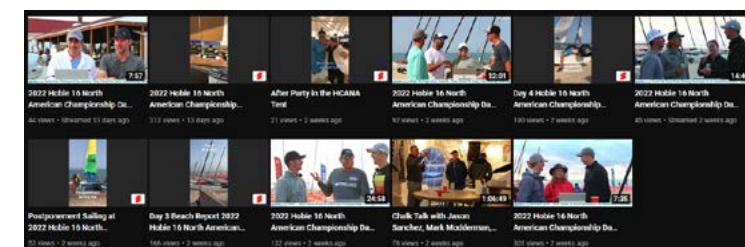
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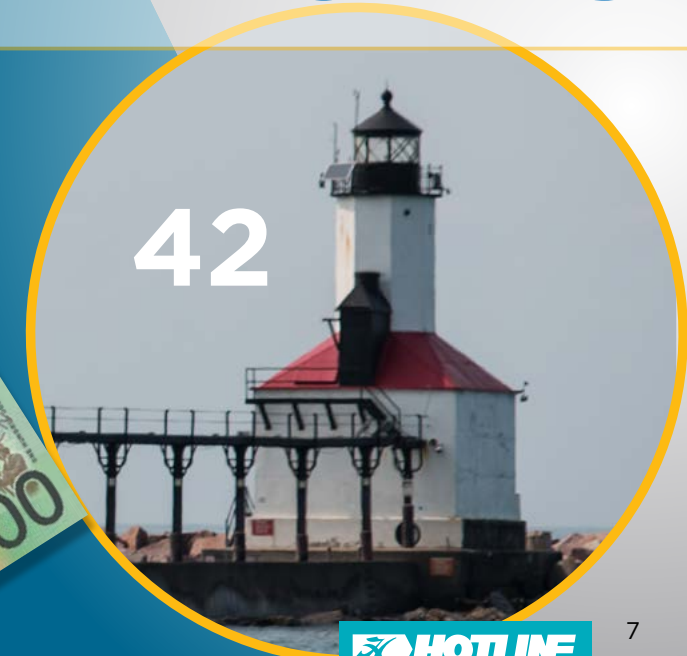
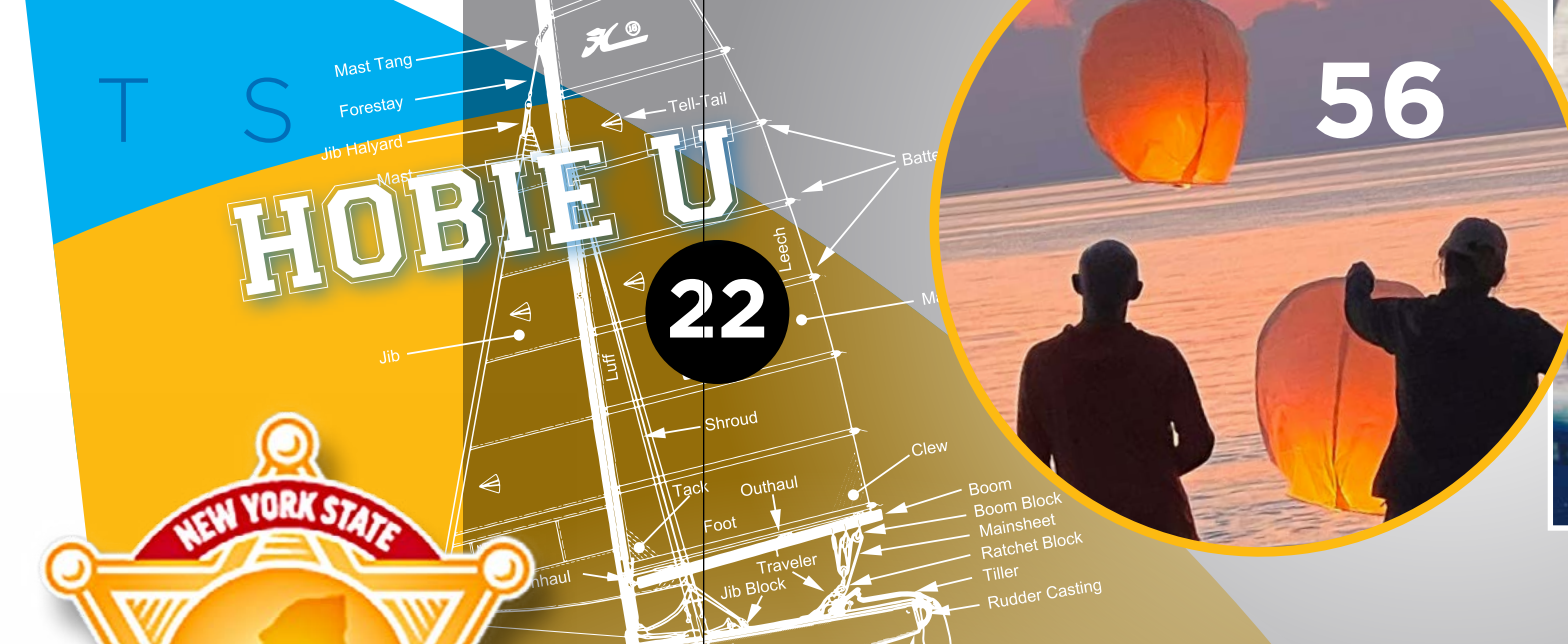
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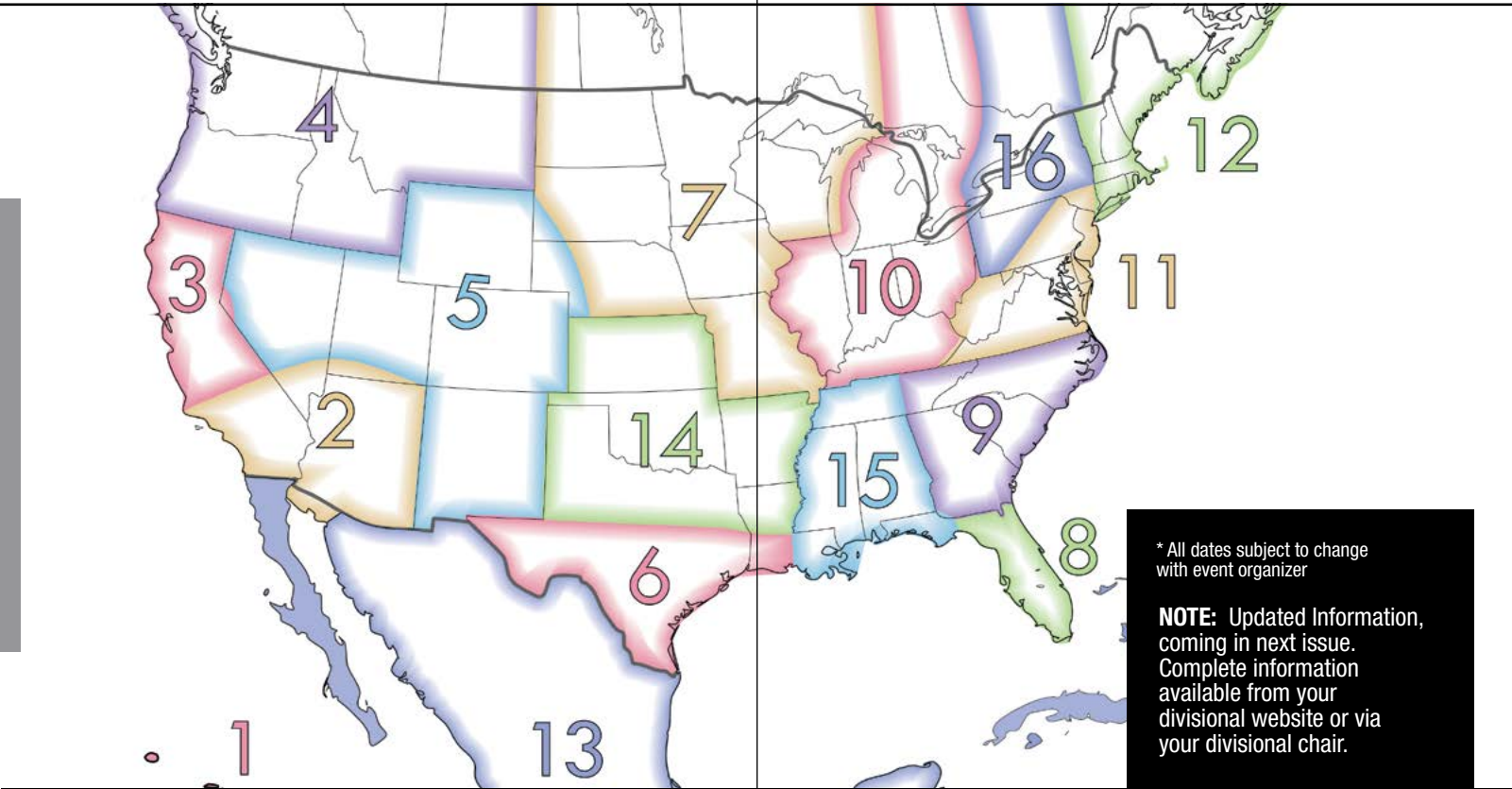
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REGATTA & FUN SAIL SCHEDULES

Fall is upon us and for many divisions, the colder months ahead are the offseason.

Look Out for New Regattas and Other Events Coming in our December issue.

‘23 is going to be a great year!



* 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 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@mwinc.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	☀️
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514	10/8-10/9	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
RYC	10/1-10/2	RYC Multihull Invitational / Richmond Yacht Club, Richmond, CA (One Design + Open Class Starts with a variety of boats welcome)	Gene Harris / Rolf Jaeger	rolf@pacificsound.us	
	10/15-10/16	Otter Regatta / Monterey, CA	Mike Montague		✓

DIVISION 8

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	10/29	Hairums Haul / Distance Race Melbourne, FL	Scott Hubel	321-960-6580	Distance
	10/29	Bluster Regatta / Open / Multihull / Indian River Lagoon, Scurrah's Landing, Melbourne, FL	Lisa Heredeen or Mark Heredeen	321-863-4424 321-863-4426	✓

DIVISION 9

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	11/5-11/6	Turkey Shoot Regatta / Multihull / Seneca, SC, Kiwi Sailing Club	Mike Garrett	michaelspgarrett@gmail.com	

DIVISION 10

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

DIVISION 14

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
23	10/1-10/2	2022 Mid Americas Champs. / Oak Point, TX	Laurie Cronan	lauriecronan@gmail.com	
	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
	10/12-10/16	Hobie Wave North American Championships / Shreveport, LA	Eric Dorschner	612-710-7714 erdorschner@gmail.com	✓
	3/31-4/2 (2023)	Midwinter's East / Multihull / Ocean Springs, MS, Ocean Springs Yacht Club	Michael McNier / Krista Vind	kkvind@gmail.com	✓

DIVISION 16

HOST FLEET	DATE	NAME / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE / E-MAIL	Points Regatta
	9/12-9/16 (2023)	2023 Hobie Wave N. American Championships / Syracuse, NY, Onandaga Yacht Club	David Witmer	davidwitmer@earthlink.net	✓
	9/10-11	CMOR Canandaigua, NY - Multihull/Open		See Website	✓

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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 dates may occasionally be tentative. Please check the Division's website or Facebook page, or contact them directly before making a commitment to an event.

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2022 Hobie Mid-Americas Area Championship

Lewisville Lake – Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club

October 1-2, 2022

Schedule:

Friday, September 30:

Arrive, select campsite & boat setup all day.
6:30 pm - Welcome & Check-in

Saturday, October 1:

8:00 - 9:00 am – Check-in and Registration
10:00 am – Competitor's meeting
11:30 am – 1st Warning Signal
6:00 pm – Italian Dinner (incl w/ registration)

Sunday, October 2:

10:00 am – First Shape. No starting signal after 1pm. Awards upon scoring completion.

Fees: Pre-Registration – Sept 8th cutoff

Single-hand \$70

Double-hand \$85

*T-shirts ONLY included for Pre-Reg

On-site Registration – after Sept 8th

Single-hand \$80

Double-hand \$95

Free registration for Youth Teams*

(*Youth Team skipper & crew must be under 18)

\$15/person for Extra Meals

\$10/person for Extra T-shirts (as available)

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class

Association of North America, hosted by
Hobie Cat Fleet 23, Dallas

Location:

Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club
1399 Yacht Club Road
Oak Point, TX 75068

Classes: Regatta open to all class legal
Hobie Cats. Minimum 5 boats make a class.
Awards determined based on class sizes,
min. 1 per 5 boats/class.

HCANA: Skipper and/or Crew **must** be
member of Hobie Class Association of
North America.

<http://hcana.hobieclass.com/join/>

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

Rules: This regatta will be governed by the
2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

Registration Link:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=24115



Contact: Laurie Cronan, Hobie Cat Fleet 23

lauriecronan@gmail.com

972-814-7090



GRAB BAG

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

SAVE THE DATE

Hobie **Wave** North American Championship
2023
September 12 - 16




Hosted by Hobie Fleet 204 and Onondaga Yacht Club
Sailing on the beautiful waters of Onondaga Lake
In the Village of Liverpool, New York
Adjacent to the city of Syracuse, New York
Motor home parking - no hook ups
Tenting on site
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Event Chair - David Witmer
davidwitmer@earthlink.net





Watch for the fb event to be posted soon with details.
2023 Hobie Wave NAC




THE IHCA COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING CLASS RULES FOR THE HOBIE 20 & 17 SAILS: Sails manufactured under the provisions of Gen. Class Rule 6 include IHCA licensed sailmakers: Elliott Loft, LCC. and Whirlwind Sails. See link for more detail

Click [HERE](#) for the New Rules changes.



SHOUT OUT!

To Lupe Tortilla for going above and beyond in sponsorship of the upcoming Hobie 14 North American Championships in Oak Point Texas.



Amazing Trophies!

Take a look at the beautiful Stained glass trophies created by Andrew and Casey Luquet of Ocean Springs for the Hobie 16 North American Championships!



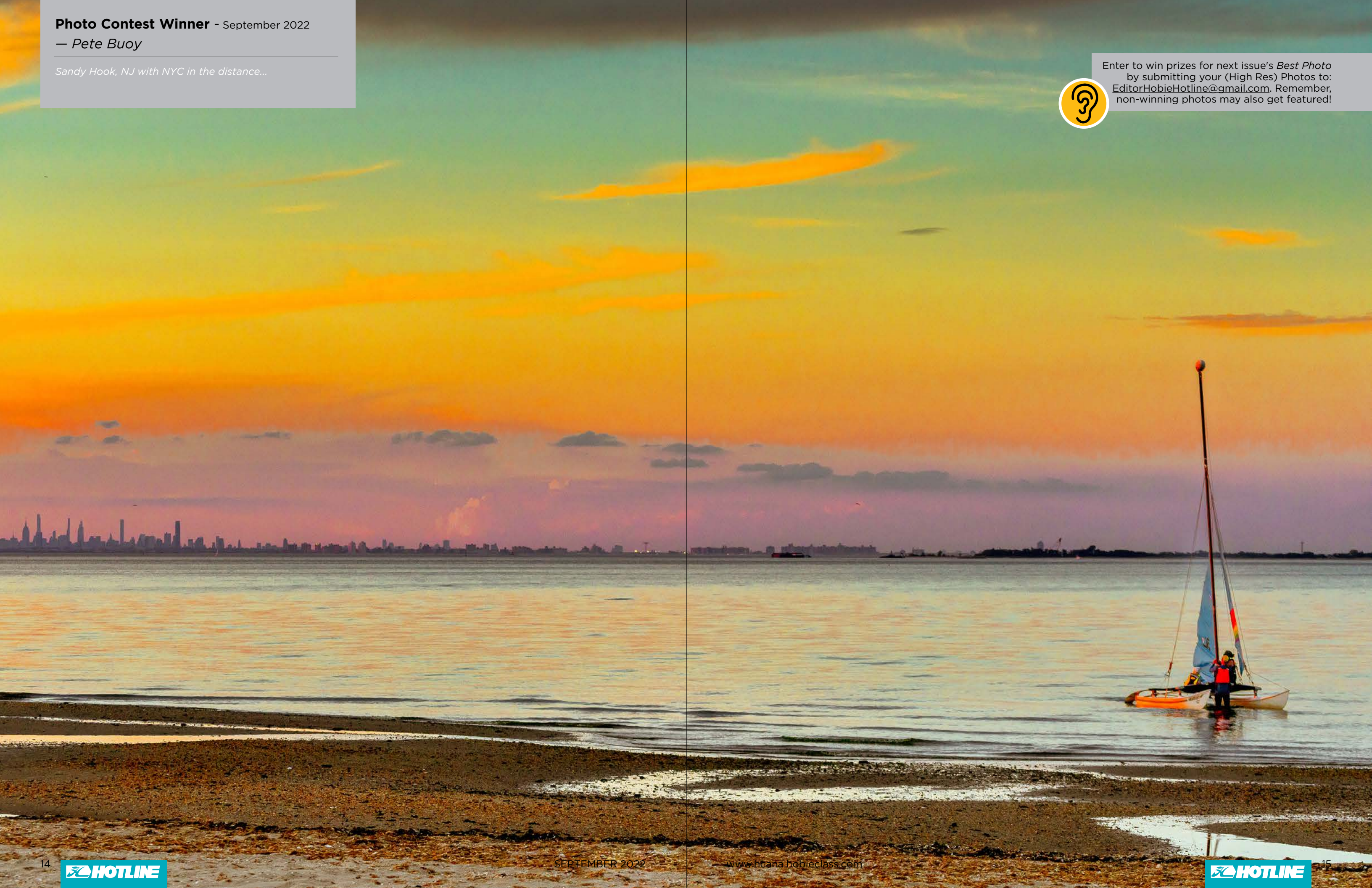
Photo Contest Winner - September 2022

— *Pete Buoy*

Sandy Hook, NJ with NYC in the distance...



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





2022 Hobie 14 North American Championship

Lewisville Lake, Oak Point TX

October 3-7, 2022



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Schedule:

Monday, October 3, 2022

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

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

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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

Wednesday October 5-Thursdays October 6, 2022

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

Friday, October 7, 2022

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

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

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



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



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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

PREPARING FOR YOUR *First* Regatta

— By Joe Bennett
(Total Joyrider)

Going to an event, maybe a regional championship or long-distance race is a great way to improve your sailing, pick up some tips and meet a lot of like-minded people.

Prerequisites

- You should be able to pretty confidently be able to handle your boat around an upwind/downwind course.
- You should be able to stop your boat and sail slowly. That will be very useful on the start line.
- You should have at least a basic knowledge of right of way rules.

Before you go

- Do as much preparation as you can. Get as much done to your boat as possible at home or at your club where you'll have more time and better facilities than at the event.

- As soon as you've decided that you're going to go, enter the event early. That is your way of making it real that you're definitely going. (Also, early registration is sometimes less expensive and may also guarantee you some extra swag!)
- Make sure that your boat is going to be class legal. If you have any parts which are not original, check with the class association to see what is allowed.

"Do as much preparation as you can."

"Make sure your boat is going to be class legal..."

“Best to arrive the day before...”



photo by: Lisa Kravitz

Last sail before taking boat apart for transport

- Check for anything that could be improved.
- Check for any parts or lines that need replacing - bear in mind that brand new rope can be very slippery!
- If you're transporting the platform assembled tighten the trampoline and bolts before you go.
- Check to see if the rudders need tuning - only take on a full tuning if you're confident that the end result will be an improvement.
- Check the batten tension - are there any creases in the batten pockets? If so, tighten the battens to remove them.
- Wash your boat. (although if you're going a fair distance on a trailer it'll need another wash when you arrive.)
- Make sure that you have a new mast bearing (if you use one).
- Pack sailing gear - for various temperatures.
- Pack spares and tools that you have available. Think about things that could possibly go wrong.

- Make sure that you have the right paperwork - insurance, measurement certificate, class association membership, etc.
- Have you got a watch with a countdown timer for the starts? You'll be lost on the starts without one.

When you arrive (best to arrive the day before)

- Find out immediately about registration - get that done as early as possible
- Get your boat built, try to secure a good parking space (if you can keep your boat next to your trailer that's a bonus)
- Get some info from locals about the race area - anything specific that you should know.
- Get out for a sail (if there's time)
- Try to eat dinner reasonably early and make sure that it's not rubbish (no burgers or pizza, etc.)

Race day

- Make sure that you're not going to have to rush to get to the start line! Arrive at the venue early, do whatever preparations

possible. Think about nutrition - how long are you going to be on the water? Maybe take some bananas and definitely bring some water.

- Go to the briefing/skippers meeting. Make sure you especially understand the course and starting sequence.
- Be one of the first to get on the water.
- Sail to the start line and if the course is out, locate all of the marks.
- Try to decide if one side of the course has better wind.
- If you have time sail halfway up to the windward mark. Note if there are any significant differences in wind speed or direction across the course.

Starts

- Find out which end of the line is closer to the windward mark. The best is to start at that end, but if it's going to be crowded, go for the middle of the line.
- Make sure that you don't sail far from the start line. Keep watching the committee boat for the start sequence.
- Put yourself in a position where you aren't going to have to tack. Aim to be approaching the line on a close reach so that you have most options.
- If the whole fleet is moving forward, make sure you are not getting left behind.
- Try to have as much space as possible.
- Keep checking the time, every 15 seconds is ideal.
- Off the start, sail a little low. If you need to get away from any boats sailing over the top of you, get clear and then sail your most efficient angle. Keep looking at where the other boats are. Look for any potential boats that will come in your path - so you don't have to make any last-minute decisions.

Upwind

- Don't leave your first tack too late. Unless you're first or last, coming into the first mark on the port layline can be way too hectic!
- Make a plan with your crew. When you're going to bear off, when you're planning to tack, etc. The more that you communicate, the less chance there is of any major boat handling mistakes.

Downwind

- Always be looking for where to gybe and where the other boats are. Make decisions regarding other boats early rather than having to respond last minute.
- Be careful not to gybe too late if it's windy, too early if it's light.



Finish

- Stay in between other boats and the finish line so that you don't lose positions.
- After the finish, talk about the race with your crew. What could you improve? Who did well? Why did they do well?

In General

- Stay out of dirty wind.
- Stay out of trouble.
- Don't be early on the start line.
- Don't think that you can get away with rule infringements.
- Keep your eyes open. Know where the other boats are at all times. Know where the marks are at all times.
- If things aren't going so well, try not to get stressed. It's meant to be fun! If you do badly, you'll learn more than if you win!
- Communication with the crew is very important, even if they're not experienced, by telling them everything. It's a good way of you having it clear in your mind.
- Avoiding collisions is key.
- Maintain special awareness, always be looking around. Think ahead. If you think there is potential for a collision, make a plan early of what action must be taken.

Another good idea in preparation if you have the facility is to do some races on Virtual Regatta inshore - you can really get an idea of what it'll be like from there.

Most importantly, Have Fun! ■

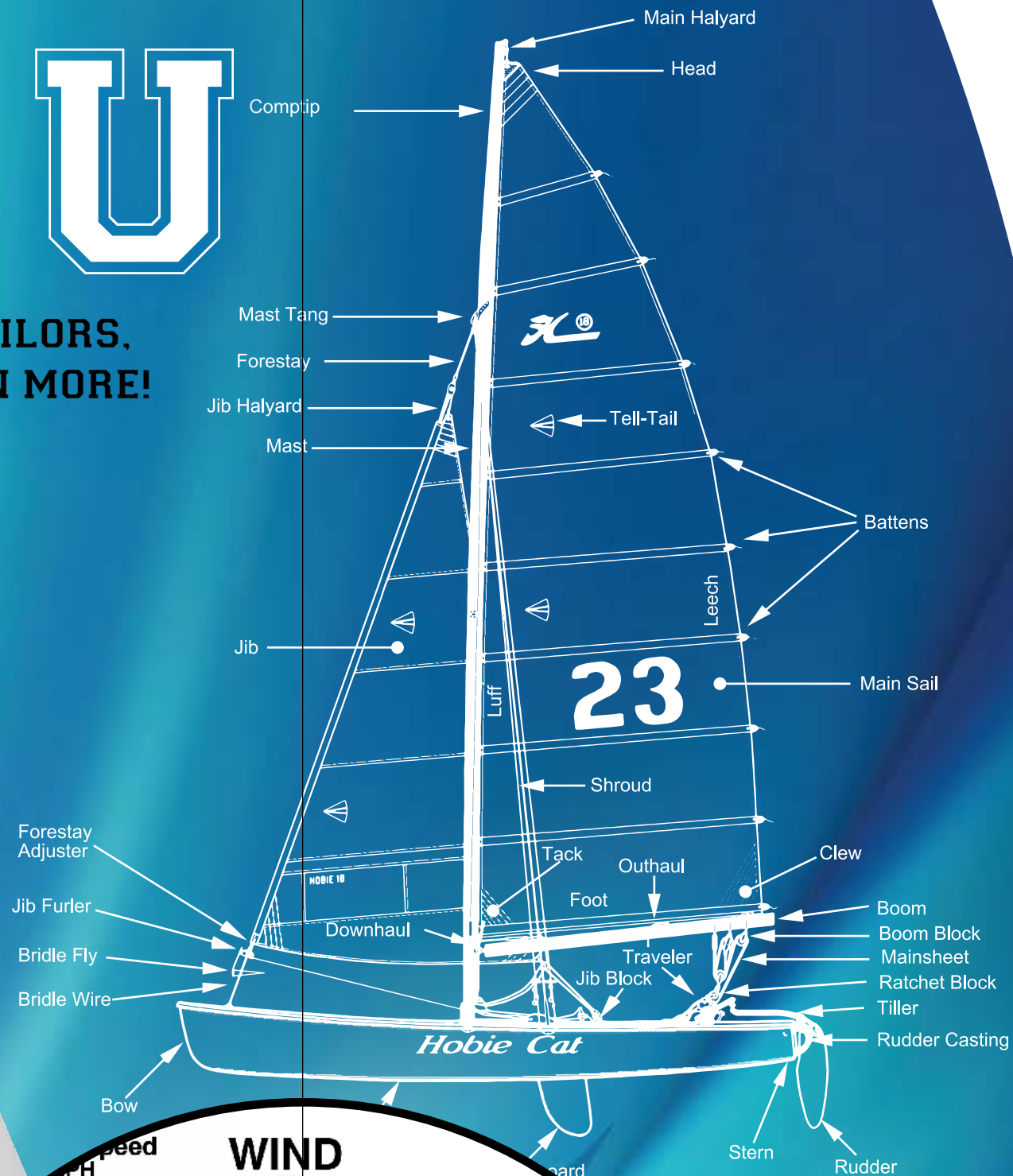
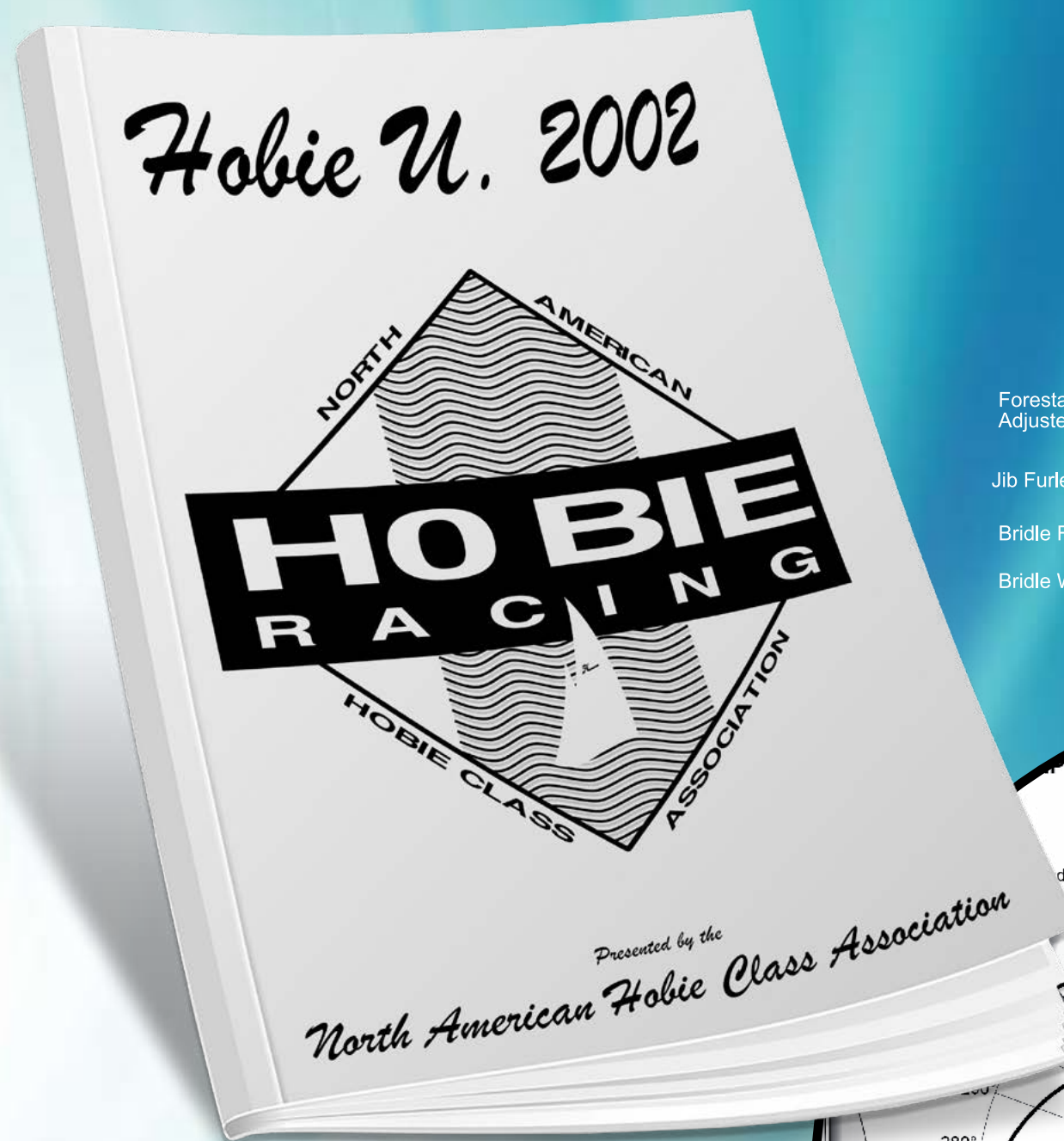
Editor's Note: Many regattas are now allowing handheld VHF radios for communications and safety on the water. If you have one, charge it up and pack it with your gear.

Check Out "LEARN TO SAIL A CATAMARAN: First time out, a sailing lesson" and other great Joe Bennett (Ultimate Joyrider) content [HERE](#)



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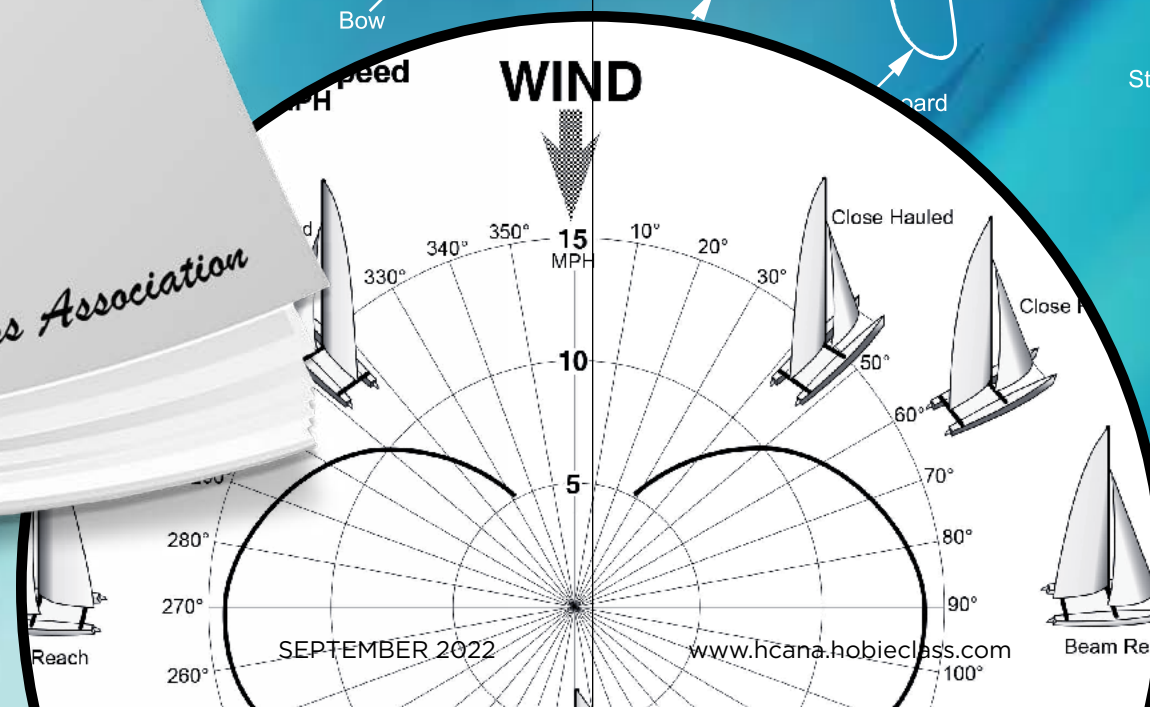
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— **Hobie P. Alter**

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Love the new magazine, just launched a few hours ago in Aus, I've been reading all the old ones recently, looking at those classic Hobie shots.

As an 18-year-old sailor from Port Hacking, Sydney, Australia, who has been around the water and sailing since my first breath, I have to admit I am absolutely hooked on Hobie sailing among all other types of the sport.

My sailing experience of catamarans started off on a Windrush 14, then acquiring a Maricat 4.3. The Windrush was a great boat. The Maricat not so much, as my schoolteacher once said "A Maricat?! You're better off with two bricks and some paddle pop sticks!"

But here's where it gets good. I bought a late 70s/early 80s?? H14 for \$150 AUD off a mate. Needed a good clean, some new rigging and the tramp re-stitched after sitting as a garden ornament for many years. Then it was ready to hit the water. I've put it through its paces. From howling 35kt southerlies with 4 crew, to pounding through the surf in the bay or out the reefs or the gusty westerlies, nothing has broken. Best boat I've ever owned. We've even flown kites off it while sailing.

To share the experience, and hopefully make it into the magazine, I've attached some of the best photos. Thanks for bringing the magazine back (hopefully it will come to Australia) and thank you Hobie Alter.

P.S to those Maricat sailors that want a 'new, high tech' foam sandwich boat, get a Hobie.

He did it 53 years ago back in 1969!

Thanks again guys, appreciate the time taken to read this email. Have a Hobie Day!

Jack <jackamacca88@gmail.com>



*A real Classic!
"A little rough around the edges, but after a little clean and fix up, she's ready to go!"*



"I've put it through its paces"



G'Day from Australia



*"Nothing Has Broken.
Best Boat I've Ever Owned!"*



Photo from: Jack, Sidney AU



This Old Hobie

“GLUING UP” TO STIFFEN UP AN OLD HOBIE

— by Jason Sanchez

Many older boats, primarily the Hobie 14 and Hobie 16, are often “glued up” after a period of time. The concept or purpose of gluing a boat up is to stiffen the overall set up.



PYLON

On a H16 and H14, the pylons are that part of the hull fore and aft, mechanically fastened into the 4 corner castings of the platform. The initial and easiest way to stiffen a boat is by tightening the trampoline. When this no longer works, many of the more competitive sailors will take the boat apart and glue the pylons into the corner castings with epoxy.

The overall goal in stiffening the boat is to get the boat to move as one. If you have sailed these boats you may have noticed that in a breeze, the hulls may “walk” over or through the waves. Another telltale way to know the boat is loose is by picking up the bow on one hull and the

other hull does not move. When you’re looking for any possible edge, this is not the fastest. Additionally, the more the hulls walk, the more movement in the pylon / casting, which ultimately wears down the tightness within the two. Performing such a task can bring an older boat to a more competitive application.

FIRST, MEASURE FOR SQUARE:

With the boat intact, measure the boat for square. This is performed by using a tape measure and placing on the starboard bridle screw head to the port rudder pin. Write down this measurement. Do the same from the port bridle screw head to the starboard rudder pin. This measurement should be within a 1/2" of each other. **If it is really out of square, you may have to use a strap or line to rack it back to square while gluing the pylons back into the castings.**



REMOVE THE PYLONS:

Remove tramp and all lacing. Remove all 4 bolts at bottom of the casting fastening the pylon into the casting. Use a rubber mallet to take the frame off of the hulls. Note: the hulls will fall or topple over, so this should be a 2 person job.

MEASURE FOR SQUARE

Some scrap lumber screwed together is a good, simple way to support everything upside down.

GLUING:

There are MANY methods used to perform the actual gluing with epoxy. You must be familiar with mixing epoxy before you tackle the task, especially set times with certain hardeners. I highly suggest having a large can of acetone and a handful of rags on hand for cleaning any excess epoxy that may drip from areas. I used a standard epoxy and a standard hardener, provided by FGC (Fiberglass Coatings) which is a local manufacturer to central FL. Temperature plays a big role in set times, so please make sure you check the temps / setting times on the product you choose.



I personally chose to perform the task by having everything upside down, for the simple reason that I did not want epoxy to drip on to the top of the hulls and I wanted the epoxy to set up in the top of the casting around the pylon. As you can see in the pics, I built a jig on the floor. This allowed me to keep the frame square, and level. This also allowed

me to keep the frame in place when setting the hulls into it. Do one side at a time! Do not mix any additional hardener in to the mix, it will set up, and you need time! Once you’re ready, really ready, Mix your epoxy, apply to both the pylon and the castings on the one side, and place the pylons down into the castings. This is a fairly tight fit by the factory and some of the epoxy will be pushed out. Take your finger and push the excess around the pylon down into the casting, as much as you can, all the way around. Clean the excess off with the acetone, there should be a nice even bead of epoxy at the pylon to casting joint. Perform the same task on the other side.

While the epoxy is setting up, check the boat for square again. If it is out, use the straps or line to get it square. Leave the straps on and let everything setup overnight or for a good 6-8 hours, or use the set time recommended by the epoxy manufacturer.

Once all is set up, turn boat back over and reapply the trampoline. Personally, I lace the tramp along the rear crossbar first, applying pressure from front to back, then run the lacing up the middle.



This can be an extensive exercise, but it DEFINITELY helps. Again, there are many methods to do this. The above is my personal process. If you talk to some of the long time sailors, many have performed this and may have additional steps to help achieve a “newer boat” performance!

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



— by Bill Hardesty

Bill Hardesty specializes as a tactician and helmsman in one-design sailboats in the 20-50 foot range, and is an expert in both fleet and match racing. Bill is a US Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, 12-time world champion, and an accomplished coach. Harken asked him and a bunch of sailors they know “What’s your favorite boat of all time?”. Bill’s response? The Hobie 16. Yes, you heard that right. He has that same soft spot in his heart that we share for the simple, yet fantastically fun boat and the family-friendly culture that surrounds it.

Here’s his story.

What’s my favorite boat of all time? Well that’s a very hard question. I’ve sailed the moth, foiling A-Cats, TP52s, superyachts, maxis, but I’ll be honest with you, I think it’s more about the people.

And when it comes to the people, the Hobie 16 is the boat that cut my teeth. I sailed it as a kid with my father. Back then, the fleet was extremely strong. 200 boats all launching off the beach. Picture that. Everyone puts their boat on the big beach wheels and pulls up onto the beach right next to their RV.

“MY FAVORITE BOAT OF ALL TIME”

THE HOBIE 16



After racing, there's one big tent that hosts all the parties. Everyone introduces themselves and wants to chat. Yeah, sure, the boat itself is a little clunky. Hell, we even tipped over backwards in one race. Yup. Sterns down, tipped over backwards while we were going upwind. ...That's kind of embarrassing but it's true... The opposite of a pitchpole. It doesn't matter because it's all about the people. That's what makes the thing go!

Harken: So, does anyone fall asleep and spend the night on the trampoline? **Hardesty:** Oh yeah. It happens. People wake up with sand in their teeth! Maybe the van is already at full-capacity for the night so someone just ends up crashing on the trampoline.

These days, the Hobie 16 fleet sees about 50 boats instead of the 200 I grew up with. But for modern one-design standards, 50 boats is absolutely a big fleet. There's something really special about camping on the beach with the boat right next to the camper. It can be hot at those regattas — During postponement, we'd go into the RV, pop on the air conditioner, and eat lunch inside while watching out the window for the flag to go up. When we saw the flag, it was go time. By the time you close the RV door, slip on your life jacket, push the boat off the beach, and sail out to the racecourse, it's been maybe five minutes. You still have plenty of time to sail upwind and down before the starting gun.

The Hobie 16 keeps it simple. I really think any boat needs to be simple for it to be enjoyable. If you have to constantly work on it — like a Moth, which seems like it's an hour of boat work for every two hours of sailing — sometimes that's fun, but not always. There's all this push for foiling, but the non-foiling boats are way more family-friendly. It's nice and

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simple. You can sail one with your wife, your girlfriend, your kid, hell, even your neighbor. If you happen to snag the windward mark on a Moth, you're quickly out a couple grand; that's not very forgiving.

In some Grand Prix classes, there's a lot of backstabbing — people going behind backs and saying negative things to the owner. Sometimes you don't even want to go to dinner with your teammates after the day of racing. That sucks the fun from the sport. As pro sailors, it's our job to create an experience for the owner. There's a fine line between the performance we're after and the experience we do it all for in the first place.

Really at the end of the day, I love the Hobie 16. There's a beautiful simplicity to it. We all get so serious chasing the world championship titles, often we forget this is all supposed to be fun. It should be fun. ■

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Three Perspectives

Amazing Clock Awards!

FROM the
BEACH

— by Krista Vind

The venue for this year's Hobie 20 and Hobie Youth North Americans was Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Ocean Springs Mississippi. Competitors from 10 states came to compete, some from as far away as California!

The Hobie 20s were weighed, the first time since the 2017 NAC and it was surprising to see the difference from lightest to heaviest — 37 pounds difference!

While most of the youth were local, several traveled, one all the way from Nebraska. Boats, Hobie Waves, were provided by the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron.

The weather pattern was not normal for the area and we had no early sea breeze so we spent hot mornings on the beach but got late day starts and double trap conditions every day. Off the water we enjoyed the usual OSYC hos-

pitality and great food! Breakfast was provided every day and food and events were all but one evening. The trophies were absolutely beautiful handmade stained glass by local artisans, Andrew and Casey Luquet.

We had an optional event that was really enjoyed by many of the youth and adults alike. We went to a Biloxi Shuckers game and watched from the skybox, enjoyed the buffet and drinks and even got to meet the team mascot!



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FROM the
SIGNAL
BOAT

— by Mark Santorelli

My first time to Ocean Springs was in 2011 for the Mini-Mega. That event was also in June so I was somewhat familiar with how hot it can be. I also lived in Grand Bay, Alabama back in the 70's before I joined the Navy, so this was not going to be a surprise. Grace and I arrived at OSYC on Sunday, June 19. It was HOT! There was a heat wave crushing the Northeast and it extended all the way down into Texas bringing Mississippi with it. This was going to be a week where the RV's generator was going to get a workout. Glad I topped off the fuel tank before pulling into town.

Monday was a prep day. TL, Michael McNeir and I got all the marks, flags, anchors and other equipment together. Since we were going to be running the Youth event on Waves on Wednesday thru Friday concurrently with the Hobie 20s, we were going to have two courses. The Hobie 20s would have a longer weather mark and their gate would

be downwind of the signal boat. The Youth would have a shorter weather mark with their gate upwind of the signal boat, the "normal" configuration. What this all meant is we needed A LOT of marks and ground tackle.



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Tuesday came and the weather pattern was to be the same it had been the last 2 days. A soft northerly breeze that would eventually give way to the prevailing south/south-westerly sea breeze. It was stifling hot. At the competitors meeting we decided to fly an AP over a numeral 2 which would delay the first shape at least 2 hours moving it from 1130 to 1330. With the Sailing Instructions stating the first shape after AP ashore was lowered would be 30 minutes, at 1300 we dropped the AP over 2 and put up a straight AP and waited. The wind began to fill early in the afternoon and the RC Team went on the water. AP ashore was dropped at 1540 and the first race was under way at 1617. There was only 1 race on Tuesday as it was already getting pretty late and many of us were going to a local minor league baseball game. What fun that was. I am sure Krista will cover that in her report.



photo by: Krista Vind

Three Perspectives

Wednesday the weather was a carbon copy of the days before. With this high-pressure dome sitting over us along with the heat wave we again went to the AP over 2 and waited. We also held a competitors' meeting for the Youth and did some impromptu training on what they should expect out of the water. We dropped the AP over 2, raised AP and went on the water and dropped AP at 1405 with the second race for the Hobie 20s starting at 1444 and the first race for the Youth starting at 1450. We sailed the Hobie 20s on course 2s and the Youth on course 1s all week. We completed four races on Wednesday with the last starts going off at 1740 and 1746.

Thursday it was déjà vu all over again. AP over 2, dropping AP over 2, raising AP, going on the water and dropping AP at 1340. As you can see, the wind was coming on a bit earlier every day as the dome and high-pressure moved away – slowly, but it moved away. We again ran four races with the first starts at 1421 and 1427 and the last starts at 1714 and 1720. I have to say, running the faster, bigger Hobie 20s on an outside course with the gate downwind of the signal boat kept them away from the Youth all week...it worked just as intended.

Friday was a different day. There was a lot of weather around. I mean like potential thunder and lightning and all that. We had a good feeling we would be able to get started even earlier than the last two days, so we raised AP over 1. We were on the water by noon and AP was down



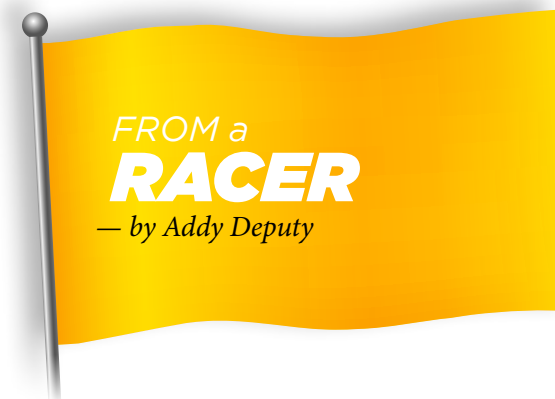
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at 1250. Race 10 for the Hobie 20s started at 1331 and the Youth at 1337. Weather was moving in behind us and we had decisions to make. The rain, lightning and thunder were coming. Fortunately, we were able to finish the Hobie 20s but had to abandon the Waves so we could get everyone safely ashore before it all went south.

It was a very successful regatta with some great competition and socializing. Amongst the youth new friendships were fostered and amongst the Hobie 20s, new friendships were made and old ones rekindled. Addy Deputy from Mobile, AL, Isaac Baumert from Clarkson, NE and Marina Romano were locked in a tough battle in the Youth fleet. Addy and Isaac finished tied at 12 points with Addy coming out on top having four first place finishes to Isaac's three. In the Hobie 20 fleet there was some pretty spectacular sailing going on with many lead changes around the course but the Dave Sparkuhl/Teri McKenna team prevailed finishing ahead of the Michael McNeir/Krista Vind team by 3 points after ten races. Well done all, see you in Oklahoma City, OK in June 2023.

drone photos by:
Kenny McIntosh

SEPTEMBER 2022



The 2022 Hobie Wave Nationals were very competitive. With 7 waves over a course of 3 days and the combination of light wind and heavy waves created prime racing conditions and a great regatta. It was neck-and-neck with all the sailors... one wrong tack and you were at the back of the fleet. The downwind leg was very difficult to maneuver. There were people wind shadowing you and you were usually getting dirty air. The last race was very competitive because it was a W2. There was a storm approaching and everyone was getting antsy. The Race Committee called the race and sent everyone in right before we rounded the mark for the last leg. It was a very competitive regatta. Amongst the sailors, there was positive feedback throughout, with each sailor helping another. Overall it was a great experience. I had so much fun and with such great competition, I was elated when I won it! ■



photo by: Krisat Vind

TOP REGATTA RESULTS

HOBIE 20

- 1 Teri McKenna / Dave Sparkuhl
- 2 Michael McNeir / Krista Vind
- 3 Jacob Sailer
- 4 Bart Beck / Hobie Beck
- 5 Richard Freer / Zoe Freer
- 6 Andy Humphries / Marc Bachman
- 7 Dan Jarrett
- 8 Mark Bengé / John Mork
- 9 Boz Bosley
- 10 Joshua Bengé / Whitney Bengé

HOBIE Wave (Youth)

- 1 Adelaide Deputy
- 2 Isaac Baumert
- 3 Marina Romano
- 4 Karoline Burroughs
- 5 Ruby Kate Romano
- 6 Logan Fortier
- 7 Bain Travis

Check Out Kenny McIntosh's Drone Footage of the Event! [HERE](#)

SHERIFFS' CAMP



— by John Harmon

Each summer the New York State Sheriffs' Institute holds a summer camp "for economically challenged children who can benefit from positive interaction with deputy sheriffs." Located on Keuka Lake, the camp includes many of the great activities that we all associate with summer getaways: flag raising, sports, water activities, campfires, and plenty of outdoor fun. *The Sheriffs' Camp is special in that it also includes sailing aboard one of the fastest and most exciting boats ever made—Hobie Cats!* According to the Sheriffs' Institute, "Sailing is one of the most exciting activities the kids experience each summer at the

"One of the most exciting activities the kids experience each summer..."

All photos courtesy of Robert Longo and Theresa White

camp." Many of the boats are, however, in ill-repair, some with mismatched hulls and weather-worn sails. In order to keep the camp's fleet of second- and third-hand Hobie Cats afloat, the camp counselors rely on donations and volunteers.

Hobie Cat Fleet 204, located on Oneida Lake in Central New York, decided to support these new sailors. **For the past few years, Fleet 204 has donated time and equipment to keep the camp's sailing program alive and well.** Fleet 204 members have donated gear, sailing equipment, and cash to keep the camp boats safe and in good condition. Rob Jerry, of South Bay Sails and Kayaks, provided a grant so that the camp could buy parts at cost. The Fleet has even donated completely rigged boats! Perhaps more importantly, the fleet members donate their time to the counselors, teaching them proper rigging techniques, as well as their many go-fast sailing tips.

After all, Fleet 204 has many truly elite, nationally known sailors who finish in the trophy category at National and World regattas.

Recently, when there was no camp due to covid, Fleet 204 still offered to travel out to Keuka Lake to continue their training with the counselors. Instead, the camp counselors requested a visit to Fleet 204's headquarters, right here on Oneida Lake. They expressed an interest in sailing on Hobie Cats that were finely tuned and race-ready rigged. During the visit, the counselors made many connections with the Fleet 204 sailors, such as Bob Longo, former Commodore of the Fleet. Longo stated that "The counselors were so very appreciative. Each one of them made a personal connection to the 204 sailors, each eager to learn a specific skill." For example, some counselors learned boat rigging while others learned how to

"we gave them new outlooks and, more importantly, new aspirations that they can bring back to the kids at the camp, many of whom have never been on a boat before in their lives."





repair fiberglass and gelcoat the hulls. The many women racers of Fleet 204 also provided a great inspiration to the female counselors. The Sheriffs' Institute website states that "The staff gained outstanding skills and knowledge which they put into practice by fixing the camp's fleet of sailboats." Longo explained that "we gave them new outlooks and, more importantly, new aspirations that they can bring back to the kids at the camp, many of whom have never been on a boat before in their lives."

The get-together on Oneida also featured a very moving moment. A long time and very beloved Fleet 204 member,

Pictured below: Sheriff's Camp counselors

SHERIFFS' CAMP

Bruce Krupke, had recently passed away. His boat, Betty II, was meticulously maintained and in race-ready shape. His wife, Pattie, graciously donated the boat to the camp in a touching ceremony. In a truly grateful gesture, the counselors presented Fleet 204 with a commemorative boat rudder. This rudder contained the signatures of the many counselors who spent time with the generous members of the Fleet.

Fleet 204 has demonstrated that they remain true to their mission "To teach the love of sailing that keeps us all coming back for more." Long time Fleet 204 member, Pat Caster, summed it up by saying, "Pay it forward." ■

To read more about the camp, or to make a donation, visit: sherriffsinstitute.org.

To further demonstrate their commitment to new sailors, Fleet 204 hosts a series of Newbie Tuesdays throughout the summer. These events give new sailors the chance to crew with experienced racers. A recent "Newbie Tuesday" was once again devoted to hosting the counselors from the Sheriff's camp. Counselor Andrew Caldwell expressed his appreciation for the generosity of time and talent shared by the members of **Fleet 204.**





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Hobie Wave North American Championship

October 12-16, 2022
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HOBIE SAILING
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

HOBBIE UPRISING

ON LAKE MICHIGAN (Greater Chicago)

— by Justin Cook
with contributions from Lisa Kravitz,
Fleet 126 and John Nekus

This was not just another event. To many it felt like a calling card to new sailors and was a truly a testament and showcase for what a new or reborn fleet can accomplish in a surprisingly short period of time. The draw of those new to the event was simply inspiring.

DAY 2: Four races sailed. Conditions were bouncy and it lightend up late afternoon. There were good swells and sailors not used to the big lake winds and swell found it both challenging and a lot of fun!

DAY 1: A lot of new first time national event sailors showed up. Racing was postponed until the next day, but not to worry, “When we can’t sail, we surf” is what they say. That laid back and positive spirit cuts to the core of the Hobie Way of Life. Day one delivered an awesome surfing session with some of the best conditions seen on Lake Michigan in some time. Sets were smooth. Stiegl Lager was on tap in the Race HQ tent from Moser’s Austrian Cafe in New Carlisle, IN, along with Chicago deep dish from Local Option. Thank You!

DAY 3: Absolutely perfect! It was an Iconic, sunny day with good breeze and sailors aged 9-79. There were three great races with awesome work by the entire RC team and PRO Matt Bounds. Big thanks to Geoffrey Wendt fo the amazing drone footage and The Original George’s Gyros Spot for providing dinner including Chicago style hot dogs and Italian beef! What a local treat! After dinner was “The Great Cool Stuff Raffle” with lots of winners and a 79th Happy Birthday to one of our competitors, Bruce Williams.

DAY 4: Featured race tuning instruction by Jason Sanchez and Mark Modderman on the beach. Video is available for you to watch [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) on the Fleet 126 Facebook page. One race was sailed and an amazing Bonus Dinner from Hospitality Boss, Roxann, Thank You! The day was capped by a spectacular cruise on Emita II and Harbor Country Adventures with racers, organizers and family members all invited. There was a perfect sunset with the Chicago skyline in the distance, cruising along “Indiana Dunes,” our country’s 61st National Park.

DAY 5: Three races sailed. An exciting day of racing with the top sailors showing exactly why they are on top and all feeling lucky just taking part, compete and join the fun. The Awards Dinner at Michigan City Yacht Club had awesome food and beverage service by Fish Camp. There was a raffle drawing and a lot of fun had by all. Congratulations to all participants — You’re all Winners!



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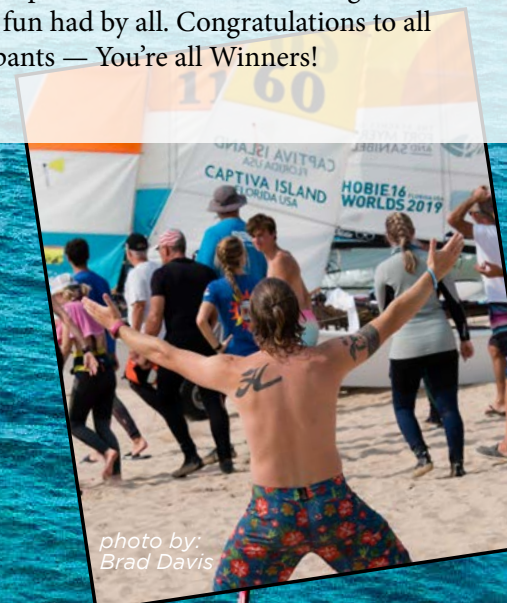


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HOBIE UPRISING

ON LAKE MICHIGAN (Greater Chicago)

Interview with Jonh Nekus

Sitting in a cafe in Costa Brava, Spain, on a break from attending the Hobie 16 Worlds, John Nekus, organizer of this year's Hobie 16 North American Championships, picks up the phone to recap this year's amazing event. *"...It was two years in planning, after wrestling with covid, and we persevered. 43 teams turned out — a credit to the participants who spend their time and money to attend — all made it a very special event."*

Our focus as a local organizer was to have a memorable, and top quality event that would bring in world-class sailors. For the growth of our local fleet and the HCANA overall, it was also important to promote the sport that we love in our local community, a collective of the Greater Chicago/Michigan City area and to bring in new sailors and a younger crowd. Roughly 20-25% were new to the 16 N. Americans — that's a



huge leap in new folks!" Speaking with John, it becomes abundantly clear right away that he is strongly passionate about how the future of the sport is welcoming and providing youth the opportunity to sail. He's committed to help reinvigorate and grow Hobie sailing not only in his local community but in the community at large. *"It's Important to remember, Hobie fleet 126 went dormant since the early 80s and is now back in action. That was our vision starting a couple of years ago... get it going again, show the young people what we do, get them out on the water... it's infectious. The exposure of the major events we've hosted in the area has helped us showcase Hobie Sailing and Racing to this younger crowd."* John and his fleet actively worked media channels to promote the event, and social media in particular *"attracted several new 14-20 year olds who showed up at the weigh in session asking to help who never even sailed... I got to know a young man named Charlie Meyer, who needed a note to his school to take the time off to help. He'd never sailed but*



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AMAZING EFFORT: Without the tremendous support from the city of Michigan City, the Mayor, Port Authority, Police Dept., Parks Dept., County Tourism Bureau, the U.S. Coast Guard, and countless volunteers — this iconic event would not have been possible. THANK YOU ALL!



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HOBIE UPRISING

ON LAKE MICHIGAN (Greater Chicago)

was enthusiastic to learn what it was all about. In the end, with a little help from the RC, we were able to get him out on the water. Adam Atherton, who's crew had to depart early, needed a crew for the last day and we got Charlie Meyer out on the water — to sail — and race — for the first time — in the N. American Championships! John and fleet 126 are a shining example, perhaps even a blueprint for Hobie Sailing to regain momentum. "4 Years ago, there was no fleet here... Now we're hosting the North American's". That speaks volumes about where Hobie can go and how fast it can catch fire. "It can happen... I've plowed the field... there's no need to reinvent the wheel." John welcomes anyone to contact him at Fleet 126. He would love to share the tangible resources and proven gameplan he's built for others to model. He plans to form this into a cohesive digital package in the near future. He's passionate about supporting anyone who wants to grow their fleet or start one. He encourages new sailors to come out and learn how with his Hobie moniker "We make fun happen!". "Let's bring it back today, think outside of just the competition, bring in the next generation, reorganize some of this stuff, push it out there and show people what we can do!" ■



Charlie Meyer (Right)



"TOP NOTCH": Charlie Stauffer, (sailing with Brad Davis), "The organization of the event and the Race Committee has been Top Notch, with excellent participation. Really impressed with how everyone involved has been open to encouragement of new people and young people and getting the community excited and involved."

TOP RESULTS

HOBIE 16

- 1 Francisco Figueroa / Faith Payne
- 2 Greg Thomas / Karen Grisko
- 3 Keki Figueiroa / Irene Figueroa
- 4 Mark Modderman / Grace Modderman
- 5 Mike Montague / Kathy Ward
- 6 Jason Sanchez / Heather Mathews
- 7 Pedro Colon / Coco Colon
- 8 Michael Mcneir / Krista Vind
- 9 Rob Jerry / Darcie Jerry
- 10 Mark Ralph / Sheila Holmes
- 11 James West / Diane Brown
- 12 Dave Sparkuhl / Linda Sparkuhl
- 13 Jim Sajdak / Tina Pastoor
- 14 Roger Taha / Jalen Taha
- 15 David Stiemsma / Stephanie Mueller
- 16 Auston Lee / April Bonkowski
- 17 Joel Hutchings / Kayla Hutchings
- 18 Robert Findlay / Megan Findlay
- 19 Alan Davis / Chelsea Blanchette
- 20 Robert Longo / Kirk Leister
- 21 Christopher Wessels / Tyler Durden
- 22 Walter Elsner / Lindsay Ratering
- 23 Robbin Mocarski / William Whalen
- 24 Adam Atherton / Danielle Zwerg
- 25 Bradley Davis / Charlie Stauffer



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IT'S ABOUT HAVING FUN:

Chris McGowan And Keith Lindley, came out to race in their first regatta. The Hobie community is always welcoming to new racers and these guys show it doesn't take a brand new boat to come out and compete, learn from the best and have an awesome time with great people. That's what it's all about!

FACES 'N' PLACES



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HOBIE 17/18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

When it comes to big fun on two hulls, it's tough to beat the Hobie 17 and Hobie 18 classes. While the smaller of these two designs (penned by John Wake in 1985) is a singlehanded rocketship that enjoys significant righting moment from its trapeze, and the bigger of the two designs (penned by Hobie Alter and Phil Edwards in 1976) is a two-handed, double-trapeze speed machine, they both share Hobie's DNA. And they are both a hoot to sail, especially on a breeze-on day on a talent-rife racecourse.

PERRY YACHT CLUB, MERIDEN, KS

This year's Hobie 17 and 18 North American Championship, was organized by Fleet 149 and the Perry Yacht Club in Meriden, Kansas. This event is another piece of a strong revival of catamaran sailing and racing at Perry Yacht Club. The weather dictates that sailors prepare for a little of everything, from light air tests of concentration to some good heavy-air battles.

The temperatures can be as hot as the competition for this championship. Lake sailing in general presents unique challenges. There's no currents or tides, but the wind can be unpredictable with pressure lines and shifts to a much higher degree than sailing larger bodies of open water. It really pays to pay attention. The course is unpredictable from leg to leg. Often the side of the course [that] paid off during the last beat will not be the favored side on the next beat. You must pay close attention to the water, and the boats both in front and behind you on the course to stay in tune with the variations of wind pressure and direction. The lake isn't as wildly shifty as some, but in this field of competitors every boat length matters.



Hobie 17 18

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

I love getting a sailing education. Skipper Steven Tyler taught me how to race a Hobie 18 at the Hobie 17/18 North American Championship at Perry Yacht Club, Meriden, KS. There wasn't much wind, but we sailed Steven's boat "Pink Rocker" like a rocket and had a blast! Angie Pickman captured the moment with pics.

— Blaire Sutton



The wind conditions were generally light though everyone did manage to trapeze and even a couple of capsizes. There were thunderstorms which also affected the wind. Though both the Hobie 18 and Hobie 17 did get ten races in making a very competitive series.



On tap this year was an opening banquet featuring local favorite Lago Vista grill, and the Awards Ceremony showcasing Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que, yum! A special thanks to Fleet 149 and Perry Yacht Club for putting on such a great event!



TOP REGATTA RESULTS

HOBIE 17

- 1 Bart Beck
- 2 Phil Collins
- 3 John Bauldry
- 4 Matt Bounds
- 5 Xander Wessels
- 6 Bengie Brown
- 7 Stephen Acquart
- 8 Jimmie Smith
- 9 Bryan Rainbow
- 10 Ronald Holm

HOBIE 18

- 1 John Hoag / Della Hoag
- 2 Stephen Cooley / Terri Kiszner
- 3 Andy Humphries / Marc Bachman
- 4 James Sohn / Dani Zwerg
- 5 Paul Evenden / Jennifer Hoag
- 6 Dave Leimbach / Della Field
- 7 Steven Tyler / Blair Sutton
- 8 Stew Dean / Janie Velghe
- 9 Corbin Choate / Josh Bengie



Main segments of this regatta report abridged and excerpted with permission from sail-world.com — from event chair Ron Holm interview/article by David Schmitt, and excerpts from David Brooks, Thank You.



Jamie Bengé

Jamie is supporting Hobie's future and her entire family, taking charge of the grandkids so all her kids can race. She also volunteers at many different events and levels. Her husband now races with their eldest granddaughter, leading a whole new generation into the Hobie Way of Life.

Fleet: 131 of Oklahoma City and 25 of Tulsa



Age: 61

Profession: Mother of 3, Grammie of 7

Hobbies: Scrapbooking, gardening, and hanging out with our Hobie family on shore

Last book read: The Shack (audio book)

Latest accomplishment: Despite my limited computer expertise, helping get one of my grandkids (Olivia) thru first grade by distance learning.

What I want to be: The only thing I ever wanted to do. That is to be a mom. I am mother of girl/boy twins (Kacie and Josh) ages 35. Three years later another daughter (Beckie) age 32. Now I am a grandmother to 7.

Favorite Quote: Never grow up! (Peter Pan theory)

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

Sailing Profile: We bought our first blue-hulled Hobie 18 from a friend of my Dad's in 1988. My husband, Mark Bengé, and friends Paul and Joyce Arbaugh took the boat out at Lake Keystone, in March. Joyce and I stayed on shore. The boys took the boat out and flipped it in the cove. They righted it and flipped it again. A group of people came down the hill and said, "I hope they have wet suits". We said, "What are wet suits?". It was Hobie Fleet 25 having their chili cook-off at the lake. That was one of the best days of our lives. We now have some lifelong friends we call our Hobie family. Mark and I sailed and raced off and on until John Mork started racing with Mark. John raced with Mark until Josh got big enough to race in about 1999. I stayed on shore with our girls and helped with whatever I could. We bought a Hobie 20 in 1991. We helped Josh get a Hobie 14 and he raced at the 14 and 20 North American Championships in Clear Lake Iowa. Josh and Whitney received a set of EPO rudders as a wedding present from the Hobie family. Later we helped Josh and Whitney purchase a Hobie 20 from Tom Page. Most recently we helped Beckie and Corbin get a Hobie 18. Makenzie, our oldest grandchild, started racing with Mark last year while I stay on shore with 4 of our grandkids. Trying to not sunburn them too bad. We have 3 generations on the water! I have raced, helped on the committee boat, beach (b#**!h), registration, taken pictures and anything else Donna McIntosh asked me to do.

Boat: Hobie 20, and somewhere along the way we have half of a 16 with John Mork.



Bradley (Brad) Davis

Fleet: There's no active local fleets N. Alabama. Maybe one day we can relaunch one. Hobie Division 15 is my home division and I travel to Divisions 8 and 10 frequently as well.

Age: 43

Profession: Human Factors Engineer

Hobbies: Photography, Videography, Programming, Camping, Hiking, Biking, and (obviously) Hobie Sailing

Last Book Read: I really don't like to read for fun, but I'll pick up a reference book to learn something new and interesting.

Latest Accomplishment:

I was basically dead last at 2022 Bluster in the Bay, is that an accomplishment? Otherwise, I'll site my most viewed YouTube sailing video, which has 14k views.

What do you want to be? I want to be financially secure enough to retire at 50, allowing me to concentrate on creative projects, sailing, and traveling!

Favorite Quote: "Do, or do not. There is no try." (Yoda)

Sailing Profile: I remember my first time sailing, which was on a 30' Hunter with my wife's extended family in Maine. The multitude of new terms, aerodynamic concepts, and ability to pilot the craft really had me hooked. After that experience, I wanted to get a cruising/daysailing sailboat... basically I was thinking of a way to camp on the water. As I was discussing this idea with a coworker, he mentioned that he had a Hobie Cat in storage if I wanted to buy it. I had no idea what that was and he described it as a beach catamaran, talked about "hanging off the side", going really fast and having a lot fun. I remember saying, "that sounds like a lot of work!" Well, I watched some YouTube videos that night and realized that sailing a Hobie 16 is exactly what I wanted to do, along with making cool YouTube videos about it. Along with traveling and camping, it really seemed like the fusion of all my interests. So, I bought his 1976 Hobie 16 with "Flamer" sails for \$600, fully restored it



and made some upgrades. I really enjoyed the restoration process, and getting out and learning to sail it. I recall saying I never wanted to get into racing, especially since my sailing skills were so terrible. I guess I got bored of sailing without other boats around though and decided to join the Hobie Class family and doing some local and division regattas. I did my first N. American Championships in 2018 at Navarre, and then my second last year at Ocean Springs. I'm constantly trying to improve my skills and hoping for big improvements in this year's NAC at Michigan City.

Strongest sailing influence (person): So many people have helped me along my way, so I can't name just one. Starting out, my only sailing influences were online. Matt Bounds, Matt Miller, Jerome Vaughn, and the rest of the regulars in the Hobie forums were a big help. Another early influence for me was Joe Bennett a.k.a. "Total Joyrider" with his huge library of YouTube videos. After I started traveling and sailing, I met a lot of helpful people. I have to give a big shoutout to Tim Beacham in Florida who gave me some excellent firsthand instruction and enough confidence to solo my boat for the first time. My very first regatta was at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club and everyone there has been immensely helpful, especially Ron Gaston, one of the most competitive Hobie sailors in the region. I hope to give back to the community as much as these kind people have given to me.

What would you like to see change in Hobie Sailing? I'd just like to see more people, especially young people, buying and sailing new or used boats, and joining the Hobie Class to come to our events. I'd also like to see sailors with their "vintage" boats at events having a good time racing

Boat(s):
2012 Hobie 16



PETER “WHITBREAD” J. KILLIUS

September 26, 1964 – June 21, 2022 — by Tom Korzeniewski

If you attended a Madcatter or any of the National/ North American events hosted by fleet 204 (Central NY), you shared the water with Whitbread “Petey”.

A Fleet 204 member for over 30 years, Petey was a racer, a volunteer and a mark boat operator (BIMBO).

Always ready to lend a hand, promote the sport and share a tot o’ rum with you, Petey was a sailor and entrepreneur that exemplified the Hobie Way of Life.

Sail On Petey..... See you at the finish line. ■



photos by: Darcie Jerry



2022 Membership Form

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

JOIN / RENEW
ON-LINE
www.HCANA.hobieclass.com/join

Primary Member Information

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

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

Family Member Information

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

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

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ Bravo
- ☐ Wave
- ☐ Hobie 14/14T
- ☐ Other (Nonmotorized) (List Here): _____
- ☐ Getaway
- ☐ Hobie 16
- ☐ Hobie 17 SE/Sport
- ☐ Hobie 18/M/SX
- ☐ Tiger
- ☐ Wildcat
- ☐ Hobie 20
- ☐ Hobie 21
- ☐ Adventure Island
- ☐ SUP
- ☐ Kayak

Membership Categories

STANDARD HCA Membership includes: first and foremost — sponsorship to maintain and grow Hobie sailing at large. It supports organized gatherings and events, Insurances, race eligibility in HCA points regattas, NAs and Worlds, support for Guest Expert Programs, Youth Programs, Liesure/Fun Sailing, Kayak, SUP, and other like-minded community watersports and activities, and your membership supports the production of the HOBIE **HOTLINE** magazine. If you are unable to attend events this year, please consider continuing your membership regardless, as it is only through your regular and continued support that we are able to maintain it all for you and others for years to come. Thank You!

\$ 45.00

FAMILY

(Standard and Top Cat members may purchase additional memberships for family members - see restrictions above.) Same benefits as Standard, but no additional copies of the magazine.

\$ 20.00
EACH

TOP CAT

Patrons, sponsors and corporate members: Same benefits as Standard, with special recognition in the HCA **HOTLINE** magazine.

\$ 100.00

INDEPENDENT YOUTH

Same benefits as Standard, for non-family youth members. **Must be under the age of 21 as of December 31 of the membership year.**

\$ 25.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED
(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO HCA-NA)

Release of Liability - Waiver of Claims

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

SIGN

DATE

Send completed form with check
or money order to:

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Sept 2022 Edition - **Featured Sunset Pick**

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