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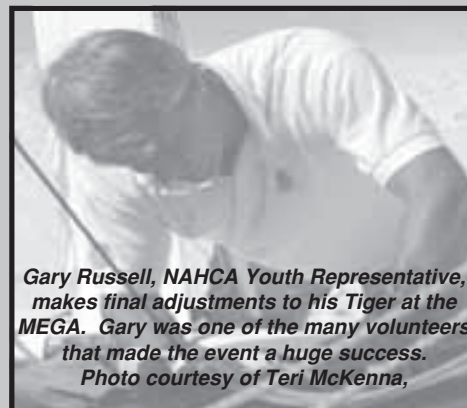
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# The Blue Part is the Water ...

by Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman

Having just returned from the MEGA Championships, I can now report that an event that started out as an experiment has proven very successful. For most of us it has been a long time since we have seen that many Hobie Cats in a single place.

One of the comments frequently heard was that "we saw people we hadn't seen in years." The event was described as a "gathering of the family" as it brought all the classes and all the sailors together. Everything about the MEGA proved to be mega except the wind! Nevertheless, we sailed everyday in a beautiful venue and had some very competitive racing.

I want to congratulate all the champions, and all the competitors. The sailing conditions were challenging with the big fleets and little wind. One of the highlights of the event that I'll remember was everyone lining up to have Hobie Alter, Sr. autograph their trophies at the awards banquet.

In addition to supporting the championships, the Hobie Cat Company took the opportunity to hold their annual dealer meeting at the event. This brought many of the dealers

together to see the Class and what we had to offer first hand.

Several international figures came to see the MEGA as well, including John Dinsdale of Hobie Cat Europe, Thomas Paulsen, President of the IHCA and David Brookes, Executive Director of the IHCA.

This event was unusual not only in its scope of racing, but also in that the Class officers organized it from long distance. Lori Mohny carried the weight of most of the organization and deserves a huge thank you. Almost everyone asked if we would do this again. Paul Ulibarri will address this in his column. But it is safe to say that yes, we will do it again – just not right away.

The MEGA was also the site of the annual NAHCA meeting. You will notice that a few new faces have joined the Class officers. Laura Sullivan from Division 4 is replacing Lori Mohny as



the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the Class. Lori had reached her term limit and while she has served the Class well for many years, she is staying involved as the Continental Coordinator.

The women are voting for a successor to Kathleen Tracy as the Women's Association Representative, while Kathleen moves to GEP Coordinator. Mimi Appel and Kathleen will co-chair this popular program in 2003. Please join me in welcoming the new officers.

As the sailing season comes to an end, it is time to plan for next year.

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# 2002 Carlton Tucker NAHCA Sportmanship Award

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by *Ted Lindley, NAHCA Sportsperson Trophy Chairman*

There were three nominations for the award this year. The honored nominees are DOUG SKIDMORE, President of the Hobie Cat Company; CHRIS and PAT BEGROW of Division 11, Fleet 416; and PAUL BOMMERSBACH, Division 7, Fleet 291. These nominees have been promoting, maintaining and expanding the enjoyment of the Hobie Way of Life by their incredible outgoing demeanor.

Congratulations and thank you all from your Fleets, Divisions and all of the NAHCA membership.

The Carlton Tucker NAHCA Sportsperson of the Year award was presented to DOUG SKIDMORE during the recent MEGA event in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Among the many contributions in Doug's Hobie life, the life saving effort he made saving his crew, Laura Sullivan, from drowning was an incredible miracle. This extraordinary rescue took place at New Caledonia during the Hobie 16 World Championship event. The following narration was added to the Sportsperson trophy book.

In the late 70s, Doug Skidmore purchased his first Hobie Cat while working on his degree at the University of Washington and that is the beginning of this Hobie story.

Over the years Doug became a very competitive sailor on the H16, H17 and H20. He also became quite involved in the development of the Class in the Pacific Northwest. Most of the activity in those days was centered on Seattle where Doug lived, and so he sailed and served as a volunteer in NAHCA Division 4. Over the years, the Division became host to several National Championships. Doug was a key player in the planning of these events. At the H17 Continentals, he served as the Principal Race Officer, where he did a great job in conditions of 20 to 35 knots daily. This Championship was sailed on the Columbia Gorge, which is the fourth windiest site in the world.

Doug's wife, Maggie, is also from the Pacific Northwest. They met at a Hobie regatta in Seattle and are now the proud parents of two future Hobie sailors. Maggie comes from a strong Hobie family and is herself a very competitive sailor.

Along the way, Doug became involved with the Hobie Cat Company as a sales representative on the West Coast. Things developed as they will for a talented person and soon he found himself as the Sales Director of the Company. All the while he continued to compete in regattas and to support the Class as a volunteer. In his ever-expanding role, he was able to influence the Company's awareness of the value of a strong Class Association. By this time the Class had become the International Hobie Class Association with a North American Region, the NAHCA.

Most of you know the rest of the story: Doug went on to become the President of Hobie Cat USA, a position which he holds to this day. Having shared lean times, a strong bond has formed between the Company and the Class. Skiddy has been the voice throughout the years that has supported this relationship. Through all of this activity several things have never changed: he has remained a volunteer, a strong supporter of the Class, and a Hobie Cat sailor.

It was as a competitor that Skiddy attended the Hobie 16 World Championship in New Caledonia. An extraordinary event occurred at this Championship, which is best described by his crew Laura Sullivan, of Division 4, the person most affected by the incident. Here is Laura's story: it is the story of a moment in the life of a man who emphasizes the ideals of the Carlton Tucker Memorial Sportsperson of the Year.

We've all had one of those days when things just aren't going right. It was one of those days in paradise – New Caledonia – the site of the Hobie 16 Worlds Competition. It culminated in a tack that took a turn for the worse.

We were on starboard tack, headed to A mark in the second race of the Masters Division on the first day of competition. There was a 15-20 knot, gusty breeze, with three foot swells on the inside course. My skipper, Doug Skidmore, called for a tack, so I started my move in from the wire. The next thing I knew, the boat wasn't coming about and I was being thrown into the shroud.

We never made the tack: our weight was now on the leeward side of the boat. With the breeze loading up the main and jib sails and our weight on the wrong side, the boat reared up and was flipping over on top of us. The boat laid over

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## 2002 Carlton Tucker NAHCA Sportmanship Award



*Doug Skidmore (left), 2002 Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year, at the MEGA Skippers Meeting with Rob Jerry, a Tiger racer and Hobie dealer from Syracuse, NY.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

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on its side and Doug was able to unhook himself when he hit the water. With the mainsail just above my head, I tried to free myself and found I couldn't move an inch or even a quarter of an inch. My trapeze harness was hooked on the shroud. I desperately struggled in every direction and nothing worked. I knew I was in SERIOUS trouble.

I yelled to Doug, "I'm stuck! I'm stuck!" Doug dove underwater to try to see what was wrong. He had his face inches from my trapeze hook and couldn't see anything. Everything was black on black – my wetsuit, my harness, and the shroud. With the wind driving on the bottom of the trampoline, the mast was driven downward. He came back up for air, took a couple of quick breaths, when the boat suddenly went turtle. My focus was on the harness hook, and so the boat going turtle quickly caught me off guard. I never got a breath before the boat forced me underwater.

I was now under water with my head and neck bent sideways at a 90-degree angle. I twisted to try to get the pressure off. That twist was a nail in my coffin. With that move, I had wrapped the shroud in a full circle around my trapeze hook.

Doug was now swimming through the water towards me. He tried to free me once again, in vain. It was a physical effort and Doug soon ran out of air and had to surface.

I was now under water by myself. With no one in sight, and the total absence of sound – it was an incredibly lonely feeling. I remember thinking "So this is how my life will end...." I remember looking up at the dark blue trampoline and then looking at the light blue water below – feeling so alone. My head felt like it was going to burst from the desperation of

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needing air. I had an overwhelming desire to open my mouth and take a breath – and started to. A little voice told me to “STOP!” – I wasn’t going to get the air I wanted. So I clenched my jaw, knowing I could only hold out for seconds.

While I was held captive in the waters below, Doug had surfaced and swam to the closest place he could think of and that was between the two hulls in the front. He thought for a second or two and realized that the only chance that he had to get me to air was to pull me from the side of the boat. He recalled to me later that he stopped and looked at the boat. He told himself, “She can’t come out here, she can’t come out there; she can only come out here.” So he positioned himself on the outside of the hull. To get there, he had to go underwater with his life jacket on, which made it a little challenging.

Once he got outside of the hull, he reached under the boat and grabbed for me. I never saw or felt a thing. I only know that I started to move for the first time. The blue water was getting lighter and lighter. I was disoriented but kept moving in the same direction, not knowing if it was right or wrong. My latest fear was that I would stop just inches below the surface.

When my face emerged above water, I took a huge gasp of air. No sooner had I gotten a breath of air then I was pulled back under. The next time I came up I was coughing up water. Doug watched me being pulled under and realized that we still had some immediate problems. So he began working to free my harness.

With each wave, I was pulled back under and it didn’t take long to figure out that I had a line around my neck, which was preventing me from being able to completely surface. It was now working on the front of my neck and started to crush my throat, so for the second time this day, breathing became a priority. I started yelling, “There’s a line around my neck! There’s a line around my neck!”

Doug removed the jib sheet from my neck and once again tried to free my harness. Once again, I began yelling, “There’s a line around my neck!” Somewhat in disbelief, he reached for my neck again only to find the jib traveler line tightly encircling it.

The second line was tighter than the first. The only way out was for me to go straight down under the water as we both pulled out on the jib traveler line. Going back underwater wasn’t a place either one of us wanted me to go. However, it was the best solution to the immediate problem. Underwater I went. With both of us pulling on the line, we were barely able to get the line off of my neck. We ripped the earring out of my ear with no time to spare. My head was now freely above water. I paused for a moment to take the first unhindered breath of air.

There was no time for celebration, and I was still stuck to the shroud – trapped by my harness. Nothing worked. Here we had two calm and capable people, Doug and myself, under no pressure now and we weren’t able to free it.

It occurred to me that the only way to get free was to get out of my harness. I unbuckled the shoulder straps, the waist buckles, and leg straps, and swam out of it. I took a couple of strokes more and stopped – floated on my back in the ocean staring at the sky, motionless and quiet, to regroup.

The chase boat arrived and saw Doug in the water next to the boat, and me floating on my back in the ocean. They took one look at us, and jetted off – with no idea what we had been through.

When we got back on shore, everyone was asking what was wrong. Doug hesitated before saying anything. Once he told them what had happened, he was pulled in a variety of directions to talk about the incident with the beach captain and event organizers. The shroud had been wrapped in a complete circle around my harness, and had to be replaced. My 3/8-inch stainless steel hook was bent, as well as the metal support holding it. After seeing the condition of the boat, it dawned on us how desperate and grave the situation had been. We never really had a chance to talk about what had happened that day.

Needless to say, I didn’t sleep that night. The wind was whistling through my hotel windows and I was up all night thinking of tomorrow’s races. I needed to know what I would do differently. There would be no rest until I had a solution.

The next morning, I called down to Doug and Maggie’s room and arranged to meet Doug for about ten minutes before breakfast. I felt a need to talk to someone and imagined that Doug might want to talk about it as well. It had been terribly traumatic for him, having to be the rescuer. When we reached shore, he was visibly unsettled. I thought that if I had died,

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## 2002 Carlton Tucker NAHCA Sportmanship Award

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what a traumatic scar I would have left on the man's life – the last thing I would ever want to do to a person – to leave someone with a lasting nightmare.

We met at the breakfast table and talked briefly about what happened. Doug said every time he closed his eyes, the scenes kept playing over and over again. So he too had a sleepless night. I'm not sure we wanted to relive the moments so soon afterwards. We both knew we had "to get back on the horse." We said we would go out and just take it easy.

Needless to say, the wind was stronger than the day before. We ended up flipping the boat. Doug was going to go to shore and hang the boat up for the day, when I realized he was doing it for me. I looked over at him and said, "If you're going in because of me... I'm okay with all of this. I'm completely relaxed out here." He asked, "Are you sure?" "Yes!" I said. So we decided to go chase down some more Hobie Cats. We laughed non-stop for the next two days.

With each passing night, when I was alone in my room, my emotions were getting harder to handle. I still wasn't sleeping. I spent the time writing about the incident with the intent of providing some safety tips to other Hobie buddies. I was also hoping it would help me work through the situation. One early morning, when we were at the race site, I asked if he'd listen to my article. I wanted to make sure he was comfortable with what I was going to submit to IHCA & NAHCA.

I warned him that it would probably be emotional for me and there was a good chance that I'd cry. We walked over to an area where no one was around and sat in some chairs under the competitors' tent. As I read the article, certain memories had strong emotional significance and I had to stop many times to regain control. Looking at Doug at the end of the reading, I realized he had taken my place underneath the boat and felt all that I had gone through. Since that time, he's helped me through various stages of emotions. He's been a great listener and an incredible friend.

From the depths of my heart and soul, I would like to thank my skipper, Doug Skidmore, President of Hobie Cat USA, for saving my life, for thinking through what needed to be done and for helping me work through the emotions afterwards.

Doug embodies all the qualities, characteristics, and demonstrates the Hobie Way of Life that the award intended. If Carlton Tucker were alive today, he would be proud to present this award to Doug Skidmore.



*Left: Doug discusses Hobies with Karen-Ann Xavier, NAHCA WebMistress, at the MEGA. Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*Below: Doug delivers his acceptance speech at the NAHCA AGM. Listening intently from left to right are: Laura Sullivan, NAHCA 1st Vice Chair; Paul Ulibarri, NAHCA Race Director; and Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*



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# NAHCA Guest Expert Program 2002 Season Report

Submitted by *Mimi Appel*,  
NAHCA GEP Coordinator

WOW! What a MEGA season!!! The North American Hobie Class really has it goin'!!!! 250 boats racing the MEGA, youth participation on the rise, and Guest Expert Programs that ROCK!

## GEP 2002 RECAP

We now have a pool of nine Guest Experts. Lots of emails fly around trying to match Experts with doable dates! Get those 2003 requests in early, three events are already on the list.

GEP 2002 held five "One Hobie Day" seminars:  
Steve Leo - Puerto Penasco, MEX  
Sue Korzeniewski - St George Isl, FL  
Hobie P. Alter - Syracuse, NY  
Dan Kulkoski - Buzzards Bay, MA  
Jeff Alter - Barnegat Bay, NJ

I would like to thank the Guest Experts for their continuing efforts!!! This year's way cool thank you gift was a fleece vest, embroidered with the Class/GEP logo.

*Below: Mimi Appel hams it up at the MEGA.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.*



Another important thank you goes out to the Hosting Fleets' event organizers:

Bill Feil, AZ (Mexico event)  
Larry Hale, FL  
Mike Spondello, NY  
Nancy Worth, MA  
Chris Begrow, PA (NJ event)

When you see them wearing a neat canvas cap, with the GEP logo, know that it's in appreciation for hours of GEP work. Add your thanks, too!

## SOME 2002 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Susan P. Korzeniewski's GEP got RAVE reviews in Florida from Larry Hale and the Scout Troop. For the Youth-style program, Sue used the Hobie U. 2002 Booklet as a text so they could recap their hands-on learning page by page later.

Hobie P. Alter's New York GEP had an excellent flow. From early morning parking lot to late day on-the-water drills, everyone got plenty of learning opportunities. A group lunch, provided by NAHCA and Hobie Cat Company was a great touch. Pretty cool, literally the temperature never got above 45!

Jeff Alter's New Jersey GEP classroom was very well done. The huge crowd, full of many different classes, was glued to Jeff's comments and impressed with the way he applied issues to each class.



*Above: Kathleen Tracy enjoys  
the sunshine at the MEGA.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.*

Massachusetts GEP sailors reaped the benefits of US SAILING Instructor Trainer, Dan Kuloski's excellent classroom technique.

Steve Leo made a big hit at his Mexico GEP, by crewing for many different people throughout the regatta weekend.

## HOBIE U 2002

The second rewrite of Hobie University has been available all season and circulation has increased. It has received rave reviews! Plans are in the works for a copyright, so we can make it available for download from the Internet. Stay tuned!

## NEW FOR 2003...

Looking forward to the fifth season, in GEP 2003, we hope to add something new and tweak some other items. We will be working with newly elected 1st Vice Chair, Laura Sullivan, to format an outline for a thirty-minute Safety Section. Also, we will fine tune the on-the-water drills and update the GE's outline.

NAHCA is excited to announce that the 2003 GEP will have the efficient services of Kathleen Tracy from Colorado as Co-Coordinator. Our past NAHCA Women's Rep. has stepped up to the plate to take over the GEP Program in 2004. Just what the Program needs, fresh ideas and enthusiasm! I'm psyched for the future of GEP!!!

I'm thrilled to announce my 2004 assignment... Event Coordinator for the Hobie 16 Open, Women's and Youth Continentals with Fleet 204, in New York. The position is mostly figurehead, due to the incredible group effort the Fleet puts into everything they do. Mark your calendars for a fabulous Hobie 16 event, tentative dates: September 10-17, 2004. Have a short winter and get ready for another great (MEGA?) season in 2003!

# Women's Racing

by Kathleen Tracy, NAHCA Women's Representative (2002)

Women's Hobie Racing has had a phenomenal late season. SheGatta 2002 had a wonderful turnout, with fifteen teams from the Mid-US warming up for the MEGA and Mini events.

The SheGatta event was fabulous as usual, with big kudos going out to Sheila Holmes and her wonderful team of assistants. The weather was beautiful and the sponsorship was great. We even had a Hobie Bravo to test drive.

The racing was a little slow on Saturday, but the wind cooperated on Sunday and we got in several good races. The competition was tight — there were tiebreakers for second, third and fourth places.

Unfortunately, an accident on Sunday put a damper on the festivities. It was a little unsettling going up to A mark, hearing sirens (and we are out in the middle of nowhere in Texas), then seeing an ambulance coming down Sheila's driveway.

Our first thought was that one of the guys had too many beers and fell down, but then we learned that Joyce Loeffelholz was hurt when she and Sheila flipped over in Race 4. It was a painful month or so for Joyce, but she will be OK. [More SheGatta, pg. 33.]

Two weeks after SheGatta, we all met again at the Mini event in Fort Walton Beach, FL. This time there was a wider geographic distribution of competitors. Rosarito Martinez/Kamil Berrios, Puerto Rico, led the pack on Friday, but then Susan Korzeniewski/Kathy Miles, New York, picked up speed and took over the lead on Saturday and Sunday.

Lynn Meyers/Beth Andrews worked hard on Sunday to shake up Susan's lead, though. Winds were light, but enough for single trapping.

Fourteen teams competed and that is the best turnout for Women's racing in several years. Congratulations and THANKS!! to all the participants. It



Team Heidi: Kathleen Tracy (left) and Heather Morrison (right).  
Photo courtesy of Kathleen Tracy.

was great to have so many ladies teams out on the course again.

Additionally there were many women competing in other classes: Marie Appel-Youth H16; Cheryl Johnson-H14; Judy Raybon-Wave; Pamela Noriega and Susan Korz-H16 open; Kathryn Garlick, Marsha Lodes and Jane Sherrod-H17; and Sandra Tartagliano/Shala Youngerman-H20. Congratulations to all!

During MEGA week, the Women's Racing group voted to elect a new representative to NAHCA. We chose a wonderful candidate. Unfortunately, our new Rep will not be able to serve in this position after all.

Heather Morrison has offered to step into the job. As of press time, we had not completed our e-voting process, but preliminary results indicate unanimous support for Heather.

I am excited to introduce Heather to the NAHCA membership, even though many of you already know her. She and I have raced Women's H16 events together for several years now, and she is an awesome, fearless skipper. Heather grew up in the very windy state of Kansas, and has been

sailing cats all her life. She has just moved up to the H20 class, but assures me that she won't forget how to race a 16. Additionally, as a long-time volunteer for Denver Fleet 61, Heather is very familiar with the business side of Hobie racing.

It has been my privilege to serve as the Women's Rep for the past 3 years, and I am confident that the program will continue to grow under Heather's leadership. We can all look forward to her fresh ideas to keep Women's Hobie racing fun and exciting.

Thanks for all the support and friendship you have given me. I look forward to my new position with the Guest Expert Program.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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The winter always seems to be a busy time for the Class officers and this year will be no different. We are continuing to plan events for the future and to promote the Class at all levels. Have a good winter season and be ready for more Hobie sailing in the spring.

# From the Signal Boat... Support Boats are the Keys to Success

by Paul Ulibarri, NAHCA Race Director

There has been a great deal of conversation of late regarding the number of mark / safety boats (e.g. support boats) required at a points regatta. There are two concerns regarding this topic, and they are Safety and Availability.

The feeling seems to be that once we get the marks in the water, by whatever means, we have a race course and we can continue. Planning is rare for the reality of power boat breakdowns that occur at many events. Often Safety is a secondary consideration.

*Support boats at the MEGA.  
Left and top photos courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.  
Bottom photo courtesy of  
Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

## AVAILABILITY

There are never enough support boats. The reality of the situation is that locating support boats is difficult and time-consuming, and as a result is usually given a low priority in the planning of an event. Often, the event host will go into the event knowing there are barely enough boats to set a start line and to drop marks.

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We all appreciate the difficulty of securing support boats. We also realize that more effort is spent in securing T-shirts, trophies, and the social aspects of the event than on support boats.

There is some direction from ISAF, the Coast Guard, and most National Authorities on the number of support boats required to run an event. The number is fluid and relates to smaller events rather than major championships.

The figure agreed upon by all organizations is one boat for every ten competitors, and in all cases a minimum of three support boats per race area. The standard set by the IHCA, NAHCA is five per event recommended, three required.

Why do we need all of these boats? It would seem that a committee could set the course, move to a starting line position and run the event.



The two reasons are course maintenance and safety. Safety is by far the major concern. However let's first discuss course maintenance.

**COURSE MAINTENANCE**

All of the race management manuals deal with ideal situations. They do not have the problem of having to go out and secure boats, so all agree that there should be a mark boat for every

mark, as well as a rescue boat for every ten competitors and a Signal boat for starts and finishes. The manual also goes on to mention stake boats, patrol boats, VIP boats, media boats, and a bathtub. (Just checking to see if you are paying attention.)

There is a real need for a mark boat for every mark. As event organizers, we create a NOR, inviting members to attend our event. We imply by the

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**More support boats at the MEGA.**  
 Top two photos courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.  
 Bottom two photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.



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## SUPPORT BOATS

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same that the event will be a quality sailing experience. Our members then make a decision to attend that involves a commitment to the expenditure of time and money.

Time often means taking off a Friday or Monday. Money usually means two to five hundred dollars for a family weekend. For this expenditure, a host should be expected to provide a quality racing venue, which means that the courses will be set square, and maintained as conditions change. To do so requires the ability to react quickly, this means mark boats.

There can also be the valid expectation of a safety plan...

## SAFETY

Safety can be addressed in several ways. A knowledgeable race officer who knows when conditions are acceptable is essential. Safety training programs within the fleets are also recommended. Support boats that can implement a safety plan is a basic requirement. In addition, we need boat operators who know how to deal with capsized boats.

When the Class mentions a minimum of three boats for safety purposes, it is suggesting that the course be divided into thirds with one boat for each third. Since we seldom have the luxury of mark boats and safety boats, the same three boats must perform both functions.

Our normal boat distribution is one



boat at the pin end of the line, one at the gate or leeward end, and one at the weather mark. If the boats are anchored, they must have a buoy on the anchor rode which can be tossed, enabling them to release quickly and proceed to their safety patrol area. The weather mark boat should have the upper third of the course, the gate boat the middle section and the pin boat the lower third.

With a one-mile beat and considering that catamarans go to lay lines, this means that each safety boat must patrol a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> square mile area. It is easy to see why a minimum of three boats has been set as the standard. Add to this the need to maintain the course and we end up with three very busy crews.

## SECURING BOATS

As mentioned at the beginning, finding support boats is not easy. It is necessary. We find that the most successful boat hustlers are those that try for five or six boats, hound the boat owners weekly, work out insurance problems, and make the boat owners a part of the entire social experience. Properly done, the owners have a great time and are all ready set for the following year.

Often the owner is a competitor and cannot attend as a support driver. They need to be assured that the person driving their boat is competent and will respect the equipment. If they act as a boat driver, they must be made to feel that they are an intricate part of the event.

On the course itself, it is extremely important for the Race Officer to treat these individuals, as well as all volunteers, with a great deal of respect and courtesy.

The subject of liability is as important as the need to provide safety to our friends. We would be devastated if someone were killed at one of our events. Over the years we have become somewhat lax in maintaining the Class safety criteria regarding support boats at local regattas. We have been lucky.

We would like to stress the importance of placing a higher priority on support boats for the 2003 season.

Have a Hobie day,  
PU

*Above left: PU hanging out on the pin boat at the Mini. Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*

*Other photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*



# From Our Youth...

## YOUTH REPORT FROM ISAF GAMES

By *Alfredo Figueroa, Puerto Rico*

On June 26, 2002, my brother and I left Puerto Rico toward Marseille, France to compete in the 2002 ISAF World Sailing Games. We left with the rest of Puerto Rico's sailing team.

The idea of being able to represent my country at the Games simply took my breath away. When we arrived at Marseille, it was almost dark so we went straight to our hotel.

The next morning, we woke up early and headed toward the center of activity called the Venue. The sight at the Venue was amazing, the organization and the location more than met my expectations.

There we went ahead and registered the team and then went over to

take a look at the boats and then took them out for a quick little practice run.

Everything was astounding, except for the wind conditions. (To those of you who were there, you know what I'm talking about.) Some days there was too much wind and then the next day there was nothing.

Even on the same day there could have been a perfect eighteen-knot wind and all of sudden drop down to a five-knot wind. Aside from this minor problem, I must say that the opportunity was a complete learning experience.

My brother and I have been racing since we were six and eight years old respectively. We started in monohulls with our father and mother and then three years ago we started racing the Hobie 16. Ever since, all the regattas we have participated in have had a maximum of around fourteen beach cats.

The experience of participating in our first regatta of over thirty boats fighting to go out at the sound of the gun was a bit intimidating at first, although we quickly got past that and started to get right in the action.

Not only did we learn to get in at the starting line action, but we also learned a few tricks from the best. I also enjoyed the chance to meet and talk to so many people from all over the world and to learn things about them and about their countries.

At the end of the two weeks I felt tired, but couldn't help to think when will the next event transpire, so that my brother and I could go back and put to the test all that we have learned in this competition. Also, to meet up with all the top sailors in the Class and our friends from around the world, and to catch up on all the stories and events that we each participated in since the ISAF Worlds.



*Above: Francisco and Alfredo Figueroa, at the 2002 ISAF World Sailing Games in Marsaille, France. Photo courtesy of Tom & Susan Korzeniewski, Fleet 204, NY.*



*Top right: Tyler Myers and the girls at the MEGA. Girls, L-R: Erin LaPorta (PA), Marie Appel (NY), Kelly Wood, Amy Oneil, Erin Oneil. Photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*



*Bottom right: A group of Hobie Youth at the Hobie Knobie Regatta, Buffalo, NY, August 2002. Back Row, L-R: Holly Mergenhagen, 15 (Tiger); Lindsay Lanee, 12 (H18); Steve Perkins, 16 (H16 Skipper); Scott Filiczowski, 17 (H16); Corey Gibson, 12 (Tiger). Front Row L-R: Jamie Grisko, 12 (H16); Brandon Miles, 11 (H16); Matt Perkins, 12 (H16); Marie Appel, 12 (H16 Skipper); Andrew Warwick, 12 (H18); Ian Ward, 15 (Getaway). Photo courtesy of Mimi Appel, Fleet 204, NY.*

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# From the Beach

Letters from Our Members

## I WANT MY HOBIE 202!

I was reading the April/May 2002 issue of NAHCA News, and noticed your announcement for the sailing improvement seminar, Hobie 202. I am curious to know if classes similar to this are offered in Florida, specifically from Gainesville, south to Clearwater.

Any help is appreciated. Congratulations on your 2001 Division 12 Hobie 16 Championship!

Doug Brogan

[ML: Thanks for the interest, Doug! The Hobie 202 class was run by our local fleet (Fleet 448, RI), as a way to encourage local "fun" sailors to get some more practice, and to try to increase interest in racing. I cannot answer your question about Florida. My best suggestion is to look at the fleet contacts page and contact your local Hobie Fleet and/or Division. Good luck!]

## CONGRATS TO GILLIAN THOMSON

Congratulations Gillian on your great racing with Danny McCoy at the Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championships. Too bad they did not score on the most bullets, you would have won hands down. I know that you and the Team put a lot of time and effort into this World Event, you should receive recognition for your excellent regatta.

Caleb Tarleton

*Paul Price sent us this photo of himself, promoting Hobie sailing to the Youth and Women of Florida (at the same time!). We're still not sure if this is legal...*



## SHEGATTA 2002

Attached are the results for SheGatta 2002, held September 21-22 on Lake Ray Roberts, Texas. We had fifteen teams compete and proceeds from the event support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Thanks to Hobie Cat & Mariner Sails for contributing the kayak for our raffle!

Sheila Holmes

## FLEET 276 REVIVAL IN MICHIGAN

I have just begun what may become a most difficult task! I am going to try to restart Fleet 276 here in Southeast Michigan. It has been dead for many years now, and some have already warned me that I am facing a nearly impossible task. However, since I have all winter to try to get it going, I'm going to give it a shot.

I have set up a website, which incidentally, has been tied into the NAHCA.org website, so that interested people can find me. Additionally, I am going to do a mailer, based on mailing addresses I get from dealers and part suppliers.

Here in Michigan, we have the Catamaran Racing Association of Michigan, which does a fine job setting up races around the state. However, they consist mainly of the high tech boats. There are some Hobie sailors who sail in the Portsmouth division, but generally, the Hobie group plays a small part.

I have already received three responses from Hobie sailors in the area, so I have at least started out as cautiously optimistic! Thank you for your help.

The website is: [www.geocities.com/jmrabs2002/Hobie](http://www.geocities.com/jmrabs2002/Hobie).

If anyone has any other ideas that would help me broaden the exposure, I would love to hear from you. Thanks for your help.

Jeff Rabidoux

## LOOKING FOR A NEW HOBIE 14?

Hello, we are trying to solicit help to get some Hobie 14s and parts for our junior/youth sailing program. We let the kids at our club decide which boat they like the best out of the Hobie Wave, Hobie Dragoon (tried the Dragoon at the US Sailing Assoc. Fast & Fun program), Hobie 14 and Mystere 4.3 (some kids tried the Mystere in OH). It was overwhelming that the kids want the Hobie 14.

So based on this, we are trying to locate Hobie 14s, parts, etc. Any info anyone would have on Hobie 14s that people would like to donate to our Youth program would be greatly appreciated. (We are using the Hobie 16 for our older kids - donations in this area are also appreciated.)

We are also budgeting some funding to get some NEW

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## From the Beach, our Letters

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Hobie 14s shipped in from Hobie Europe or Hobie Brazil. So if anyone wants a NEW Hobie 14, the more we order, the cheaper the boats will be. We will be ordering standard H14s and Hobie 14 Turbos. So, make your orders now.

Our club participants are from Spokane County WA, and Kootenai County Idaho (Ceour d' Alene area). Our club is called Sailability Kootenai / Spokane.

We have also recently been given a new charter for Hobie Fleet 976!

Thanks!  
Miles Moore  
Spokane WA. & Cour d' Alene Idaho

**Lots of time to play in the sand at the MEGA!**  
*Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna,  
Hacienda, CA.*



## BALD EAGLE SUCCESS

How does someone like myself, who loves to race, have a great time at a regatta with no wind? The people from the Bald Eagle Yacht Club from MN provided the answer. Great food, beverages, give-aways, fireworks display, and tremendous hospitality.

It was my first Hobie Regatta in several years, and my son's first ever. We already have the calendar marked for next year. This will give us one more needed season of practice to compete with some talented sailors from Division 7. Thanks again to the many people that made for a memorable weekend.

Mike Madge  
Thunder Bay, Ontario ,Canada

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## THIS IS YOUR CLASS NEWSLETTER! WE NEED YOUR SUBMISSIONS...

NAHCA News is a publication intended to fulfill the purpose of the NAHCA. We can only do this with member contributions.

Please submit articles, photos, letters, etc. and help us maintain the high level of quality, information and excitement of this newsletter for you and your fellow NAHCA members.

If you are a Fleet Commodore or Fleet Newsletter Editor, please add Mike to your mailing list (see Editorial Staff section for address). We'd like to reprint your outstanding articles for the entire Class to enjoy.

All submissions (including photos) should include your name, Division, Fleet, state, NAHCA #, Hobie size, sail number, and any Hobie offices that you hold.

Photos are especially requested! If submitting photos (or graphics), please submit in JPG or TIF format, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, and a finish size of at least 4x6 inches. If you prefer, you can send hard copies and we'll scan them. However, NAHCA News will not be responsible for their safe return. Please include the photographer's name, subject details, etc. with all photos.

If you are submitting a NOR, be sure to comply with RRS, App J, as well as the IHCA class rules. Due to space limitations, NORs must be one page or less in size, except for major events (Area Champs, Continentals and Worlds). **WE NEED NORs A MINIMUM OF FOUR MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT!!!**

All submissions are subject to editing or omission, at the discretion of the NAHCA News Editorial staff and the NAHCA Board of Directors.

Thanks in advance for flooding the inbox with submissions!!!

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### ANNOUNCING:

Nicole Alexandra Takacs, born November 21, 2002, 4:09 PM. 5 lb 12oz, 18.5 inches. Blue eyes, brown hair, and... JUST BEAUTIFUL!

Sandy Takacs, Portsmouth, RI, Fleet 448

### DEAR MIKE

I like the way the publication is put together. I like the fact you give credit to the contributors, however, I think it would suffer in quality if you were not involved.

Oh! By the way, I helped with the Area C Alter Cup Elimination. Well, there is no other way to say it: Rich McVeigh and Deidre Mitchelli "kicked ass" on a Hobie 16 and won it! And it wasn't "just because of the Portsmouth numbers." When you spend a good portion of time looking back at Javelin 18HTs and Nacra F18s on the course, you know you have a good chance of winning.

But I must admit, Rich and Deidre did their best when the wind was really blowing on Saturday. Say, isn't that what makes Cats go? Well, as I've said before: "If you've got the money, you can always out boat a Hobie sailor. But can you out sail 'em?"

I guess every Fleet needs a website. This is Hobie Fleet 443's:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vze35v8g/>

I preferred to have the site listed as something like /Fleet 443, but the site is free and I'm new at this.

Rob Wagner, Fleet 443, NJ

#### MEGA Images...

*Top: Some of the more than 200 Hobies on the beach.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.*

*Center: One snazzy dresser,  
adjusting a Hobie 16 rudder.  
Center and bottom photos  
courtesy of Teri McKenna,  
Hacienda, CA.*



### HOBIE DONATIONS NEEDED

Hello - I am a NAHCA member and volunteer teaching assistant at the UCLA Marine Aquatic Center in Marina del Rey, California. We have an aging fleet of four Hobie 16s that are desperately in need of replacement. We would appreciate donations or inexpensive purchases of used Hobie 16s in good condition. Donors are eligible for a tax deduction.

Paul Norlen  
(213) 217-7665



# Global Hobie Racing Updates

by *David Brookes, IHCA President*

Dear Hobie Sailors,

After receiving comments, the IHCA Rules Committee has revised the submission on Hobie Tiger, Fox, and FX-One battens. Also, there are new proposals regarding the Fox and Dragoon. The Class invites all sailors to comment on these proposed changes as IT IS YOUR CLASS. The information can be found at our website ([www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com)) and then clicking on "Rules Forum."

The new IHCA Worlds website was just released with all the news regarding the Tiger Worlds in Singapore and the Hobie 14 Worlds in Germany. The site contains entry forms, NOR for both events and the Hobie Tiger Europeans, Hobie Cat Fox Eurocup, Hobie Cat FX-One Eurocup and Hobie Youth Challenge 2003, which is being conducted in Travemünder at the same time as the Hobie 14 Worlds. The updated site can be found at [www.hobieworlds.com](http://www.hobieworlds.com)

The December IHCA News is available for downloading at the IHCA web site ([www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com)). In the newsletter, you will find out the latest nation to join the IHCA, and an update from IHCA Rules Committee. That and lots more reading and information.

The big-name sailors are entering the third Carlsberg Hobie Tiger World Championships, to be hosted by Raffles Marina, Singapore, 10-14 February 2003.

Current Hobie 16 World Champion Gavin Colby of Australia, who won the Air France Hobie 16 World Championship in New Caledonia in 2002, has entered with his crew, Cori Camenish from Switzerland.

This combination won the Round Texel Regatta last year on a Hobie Tiger; the Round Texel Regatta is the largest catamaran race in the world. They finished third at the previous

Hobie Tiger World Championships at Lake Garda, Italy. Colby and Camenish finished fifth at the recent Formula 18 World Championships held at Travemünder, Germany, where they sailed a Hobie Tiger.

Colby and Camenish will certainly not have it their own way as the top North American Hobie Tiger sailors Greg Thomas (USA) and Jacques Bernier (USA) have also entered. The Thomas- Bernier combination has made a successful transformation to the Hobie Tiger Class after being on the US SAILING Tornado program. Thomas and Bernier showed at the recent Mega Event in Fort Walton Beach, which included inaugural North American Hobie Tiger Championships, that in light breezes they are almost unstoppable.

With entries increasing every day and lots of interest shown, these World Championships are a must for any interested catamaran sailor. With free shipping available from selected ports around the world from the sponsors APL/NOL, and with a limited number of charter boats also available from co-sponsor Hobie Cat Australasia, there is no excuse not to be there.

Mitch Booth and Herbert Dercksen from the Netherlands successfully defended their Formula 18 World Championship Title in Travemünder. Booth and Dercksen, sailing a Hobie Tiger, have won all three Formula 18 World Championships that have been held, and all on a Hobie Tiger. When Booth and Dercksen crossed the finishing line, they had water blasted on them from water cannons on the fire fighting/start boat.

The great results for the Hobie Tiger did not just stop there, but four out of the top ten boats were Hobie Tigers. With a 106 boat fleet open to any boat that can comply to the Formula; it was another great achievement for Hobie and Booth.

In fifth place on a Hobie Tiger were reigning Hobie 16 World Champion Gavin Colby (Australia) and crew Cori Camenish. Colby also competed in the ISAF Sailing Games in July, where he finished in second place. It was a great celebration for the Dutch sailors with Mischa Heemskerck and Pieter van Ruitenburg sailing their Tiger into sixth place. In ninth place were Enrique Figueroa and Hernandez Jorge from Puerto Rico. Figueroa also had a successful time in Europe after claiming a Bronze Medal in the recent ISAF Sailing Games.

## LATE BREAKING NEWS!

The New Year has started and already we are all off to a flying start in Hobie sailing. The Australian Championships are under way at Eden, which is located between Sydney and Melbourne. I have been told the breeze has been great, with most races in 15-25 knot range. Full results can be found off the link on the IHCA website [www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com).

The third Carlsberg Hobie Tiger Worlds Championship in Singapore is in full swing with the containers from the United States and one of the three containers from Australia already in Singapore. The remainder of the Australian containers will be sent after the completion of the Australian Championships.

Our hosts Raffles Marina are looking forward to spoiling all the entrants with their world famous Singaporean hospitality. So this looks like one great party with some excellent sailing thrown in.

This looks like being a Hobie Year with lots of sailing and sailing stories, so keep watching your web site at [www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com) for all the details; and get your Hobie out and make some great stories of your own!

Have a Hobie Year!

David



## HOBIE RULE CHANGES

Several Hobie Classes have been the subject of rule changes over the past year. Printing them all here would take several pages.

To keep up-to-date on changes in any of the Hobie classes, visit [www.nahca.org](http://www.nahca.org), or [www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com).

Details of proposed rule changes are posted there, and links are available for you to comment on the changes before votes are taken.

Log on today and become part of the process!





*Opposite page, bottom: Steve Leo racing on Huntington Lake, CA (altitude: 7,000 feet!).  
Photo courtesy of Steve Leo, CA.*

*All other Tiger photos on these pages courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*



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## INAUGURAL TRAPSEAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

by Peter Nelson, Seattle, WA

When I was first approached with the offer to bring my Hobie 16 and race in a Trapseat event last year I was quite honestly less than enthused. I'm embarrassed to admit it now, but it just didn't seem like "my cup of tea." Besides the nine-hour drive, I was bothered by the possibility that racing with the disabled may turn into disabled racing, if you know what I mean.

Somehow all the satisfying years of teaching disabled skiing got lost when it came to sailing. Until this year...

This year I decided to go for it, and I am soooo glad I did! Not only was the competition some of the fiercest I've experienced in recent years, but the food was great and the sailors were superb. Well, most of them at least. I'm not too sure about John "Johnny Mac" McRoberts, Carl "Got a Light" Strahle, Danny McCoy, Marko "Rocky Horror" Dahlberg, or John "Masthead Fly" Ross-Duggan. These boys in particular seem like "good sailors gone bad!"

The organizers for this first-ever event were Ron Rubadeau and Gillian Thomson, and Kathy Campbell of the Central Okanagan Sailing Assn. (COSA). I kid you not when I say that the organization and running of this event was absolutely flawless! It was incredible! Everything went off without a hitch. Everything!

While the number of sailors was lower than a typical Continentals or Worlds, the organization requirements of classifying and serving the needs of these disabled sailors was immense! I won't use up space here to highlight

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## ABOUT COSA

One of the smallest sailing clubs in Canada hosted one of the biggest events in the world of sailing this last July. The Central Okanagan Sailing Association (COSA) in Kelowna, British Columbia, with no paid staff and a hundred volunteer members, has raised more than \$80,000, built twenty sets of adaptive hardware to accommodate high performance wheelchair sailors, acquired boats from all over the Northwest, and invited twenty-four teams to vie for the first ever Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship.

Thinking big is nothing new for COSA, as they have created one of the classiest fully accessible sailing clubs on the planet. The driving force for their achievement is the committed volunteers. And when it comes to volunteers, COSA has no shortage.

Their cadre of part-time sailors and full-time volunteers has built docks, sheds, elevators, parking lots and signs. They swab the decks, clean the heads, and take out the trash. The work's not done until the headquarters are painted, the boats repaired, and

the outboards overhauled.

Because COSA volunteers have done so much, they have created capacity to do more. When one of the club's executive members, Gillian Thomson, brought the idea of a world championship to COSA, the membership couldn't wait to submit a bid.

In years past, COSA has run several highly successful national and international regattas. As well, they have three times been acknowledged by the Canadian Yachting Association as the best sailing school in Canada, and as the club that hosted the very best run regatta in the nation. Hosting a World Championship just seemed like the next logical achievement.

COSA volunteers definitely have their work cut out. A World Championship is not just another regatta, as it requires a cadre of judges, coaches, classifiers, race committee and beach crew. Each day of the six-day event, more than 80 sailors and support staff must stage races, provide food, accommodate thirty wheelchair users and their unique medical needs, and negotiate seven different languages.

COSA, and their can-do attitude, is

just one more reason why the world beats a path to the Okanagan. The COSA volunteer spirit is alive in all aspects of amateur sport in the interior of BC, as evidenced by the extraordinary number of provincial and national events that take place in the Okanagan.

The World Junior Curling Championship this last February was a true first for the Okanagan. The Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship was the second in what will become a long line of World Championship events in a real world-class city.



*The clubhouse at COSA, displaying the flags of the competitors' nations.  
Photo courtesy of Gillian Thomson.*

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the extent of planning, but suffice it to say that nothing was left undone. Everything had already been thought of and provided!

Monday and Tuesday were reserved for practice races and seminars. This gave us time to get acquainted with our skipper/crew, figure out the boat setup, and try to figure out how to get these twin bucket-powered boats moving! It is a trip to be trapped out in five knots of breeze because your 180 pound skipper is sitting outboard of the leeward hull in a trapseat! The dynamics of sailing these rigs changes completely!

By the start of racing on Wednesday, the teams were fairly well sorted



out and we knew who to watch. Of the seventeen teams from five nations entered, we figured there were six to seven teams that had a legitimate shot at winning the whole enchilada, with another two to three capable of being "spoilers" and winning individual races. With two boat rotations each day, it was interesting to watch the same teams elevate to the top regardless of the boat they were on! Hmmmm, I wonder if it has anything to do with the *skipper*, and not the *boat*?

We were greeted with five days of continuous, ideal sailing conditions — somewhere in the five to ten knot range, with relatively flat water. Going into the last day, after fourteen races, the top three teams were separated by

two points!

Americans Mike and Carl Strahle — inventors of the trapseats — were closely followed by Canadians Danny McCoy & Gillian Thomson who were tied with David Cook and myself.

Saturday brought light winds, and only one race could be run in the morning. Cook edged out McCoy and Strahle to take the lead by one point! Then the waiting game started. For the next four hours PRO Ron Rubadeau would relentlessly attempt a sequence, only to be baffled when a southerly system would squelch the prevailing northerly. At 3:10 p.m., with less than one hour remaining, he went into a sequence again. This time the wind held at about eight knots!

All three boats got off the line in the first flight in great position and with speed. Strahle won the favored weather end. McCoy was next just down the line with a clear lee bow. Cook was down at the pin with massive speed. The race was on! All seventeen boats were cutting their bows through the water with total abandon. While several positions were already locked up, no one was giving up an inch!

At the weather mark, the Strahles rounded first followed by the Finnish team of Antero Karjalainen and Marko Dahlberg (ranked top ten in the world in Stars), then Cook. A botched tack at the mark would claim the race's first fatality on McCoy as he got buried in the fleet and had to start working back up. Downwind the Strahle team extended their lead to two boat lengths while the Finns and Cook were in a dead heat. Cook could afford to lose



*Above: A start at the Hobie 16 Trapseat Worlds.*

*Left: The socializing at the event will be long remembered.*

*Photos courtesy of Gillian Thomson.*

to Strahle, but he had to finish in front of the Finns to win the tiebreaker and the Championship.

Strahle and the Finns went left out of the gate. Cook broke off to the right for clear air. Which side would end up being favored?

At the weather mark, the Strahles maintained their slim lead, while Cook tacked in front of the Finns. But he was unable to "shut the door", and the Finns stuck their bows in to leeward rounding the mark and pinning Cook to the outside. The Strahles were gone. They were going to win the race. But would they win or lose the Championship? It all depended on the Finns.

Downwind, the two boats were still locked up within a quarter boat length of each other, ten boat lengths from the finish! It's tough to imagine a script any more thrilling than this! The wind was dying and as a thirty-degree wind shift hit the course, the boats crept forward on a close-hauled course. The Strahles had already finished, so abandoning the race was not an option!

It was a photo finish with the Finns sneaking ahead by ONE FOOT, to hand the first ever World Champion-

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## 2002 Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championships Final Results

| Place | Skipper            | Crew             | NAT | R1  | R2  | R3  | R4 | R5  | R6   | R7  | R8  | R9  | R10 | R11   | R12 | R13 | R14 | R15 | R16 | Total |
|-------|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1st   | Mike Strahle       | Carl Strahle     | USA | 4   | 1   | 1   | 2  | 6   | 2    | 4   | 4   | 2   | 3   | 5     | 9   | 4   | 1   | 4   | 1   | 44    |
| 2nd   | Dave Cook          | Peter Nelson     | CAN | 5   | 2   | 2   | 5  | 2   | 6    | 3   | 1   | OCS | 5   | 1     | 2   | 1   | 6   | 1   | 3   | 45    |
| 3rd   | Danny McCoy        | Gillian Thomson  | CAN | 2   | 4   | 8   | 11 | 1   | 1    | 1   | 9   | 1   | 1   | 2     | 5   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 8   | 51    |
| 4th   | John Ross Duggan   | Laura Sullivan   | USA | 1   | 3   | 3   | 1  | 7   | 7    | 2   | 2   | 9   | 4   | 9     | 1   | 9   | 8   | 5   | 4   | 66    |
| 5th   | Antero Karjalainen | Marko Dahlberg   | FIN | 14  | 5   | 4   | 3  | 4   | 8    | 9   | 5   | 5   | 2   | 10    | 3   | 11  | 5   | 3   | 2   | 79    |
| 6th   | John McRoberts     | Larry Robinson   | CAN | 6   | DNF | 7   | 4  | 3   | 9    | 7   | 3   | 6   | 14  | 8     | 6   | 8   | 4   | 8   | 5   | 98    |
| 7th   | Jeff Reinhold      | Jared Hickman    | USA | 3   | 6   | 6   | 9  | 8   | 3    | 5   | 12  | 8   | 7   | 7RDGa | 7   | 9   | 7   | 13  | 104 |       |
| 8th   | Bruce Millar       | Brian Millar     | CAN | 15  | 7   | 5   | 6  | 5   | OCS  | 6   | 6   | 3   | 6   | 3     | 4   | 5   | 7   | DNF | 11  | 106   |
| 9th   | Hans Van Leening   | Robert Johnson   | NED | 11  | 8   | 12  | 10 | 10  | 5    | 11  | 7   | 4   | 12  | 4     | 7   | 6   | 12  | 12  | OCS | 131   |
| 10th  | Daniel Lamb        | Bob Hilton       | CAN | 7   | OCS | OCS | 8  | 14  | 15   | 13  | 8   | 7   | 9   | 6     | 11  | 2   | 11  | 13  | 7   | 148   |
| 11th  | Terry Pope         | Jim Rackham      | CAN | 16  | 9   | 11  | 13 | 11  | 13   | 8   | 11  | 11  | 10  | 11    | 10  | 14  | 2   | 10  | 6   | 150   |
| 12th  | Rob Battilana      | Gilles Ladouceur | ITA | 13  | DNF | 9   | 12 | DNF | 4    | 10  | 10  | DNF | 8   | 13    | 8   | 12  | 13  | DNS | DNS | 180   |
| 13th  | Henrik Hartz       | Gautier De Marcy | USA | 9   | OCS | 15  | 16 | 15  | 10   | 12  | 13  | 10  | 11  | 14    | 12  | 13  | 14  | 6   | 10  | 180   |
| 14th  | Merle Hickey       | Carol Hilton     | CAN | 10  | 11  | 13  | 7  | 9   | 12   | DSQ | DNF | 12  | 13  | DNS   | DNS | DNS | DNS | 9   | 9   | 190   |
| 15th  | Dale Keith         | Roger Redwin     | CAN | DNF | 12  | 10  | 14 | 13  | 11   | 14  | 14  | DNF | 15  | 12    | DSQ | 10  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 192   |
| 16th  | Wayne Phillips     | Todd Clarke      | CAN | 12  | OCS | 14  | 15 | 12  | 14   | 16  | 15  | DNF | DNF | DNS   | DNS | DNS | DNS | 14  | DNF | 231   |
| 17th  | Robb Lawrence      | Annette Stuckey  | CAN | 8   | 10  | DNF | 17 | 16  | RDGa | 15  | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNS   | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | 235   |

### A WORLD CLASS EVENT

by Ron Rubadeau, Event PRO

The Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship event, held at the Central Okanagan Sailing Association (COSA) in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, was a first in many categories. Number one, it was the first ever world event for the Trapseat Class. Second, it was the first ever world sailing championship in the interior of British Columbia, with all races sailed on beautiful Lake Okanagan. Lastly, the Championship was the first time

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ship to the team that had originally invented the trapseat and brought it into existence. No one could have asked for a more fitting scenario!

A major "hats off" to each of the competitors, Ron Rubadeau, Gillian Thomson, Kathy Campbell, the long list of volunteers, sponsors, beach crew, COSA, and everyone else associated with this top-notch event. Whew!!!! Anyone thinking disabled racing is "disabled" racing is, well, sorely mistaken and mentally... disabled!!

that disabled and able-bodied athletes have ever been fully integrated at the World Championship level.

"Everyone knows about the Olympics, and most recently people are becoming aware of the paralympic movement," says Kathy Campbell of the Disabled Sailing Association of Canada.

These events, and other world championships, attract the best of the able-bodied community (Olympics) and separately, the best of the disabled community (Paralympics).

This event is a breakthrough sport, as the two-member team must be composed of one able-bodied and one disabled sailor.

The combination "is magical" according to Hans van Leening of the Kelowna DSA community. "I have been to several national sailing championships and have sailed against my other wheelchair bound peers.

The Trapseat event combines the best of both sailing worlds, and requires teamwork between sailors who typically never sail the same event or even the same kind of boat."

The event featured not only some of the world's best sailors, but also the



**Mike Strahle, inventor of the Trapseats for Hobie 16s, and now the first ever World Champion in the Class.**  
Photo courtesy of Gillian Thomson.

very best judges and sailing coaches. Like all world competitions, international officials are required at sailing events to adjudicate on-the-water rules.

Topping the list of judges were Dick Rose and Steve Tupper. Dick, an

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Olympic advisor, writes the rules column for *Sailing World* magazine. He is considered the number one rules expert in the world.

Dave was supported by Steve Tupper, a gold-level international judge and chair of the Olympic Officials Committee. The remaining three judges included Mary Sloane from Mexico, Donald Becker from Portland, and Kelowna's own Bill Checkley.

Just as the judges for the world event are top notch, so are the coaches. Kelowna's Devin Rubadeau ran the high performance training camp for the two days prior to the event.

Devin was chosen for the task because he is a top ranked North American catamaran sailor and is one of CYA's leading coaches. Devin knows the Hobie 16 Trapseat well and participated in the 2001 North American Championship. Since then he has coached sailors at major events in Florida, San Diego and France.

The top-level officials and coaches were necessary, as there were the customary number of rule altercations. While past North American Trapseat events have been tame by protest standards, the international judges spent some time each evening sorting out social interactions at rounding marks.

Although these were all minor, one sailor was forced to sit out several races after he was 'brushed back' by a fellow competitor in a pre-race maneuver.

Following impressive opening ceremonies featuring a piper, the RCMP in red serge, a parade of athletes, a local jazz combo, and Ogo-pogo (the Okanagan's answer to the Lochness monster), the competition opened with an uninspiring three-knot drifter. The



*Above: Dave Cook (R) and crew, Peter Nelson (L), celebrate their second place finish.*

*Right: The third place team, Danny McCoy and crew Gillian Thomson.*

*Photos courtesy of Gillian Thomson.*



only race of Day One proved to be a "throw out" for the Finns who looked like the team to beat in the pre-regatta training camp.

The Finnish skipper Antero Karjalainen, ranked fourth in the world by the IFDS, was supported by Marko Dahlberg, European Star champion, as crew. They were buried at the start and were never able to work themselves into clear air. Race one belonged to sentimental favorites Mike and Carl Strahle, the Trapseat inventors.

Mike and Carl first created the Trapseat almost two decades ago. When Mike, a hot Hobie 16 sailor, became a quadriplegic as a result of a skiing accident, Mike didn't want to give up his favorite sport. So he and brother Carl created an adaptation that allowed even the most challenged sailor, providing they have the nerve and the skill, to challenge any able-bodied crew boat for boat.

After an evening of Ellen Churchill, local jazz singer, gallons of cold product from Granville Island Brewery, and a dock party that lasted until dawn; Day Two saw a different wind pattern as five races were held in a six-knot northerly. By day's end, five teams were in contention, including John Ross Duggan and Laura Sullivan from the U.S., Danny McCoy and Gillian Thomson from Kelowna, David Cook and Peter Nelson from Vancouver Island, John McRoberts and Larry Robinson from Victoria, and Mike and Carl Strahle from California.

Those sailors who actually went to sleep (including Marko who found that the physio table made a perfect bed) after British comedian Ian Middleder and Celtic guitarist Paul Evenden finished off Day Two, awoke to a ten-knot northerly on Day Three.

The RC ran eight races and by nightfall, the field was separated into

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the front three, a second group of six, and all the rest! Strahle/ Strahle led the group of three, with McCoy/ Thomson and Cook/ Nelson tied for second, only one point behind first.

Day Three ended with cool jazz on a hot dock and our Ogopogo support staff crooning 'I'm in the Mood for Love.'

The last day of the competition saw an overcast sky, spitting rain and light winds. The first race of the day saw little change in standings and further to a four-hour delay which allowed ample time for sailors to "tune up" after the last boat change, the final race was sailed with only minutes to go in the time limit.

After four legs of light and shifting winds, the Strahles captured first in the race, with the Finns beating Cook/ Nelson by less than a foot for second position! The final race knocked Cook/Nelson out of first into second and McCoy/Thomson, who were in second overall, into third. Atop the leader board at the first ever World Championship were the Trapseat inventors Mike and Carl Strahle.

That evening the Strahles accepted the *Spirit of Sail* sculpture from local artist Dow Reid. An evening of laughs, cheers, hugs, and tears, followed the final trophy presentation. After two days of training camp and four days of racing, nobody wanted to go home.

But there was still more work for the local committee; when the sun came up, those still standing began taking apart trapseats and putting boats away. In the days that followed the club seemed uncomfortably quiet... no skippers meeting, no sacrifice to the wind god, no clang of wind in the shrouds. COSA was back to the daily parade of local sailors and kids taking lessons.

The glorious and joyous event that was the 2002 Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship was over. Even though the volunteers had worked themselves to near exhaustion, they were all anxious to do it all again... well, maybe not now, but in another year or so!

**Right: At the MEGA, we proved,  
"When we can't race, we EAT!"  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.**

**Below left: Hobies ready to race,  
in Glendo, WY.  
Photo courtesy of Bryan Frahm, D5 Chair.**

**Below right: Hobie 18s at the  
2002 Daytona Summer Sizzler.  
Photo courtesy of Paul Price, FL.**



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# 2002 BUZZARD REGATTA

July 13-14, 2002 New Bedford, MA

by Nancy Worth, Fleet 28, MA

With 54 boats registered, the 25<sup>th</sup> Buzzard was howling. You know that feeling when the Race Committee is saying, "It's only twenty knots out here, perfect Hobie weather!" Well, sure...

Only once you get off the beach and feel the full force of the wind, you have to also account for the waves that seemed to be coming from about three different directions, plus the commercial fishermen's wakes. It was uncomfortable enough that a good half of the fleet hit the beach by the end of the first race. Some don't like small craft advisories.

Let's throw in some on-the-water entertainment of a big freighter going right through the course, having seven boats flipped over at once and a pleasure sailor with a split deck seam on his ancient Hobie 18. Great day on the water.

Finally got two more races in – the wind was only starting to lighten up a little bit at the end. It was much better to be sailing than bouncing on a chase boat, though a camera at A mark would have shown some entertaining shots of people losing their footing, not bearing off properly and flipping over.

Off to dinner. Another great meal by Ricardi's and outstanding jazz entertainment by Ted Knowlton and the Screaming Reachers. They even picked up an extra local player who had come down to race his Hobie 18.

Pick up the groaning bodies for Sunday. Still just a light sea breeze blowing – supposed to pick up later in the day to Saturday's strength. Waves not as big, though there were still some great surfing sets, so we can move out more and set a good sized course.

Doreen Coughlan, Doug Baker and crew got off five races in quick order with some perfect wind slowly building.

Jim Glanden was still showing us how to sail on the Hobie 17s, he threw out a bullet.

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*"I get high with a little help from my friends..."  
We're still trying to figure out what the deal is with John Smith's leg...  
Photo courtesy of Beverly Herman, Fleet 448, Taunton, MA.*



## GEP at the Buzzard

by Nancy Worth, Fleet 28, MA

Friday, July 12 dawned cool compared to the heat wave that the north east had just gone through. The sun was shining and the shore breeze was blowing gently. Dan and Kathy Kulko-ski had traveled up from New Jersey to pass on a fountain of information. We got some boats onto the beach and rigged, then it was time to start.

Dan and his able assistant Kathy got the show under way. With a small crowd of eight boats from Hobie 17s to larger cats, the eager listeners heard about ways to tighten and straighten their boats, rudder toe-in, sail shape, currents, etc. We could have used days of this information, but lunch time was approaching and the sea breeze had finally kicked the shore breeze away and was building.

Next, we went out on the water for a bunch of drills. We did lots of tacks and gybes with Dan yelling directions and tips at us. Gybing around gates to make you use both sides, as well as

going back to windward afterward, was very helpful. Then we tried a few starts and short races - with a 360 turn on each leg to add interest.

By this time, the wind was blowing fifteen knots, with sloppy waves. Some of our tacks (especially the 17s) were also starting to get sloppy. We probably did more tacks and gybes in a few hours than you normally do all weekend at a regatta. Time to hit the shore.

Kathy had videotaped all the on-water drills, so we set the TV/VCR up over at the Low Tide Yacht Club's new clubhouse. Dan's analysis and feedback of the video was extremely helpful. You got to really see what you were doing and could compare to what others were doing. Got information on what to do to avoid what you were doing wrong or what was working. Excellent way to wrap up.

Thank you, Dan and Kathy, for a very informative session – well worth the effort to take a day off work.

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## Buzzard 2002 Official Results

| PLACE                                | TEAM                             | CITY                | FLEET POINTS | PLACE                            | TEAM                                | CITY             | FLEET POINTS |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>HOBIE 16A Class Results</b>       |                                  |                     |              | <b>HOBIE 18 Class Results</b>    |                                     |                  |              |
| 1                                    | Mike Lemme/Barbara Lemme         | West Greenwich RI   | 448 7        | 1                                | Greg Ferrara/Saige Johnson          | Guilford CT      | 136 15       |
| 2                                    | Stephen Bird/Diane Bird          | Hopkinton MA        | 448 17       | 2                                | Billy Guay/Suzanne Guay             | East Freetown MA | 448 17       |
| 3                                    | Dave Heroux/Barbara Powers       | Foster RI           | 448 25       | 3                                | Cliff St. George/Steve Jacques      | Weare NH         | 448 27       |
| 4                                    | Michael Levesque/Michelle McLean | Pawtucket RI        | 448 27       | 4                                | Fred Myer/Ellen Myer                | Blue Bell PA     | 416 41       |
| 5                                    | Jay Obst/Adam Obst               | Stephenson VA       | 448 31       | 5                                | Andrew Chin/George Chin             | Mattapoisett MA  | 46           |
| 6                                    | Chris Janssen/Dave Kirkpatrick   | Warren RI           | 448 42       | 6                                | Greg Maier/Tim Vandeman             | Somerville MA    | 28 49        |
| 7                                    | Marie Evans/Sean Esten           | Wareham MA          | 28 42        | <b>Formula 18 Class Results</b>  |                                     |                  |              |
| 8                                    | Robert Merrick/Eliza Cleveland   | Branford CT         | 448 63       | 1                                | Thomas Schwandt/Sara and Amy        | Atkinson NH      | 8            |
| <b>HOBIE 16 NOVICE Class Results</b> |                                  |                     |              | 2                                | Dino Garbero/Bob Konkel             | Littleton MA     | 28 14        |
| 1                                    | Brad Stalter/Justin Brodeur      | Acushnet MA         | 16           | 3                                | Dan Kulkoski/Kathy Kulkoski         | Belford NJ       | 250 26       |
| 2                                    | Sean McQuilken/Douglas McQuilken | Niantic CT          | 448 27       | <b>Nacra 6.0NA Class Results</b> |                                     |                  |              |
| 3                                    | Jason Nelson/Joy Nelson          | Cranston RI         | 448 34       | 1                                | Rick Bliss/Brandy Wood              | Mansfield MA     | 154 7        |
| 4                                    | Daniel Andrews/Larry Slifkin     | Wethersfield CT     | 38           | 2                                | Jim Zellmer/Stephan Najmy           | Putney VT        | 154 19       |
| 5                                    | Will Norris/Michael and Jonathan | Newton MA           | 47           | 3                                | David Fortier/Joel Richardson       | Biddeford ME     | 231 27       |
| 6                                    | Roland Chirico/Judy Chirico      | Stafford Springs CT | 448 49       | 4                                | Chris Titcomb/Nate Titcomb          | Branford CT      | 136 32       |
| 7                                    | Bruce Chirico/Nick Chirico       | Manchester CT       | 448 56       | 5                                | Ken Deming/Karie Deming             | Ballston Spa NY  | 238 37       |
| <b>HOBIE 17 Class Results</b>        |                                  |                     |              | 6                                | Greg Harwood/Bill Harwood           | Winthrop ME      | 231 39       |
| 1                                    | Jim Glenden                      | Newark DE           | 54 7         | 7                                | Garrett Norton/Andrea Jannarone     | Belmont MA       | 154 52       |
| 2                                    | Andrew Efstathiou                | Canton MA           | 28 14        | 8                                | Phil Vaillancourt/Sandra Tartaglino | Portsmouth RI    | 154 56       |
| 3                                    | Ed Nolen                         | Englewood NJ        | 250 24       | 9                                | Scott Malcolm/Rona Prentice         | Hampton NH       | 209 72       |
| 4                                    | Gerard Blom                      | Charlottesville VA  | 31 30        | 10                               | J. Scot MacKeil/Ron Dionne          | Plymouth MA      | 28 83        |
| 5                                    | Nancy Worth                      | Canton MA           | 28 42        | 11                               | Eric Anderson/Grayson Bryant        | Andover CT       | 154 92       |
| 6                                    | Ted Knowlton                     | Lincoln MA          | 28 43        | 12                               | John Decker/Debra Ripsz             | Nottingham NH    | 209 93       |
| 7                                    | Leonard Swanson                  | Gilmanton NH        | 448 59       | 13                               | Todd Williams 60/Barbara Corbel     | Stonington CT    | 448 93       |
| 8                                    | Tom Therrien                     | Couter Harbor NH    | 496 69       | 14                               | No Clue TORN                        |                  | 100          |
| 9                                    | David Bellemore                  | New Boston NH       | 294 71       | <b>Inter 20 Class Results</b>    |                                     |                  |              |
| 10                                   | Bob Pickett                      | Seekonk MA          | 28 73        | 1                                | Barry Moore/Jane Najmy              | Reading MA       | 154 12       |
| 11                                   | Sam Coes                         | Hampton NH          | 496 76       | 2                                | Joe Valente/Mary Ann Horrigan       | Bridgewater MA   | 28 13        |
|                                      |                                  |                     |              | 3                                | Paul D. van Dyke/JJ Moore           | Groton CT        | 22           |
|                                      |                                  |                     |              | 4                                | John L. Smith/Ismael Ali            | Westport MA      | 448 27       |

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Back to shore for BBQ hot dogs and chips; raffle and awards. Thank you to Hobie Cat, West Marine, Cape Water Sports, Murray's and any others I've missed.

This year it was more of a challenge to get everything together. Thanks to Bob Konkel for stepping up and dealing with all the politics of getting access to what we needed in the now complete Fort Taber Park. A far cry from the sewage treatment site of years gone by.

After a week of bad news with committee boats canceling and an engine problem, we did end up with enough power boats thanks to Scott and Rick, Ron and our latest recruit Bob. And thank you Doug for all your mark setting, especially in the challenging conditions.

Thank you to Doreen Coughlan for another great Buzzard. See you there in 2003.

*The Buzzard claims a victim...  
This vintage Hobie 18 never even started a race.  
After an afternoon involving the US Coast Guard,  
the New Bedford Harbor Master, and a very long tow by a mark boat,  
the Hobie had to be drained for hours,  
after the port hull seam split in the heavy wind and seas.*

*Photo courtesy of Beverly Herman, Fleet 448, Taunton, MA.*



# NAHCA Northwest Area Championships

August 10-11, 2002 Lake Quinault, WA

## Final Results

PLACE SAIL NO TEAM POINTS

### 16A Class Results

|    |        |                      |    |
|----|--------|----------------------|----|
| 1  | 102544 | Montague / Ward      | 5  |
| 2  | 91882  | Byers / Byers        | 13 |
| 3  | 87455  | Robinson / Robinson  | 14 |
| 4  | 92644  | Nelson / Sullivan    | 17 |
| 5  | 87577  | Jones / Gutzmann     | 22 |
| 6  | 102544 | McGlashen / Ulibarri | 26 |
| 7  | 100192 | Havig /Groesz        | 34 |
| 8  | 74362  | Hilton / Hilton      | 36 |
| 9  | 102254 | Jones / Rosenbach    | 41 |
| 10 | 83550  | Wallace / Buechman   | 41 |

### 16B Class Results

|   |       |                   |    |
|---|-------|-------------------|----|
| 1 | 8     | Dorwin / Dorwin   | 5  |
| 2 | 90301 | Hensel            | 11 |
| 3 | 30885 | Swanson / Johnson | 13 |
| 4 | 86621 | Coleman / Coleman | 18 |

### 16C Class Results

|      |                 |   |
|------|-----------------|---|
| 3872 | Olsoe / Johnson | 1 |
|------|-----------------|---|

### 17 Class Results

|   |      |               |    |
|---|------|---------------|----|
| 1 | 1516 | Wilder        | 13 |
| 2 | 6326 | Kristiansen   | 15 |
| 3 | 286  | Bill Groesz   | 15 |
| 4 | 349  | Eric Waissi   | 16 |
| 5 | 5837 | Ruggles       | 22 |
| 6 | 6185 | Tarleton      | 22 |
| 7 | 1266 | Richardson    | 23 |
| 8 | 1597 | Nick Groesz   | 35 |
| 9 | 4451 | Jeremy Groesz | 39 |

### 18A Class Results

|    |       |                         |    |
|----|-------|-------------------------|----|
| 1  | 15897 | E. Marshack / V. Groesz | 7  |
| 2  | 16757 | Colwell / Colwell       | 12 |
| 3  | 15990 | K. Marshack             | 13 |
| 4  | 9     | Breed                   | 15 |
| 5  | 15944 | Poore                   | 19 |
| 6  | 12676 | Wilson                  | 30 |
| 7  | 16769 | Evenden                 | 34 |
| 8  | 13219 | Quidex                  | 40 |
| 9  | 15881 | Von Stubbe              | 41 |
| 10 | 192   | Bowen                   | 49 |

### 18B Class Results

|   |       |                     |   |
|---|-------|---------------------|---|
| 1 | 15903 | Eldridge / Eldridge | 5 |
| 2 | 7839  | Taylor / Taylor     | 9 |

### 18SX Class Results

|   |      |                   |    |
|---|------|-------------------|----|
| 1 | 1105 | M. Sele / H. Sele | 8  |
| 2 | 768  | Stahr / Romine    | 9  |
| 3 | 1002 | Steele / Steele   | 11 |

### Tiger Class Results

|   |      |                      |    |
|---|------|----------------------|----|
| 1 | 1008 | Carpenter / Ulibarri | 6  |
| 2 | 1070 | Lowry / Flannery     | 9  |
| 3 | 965  | Ling / Wade          | 14 |
| 4 | 850  | Valeske / Burton     | 19 |
| 5 | 1025 | Collier / Collier    | 24 |

### 20 Class Results

|   |     |                    |    |
|---|-----|--------------------|----|
| 1 | 837 | Cassell / Cassell  | 5  |
| 2 | 166 | Hawkins / Marshall | 14 |

### 21 Class Results

|   |  |               |   |
|---|--|---------------|---|
| 1 |  | Mabey / Mabey | 6 |
|---|--|---------------|---|

Results and Photos courtesy of the Division 4 website, [www.hobiedivision4.org](http://www.hobiedivision4.org).

Full story coming in a future issue of NAHCA News.



# A Means Seminar in Iowa... NAHCA Race Management Training

Hosted by NAHCA Division 7  
and Hobie Fleet 84  
August 16, 2002 – Des Moines, IA

by Rod Phipps, Fleet 192

On the Friday morning before the Division 7 Championship regatta at Saylorville Lake north of Des Moines, seventeen bright-eyed Hobie sailors gathered from places like Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Marshalltown, Ames, Ankeny, Ventura, Storm Lake, Polk City, Des Moines and Johnston in Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska; and Forest Lake and Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

Including Division 7 Chair Eric Lundin and Vice-chair Paul Bommersbach, they filed into the home of Ed and Lois Dixon. They came to participate in a *Basic Race Management* seminar at the knee of US SAILING instructor Means Davis.

This was a unique event with a uniquely qualified US SAILING Instructor as our guru. Means met Paul Ulibarri (PU), NAHCA Race Director, when he was one of the Principal Race Officers (PROs) working the 1996 Olympics. He has more than 25 years experience working in Race Management. In the late eighties he became a certified US SAILING Judge. He became a Senior Judge in 1998 as well as an International Judge the same year.

He currently holds a Regional Race Officer certification from US SAILING. He was one of a three-man team overseeing and coordinating the race man-



agement for the Olympics in Savannah. He and PU have since worked many events together including World Championships, Continental Championships for Hobie classes, regional and National Championships for Hobie and other multihull classes including three Alter Cup regattas. Means was also on an A-mark boat for the Mini and PRO for the MEGA regatta at Fort Walton Beach, Florida in October.

NAHCA has started to conduct Race Management Seminars to improve the quality of Race Committees. Division 7 decided to crank it up a notch.

The *Basic Race Management* seminar is one of the pre-requisites to receive US SAILING certification as a Club Race Officer (CRO). It starts with a true/false pre-test to be completed before the seminar. The test is intended to get the participants to read the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Not just the part about boat right-of-way, but also those other parts on organizing regattas and the regulations of our sport.

After introductions, the sailors started a whirlwind overview based on an eight page course outline that covered RC members' jobs and responsibilities, sailing instructions, RC equipment, setting the course, start and finish lines, setting marks (where and how), the flags (no more white-blue-red means go) and scoring.

At the end of the seminar, nine participants stayed to take the *Basic Race Management* test. Means handled the majority of the load but was aided for two sections by assistant instructors Paul Bommersbach and Rod Phipps.

Before the Friday session, the participants and championship regatta organizers were discussing whether to use the new flag series over the weekend. By the end of the day there were excited conversations, not only



Above: Means Davis, RC Expert,  
or as they call him in Tampa,  
"Mr. 18.7 Knots."

Left: Means gets some assistance in  
demonstrating the start sequence procedure  
from Dale Dorschner and Reagan Elsbury.

Photos courtesy of Cindy Phipps, Division 7.

about the new flags, but how the Division would implement all of the new things we had learned about Race Management.

Means stayed on to serve as PRO at the regatta. Seminar veterans Shelly Stockstad and Rod Phipps got to practice their newly learned skills by serving on the RC. There was good wind on Saturday (25-30 mph dropping to 15-20 in the afternoon). The RC set a course with a mile and a half between marks and started four races to assure a throw out.

At the end of the day the common comment was "Man, those were long courses and I had to tack four times to A-mark, but the course was really square." Sunday saw an early postponement until the wind filled and then one race in ideal conditions: sunny, winds 8-12 mph.

# Wind, Women & Song – SheGatta 2002

September 21-22, 2002 Lake Ray Roberts, TX

by Sheila Holmes

Dynamic women. Sailboat racing on brightly colored Hobie Cats. Great volunteers. Good friends sharing fantastic food, making music and creating new memories. What more could one desire in a single weekend? Maybe you'd like to include a charitable contribution to a very worthwhile cause?

The SheGatta 2002 was another fantastic event! Ladies from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois, and Colorado, teamed up on fifteen boats for the third annual ladies race on Lake Ray Roberts.

This exceptional regatta offers women sailors (or wannabes) a chance to take the helm of a Hobie Cat, for the first time or to improve current skills, and share the weekend with a girlfriend. In addition, dates, mates, friends and fans share in the camaraderie, with horseshoes and croquet matches for the competitive types, or spectating for those who wish to cheer on their favorite teams.

Lisa Kizer & Karen Palmer of Lake Ray Roberts Roy'all Yacht Club and Hobie Fleet 23 worked for weeks in advance of the regatta to woo sponsors, gather donations and prepare for the arrival of all competitors.

The Friday night welcome party, hosted by the Bill & Therese Davenport and Tommy & Lisa Kizer, provided sailors and friends an opportunity to meet, mingle and munch. Thanks guys for the beverages and burgers!

Saturday morning dawned clear and warm, with fruit, pastries, coffee & juice served to all comers. After registration, Sheila Holmes conducted a sailing seminar and shared some

local knowledge of the lake and answered questions from the ladies.

Bill Davenport, PRO, greeted the gals at the skippers meeting and detailed the day's race plans. The first race started in a light breeze and the boats sailed a competitive race, though the wind velocity decreased as the racers neared the finish. Kitsy Amrhein & Carol Galbraith skimmed to the front of the pack taking top honors in the Hobie 16 Gold fleet, while Linda DeKort & Lil Baker lead the Hobie 16 Silver fleet.

Bill and his race committee team wisely called a lunch break to await more wind and the boats headed for the beach. After the aromas wafting from Claude Jones' smoker, I'm certain the ladies were developing appetites. Claude was up before dawn, firing up the smoker and preparing the briskets, chicken quarters and whole chickens for the Saturday night Southwestern smoked barbecue dinner. The smoke filled the air, bringing the neighbors by to check out the activity, with Walt & Mary Hesse bringing by a cake specially decorated for SheGatta!

The wind gods decided to extend the lunch break, so let's sell some more raffle tickets! Did you hear about all the great stuff? A kayak from Mariner Sails & Hobie Cat, a fabulous handmade event quilt created by Therese Davenport, sailing books,

gear, trips and lifejackets available to the lucky winners. And all proceeds support Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Fluky air kept the boats on the beach, so by Saturday evening the ladies were ready for some fun. Plug in the frozen drink machine! And chase it with a great smoked chicken and brisket dinner a la Claude! Delicious!

The long-awaited raffle was held around the bonfire with fabulous merchandise and wonderful prizes awarded to the winning ticket holders. Drew Riddle of the Ft. Worth fleet won the quilt and generously offered to raffle it again to raise even more money for breast cancer research. Karen Atnip won the kayak, though I think the kids are planning to use it as a ski toy behind the big boat!

Sunday morning brought a change in wind direction and a stronger breeze. Ardy prepared and served his specialty – breakfast taquitos – to provide the ladies a nutritious way to start the day. From the looks of the breeze, they would need the energy. We're talking double trap conditions. YIPPEE!

Linda DeKort & Lil Baker held the H16 Silver lead on Sunday, earning three more first place finishes, a perfect score for the weekend!

The H16 Gold fleet was tight, with Sheila Holmes & Joyce Loeffelholz trying to overcome Saturday's seventh place ranking by winning the first two races on Sunday, then flipping in the last race.

Karen Palmer & Karen Atnip sailed on to win the final race on Sunday. Jane

| SheGatta 2002 Final Results |                                   |           |    |    |    |    |        |     |       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|--------|-----|-------|
| Place                       | Team                              | Fleet     | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Points | T/O | Total |
| 1                           | Heather Morrison / Kathleen Tracy | 16 Gold   | 2  | 8  | 2  | 2  | 14     | 8   | 6     |
| 2                           | Sheila Holmes / Joyce Loeffelholz | 16 Gold   | 7  | 1  | 1  | 10 | 19     | 10  | 9     |
| 3                           | Jane Sherrod / Jean Brown         | 16 Gold   | 3  | 2  | 5  | 4  | 14     | 5   | 9     |
| 4                           | Kitsy Amrhein / Carol Galbraith   | 16 Gold   | 1  | 6  | 4  | 5  | 16     | 6   | 10    |
| 5                           | Donna McIntosh / Beverly Collins  | 16 Gold   | 6  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 16     | 6   | 10    |
| 6                           | Karen Palmer / Karen Atnip        | 16 Gold   | 4  | 10 | 10 | 1  | 25     | 10  | 15    |
| 7                           | Ginger Wilder / Nancy Page        | 16 Gold   | 9  | 3  | 6  | 6  | 24     | 9   | 15    |
| 8                           | Michelle Stacy / Dawn Alcorn      | 16 Gold   | 5  | 7  | 8  | 8  | 28     | 8   | 20    |
| 9                           | Deb Olsen / Lisa Kizer            | 16 Gold   | 8  | 8  | 7  | 7  | 30     | 8   | 22    |
| 1                           | Linda DeKort / Lil Baker          | 16 Silver | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4      | 1   | 3     |
| 2                           | McDaniel / Sybil Higgins          | 16 Silver | 3  | 2  | 5  | 2  | 12     | 5   | 7     |
| 3                           | Carol French / Sue Sport          | 16 Silver | 4  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 12     | 4   | 8     |
| 4                           | Kim Unger / Sue Oats              | 16 Silver | 2  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 17     | 5   | 12    |
| 1                           | Linda Donie / Lynn VanHooser      | 18 Gold   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 5      | 2   | 3     |
| 1                           | Vickie Schaller                   | 14Turbo   | 1  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 7      | 2   | 5     |

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# MEGA Thanks!

by Lori Mohny, Event Co-Chair

I would like to thank the following for all their help at the Mini and MEGA Events. We couldn't have done it without these people – when you see them next time – tell them THANKS!

**Regatta Co-Chair** – Paul Ulibarri

**On Site Coordination** – Bill & Chris Grady, Tony Lewis, Danny Gross

**Race Director** – Paul Ulibarri

**Mini PRO** – Mark Santorelli

**Pan Am PRO** - Mike Walker

**MEGA PROs** – Means Davis & Irene McNeil

**Judges** – Doug Campbell, Kim Kymlicka, Marshall Brown, Cal Jones, Jack Caldwell, Neil McNeil

**Signal Boat Mini** – Bill Jolley (Boat Owner), Gary & Shelly Russell, Doug Mitchell, Mike Levesque, Michelle McLean, John Bauldry, Linda Watts

**Mark Boats Mini** – Dave Hopper, Sandy Zevin, Tony Lewis, Mike Volz, Paul Garlick, Sean Tracy

**Signal Boat Pan Am** – Jack Stringfellow (Boat Owner), Gerry Guest, Jeniffer Guest, Doug Campbell, Kim Kymlicka



Above, L-R: Paul Ulibarri, Lori Mohny and Rich McVeigh, MEGA event organizers. Photo courtesy of David Sprague.

Right: Dave Baumgartner, MEGA Beach Captain. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.

**MEGA Signal Boat** (Alpha Course) – Mark Santorelli, Vicki Uliarri, Annette Chirstianson, Terry Malcolm, Linda Watts

**MEGA Mark Boats** (Alpha Course) – Tony Lewis, Mike Volz, Peter Bourassa, Rob Wagner, Joel Deupree, Tammy Duran, Rose Deupree, Dave Yates

**MEGA Signal Boat** (Bravo Course) – Gerry Guest, Jeniffer Guest, Doug Campbell, Kim Kymlicka, Barb Caster, Mary Spiller, Judy Sajdak, Sean McQuilken

**MEGA Mark Boats** (Bravo Course) – Mike Walker, Dave Hopper, Sandy Zevin, David Koops, Bill Colgan, Brian Harrison, Karl Engelmeier, Deb Olsen

**Additional Boat Owners** – Means Davis, Mike Volz, Brian Harrison, Mike Kelley, Sandy Zevin, Randy Smythe, Peter Seyffert, Roland & Leta

**Registration** – Joanne Perkins, Gail Stiemsma, Kathy Purcell, Jan Nye, Pat O'Donnell, Marilyn Antonacci, Mimi Appel, Trish Bauldry, Neil McNeil

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## SHEGATTA 2002

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Sherrod and Jean Brown were sailing hot, and Donna McIntosh & Beverly Collins handled the heavier winds extremely well. Heather Morrison & Kathleen Tracy sailed a very consistent series and came up with the win in H16 Gold!

It was a fantastic weekend for racers, watchers, volunteers and friends. We had some great fun, excellent sailing, and one injury, though I hope Joyce will heal quickly. This is a must-do event, so be sure and get it on your calendar for next year!



# MEGA Thanks!

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**T-Shirt/Raffle and Hat Sales –**

Barb Brooks, Mimi Appel,  
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Mike Montague, Gary & Shelly  
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Pam Chandler

**Local Support –** Alan Laird,

Jim Tucker

**Weigh In –** John Kidder,

Jim Glanden, Jon Sherm,  
H-17 Sailors

**Raffle Prizes –** Roger Brown

**Scorer –** David Sprague

**Beach Captain –** David Baumgartner

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*Top: Bill Grady, MEGA Chef!  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.*

*Right: Is it really possible to  
demast in no wind?  
Alan and Brisia Mohill of CA,  
Hobie 16 #105199, found a way!  
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully,  
San Carlos, CA.*



*Right: Key Sailing tent at MEGA.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Bottom right: David Sprague, MEGA Scorer, in action.  
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*Below: Mini Race Committee posing for the camera.  
L-R: Gary Russell (DRO), Mark Santorelli (PRO),  
Michelle McLean (Recorder), Mike Levesque (our Editor, Starter),  
and Linda Watts (Recorder).  
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*



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# MEGA Thanks!

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**Beer Sponsorship & Tent –**  
Scott Sheldon, Tim Smith

**Lunches –** Bill & Chris Grady

**On Site Hobie Dealer –**  
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**Website –** Steve Fields

**Program –** Kathleen Tracy &  
PrintMyStuff.com

**Shirts & Hats –** Steve Leo,  
InFocus Promotions

**Event Logo & Trophies Designed by**  
– John Stahr

Thanks to ALL the participants and to these last three people, and without them I would of never survived –

**Paul Ulibarri**

**Rich McVeigh**

and my husband **Jerry Mohney.**

Thanks guys for keeping me sane!



*Top: Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.  
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully,  
San Carlos, CA.*

*Below, L-R: PU, Michael Walker (Pan AM PRO)  
and Mark Santorelli (Mini PRO).  
Photo courtesy of David Sprague,  
Toronto, ON, CAN.*



*Below left, Irene McNeil and her crew,  
looking for wind for the 16s and 17s.*

*Below right: Means Davis and company,  
in sequence on the Bravo course.  
Look closely, someone's been misbehaving  
on the starting line (that's not a P flag...).*

*Photos courtesy of Jean Tully,  
San Carlos, CA.*



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# NAHCA MEGA Continental Championships

October 7-11, 2002 Fort Walton Beach, FL

## Sailing's First Athletes Named to 2003 Pan Am Games Team in Hobie 16 and Lightning Classes

**PORTSMOUTH, RI (November 1, 2002)** — The Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC) of US SAILING, national governing body for the sport, has named the first members of its 2003 Pan American Games Team.

Pending approval from the U.S. Olympic Committee (Colorado Springs, Colo.), the five sailors — recent winners of the selection trials in the Hobie 16 and Lightning classes — will represent the U.S.A. at the XIV Pan American Games, scheduled for August 1-17, 2003, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

The U.S. has qualified to enter all nine events featured in the sailing competition which will be staged from the Santo Domingo Yacht Club: Laser (men) and Mistral (men and women), and the non-Olympic Laser Radial (women), Hobie 16, J/24, Lightning, Snipe and Sunfish (all open).

**Hobie 16** - At the Hobie North American Continental Championships [MEGA] in Ft. Walton Beach, FL, nineteen boats sailed an eight-race series to select a Hobie 16 team to represent the USA at the Pan Am Games.

After five races, the front-runners — Paul and Mary Ann Hess (both Napa, CA), and 1999 Pan Am Team member Wally Myers [and crew Tyler Myers] (Marmora, NJ) — were tied, with both teams having won two races apiece. In the final three races, the Hesses finished 5-3-3 to Myers' 4-4-5.

With both teams dropping their fifth-place finishes, the Hesses secured the Pan Am slot with sixteen points to the Myers' eighteen. The Hobie 16, a sixteen-foot catamaran, will make its second appearance at the Pan Am Games in 2003.

A multi-sport event, the Pan Am Games has been held every four years since its inception in 1951. Always held the summer preceding the Olympics, the Pan Am Games has featured some of the world's finest athletes from the 41 member nations



*Paul and Mary Ann Hess of Napa, CA, 2003 Hobie 16 Pan Am Games Team. Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.*

of the Pan American Sports Organizations from North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

For more information, visit [www.ussailing.org/Olympics/PanAm](http://www.ussailing.org/Olympics/PanAm)

### 2003 Pan American Games Qualifier Final Results

| PLACE | SAIL NO | SKIPPER        | CREW              | HOMETOWN            | COUNTRY | R1  | R2  | R3  | R4  | R5  | R6  | R7  | R8  | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 105440  | Paul Hess      | Mary Ann Hess     | Napa, CA            | USA     | 1   | 2   | 4   | 2   | 1   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 16    |
| 2     | 102773  | Wally Myers    | Tyler Myers       | Marmora, NJ         | USA     | 3   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 18    |
| 3     | 105433  | Mike Montague  | Kathy Ward        | Santa Rosa, CA      | USA     | 4   | 3   | 10  | 4   | 4   | 1   | 5   | 2   | 23    |
| 4     | 102992  | Randy Payne    | Janet Payne       | Cape May Point, NJ  | USA     | 2   | 13  | 1   | 3   | 7   | 2   | 2   | 9   | 26    |
| 5     | 102966  | Rich McVeigh   | Karen Grisko      | Silver Spring, MD   | USA     | 5   | 9   | 7   | 6   | 6   | 8   | 1   | 4   | 37    |
| 6     | 104954  | Robert Merrick | Eliza Cleveland   | Branford, CT        | USA     | 11  | 4   | 14  | 8   | 5   | 3   | 12  | 1   | 44    |
| 7     | 104505  | Bruce Andrews  | Kelly Wood        | Landenberg, PA      | USA     | 6   | 7   | 15  | 5   | 14  | 10  | 6   | 7   | 55    |
| 8     | 107577  | Scott Loesch   | Brent Means       | Wichita, KS         | USA     | 7   | 8   | 11  | 9   | 8   | 13  | 7   | 6   | 56    |
| 9     | 105220  | Ken Nelson     | Jane Stewart      | Fresno, CA          | USA     | DNS | 5   | 8   | 7   | 10  | 6   | 9   | 13  | 58    |
| 10    | 105179  | Ron LaPorta    | Erin LaPorta      | Coatesville, PA     | USA     | 8   | 17  | 5   | 12  | 2   | 7   | 15  | 10  | 59    |
| 11    | 102793  | Bill Meibach   | Francil MacDonald | Weed, CA            | USA     | 9   | 11  | 17  | 11  | 12  | 9   | 8   | 11  | 71    |
| 12    | 104952  | Peter Nelson   | Laura Sullivan    | Seattle, WA         | USA     | 10  | 6   | 13  | 16  | 11  | 16  | 11  | 14  | 81    |
| 13    | 104520  | Patrick Bisesi | Diane Bisesi      | Brewerton, NY       | USA     | 13  | 12  | 3   | 17  | 17  | 17  | 14  | 12  | 88    |
| 14    | 104841  | Olli Jason     | Kelly Jason       | Parsippany, NY      | USA     | 14  | 10  | 18  | 18  | 9   | 12  | 13  | 16  | 92    |
| 15    | 5011    | Mark Jones     | William Stolberg  | Ft. Lauderdale, FL  | USA     | 16  | 18  | 6   | 13  | 15  | 15  | 17  | DNS | 100   |
| 16    | 104833  | Ken Hiik       | Carol Ann Hiik    | Centerville, DE     | USA     | 15  | 15  | 16  | 15  | 16  | 14  | 10  | 15  | 100   |
| 17    | 227     | Steve Miller   | Evan Miller       | Panama City, FL     | USA     | 12  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 18  | DNF | DNS | DNS | 106   |
| 18    | 105346  | Ted Jagger     | TBA               | White Bear Lake, MN | USA     | DSQ | DSQ | DSQ | DSQ | 13  | 11  | 16  | 8   | 108   |
| 19    | 104949  | Rob Setili     | Amanda Setili     | Atlanta, GA         | USA     | 17  | 16  | 9   | 14  | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | 116   |

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## DIVISION 2 MEGA REPORT

by Karen Christensen, Hobie 20 crew

When I think back to the MEGA, only scattered images appear in my mind. Crystal clear yet without a beginning or an end. You see, the days in that week blended together into one fond memory.

This big gray heron walking stiff-legged in the shallow surf, fishing. Oblivious to us.

The warm, warm water, unreal, unnatural to a Pacific Ocean sailor.

Clouds. Wow. And lightning, all jagged just like in the cartoons.

Fried catfish. Fried hushpuppies. Fried fries. Thank goodness for peanut butter and jelly.

A pool with a waterfall— cool, clean, refreshing.

Sweating all the time. It is good for my complexion, right?

Bottles and bottles of water, a blue label, plastic. Do they recycle in Florida?

Clean white sand, squeaking beneath my bare feet.

Multi-colored sails, looking beautiful (except for those ugly yellow ones.)

The postponement flag raised and lying pitifully against the pole.

Eating little greasy food items while sitting on the carpeting in a great big banquet hall.

A sudden downpour inside The Swamp. Running to the other end of the bar for shelter.

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*Top: Hobie Youth chomping at the bit, at the Mini Skippers Meeting.  
Photo courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.*

*Above: 2002 Women's Champions, Susan Korzeniewski and Kathy Miles.  
Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.*

*Left: The racing was VERY tight in the Women's fleet. Susan and Kathy (104729) fly a hull on "suicide port," to duck Rosarito Martinez and Kamil Berrios (107538), and cross Judy Nesmith and Karen Palmer (102062).  
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*



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*Andrew and Perry Jagger (104894), screaming into A mark.  
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*

*Team photos courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.*



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Smiling faces. Friendly people. Hundreds of us, sharing our love of sailing.

Waiting. Then waiting some more. Ready to race. Ready to sheet in and stretch out.

Racing slowly to A mark, urging the boat to travel faster than the opposing current. Will we round the mark or drift to Louisiana?

Catching a little one-foot swell while headed for C mark. The ride is over so quickly.

My harness, all dry and stiff, and uncomfortable... unused.

That guy on the committee boat holding out that anemometer hour after hour, day after day... wishful, hopeful.

Hobie Alter, Sr. autographing my trophy!

## 2002 Hobie 16 Womens North American Continental Championships Final Results

| PLACE | SAIL NO | SKIPPER            | CREW               | HOMETOWN            | COUNTRY | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7  | R8 | R9 | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-------|
| 1     | 104729  | Susan Korzeniewski | Kathy Miles        | Liverpool, NY       | USA     | 3  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2   | 2  | 1  | 14    |
| 2     | 104458  | Lynn Myers         | Beth Andrews       | Marmora, NJ         | USA     | 4  | 1  | 4  | 3  | 11 | 5  | 9   | 1  | 2  | 29    |
| 3     | 102062  | Judy Nesmith       | Karen Palmer       | Seattle, WA         | USA     | 6  | 10 | 3  | 1  | 2  | 9  | 8   | 4  | 6  | 39    |
| 4     | 107538  | Rosarito Martinez  | Kamil Berrios      | Puerto Rico         | PUR     | 1  | 2  | 1  | 11 | 8  | 8  | 7   | 9  | 5  | 41    |
| 5     | 80525   | Heather Morrison   | Kathleen Tracy     | Fowler, KS          | USA     | 7  | 7  | 5  | 8  | 5  | 6  | 5   | 5  | 3  | 43    |
| 6     | 107553  | Kitsy Armhein      | Lori Mohney        | Springfield, IL     | USA     | 9  | 4  | 7  | 7  | 9  | 3  | 1   | 11 | 7  | 47    |
| 7     | 104641  | Sheila Holmes      | Barbara Winternitz | Valley View, TX     | USA     | 5  | 8  | 10 | 4  | 6  | 10 | 4   | 6  | 4  | 47    |
| 8     | 104521  | Ginger Wilder      | Nancy Page         | Lawton, OK          | USA     | 12 | 14 | 6  | 5  | 7  | 2  | 10  | 7  | 10 | 59    |
| 9     | 105003  | Donna McIntosh     | Beverly Collins    | Sapulpa, OK         | USA     | 10 | 5  | 13 | 13 | 10 | 4  | 3   | 8  | 8  | 61    |
| 10    | 100468  | Kathryn Garlick    | Karen Walker       | Terra Cria, FL      | USA     | 8  | 12 | 9  | 6  | 4  | 7  | 6   | 10 | 11 | 61    |
| 11    | 102568  | Pam Neff           | Kirse Kelly        | Scottsdale, AZ      | USA     | 13 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 3  | 12 | 13  | 3  | 9  | 74    |
| 12    | 107521  | Stephanie Lowe     | Vicky Ulibarri     | Vancouver, BC       | CAN     | 2  | 9  | 8  | 9  | 12 | 11 | DNC | 14 | 12 | 77    |
| 13    | 102811  | Annette Jagger     | Shelly Suhomel     | White Bear Lake, MS | USA     | 11 | 6  | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 12  | 13 | 14 | 97    |
| 14    | 107491  | Deb Olsen          | Lisa Kizer         | Aruada, CO          | USA     | 14 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 11  | 12 | 13 | 98    |

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| PLACE | SAIL NO | SKIPPER            | CREW              | HOMETOWN              | COUNTRY | R1  | R2  | R3  | R4  | R5  | R6  | R7  | R8  | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 104950  | Bret Sullivan      | Eric Raybon       | Aberdeen, NJ          | USA     | 6   | 2   | 2   | 7   | 1   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 17    |
| 2     | 105146  | Jacob Sailer       | Clifton Neff      | Lodi, CA              | USA     | 1   | 1   | 3   | 9   | 6   | 2   | 6   | 1   | 20    |
| 3     | 102813  | Steven Perkins     | Matt Perkins      | Kirkville, NY         | USA     | OCS | 3   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 1   | 3   | 3   | 21    |
| 4     | 104953  | Harry Newkirk      | Tommy Fruitticher | Pensacola, FL         | USA     | 4   | 5   | 1   | 5   | 2   | 5   | 4   | 4   | 25    |
| 5     | 105407  | Francisco Figueroa | John Guzman       | Rio Piedras, PR       | PUR     | 2   | 4   | 6   | 1   | 7   | 4   | 7   | 5   | 29    |
| 6     | 104944  | Todd Ricardi       | Sean McQuilken    | Madison, CT           | USA     | 3   | 6   | 4   | 4   | 9   | 10  | 5   | 8   | 39    |
| 7     | 102433  | Joseph Kelly       | Brandon Miles     | Fayetteville, NY      | USA     | 5   | 8   | 9   | 11  | 4   | 9   | 2   | 10  | 47    |
| 8     | 104894  | Andrew Jagger      | Perry Jagger      | White Bear Lake, MN   | USA     | OCS | 7   | 8   | 2   | 10  | 6   | 8   | 7   | 48    |
| 9     | 89784   | Bryan Baird        | Aoron Williams    | St. George Island, FL | USA     | 7   | 10  | 7   | 6   | 5   | 13  | 9   | 11  | 55    |
| 10    | 104730  | Marie Appel        | Andy Warwick      | Marcellus, NY         | USA     | DNF | 9   | 12  | 8   | 12  | 8   | 13  | 6   | 68    |
| 11    | 105226  | Tim Wallace        | Carl Ard          | Eastpoint, FL         | USA     | 8   | 12  | 11  | 15  | 13  | 7   | 10  | 15  | 76    |
| 12    | 105210  | Rolland Hollenbeck | Ben Law           | Eastpoint, FL         | USA     | 10  | 11  | 10  | 12  | 15  | 14  | 11  | 9   | 77    |
| 13    | 105231  | JR Serrato         | Sam Baird         | Eastpoint, FL         | USA     | 9   | 13  | 13  | 13  | 14  | 11  | 14  | 14  | 87    |
| 14    | 107595  | Christian Hathcock | A.J. Doll         | Eastpoint, FL         | USA     | 11  | DNC | DNC | 14  | 8   | 15  | 12  | 13  | 92    |
| 15    | 77535   | Alek Hoffman       | Kevin Williams    | St. George Island, FL | USA     | DNC | DNC | DNC | 10  | 11  | 12  | OCS | 16  | 106   |
| 16    | 104561  | Daren Hoffman      | TBA               | St. George Island, FL | USA     | DNF | DNF | DNF | 17  | 16  | DNC | 16  | 12  | 118   |
| 17    | 104563  | Jody Smith         | Richard Williams  | Eastpoint, FL         | USA     | DNS | DNC | DNC | 16  | 17  | DNF | 15  | 17  | 122   |
| 18    | 61564   | Michael Dowd       | Tom Brannine      | Sarasota, FL          | USA     | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | 133   |

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## DIVISION 4 MEGA REPORT

MEGA or Bust - Road Trip 2002

by Laura Sullivan, Division 4 Chair

### The Div. 4 Cast:

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bob & Carol Hilton:          | "Most northerly entrants"    |
| Dave Wilder:                 | "Gene"                       |
| Graham McGlashen & Terry:    | "Pussy Cat" / "Oh Baby!"     |
| Jerry Valeske:               | "Tanked Tiger"               |
| Jan Kristiansen:             | "Three Hulls???"             |
| Annette Zacher:              | "Lover of Three Hulls"       |
| Kelly Uniewski:              | "What a crew!"               |
| Ken & Debbie Marshack:       | "Mr. & Mrs. H18"             |
| Kevin Mitchell:              | "Mario Andretti"             |
| Larry Robinson:              | "The ultimate DIY guy"       |
| Laura Sullivan:              | "Bushwacker Babe"            |
| Mark Jones & Ingrid Guzmann: | "The REAL Mark Jones"        |
| Paul Evenden:                | "Musicman"                   |
| Peter Nelson:                | "The Div. 4 Champ"           |
| Reigh North:                 | "If it floats, I'll race it" |
| Scott Ruggles:               | "Mother Hubbard"             |
| Dave Harris:                 | "Honey 3"                    |
| Kevin Cunningham:            | "Honey 4"                    |
| Caleb Tarleton:              | "Nasty Girl"                 |
| Vicki Ulibarri:              | "Dr. Dramamine"              |
| Linda Watts:                 | "Green Girl"                 |

### The Road Trip

Where should we start? The beginning would be the logical choice, but then nothing about this trip seemed logical! It all started in 2001, when a group of Hobie-crazy Canadians decided to travel from Canada, clear across the United States to the MEGA Event - from the far Northwest corner to the far Southeast corner of the continent.

Paul Evenden had the idea of renting a truck and trailer, loading it with twenty plus boats and showing up at the event en masse. We didn't quite make the twenty boats, but showed up with eleven boats and one charter.

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*Above: Hobie 14 sailors attempting the impossible, a pointing duel in light air...  
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*



*Above: Todd Riccardi and Sean McQuilken, from Fleet 136 of CT, racing upwind in the Mini. Sean and his folks were having such a great time in Florida, they stayed for a few more days and Sean worked with Means Davis on the MEGA RC.*

*Below: Jacob Sailer and Clifton Neff (105146) with a phenomenal start, showing why they missed first place by just three points.*

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Ken, Debbie and Dave traveled down I-80 plowing snow with their brand new mega motor home. Reigh and Paul, both experienced road warriors, chose I-90 and mukluks, encountering ice and tractor-trailers littering the highway. Larry, Kevin and Jan went the tropical route of I-5, I-10, and bikinis. Here's how it went:

Some time in January, Larry gets this grandiose idea that he could piggyback the MEGA event into a trip with his family to Wally World in Orlando. He put the word out that space was available on his trailer, and it was gobbled up quickly.

The trailer was pulled by Larry's super-sized Volvo bus. Now understand, this is not your father's VW micro-bus. This thing is a full-sized coach that Larry customized himself. Too bad he left out the air conditioning!! Kevin Mitchell had to go out and get a commercial license just to help Larry on the ride down. (But more on this later!)

The trip itinerary seemed ordinary enough (we are confident nothing is 'ordinary' in Larry's life!!) — pick up a 16 (with trailer!) in Arizona that Bob and Carol Hilton could use at the MEGA, swing by a road stop off I-10 in Louisiana to pick up a 17 Sport hull that Jan Kristensen scored on Ebay off of some guy who lives in Texas, drop in at the New Orleans airport to pick up Bob & Carol & Mark & Ingrid, and off to Fort Walton Beach!

Simple enough, right? What do you think the chances would be of traveling 3,000 miles with all those commitments, AND arriving at the New Orleans airport within *twenty minutes* of the plane arriving? Incredible!!

The 16 in Arizona was Jan's wife's brother's son's boat (got that?), that Larry bought for his kids so that they can give D4 some competition - look out Peter!

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**Your 2002 Hobie 14 North American Continental Champion...  
Bill Jeffers of Sodus, NY (Fleet 204).  
Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.  
Team photo courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.**



## 2002 Hobie 14 North American Continental Championships Final Results

| PLACE | SAIL NO | SKIPPER         | HOMETOWN             | COUNTRY | R1  | R2  | R3  | R4 | R5 | R6  | R7  | R8  | R9  | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 52279   | William Jeffers | Sodus, NY            | USA     | 3   | 1   | 3   | 1  | 2  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 11    |
| 2     | 3434    | Wayne Mooneyham | San Jose, CA         | USA     | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 9  | 4   | 4   | 2   | 2   | 19    |
| 3     | 52363   | Vel DeKreek     | St. Petersburg, FL   | USA     | 7   | 7   | 6   | 4  | 3  | 2   | 5   | 7   | 4   | 38    |
| 4     | 52222   | Sandy Takacs    | Portsmouth, RI       | USA     | 4   | 8   | 7   | 5  | 8  | 3   | 6   | 8   | 3   | 44    |
| 5     | 44946   | Jim Sajdak      | Tahoe, CA            | USA     | 12  | 4   | 4   | 3  | 5  | 8   | 3   | 9   | 11  | 47    |
| 6     | 52217   | Dan Jarrett     | Tulsa, OK            | USA     | 2   | 9   | 9   | 17 | 1  | 5   | 9   | 14  | 9   | 58    |
| 7     | 45512   | Mark Ralph      | Valley View, TX      | USA     | 6   | 10  | 13  | 16 | 7  | 6   | 14  | 3   | 5   | 64    |
| 8     | 52208   | Leonard Swanson | Gilmanon, NH         | USA     | 5   | 12  | 1   | 6  | 13 | 10  | 7   | 15  | 15  | 69    |
| 9     | 53157   | Robert Bridgman | Derby, KS            | USA     | 9   | 6   | 5   | 8  | 15 | 12  | 13  | 11  | 10  | 74    |
| 10    | 52251   | Eric Anderson   | Andover, CT          | USA     | 10  | 3   | 8   | 7  | 11 | 16  | OCS | 4   | DNC | 78    |
| 11    | 3       | Bruce Fields    | Rogers, AR           | USA     | DNS | 15  | 16  | 9  | 14 | 7   | 2   | 5   | 12  | 80    |
| 12    | 49414   | Lynn Olson      | Chattanooga, TN      | USA     | 13  | 16  | 15  | 10 | 4  | 11  | 10  | 12  | 7   | 82    |
| 13    | 47456   | Bob Johnson     | Tampa, FL            | USA     | 8   | 13  | 11  | 12 | 12 | 14  | 11  | 13  | 6   | 86    |
| 14    | 52757   | Bill Brooks     | Tampa, FL            | USA     | 16  | DNC | DNC | 15 | 6  | 13  | 8   | 6   | 8   | 91    |
| 15    | 52057   | Cheryl Johnson  | Tampa, FL            | USA     | 11  | 5   | 12  | 14 | 10 | 9   | 15  | 16  | 16  | 92    |
| 16    | 52855   | Rick Pettit     | Austin, TX           | USA     | 14  | 11  | 10  | 11 | 16 | 17  | 12  | 10  | 13  | 97    |
| 17    | 52805   | Clark Keyser    | Indian Rocks Bch, FL | USA     | 15  | 14  | 14  | 13 | 17 | 15  | 16  | 17  | 14  | 118   |
| 18    | 20819   | Scott Smith     | Gastoria, NC         | USA     | 17  | 17  | 17  | 18 | 18 | DNC | DNC | DNC |     | 143   |

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| PLACE | SAIL NO | SKIPPER        | HOMETOWN         | COUNTRY | R1  | R2  | R3  | R4  | R5  | R6  | R7  | R8  | R9  | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|----------------|------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 4       | Pat Murphy     | Lexington, SC    | USA     | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 10    |
| 2     | 15      | Dan Kulkoski   | Belford, NJ      | USA     | 1   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 3   | DNF | 15    |
| 3     | 5       | Tom Cottingham | Tinton Falls, NJ | USA     | 3   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 4   | 3   | 27    |
| 4     | 11      | Mark Sailer    | Lodi, CO         | USA     | DNC | 5   | 3   | 2   | 4   | DNS | 4   | 2   | 2   | 29    |
| 5     | 16      | Judy Raybon    | Shrewbury, NJ    | USA     | 4   | DNS | DNS | 5   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 5   | DNC | 40    |
| 6     | 1       | Norris         | TBA              |         | DNC | 4   | 5   | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | 51    |

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The 17 hull was to replace Jan's port hull that got T-boned at our Labor Day regatta. They left Vancouver with four boats and arrived in Fort Walton Beach with five and a half (and two trailers). When questioned about the extra hull the reason given was that Jan is prone to kamikaze port starts and always carries a spare hull!

One thing they forgot to teach Kevin in commercial driver's school is how to run another car off the road! It seems that Kevin took over a stint at the wheel somewhere in Alabama. With everyone partying in the bus behind him, Kevin couldn't believe his eyes! Coming directly at him in the fast lane of a four-lane, *divided* highway were headlights!! And this was no grandma driving. The car was moving well in excess of 100 mph!!!

Quickly realizing that the only thing between him and a head-on crash was a thin plate of sheet metal, Kevin swerved fifteen tons of bus and boats into the right-hand lane. Too bad for the guy in the van driving next to the bus!! He got to quickly try out his four-wheel drive on the grass!! Apparently, the head-on driver had a few friends, because a whole county full of sheriffs in hot pursuit quickly followed him! Fortunately, no cars or drivers (that we know of!) were hurt in the incident! Whew!

Setting up a camp was a snap! The coaches were rallied into a circle for protection from the natives! There was the bus, Ken Marshack's new motor home from Portland, OR and Reigh North's triple-stack, double-axle, mega trailer. You'd remember the trailer — it looked like a garage sale with all the gear hung out to dry!!

In the morning the Marshacks' side of the compound was favored for shade; in the evening the bus side. A white line down the middle was designated the "Canadian — US border". A fee, usually consisting of an ice cream cone or "bushwacker" drink was required for crossing the border



*Above: The Noriega family of Mexico (L-R): Armando Jr., Pamela, Armando Sr., and Martha. They raced in pairs, and each team finished in the top ten. Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.*

*Below left: Carla Malatras (PUR), 2002 Continental Champion, waiting for Enrique, rests and catches some shade on her Hobie 16. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Below right: The Division 4 sailors at Camp Larry. L-R: Bob Hilton (BC), Mark Coleman, Ingrid Guzmann, Kelly Uniewski (BC), Reigh North (BC), Carol Hilton (BC), Paul Evenden (BC), Jan Kristiansen (BC). Photo courtesy of Sandy Robinson.*

to the shady side. Something to do with the softwood lumber dispute...

The inside of the bus was nearly 100 degrees during the day, and not much cooler at night. (Canadians just don't have much use for air conditioning.) They also wanted to spend as much time as possible outside, in the beautiful Florida weather. So the ultimate DIY guy, Larry Robinson, went dumpster diving, and came upon some great scrap plywood and cinder block... a masterpiece picnic table was created.

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Remember Kevin, our traumatized bus driver? Well Kevin was suffering from all the Florida heat and sunshine. (They don't get much of either of those where he lives.) Kevin, trying to escape the heat, discovered the toilet had the best ventilation and was the coolest place on the bus, so he slept on the toilet sitting up. He soon found out that he still wasn't getting any rest. He was regularly interrupted by his bus mates who needed to use the facilities. So he became more sleep deprived with each passing night... a sailing zombie by day.

After about five nights of sleeping on the toilet, Kevin realized that he could go outside and sleep on the picnic table. The only risk was not waking up before breakfast was served. (The making of the table was strictly supervised by the NAHCA. No materials were harmed: all were returned to their natural habitat.)

For added entertainment Thursday night, the trailer was taken for some mid-trip welding. Seems the Highway Dept. in Louisiana built their stretch of I-10 out of surplus water ski jumps, lining them up at just the right spacing to cause the trailer to hobby horse violently for miles. You know how those 16s like to do that in a chop!

Anyway, the trailer developed some cracks. So Larry, who happens to have connections to a 100,000 sq. ft. fabrication shop in Pensacola, added some gussets, and the trailer returned ready for battle. Many thanks to David and Grady for offering to arrange alternate local repairs.

The Regatta? Oh yeah, nearly forgot about that! The Marshacks cleaned up in the 18s. The rest of us? Let's just say us mostly lake sailors have a few things to learn about the chop! We had a great time racing each other

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*Top and right photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Below left: Herb James, 2003 Fleet 204 Commodore, at the MEGA. Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*



## PROTEST!!!

### A 16 sailor's favorite word?

Not quite. According to Doug Campbell, the NAHCA Appeals Chairman and Jury Chairman for the MEGA, that while it is true that "there were 34 protest / redress hearings at the MEGA... most were requests for redress for various reasons."

At the MEGA, it was urban legend that the vast majority of the hearings involved Hobie 16 sailors.

Of the protests, only five resulted in the DSQ of a boat in a race for "shall we say, not sailing in accordance with the rules." An incident in the gate rounding pictured above resulted in a very late-night hearing.

"One of the DSQs was appealed to the Gulf Yachting Association which resulted in the Protest Committee being upheld on their decision," reports Doug.

Having endured all of that, it is refreshing to hear Doug's final words on the subject, "All in all, pretty good considering the number of races, number of competitors, and challenging conditions. A credit to both the competitors and the Race Committees."



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amongst the rest of the boats. In one race, four of the 16s had a photo finish, crossing the line within inches of each other!

The (five and a half) boats were broken down Friday afternoon. Let's see... got 'em all? Two Canadian 16s, one and a half Canadian 17, an Arizona 16 and a Washington 17 (and a spare trailer...). Try crossing the border with that set!!

The three 16s were stacked on Larry's "Triple-Stack Super Deluxe Trailer." Jan's 17 "trimaran" went in the middle, and Scott's 17 went under the top boat.

Larry and his nine year-old co-pilot son Max made the trip back after two weeks at Walt Disney World, etc. The return trip was relatively uneventful, other than the half day delay near Salt Lake City due to a foot and a half of snow, and a four truck pile-up involving one semi trailer cut in half and another up-side down... (relatively uneventful!).

We'd like to thank all the volunteers, and especially the beautiful Division 4 volunteers that graced their presence on the 16 and 17 course – Vicki, Linda, Terry and Annette. Without Vicki Ulibarri's horrendous supply of Dramamine, the race committee would have abandoned ship.

Back home plans have begun for the next odyssey!

The stats:

Number of miles (round trip): 6200

Number of McDonalds passed on the way home (courtesy Max): 107

Fill-ups of Diesel: (*big tanks*): 10

Number of Submarines spotted on highway: 1

The "#1 comment from the truckers on the CB radio" was "Where d'ya figure that guy with the bus is goin' with all them kayaks?"



*Above: MEGA multi-stack trailers!*

*Top: Bob & Carol Hilton, photo courtesy of Sandy Robinson. Other trailer photos courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*Below left: Matt helping Dad (Jim Perkins) rig their Hobie 16. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Below center: Bruce and Beth Andrews walking on the beach. Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*Below right: Hobies ready to race at the MEGA. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*



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|-------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----|----|--------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 1     | PUR2    | Enrique Figueroa     | Carla Malatras     | San Juan, PR          | PUR     | 4   | 7  | 4      | 2   | 1   | 1  | 1   | 1   | 7   | 1     | 22    |
| 2     | 105433  | Mike Montague        | Kathy Ward         | Santa Rosa, CA        | USA     | 2   | 4  | 11     | 6   | 2   | 6  | 4   | 2   | 9   | 13    | 46    |
| 3     | 107521  | Armando Noriega, Jr. | Martha Noriega     | Jard en La Mexico, DF | MEX     | 17  | 35 | 7RDGd  | 6   | 3   | 2  | 10  | 6   | 2   | 59.6  |       |
| 4     | 102773  | Wally Myers          | Tyler Myers        | Marmora, NJ           | USA     | 18  | 3  | 3      | 1   | 12  | 13 | 12  | 4   | 14  | 8     | 70    |
| 5     | 102992  | Randy Payne          | Janet Payne        | Cape May Point, NJ    | USA     | 1   | 34 | 1      | 27  | 9   | 4  | 6   | 13  | 2   | 11    | 74    |
| 6     | 107489  | Pat Porter           | Darcy Porter       | Folsom, CA            | USA     | DNS | 9  | 13     | 26  | 3   | 9  | 3   | 7   | 5   | 3     | 78    |
| 7     | 105197  | Jeff Petron          | Julie Nunes        | Camarillo, CA         | USA     | 22  | 15 | 29     | 5   | 7   | 2  | 5   | 11  | 13  | 19    | 99    |
| 8     | 105440  | Paul Hess            | Mary Ann Hess      | Napa, CA              | USA     | DNS | 1  | 20     | 10  | 14  | 15 | 10  | 24  | 15  | 4     | 113   |
| 9     | 107538  | Pamela Noriega       | Armando Noreiga Sr | Mexico, DF 14210      | MEX     | 10  | 21 | 28RDGd | 16  | 10  | 11 | 5   | 1   | 28  | 114.8 |       |
| 10    | 107472  | Bruno DiBernardi     | Suzi Pirillo       | Brazil                | BRA     | 19  | 33 | 24     | 15  | 5   | 8  | 22  | 22  | 3   | 5     | 123   |
| 11    | 105237  | William Jeffers      | Sandra Jeffers     | Sodus, NY             | USA     | 21  | 17 | 8      | 19  | 4   | 11 | 8   | 3   | 33  | 35    | 124   |
| 12    | 80525   | Sean Tracy           | Kathleen Tracy     | Fort Collins, CO      | USA     | 13  | 2  | 10     | 13  | 15  | 27 | 37  | 18  | 25  | 16    | 139   |
| 13    | 107577  | Scott Loesch         | Brent Means        | Wichita, KS           | USA     | 24  | 6  | 5      | 11  | 19  | 16 | 30  | 15  | 23  | 44    | 149   |
| 14    | 104503  | Jim Perkins          | Matt Perkins       | Kirkville, NY         | USA     | 9   | 18 | 25     | 14  | 28  | 36 | 7   | 14  | 17  | 24    | 156   |
| 15    | 104952  | Peter Nelson         | Laura Sullivan     | Seattle, WA           | USA     | 7   | 10 | 17     | 44  | 20  | 5  | DSQ | 39  | 16  | 7     | 165   |
| 16    | 104950  | Pedro Colon          | David Rodriguez    | Caguas, PR            | PUR     | 6   | 13 | 37     | 55  | 31  | 21 | 29  | 12  | 8   | 15    | 172   |
| 17    | 105244  | Sean Tomlinson       | Krista Garcia      | Sanger, CA            | USA     | 31  | 47 | 14     | 12  | 11  | 14 | 16  | 9   | 45  | 21    | 173   |
| 18    | 104953  | Keki Figueroa        | Gabriel Vazquez    | Puerto Rico           | PUR     | 3   | 5  | 16     | 38  | 24  | 50 | 42  | 8   | 44  | 6     | 186   |
| 19    | 106081  | Fritz Klocke         | Heidrun Klocke     | Virginia Beach, VA    | USA     | 5   | 26 | 23     | 24  | 21  | 51 | 17  | OCS | 11  | 12    | 190   |
| 20    | 105220  | Ken Nelson           | Jane Stewart       | Fresno, CA            | USA     | 28  | 27 | 2      | 37  | 10  | 31 | 18  | 6   | 40  | 40    | 199   |
| 21    | 102568  | Jim Sajdak           | Holly Andrews      | Tahoe City, CA        | USA     | 8   | 22 | 49     | 50  | 13  | 18 | 9   | 20  | 30  | 36    | 205   |
| 22    | 104729  | Susan Korzeniewski   | Michael Keenan     | Liverpool, NY         | USA     | 29  | 25 | 12     | 4   | 26  | 26 | 38  | 26  | 35  | 25    | 208   |
| 23    | 105221  | Daniel Borg          | Peter Reed         | Mississauga, ON       | CAN     | 23  | 8  | 9      | 40  | 40  | 49 | 19  | 27  | 36  | 26    | 228   |
| 24    | 5011    | Mark Jones           | Gail Rohrer        | Wilton Monoirs, FL    | USA     | 11  | 19 | 41     | 20  | 34  | 42 | 45  | 23  | 18  | 22    | 230   |
| 25    | 104505  | Bruce Andrews        | Beth Andrews       | Landenberg, PA        | USA     | 14  | 32 | 15     | 60  | 32  | 32 | 15  | 50  | 10  | 41    | 241   |
| 26    | 102504  | Martin Brown         | Jean Brown         | Tulsa, OK             | USA     | 20  | 14 | 38     | 23  | 17  | 35 | 25  | 31  | 49  | 43    | 246   |
| 27    | 104841  | Olli Jason           | Kelly Jason        | Parsippany, NY        | USA     | DNS | 24 | 22     | 7   | 47  | 33 | 14  | 42  | 21  | 42    | 252   |
| 28    | 105002  | Alan Maguire         | Karen-Ann Xavier   | Hawkstone, ON         | CAN     | 26  | 12 | 26     | 36  | DNS | 22 | 24  | 48  | 29  | 32    | 255   |
| 29    | 102966  | Rich McVeigh         | Deidre Mitchell    | Silver Spring, MD     | USA     | 12  | 30 | 35     | 45  | 43  | 45 | 46  | 17  | 19  | 10    | 256   |
| 30    | 101     | Garland Ayscue       | Tom Sutton         | Henderson, NC         | USA     | 16  | 23 | 42     | 53  | 8   | 24 | 34  | 46  | 24  | 45    | 262   |
| 31    | 107478  | John Hauser          | Linda Hauser       | Huntington Beach, CA  | USA     | 36  | 37 | 6      | 18  | 30  | 44 | 32  | 49  | 64  | 14    | 266   |
| 32    | 104520  | Patrick Bisesi       | Diane Bisesi       | Brewerton, NY         | USA     | 15  | 20 | 33     | 47  | 25  | 28 | 43  | 61  | 27  | 30    | 268   |
| 33    | 104964  | Herbert James        | Sharon James       | Fayetteville, NY      | USA     | 30  | 11 | 55     | 29  | 48  | 37 | 26  | 33  | 32  | 37    | 283   |
| 34    | 107564  | Martin Keller        | Jason Hess         | TBA                   | GUA     | DNS | 62 | 18     | 17  | 18  | 12 | 27  | 37  | 61  | 33    | 285   |
| 35    | 105444  | Bob Edmonds          | Kim Edmonds        | Roland, AR            | USA     | DNS | 44 | 54     | 8   | 44  | 29 | 20  | 16  | 31  | 48    | 294   |
| 36    | 102813  | Steven Perkins       | Jo Ann Perkins     | Kirkville, NY         | USA     | DNS | 29 | 21     | 16  | 39  | 20 | 41  | 62  | 26  | 46    | 300   |
| 37    | 105146  | Adam Borcharding     | Erin Odenweller    | Santa Cruz, CA        | USA     | 38  | 16 | 34     | 56  | 27  | 52 | 23  | 52  | 52  | 9     | 303   |
| 38    | 102793  | Bill Miebach         | Frances MacDonald  | Weed, CA              | USA     | 44  | 36 | 40     | 42  | 29  | 23 | 60  | 30  | 28  | 39    | 311   |
| 39    | 105079  | Chuck Blair          | Mike Armstrong     | Little Rock, AR       | USA     | DNS | 48 | 61     | 9   | 22  | 25 | 36  | 40  | 51  | 29    | 321   |
| 40    | 87455   | Larry Robinson       | Kevin Mitchell     | Surrey, BC            | CAN     | 27  | 45 | 19     | 35  | 23  | 60 | 21  | 47  | 59  | 65    | 336   |
| 41    | 105179  | Ron LaPorta          | Erin LaPorta       | Coatesville, PA       | USA     | 42  | 61 | 44     | 25  | DNS | 17 | 56  | 60  | 12  | 27    | 344   |
| 42    | 104833  | Kenneth Hiik         | Carol Ann Hiik     | Centerville, DE       | USA     | 40  | 54 | 27     | 65  | 57  | 57 | 40  | 35  | 20  | 17    | 347   |
| 43    | 105199  | Alan Mohill          | Brisia Mohill      | Temecula, CA          | USA     | DNS | 43 | 31     | 28  | 36  | 63 | 33  | 38  | 22  | 56    | 350   |
| 44    | 89284   | David Dixon          | Peter Dixon        | Poway, CA             | USA     | DNS | 51 | 30     | 59  | 37  | 47 | 31  | 34  | 39  | 23    | 351   |
| 45    | 105205  | Ibrahim Mustafa      | Fabiola Mustafa    | TBA                   | USA     | DNS | 31 | 45     | 57  | 51  | 40 | 35  | 21  | 43  | 31    | 354   |
| 46    | 104878  | Michael Grisko       | Karen Grisko       | Clarence, NY          | USA     | 25  | 41 | 46     | 58  | 35  | 38 | 39  | 41  | 37  | 63    | 360   |
| 47    | 105182  | Jorge Torres         | Kerry Torres       | Caguas, PR            | PUR     | 37  | 46 | 58     | 48  | 60  | 43 | 48  | 43  | 4   | 34    | 361   |
| 48    | 104781  | Robert Wittpenn      | Liz Price          | Alexandria, VA        | USA     | DNS | 49 | DSQ    | 49  | 46  | 7  | 49  | 25  | 48  | 20    | 362   |
| 49    | 87577   | Mark Jonzman         | Ingrid Gutzman     | TBA                   | USA     | 33  | 52 | 56     | 31  | 50  | 48 | 13  | 28  | 56  | 53    | 364   |
| 50    | 104616  | John Sherm           | Mike Sherm         | Wilmington, NC        | USA     | 41  | 39 | 36     | 67  | 54  | 19 | 55  | 36  | 55  | 47    | 382   |
| 51    | 107553  | Jacob Sailer         | Clifton Neff       | Lodi, CA              | USA     | 39  | 59 | 39     | 41  | 33  | 34 | 51  | 57  | 53  | 38    | 385   |
| 52    | 102475  | Walter Talunas Jr.   | Allen McMillin     | West Chester, PA      | USA     | 47  | 55 | 48     | 21  | 53  | 30 | 53  | 45  | 63  | 54    | 406   |
| 53    | 105410  | Tony Krauss          | Jeff Nielsen       | Tucson, AZ            | USA     | 34  | 28 | 60     | 39  | 41  | 55 | 50  | 59  | 47  | 61    | 413   |
| 54    | 104547  | Chris Merrell        | Geoff Merrell      | Virginia Beach, VA    | USA     | 43  | 58 | 53     | 32  | 66  | 54 | 28  | 56  | 41  | 51    | 416   |
| 55    | 105342  | Brad Stevens         | Patrice Couch      | Panama City, FL       | USA     | DNS | 63 | 65     | 22  | 38  | 41 | 61  | 29  | 50  | 52    | 421   |
| 56    | 74362   | Bob Hilton           | Carol Hilton       | Williams Lake, BC     | CAN     | 35  | 38 | 50     | 33  | 56  | 39 | 64  | 53  | 60  | 62    | 426   |
| 57    | 105210  | Alfonso Gutierrez    | Johan Keller       | Santiago, Chile       | CHI     | 46  | 65 | 32RDGd | 58  | 53  | 54 | 32  | 54  | 60  | 437.6 |       |
| 58    | 104949  | Rob Setili           | Amanda Setili      | Atlanta, GA           | USA     | OCS | 60 | 59     | 54  | 61  | 61 | 47  | 44  | 34  | 18    | 438   |
| 59    | 104954  | Jorge Gonzalez       | Jose Lea-Plaza     | Santiago, Chile       | CHI     | 32  | 66 | 57     | 52  | 52  | 46 | 52  | 54  | 38  | 59    | 442   |
| 60    | 105359  | Robert Bridgman      | Leanora Baker      | Derby, KS             | USA     | DNS | 40 | 52     | 51  | 42  | 64 | 57  | 51  | 42  | 49    | 448   |
| 61    | 102544  | Graham McGlashan     | Danielle Galavotti | Vancouver, BC         | CAN     | DNS | 42 | 51     | 61  | 59  | 59 | 59  | 19  | 57  | 58    | 465   |
| 62    | 955     | Mike Levesque        | Michelle McLean    | Johnston, RI          | USA     | DNS | 53 | 62     | 34  | 65  | 56 | 44  | 55  | 46  | 57    | 472   |
| 63    | 102054  | Todd Wilson          | Reagan Elsbury     | Ankeny, IA            | USA     | DNS | 57 | 47     | 46  | 45  | 58 | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC   | 529   |
| 64    | 91780   | Todd Walter          | Mary Bruner        | Madison, NJ           | USA     | 48  | 64 | 43     | 62  | 49  | 65 | 63  | DNC | DNC | DNC   | 532   |
| 65    | 105214  | Cliff Norris         | Frank Fernandez    | Atlanta, GA           | USA     | 50  | 67 | 66     | 66  | 55  | 66 | 65  | 63  | 65  | 50    | 546   |
| 66    | 104944  | Carlos Gonzalez      | Kelly Wood         | Guaynabo, PR          | PUR     | 49  | 68 | 64     | 64  | 64  | 68 | 58  | 58  | 62  | 64    | 551   |
| 67    | 102764  | Bob Burns            | Danielle Burns     | Clarence, NY          | USA     | DNS | 56 | 63     | DNF | 62  | 62 | 62  | 65  | 58  | 55    | 552   |
| 68    | 104731  | Peter Schaller       | Vicki Schaller     | Plano, TX             | USA     | 45  | 50 | DNC    | 63  | 63  | 67 | 66  | 64  | 66  | DNC   | 553   |

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## DIVISION 7 MEGA REPORT

by Paul Bommersbach, Division 7 Vice Chairman



Division 7 had a total of nine teams competing this year at the MEGA, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. We had a Women's Hobie 16 team, a Youth Hobie 16 team, a Pan Am qualifier team, one Hobie 16 team, one Hobie 18 team, and four Hobie 20 teams. While several of the teams had attended a Continentals event in the past, for others, this was a first time experience!

Everyone watched the hurricane news the week prior to arriving, hoping that Fort Walton Beach would be spared, and indeed it was. None of us "Lake Sailors" was looking forward to pounding through the heavy surf before and after a day of racing in the Gulf.

We all had a safe 22-24 hour drive down, and back, with no breakdowns or critical incidents. The warm weather was great in Florida with the highs in the nineties and sunny skies. Most sailors arrived home in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota to temperatures in the forties and fifties (goodbye summer).

Everyone enjoyed the week of racing in the warm weather. For many, this was their first time sailing in the ocean (and the light air, chop and current). Many fun evenings were had at the local restaurants, enjoying really fresh seafood and cold drinks, while discussing the day's triumphs and tribulations on the water!

One evening in particular was spent in front of "Team Piggy's" poolside suite, trying to cure the common sailing ailment known as "befuddled" with some medicinal Captain Morgan. It seemed to help, as many of the sailors did better the next day.

The Division 7 sailors would thank all the people who put a lot of time and hard work into this event. Without them, this event would not be possible. We all had a great time, and can't wait to do it again soon!

The Division 7 MEGA Team



*Top: Ed Nolen (NJ), taking down his mainsail.  
Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*

*Center: "Team Piggy" proudly displaying their mascots.  
Photo courtesy of Paul Bommersbach, D7 Vice Chairman.*

*Bottom: Matt Bounds (MI), former NAHCA Chairman,  
heads out to the Alpha course.  
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## 2002 Hobie 17 North American Continental Championships Final Results

| PLACE | SAIL NO | SKIPPER          | HOMETOWN             | COUNTRY | R1  | R2 | R3 | R4  | R5 | R6  | R7  | R8  | R9  | R10 | R11 | R12 | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|------------------|----------------------|---------|-----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 6374    | Dan Ward         | Princeton Jct. NJ    | USA     | OCS | 3  | 14 | 4   | 5  | 1   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 37    |
| 2     | 1259    | Bill Whitehurst  | Ft. Walton Beach, FL | USA     |     | 25 | 30 | 1   | 3  | 6   | 3   | 5   | 6   | 12  | 2   | 1   | 65    |
| 3     | 6187    | Greg Raybon      | Shrewbury, NJ        | USA     |     | 9  | 4  | 3   | 12 | 8   | 2   | 6   | 11  | 4   | 6   | 5   | 70    |
| 4     | 6406    | Matt Bounds      | Commerce, MI         | USA     |     | 4  | 2  | 26  | 11 | 1   | 4   | 11  | 1   | 2   | 14  | 8   | 83    |
| 5     | 5875    | Paul Garlick     | Terra Cria, FL       | USA     |     | 13 | 1  | 10  | 1  | 2   | 11  | 4   | 13  | 6   | 18  | 18  | 83    |
| 6     | 6391    | Ron Walters      | Whiteville, NC       | USA     |     | 3  | 13 | 16  | 21 | 11  | 8   | 12  | 8   | 5   | 3   | 4   | 85    |
| 7     | 5893    | Lynn Olson       | Chattanooga, TN      | USA     |     | 2  | 7  | 7   | 5  | 24  | 22  | 10  | 3   | 8   | 8   | 24  | 120   |
| 8     | 6345    | John Collins     | Hendersonville, TN   | USA     |     | 1  | 28 | 18  | 6  | 7   | 9   | 14  | 7   | 30  | 10  | 25  | 138   |
| 9     | 6337    | Jim Glanden      | Newark, DE           | USA     |     | 20 | 10 | 8   | 14 | 3   | 7   | 22  | 9   | 20  | 24  | 22  | 141   |
| 10    | 6169    | Mike Lodes       | Memphis, TN          | USA     |     | 17 | 22 | 23  | 32 | 16  | 10  | 9   | 25  | 10  | 5   | 12  | 154   |
| 11    | 6338    | Ed Nolen         | Englewood, NJ        | USA     |     | 11 | 17 | 20  | 33 | 4   | 21  | 19  | 28  | 3   | 19  | 3   | 111   |
| 12    | 5916    | Kathryn Garlick  | Terra Cria, FL       | USA     |     | 15 | 9  | 9   | 23 | 13  | 26  | 15  | 21  | 17  | 23  | 9   | 163   |
| 13    | 82      | Stephen Acquart  | San Antonio, TX      | USA     |     | 16 | 11 | 13  | 24 | 17  | 6   | 31  | 4   | 13  | 12  | 17  | 164   |
| 14    | 826     | Ted Knowlton     | Lincoln, MA          | USA     |     | 7  | 8  | 6   | 9  | 19  | 18  | 28  | 33  | 25  | 17  | 19  | 171   |
| 15    | 6168    | Buster Horton    | Hendersonville, TN   | USA     | OCS | 12 | 2  | 18  | 27 | 37  | 2   | 15  | 23  | 20  | 13  | 12  | 181   |
| 16    | 6212    | Bill Kast        | Nazareth, PA         | USA     |     | 21 | 6  | 22  | 2  | 9   | 15  | 8   | 14  | 26  | 26  | 32  | 181   |
| 17    | 843     | Loyd Graves      | Raleigh, NC          | USA     |     | 8  | 23 | 4   | 10 | 26  | 16  | 20  | 19  | 29  | 30  | 21  | 183   |
| 18    | 5887    | Jim Brown        | Chattanooga, TN      | USA     |     | 26 | 29 | 30  | 16 | 22  | 27  | 3   | 5   | 14  | 22  | 11  | 185   |
| 19    | 6326    | Jan Kristiansen  | White Rock, BC       | CAN     |     | 6  | 18 | 12  | 19 | 18  | 23  | 25  | 26  | 16  | 28  | 15  | 186   |
| 20    | 5667    | Clive Warwick    | Mississauga ON       | CAN     |     | 12 | 15 | 38  | 8  | 10  | 24  | 30  | 24  | 15  | 31  | 7   | 194   |
| 21    | 5798    | Jon Tiger        | Wichita, KS          | USA     |     | 10 | 19 | 24  | 27 | 12  | 5   | 18  | 27  | 22  | 9   | 27  | 200   |
| 22    | 5873    | Patrick Murphy   | Lexington, SC        | USA     |     | 23 | 31 | 37  | 20 | 21  | DNF | 34  | 16  | 9   | 4   | 10  | 226   |
| 23    | 6233    | Marsha Lodes     | Memphis, TN          | USA     |     | 5  | 14 | 41  | 43 | 14  | 19  | 17  | 12  | OCS | DNC | 6   | 238   |
| 24    | 6404    | Jon Sheridan     | Nashville, TN        | USA     |     | 24 | 25 | 11  | 29 | 32  | 31  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 13  | 31  | 241   |
| 25    | 6397    | Gerard Blom      | Charlottesville, VA  | USA     |     | 22 | 16 | 31  | 34 | 28  | 38  | 13  | 18  | 33  | 15  | 26  | 253   |
| 26    | 6226    | Jane Sherrod     | Bayou Vista, TX      | USA     |     | 19 | 34 | 33  | 25 | DNF | DNF | 7   | 22  | 28  | 7   | 16  | 255   |
| 27    | 5837    | Scott Ruggles    | Mercer Island, WA    | USA     |     | 29 | 26 | 17  | 7  | 15  | 28  | 26  | DNF | 7   | OCS | 36  | 257   |
| 28    | 6165    | Rick Pettit      | Austin, TX           | USA     |     | 14 | 32 | 32  | 38 | 25  | 34  | 21  | 10  | 27  | 11  | 20  | 258   |
| 29    | 6396    | Reggie L. Poplin | Albemarle, NC        | USA     |     | 30 | 38 | 5   | 30 | 23  | 13  | 27  | 30  | 21  | 34  | 23  | 264   |
| 30    | 5876    | Dave Wilder      | Seattle, WA          | USA     | OCS | 5  | 19 | 17  | 33 | 32  | 29  | DNF | 11  | 27  | 14  | 34  | 265   |
| 31    | 4419    | Tommy Craft      | Anderson, SC         | USA     |     | 32 | 37 | 15  | 15 | 31  | 20  | 33  | 20  | 31  | 25  | 34  | 272   |
| 32    | 5885    | Phil Danbe       | Lincoln Park, NJ     | USA     | OCS | 27 | 39 | 13  | 20 | 17  | 24  | 23  | 35  | 21  | 30  | 27  | 276   |
| 33    | 5790    | Jim Antonacci    | St. Louis, MO        | USA     |     | 28 | 33 | 25  | 22 | 36  | 12  | 23  | 32  | 32  | 29  | 14  | 279   |
| 34    | 5918    | Gregory Hamilton | Little Rock, AK      | USA     |     | 35 | 36 | 36  | 31 | 37  | 25  | 40  | 31  | 19  | 33  | 28  | 330   |
| 35    | 5624    | Gary Richards    | Hillsborough, NJ     | USA     |     | 27 | 35 | 28  | 41 | 39  | 35  | 36  | 29  | 24  | 16  | 35  | 340   |
| 36    | 6395    | Milt Dinhofer    | Bay Shore, NY        | USA     |     | 37 | 21 | 42  | 40 | 30  | 33  | 35  | 34  | 37  | 37  | 37  | 378   |
| 37    | 6392    | David Waugh      | Springfield, IL      | USA     |     | 31 | 24 | 21  | 26 | 34  | 36  | 32  | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNF | 380   |
| 38    | 6185    | Caleb Tarleton   | Issaquah, WA         | USA     | OCS | 40 | 29 | 28  | 42 | 29  | 39  | 37  | 39  | 32  | 33  | 35  | 383   |
| 39    | 5016    | Theo Burtick     | Ottawa, ON           | CAN     | OCS | 41 | 34 | 36  | 35 | 14  | 42  | 35  | 38  | 38  | 38  | 39  | 390   |
| 40    | 5       | Sam Evans Jr.    | Durham, NC           | USA     |     | 18 | 42 | DNF | 35 | 38  | 30  | 41  | 38  | 36  | 35  | DNF | 401   |
| 41    | 6327    | Gerald Umsted    | Duncan, OK           | USA     |     | 36 | 39 | 40  | 42 | 29  | 40  | 38  | 36  | 34  | 36  | 39  | 405   |
| 42    | 360     | Bruce Fields     | Rogers, AR           | USA     |     | 33 | 20 | 27  | 39 | 41  | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNF | 424   |
| 43    | 5852    | Latham Souther   | Springfield, IL      | USA     |     | 34 | 43 | 35  | 37 | 40  | 39  | 37  | DNF | DNF | DNF | DNF | 441   |

*Below left: Hobie 17s starting under the watchful eye of PU at the MEGA.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Below right: Ted Knowlton (MA) and Milt Dinhofer (NY) of Division 12,  
Hobie 17 sailors at the MEGA Awards Banquet.  
Photo courtesy of Ted Knowlton, Division 12 Webmaster.  
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## DIVISION 9 MEGA REPORT

by Tracie Van Houten, Fleet 32

The Hobie MEGA event was indeed MEGA!

On Friday October 4, Dennis and I finished packing the van and headed for Fort Walton and the MEGA event. It took us about sixteen hours to get there, though we did stop in NC Friday night, and then continued onward early Saturday morning. When we arrived in FWB, the parking lot designated for the unloading of boats was a sea of Hobies and trailers. We saw triple stacks, quad-stacks and even one contraption that housed seven boats! From the moment we got there, the NAHCA organizers had everything under control. Registration was a breeze, boat weigh-ins looked effortless. Before we knew it, we had our boat mostly rigged and ready to hit the beach.

I've never been to an area that had sugar white beaches and emerald green waters, so I spent most of Sunday in awe, soaking up the sun, while Dennis finished piddling around with the boat.

There were so many people there: Doug Skidmore, the President of Hobie Cat USA; Mitch Booth, world renowned Hobie sailor; Gavin Colby, sailing exdradonaire from Australia; and even Hobie Alter himself.

The weather was gorgeous. Sunny skies, warm air temperatures, and water temps in the eighties. But of course, not much wind.

The organizers had a tent set up with free beer, water, and heavy snacks for the sailors to enjoy at any time. By the time Monday came around, the organizers had gone through one hundred cases of water.



The Skippers Meeting was held in the courtyard of the Ramada Inn, headquarters for the event. Speaking of the Ramada - WOW. Imagine spilling out of your hotel room right onto the beach everyday. Or, having the pool nestled right up to the sliding glass doors of your room. Despite less than perfect sailing conditions (very little wind), the event was a huge success.

The RC managed to run races every day, with the exception of Friday. A storm threatened on the horizon, then passed, taking away every last breath of air. Racing was called for the day, and the sailors hit the swim-up bar at the Ramada for Bushwhackers and good times.

It was previously announced that the Awards Banquet would be held at the Ramada's banquet room, but hurricane Isadora damaged the room. This left the MEGA folks scrambling to find an establishment that could house over 400 people. Luckily, the Crab Trap Restaurant next door graciously accepted the challenge of feeding and watering 400 hungry and party-crazed sailors. And they did an awesome job!

The awards were gorgeous. They were framed prints of each winning crew's respective class, handed out by Hobie Alter.

Afterwards, a good majority of us headed over to 'Howl at the Moon', a dueling piano bar within crawling distance of the hotel. Needless to say the Hobie crowd closed the place down.

Would you expect anything less?

*Below left: 2003 Fleet 448 (RI) Commodore Mark and Michelle Wood.*

*Below right: Gary Godbold, singlehanded (15924) races Paul Evenden and Kelly Uniewski (16769) to a slow-speed photo finish.*

*Over the eleven races of the MEGA, these two boats finished back-to-back four times.*

*Photos courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*



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|-------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 15990   | Ken Marshack      | Debbie Marshack | Fairview, OR          | USA     | 2  | 1  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 3   | 1  | 1   | 2   | 15    |
| 2     | 15904   | Tim Parsons       | Vickie Wolf     | Belmarin Keys, CA     | USA     | 5  | 2  | 6  | 5  | 1  | 2  | 2  | 2   | 2  | 2   | 1   | 24    |
| 3     | 16806   | Steve Attard      | Kristen Attard  | Temperance            |         | 1  | 4  | 11 | 14 | 3  | 3  | 3  | 1   | 3  | 8   | 3   | 40    |
| 4     | 15876   | Joey Duran        | Michelle Toney  | Gainesville, GA       | USA     | 4  | 5  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 4  | 8  | 8   | 8  | 4   | 8   | 48    |
| 5     | 16769   | Paul Evenden      | Kelly Uniewski  | Maple Ridge, BC       | CAN     | 3  | 3  | 5  | 8  | 8  | 7  | 5  | 6   | 4  | 12  | 5   | 54    |
| 6     | 16756   | Ron Wagniere      | John Obrien     | Sylmar, CA            | USA     | 6  | 6  | 7  | 3  | 7  | 5  | 4  | 4   | 7  | 9   | 7   | 56    |
| 7     | 15924   | Gary Godbold      | single-handed   | Ft.Worth, TX          | USA     | 12 | 9  | 2  | 7  | 5  | 8  | 11 | 5   | 9  | 3   | 4   | 63    |
| 8     | 16759   | Stephen Cooley    | Tom Machette    | Lakewood, CO          | USA     | 7  | 8  | 14 | 4  | 6  | 10 | 9  | DNS | 6  | 13  | 9   | 86    |
| 9     | 16443   | Frank J. Ternullo | Patricia Long   | Santa Rosa, CA        | USA     | 8  | 10 | 8  | 6  | 10 | 12 | 6  | 9   | 11 | 6   | 12  | 86    |
| 10    | 16761   | David Raughley    | Valarie Carey   | Townsend, DE          | USA     | 11 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 6  | 7  | 7   | 10 | 5   | 11  | 91    |
| 11    | 10870   | Steve Kiemele     | Margaret Taylor | Dunwoody, GA          | USA     | 10 | 11 | 4  | 12 | 9  | 9  | 13 | 11  | 14 | 7   | DNS | 100   |
| 12    | 16812   | Chris Johnston    | Margie Johnston | Tyler, TX             | USA     | 13 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 13  | 5  | 10  | 6   | 103   |
| 13    | 23      | Adam Hughes       | Avaneil John    | Hobart TAS, Australia | AUS     | 9  | 7  | 12 | 9  | 13 | 13 | 12 | 15  | 13 | 11  | 10  | 109   |
| 14    | 15509   | Rod Phipps        | Cindy Phipps    | Omaha, NE             | USA     | 14 | 16 | 9  | 13 | 14 | 14 | 10 | 14  | 15 | DNC | DNS | 136   |
| 15    | 16795   | Mark Wood         | Michelle Wood   | Rockville, RI         | USA     | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 10  | 12 | 15  | 13  | 139   |
| 16    | 15963   | David Atwater     | Bill Roehr      | Tuckee, CA            | USA     | 16 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 12  | 16 | 14  | 14  | 149   |

*Top: Ken and Debbie Marshack (OR),  
the 2002 Hobie 18 Continental Champions.  
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*Bottom: Tracie Van Houten, Fleet 32,  
prepares to raise the 'chute on Tiger #942 at the MEGA.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*



## DIVISION 12 MEGA REPORT

*by Mike Levesque, Fleet 448, Johnston, RI*

Just getting settled after returning from the MEGA. I didn't do the usual daily reports this time; I decided to actually take a vacation from the computer! Here is a rundown of who was there from D12 (we had 13 sailors entered). Go to [www.nahca.org](http://www.nahca.org) for pictures and full results. VERRRY light wind...

Sandy Takacs, took fourth on his "new" nineties boat in the Hobie 14 class. Best finish: 3

Len Swanson, took eighth with his new sail in the Hobie 14 class. Len got a bullet in one race!

Eric Anderson, took tenth in the Hobie 14 class, with a REALLY interesting finish in one race on Saturday. Best finish: 3 Eric also finished 22nd in the Tiger class. Best finish: 16

Todd Riccardi and Sean McQuilken, took sixth in the Youth 16 class. Sean and his parents were having so much fun, they stayed for a few more days, and Sean helped with RC. Best finish: 3

Bob Merrick & Liza Cleveland, took sixth in the Pan Am Qualifiers, finishing the event with a bullet!

Mark and Michelle Wood, finished fifteenth in the Hobie 18 class. Their goal was to "not finish last in all of the races." They didn't finish last in ANY of the races! They managed to blow "only" one tire on the way down. Last we heard, they were stuck in Tennessee with their RV, trying to pull their 18 and my 16 home, on John Smith's trailer. We think the trailer is cursed... Best finish: 10

Ted Knowlton, finished fourteenth in the Hobie 17 class, but that is hardly the whole story! Ted chartered John Bauldry's Hobie 17, and was in fourth place on Monday!

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He stayed in the top ten for a few days! We tried (unsuccessfully) to make him buy the boat... Best finish: 6

Milt Dinhofer, finished 36th in the Hobie 17 class, on his new 2002 boat! Milt should have sprung for a new trailer: the tongue broke when he got to the MEGA. He patched it together to get home to Long Island. Best finish: 21

Michelle and I, finished 62nd (yes, you read that correctly) in the Hobie 16 class. I am now officially back on the diet... We had a lot of fun with the Mini event, running RC with Mark Santorelli and the crew. In our best race during the MEGA, we rounded A and the first gate in the top fifteen. Then, we misinterpreted the change signals, went to the wrong mark, and lost a TON of boats. The boat next to us at the gate finished eighth: they went the right way. Only three circles all week... Best finish: 34

Dave Heroux, Division 12 Chairman, made a guest appearance to attend the NAHCA AGM. There wasn't much to vote on this year, everything seemed to go smoothly at the Regional level.

And, Mike and Elaine Megrew, from Megrew's Boats, our Rhode Island Hobie dealer, attended the Hobie Cat Company dealer meeting during the Mini, and stayed to party with us for the MEGA!



*Left: Steve Oad (NY) and Rob Jerry (NY) pulling a 20 over the sandbar. Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*

*Bottom center: Division 12 MEGA Team members (L-R): Mike Levesque (RI), Michelle McLean (RI), Mark Wood (RI, standing), Michelle Wood (RI) and Ted Knowlton (MA, standing). Photo courtesy of Ted Knowlton.*

*Bottom right: Hobie 20 Champions John Tomko and Tiffany Beckwith from Texas. Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

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|-------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------|----|------|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 865     | John Tomko         | Tiffany Beckwith   | San Antonio, TX        | USA     | 12 | 1    | 4   | DNC     | 2   | 6   | 6   | 4   | 11  | 2   | 2   | 38    |
| 2     | 632     | Brian Lambert      | Matthew McGee      | Ft. Walton Beach, FL   | USA     | 25 | 6    | 16  | DNC     | 3   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 7   | 43    |
| 3     | 841     | Wayne Mooneyham    | Jeff Sloan         | San Jose, CA           | USA     | 4  | 16   | 1   | DNC     | 17  | 19  | 8   | 3   | 4   | 9   | 3   | 65    |
| 4     | 756     | Dan DeLave         | Eileen Haubl       | Long Beach, CA         | USA     | 9  | 12   | 37  | DNC     | 5   | 16  | 4   | 11  | 1   | 15  | 1   | 74    |
| 5     | 842     | Wick Smith         | Wick Smith III     | Fayetteville, NC       | USA     | 3  | 3    | 10  | DNC     | 6   | 2   | 23  | 1   | 23  | 17  | 11  | 76    |
| 6     | 826     | John Bauldry       | Karen Walker       | Clarkston, MI          | USA     | 33 | 2    | 7   | DNC     | 8   | 9   | 5   | 13  | 5   | 3   | 31  | 83    |
| 7     | 875     | Valder Kwasniewski | Renata Kwasniewski | Littleton, CO          | USA     | 8  | 4    | 22  | DNC     | 32  | 10  | 11  | 22  | 12  | 4   | 4   | 97    |
| 8     | 337     | Marvin Coulson     | Jeremy MacLavery   | Toronto, ON            | CAN     | 28 | 14   | 5   | DNC     | 4   | 12  | 26  | 5   | 22  | 6   | 5   | 99    |
| 9     | 852     | John MacDonald     | Jon Tanner         | Gulf Breeze, FL        | USA     | 7  | 32   | 19  | DNC     | 10  | 21  | 2   | 6   | 17  | 16  | 13  | 111   |
| 10    | 782     | Britt Drake        | Kathy Hart         | Panama City, FL        | USA     | 6  | 9    | 31  | DNC     | 9   | 1   | 1   | 15  | 18  | 31  | OCS | 121   |
| 11    | 863     | Stuart Bernd       | Ian Sammis         | Sand Springs, OK       | USA     | 18 | 19   | 3   | DNC     | 27  | 5   | 32  | 44  | 9   | 8   | 8   | 129   |
| 12    | 575     | Dave Sparkuhl      | Karen Christensen  | San Diego, CA          | USA     | 15 | DSQ  | 21  | DNC     | 19  | 13  | 7   | 12  | 19  | 7   | 19  | 132   |
| 13    | 867     | Scott Mathia       | Karen Mathia       | Wichita, KS            | USA     | 26 | 23   | 13  | DNC     | 12  | 15  | 9   | 10  | 3   | 37  | 25  | 136   |
| 14    | 909     | Mark Ralph         | Sheila Holmes      | Valley View, TX        | USA     | 41 | 7    | OCS | DNC     | 16  | 7   | 17  | 24  | 6   | 10  | 10  | 138   |
| 15    | 859     | Phil Collins       | Bev Collins        | Okla City, OK          | USA     | 1  | 5    | 9   | DNC     | 23  | 14  | 10  | 36  | 36  | 45  | 9   | 143   |
| 16    | 11      | Roger Brown        | Kim Brown          | Lake Forest, CA        | USA     | 20 | 13   | 12  | DNC     | 11  | 26  | 13  | 18  | 14  | 24  | 24  | 149   |
| 17    | 886     | Mike Wilson        | Kirk Vanzanot      | Panama City, FL        | USA     | 23 | 18   | 6   | DNC     | 20  | 18  | 15  | 27  | 8   | 25  | OCS | 160   |
| 18    | 861     | David Stahl        | Laura Stahl        | Highland, IL           | USA     | 11 | 22   | 8   | DNC     | 18  | 17  | 29  | 26  | 13  | 36  | 18  | 162   |
| 19    | 476     | Kent Bliven        | Gene Harris        | Castro Valley, CA      | USA     | 14 | 10   | 23  | DNC     | 25  | 11  | 14  | 38  | 26  | 11  | 32  | 166   |
| 20    | 853     | David McDaniel     | Ian Billings       | Lewisville, TX         | USA     | 2  | 11   | 2   | DNC     | 14  | 8   | OCS | 29  | 27  | 28  | OCS | 172   |
| 21    | 913     | David Mimlitch     | John Mork          | W. Tawakoni, TX        | USA     | 10 | 8    | 39  | DNC     | 7   | 30  | 19  | 40  | 32  | 5   | 27  | 177   |
| 22    | 759     | Scott Miller       | Kurt Devenecia     | San Diego, CA          | USA     | 5  | 15   | 14  | DNC     | 15  | 29  | 21  | 39  | 25  | 14  | OCS | 177   |
| 23    | 791     | Mike Hill          | Lisa Snyder        | St. Louis MO           | USA     | 16 | 20   | OCS | DNC     | 1   | 25  | 24  | 21  | 39  | 30  | 6   | 182   |
| 24    | 928     | Rick Loewen        | Terry Loewen       | Ocoee, FL              | USA     | 19 | 24   | 11  | DNC     | 33  | 20  | 18  | 32  | 35  | 19  | 12  | 188   |
| 25    | 429     | Jerry Mohney       | Dave Stiemsma      | Portage, MI            | USA     | 17 | 21   | 18  | DNC     | 26  | 27  | 37  | 33  | 15  | 26  | 15  | 198   |
| 26    | 798     | Kenny McIntosh     | Donna McIntosh     | Tulsa, OK              | USA     | 30 | 26   | 24  | DNC     | 24  | 23  | 30  | 8   | 20  | 21  | 34  | 206   |
| 27    | 605     | Mike Rohrer        | Chris Holt         | Cedar Park, TX         | USA     | 21 | 34   | 17  | DNC     | 34  | 24  | 12  | 31  | 30  | 34  | 14  | 217   |
| 28    | 879     | Clark Keysor       | Lynda Lovell       | Indian Rocks Beach, FL | USA     | 13 | 39   | 32  | DNC     | 21  | 35  | 22  | 7   | 37  | 35  | 20  | 222   |
| 29    | 691     | Sandra Tartagliano | Shala Youngerman   | San Matro, CA          | USA     | 43 | RDGd | 41  | DNC     | 28  | 4   | 31  | 16  | 10  | 33  | 35  | 222.8 |
| 30    | 657     | Doug Hennessy      | Marc Beaulieu      | Toronto, ON            | CAN     | 39 | 40   | 15  | DNC     | 29  | 36  | 20  | 28  | 34  | 13  | 21  | 235   |
| 31    | 810     | Daniel Heyse       | Suzie Hinton       | Byers, CO              | USA     | 27 | 17   | 30  | DNC     | 31  | 22  | 16  | 25  | 31  | 42  | 37  | 236   |
| 32    | 800     | David Mortenson    | Susan Mortenson    | White Bear Lake, MN    | USA     | 31 | 28   | 20  | DNC     | 42  | 39  | 40  | 35  | 24  | 18  | 17  | 252   |
| 33    | 851     | Robert Kollman     | Sybil Higgins      | Plano, TX              | USA     | 36 | 38   | 29  | DNC     | 13  | 33  | 33  | 14  | 40  | 32  | 29  | 257   |
| 34    | 738     | Al Leonard         | Lew Stark          | Dublin, CA             | USA     | 40 | 25   | 35  | DNC     | 36  | 32  | 25  | 23  | 38  | 20  | 30  | 264   |
| 35    | 323     | Will Rottgering    | Harry Walker       | Montgomery, AL         | USA     | 29 | 36   | 27  | DNC     | 30  | 43  | 28  | 20  | 29  | 43  | 23  | 265   |
| 36    | 801     | Brent Carlson      | Jennifer Carlo     | Lino Lakes, MN         | USA     | 32 | 43   | 28  | DNC     | DNC | DNC | DNC | 30  | 7   | 12  | 16  | 270   |
| 37    | 906     | David Sullivan     | Diana Pienta       | Toledo, OH             | USA     | 38 | 30   | 44  | DNC     | 43  | 41  | 39  | 19  | 16  | 22  | 22  | 270   |
| 38    | 807     | Scott Beach        | Vaughn Costa       | Brownwood, TX          | USA     | 37 | 27   | 26  | DNCRDGD | 37  | 35  | 37  | 45  | 29  | 28  |     | 288   |
| 39    | 808     | Dale Dorschner     | John Volkman       | Minnesota, MN          | USA     | 34 | 41   | 36  | DNC     | 41  | 44  | 41  | 9   | 21  | 27  | 39  | 289   |
| 40    | 598     | Kenneth Deming     | Karie Deming       | Ballston Spa, NY       | USA     | 49 | 35   | 33  | DNC     | 45  | 28  | 34  | 17  | 33  | 40  | 33  | 298   |
| 41    | 871     | Ron Knak           | Kathy Knak         | Wichita, KS            | USA     | 22 | 31   | 40  | DNC     | 35  | 38  | 27  | 43  | 42  | 39  | 26  | 300   |
| 42    | 111     | Alan Monson        | Faisal Siddiqui    | Las Vegas, NV          | USA     | 35 | 37   | 43  | DNC     | 22  | 40  | 36  | 47  | 28  | 23  | 40  | 304   |
| 43    | 805     | Paul Bommersbach   | Marquis Erickson   | Sioux Falls, SD        | USA     | 24 | 33   | 38  | DNC     | 44  | 31  | 46  | 49  | 44  | 46  | 43  | 349   |
| 44    | 9091    | Gregg Kittinger    | Todd Aznavorian    | Pontiac, MI            | USA     | 45 | 42   | 34  | DNC     | 48  | 42  | 38  | 41  | 43  | 38  | 38  | 361   |
| 45    | 843     | Michael Howser     | Faye Ren           | Golden, CO             | USA     | 50 | 45   | 42  | DNC     | 40  | 34  | OCS | 42  | 41  | 41  | 36  | 371   |
| 46    | 659     | Mark Benge         | Josh Benge         | Midwest City, OK       | USA     | 48 | 46   | 25  | DNC     | 47  | 46  | 45  | 45  | 46  | 44  | 41  | 385   |
| 47    | 908     | Stephen Titus      | Kirse Kelly        | Denver, CO             | USA     | 42 | 47   | 47  | DNC     | 39  | 47  | 44  | 34  | 47  | 48  | 42  | 389   |
| 48    | 784     | Scott Smith        | Chris Zander       | Gastonia, NC           | USA     | 44 | 44   | 45  | DNC     | 38  | 45  | 42  | 48  | 49  | 49  | 45  | 400   |
| 49    | 684     | Steve Oad          | Tom Leach          | Baldwinsville, NY      | USA     | 47 | 48   | 46  | DNC     | 46  | 48  | 43  | 46  | 48  | 47  | 44  | 415   |
| 50    | 885     | Norris Palmer      | Karen Palmer       | Grapevine, TX          | USA     | 46 | 29   | OCS | DNC     | 37  | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | 418   |

Center: Dan DeLave and Eileen Haubl of CA, ready for action at the MEGA.  
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## FLORIDA HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION NOTES

*Just prior to the MEGA, the following was sent to Lori Mohny from an anonymous employee at the Ft. Walton Beach Ramada.*

We're about to enter the peak of the hurricane season. Any day now, you're going to turn on the TV and see a weather person pointing to some radar blob out in the Gulf of Mexico and making two basic meteorological points:

- (1) There is no need to panic.
- (2) We could all be killed.

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*Top: John Bauldry (MI) tries to send Hurricane Lili a message.  
Photo courtesy of John Bauldry, NAHCA Treasurer.*

*Right center, Alex and Patsy Shafer (FL) rounding A mark,  
en route to second place overall in the Tiger class.  
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*

*Other photos courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.*

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Yes, hurricane season is an exciting time to be in Florida. If you're new to the area, you're probably wondering what you need to do to prepare for the possibility that we'll get hit by "the big one." Based on our experiences, we recommend that you follow this simple three-step hurricane preparedness plan:

**STEP 1.** Buy enough food and bottled water to last your family for at least three days.

**STEP 2.** Put these supplies into your car.

**STEP 3.** Drive to Nebraska and remain there until Halloween.

Unfortunately, statistics show that most people will not follow this sensible plan. Most people will foolishly stay here in Florida.

*Right: Bob and Stehanie O'Connor (NY), gybing their Tiger.  
Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*

*Below: Jeff Alter and Teri McKenna's Tiger  
basks in the Florida sunshine.  
Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*



We'll start with one of the most important hurricane preparedness items:

**HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE:** If you own a home, you must have hurricane insurance. Fortunately, this insurance is cheap and easy to get, as long as your home meets two basic requirements:

- (1) It is reasonably well-built.
- (2) It is located in Nebraska.

Unfortunately, if your home is located in South Florida, or any other area that might actually be hit by a hurricane, most insurance companies would prefer not to sell you hurricane insurance, because then they might be required to pay YOU money, and that is certainly not why they got into the insurance business in the first place.

So you'll have to scrounge around for an insurance company, which will charge you an annual premium roughly equal to the replacement value of your house. At any moment, this company can drop you like used dental floss. Since Hurricane George, I have had an estimated 27 different home insurance companies. This week, I'm covered by the Bob and Big Stan Insurance Company, under a policy which states that, in addition to my premium, Bob and Big Stan are entitled, on demand, to my kidneys.

**SHUTTERS:** Your house should have hurricane shutters on all the windows, all the doors, and — if it's a major hurricane — all the toilets. There are several types of shutters, with advantages and disadvantages:

**PLYWOOD SHUTTERS:** The advantage is that, because you make them yourself, they're cheap. The disadvantage is that, because you make them yourself, they will fall off.

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**SHEET METAL SHUTTERS:** The advantage is that these work well, once you get them all up. The disadvantage is that once you get them all up, your hands will be useless bleeding stumps, and it will be December.

**ROLL DOWN SHUTTERS:** The advantages are that they're very easy to use, and will definitely protect your house. The disadvantage is that you will have to sell your house to pay for them.

**"HURRICANE-PROOF" WINDOWS:** These are the newest wrinkle in hurricane protection. They look like ordinary windows, but they can withstand hurricane winds! You can be sure of this, because the salesman says so. He lives in Nebraska.

**HURRICANE-PROOFING YOUR PROPERTY:** As the hurricane approaches, check your yard for movable objects like barbecue grills, planters, patio furniture, visiting relatives, etc. You should, as a precaution, throw these items into your swimming pool (if you don't have a swimming pool, you should have one built immediately). Otherwise, the hurricane winds will turn these objects into deadly missiles.

**EVACUATION ROUTE:** If you live in a low-lying area, you should have an evacuation route planned out. (To determine whether you live in a low-lying area, look at your driver's license; if it says "Florida," you live in a low-lying area.) The purpose of having an evacuation route is to avoid being trapped in your home when a major storm hits. Instead, you will be trapped in a gigantic traffic jam several miles from your home, along with two hundred thousand other evacuees. So, as a bonus, you will not be lonely.

**HURRICANE SUPPLIES:** If you don't evacuate, you will need a mess of supplies. Do not buy them now! Florida tradition requires that you wait until the last possible minute, then go to the supermarket and get into vicious fights with strangers over who gets the last can of SPAM.

In addition to food and water, you will need the following supplies:

23 flashlights.

At least \$167 worth of batteries that turn out, when the power goes off, to be the wrong size for the flashlights.

Bleach. (No, I don't know what the bleach is for. NOBODY knows what the bleach is for, but it's traditional, so GET some!)

A 55-gallon drum of underarm deodorant.

A big knife that you can strap to your leg. (This will be useless in a hurricane, but it looks cool.)

A large quantity of raw chicken, to placate the alligators. (Ask anybody who went through Andrew; after the hurricane, there WILL be irate alligators.)

\$35,000 in cash or diamonds so that, after the hurricane passes, you can buy a generator from a man with no discernible teeth.

Of course these are just basic precautions. As the hurricane draws near, it is vitally important that you keep abreast of the situation by turning on your television and watching TV reporters in rain slickers stand right next to the ocean and tell you over and over how vitally important it is for everybody to stay away from the ocean.

Good luck, and remember: It's great living in Paradise!

*Top: David Harris waves to the camera as Gerald Valeske steers. Photo courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*

*Bottom: A Tiger triple-stack, with a 16 hidden in between. Photo courtesy of David Sprague, Toronto, ON, CAN.*



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| PLACE | SAIL NO | SKIPPER           | CREW               | HOMETOWN          | COUNTRY | R1  | R2 | R3 | R4  | R5  | R6  | R7 | R8  | R9 | R10 | R11 | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1     | 1144    | Greg Thomas       | Jacques Bernier    | San Diego, CA     | USA     | 4   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1  | 2   | 2  | 3   | 1   | 15    |
| 2     | 8       | Alex Shafer       | Patsy Shafer       | Eustis, FL        | USA     | 1   | 2  | 4  | 4   | 8   | 2   | 5  | 7   | 1  | 2   | 7   | 35    |
| 3     | 1118    | Gavin Colby       | Jamie Livingston   | Australia         | AUS     | 10  | 5  | 3  | 1   | 3   | 4   | 3  | 6   | 3  | 8   | 2   | 38    |
| 4     | 999     | Bob O'Connor      | Stephanie O'Connor | Syracuse, NY      | USA     | 5   | 3  | 7  | 5   | 7   | 6   | 4  | 11  | 11 | 4   | 3   | 55    |
| 5     | 88      | Nigel Pitt        | Glenn Holmes       | Hartwell, GA      | USA     | 2   | 6  | 2  | 15  | 6   | 7   | 8  | 3   | 7  | 7   | 14  | 62    |
| 6     | 994     | Keith Christensen | Curt Christensen   | Long Beach, CA    | USA     | 12  | 14 | 16 | 7   | 2   | 3   | 2  | 4   | 4  | 10  | 8   | 66    |
| 7     | 1064    | Jeff Alter        | Teri McKenna       | Laguna Beach, CA  | USA     | 20  | 10 | 10 | 6   | 5   | 16  | 6  | 1   | 9  | 1   | 10  | 74    |
| 8     | 1073    | Jeff Newsome      | John Williams      | Long Beach, CA    | USA     | 14  | 4  | 5  | 19  | 9   | 8   | 9  | 5   | 5  | 11  | 5   | 75    |
| 9     | 855     | Tom Korzeniewski  | Kevin Smith        | Liverpool, NY     | USA     | 3   | 8  | 6  | 12  | DNC | 5   | 11 | 15  | 12 | 9   | 4   | 85    |
| 10    | 1040    | Steve Leo         | Darren deSilva     | Long Beach, CA    | USA     | 16  | 13 | 14 | 3   | 4   | 10  | 14 | 9   | 6  | 6   | 16  | 95    |
| 11    | 942     | Dennis Hawks      | Tracie VanHouten   | Hampton, VA       | USA     | 11  | 15 | 8  | 16  | 11  | 14  | 7  | 19  | 10 | 12  | 12  | 116   |
| 12    | 870     | David Lennard     | Mike Krantz        | Wilmington, NC    | USA     | 13  | 7  | 11 | 10  | 10  | 13  | 20 | 8   | 13 | 23  | 19  | 124   |
| 13    | 1071    | Gary Russell      | Shelly Russell     | Guerneville, CA   | USA     | 23  | 19 | 13 | 8   | RAF | 11  | 13 | 10  | 16 | 5   | 11  | 129   |
| 14    | 1111    | Rob Jerry         | Mimi Appel         | Manlius, NY       | USA     | 7   | 12 | 12 | 13  | 17  | 15  | 17 | 16  | 14 | 18  | 13  | 136   |
| 15    | 1114    | Chuck Brown       | Tracy Nackel       | San Clemente, CA  | USA     | 15  | 18 | 9  | 9   | 18  | 9   | 10 | 20  | 20 | 14  | 18  | 140   |
| 16    | 881     | Andrew Pilon      | Oliver Pilon       | St-Luc, PQ        | CAN     | 8   | 9  | 15 | 11  | 15  | 17  | 16 | 14  | 17 | 21  | 21  | 143   |
| 17    | 868     | Marc Cote         | Ahain Loignon      | Perou, NY         | USA     | 9   | 17 | 22 | 18  | 14  | 12  | 12 | 13  | 19 | 20  | 9   | 143   |
| 18    | 1068    | Dan Kulkoski      | Kathy Kulkoski     | Belford, NJ       | USA     | 22  | 20 | 20 | 14  | 19  | 18  | 18 | 18  | 8  | 17  | 6   | 158   |
| 19    | 1070    | Reigh North       | Chris Spalding     | Vancouver, BC     | CAN     | 6   | 11 | 19 | 20  | DNC | DNS | 22 | 12  | 18 | 13  | 17  | 165   |
| 20    | 847     | Rick Harper       | Phil Flower        | Seneca, SC        | USA     | 18  | 24 | 17 | 17  | 13  | 21  | 19 | 23  | 23 | 15  | 20  | 186   |
| 21    | 1036    | Kirk Wells        | Debbie Brown       | Dana Point, CA    | USA     | DNC | 16 | 24 | 21  | 12  | 19  | 15 | DNF | 15 | 16  | DNC | 192   |
| 22    | 856     | Eric Anderson     | Barbara Short      | Andover, CT       | USA     | 17  | 21 | 18 | 23  | 16  | 20  | 21 | 17  | 25 | 22  | 23  | 198   |
| 23    | 1119    | Kevin Wilson      | Donna Wilson       | Baldwinsville, NY | USA     | 19  | 23 | 21 | 24  | 23  | 22  | 23 | 21  | 22 | 19  | 22  | 215   |
| 24    | 967     | Jon Scott         | Robert Kaime       | Lakeview, NY      | USA     | 21  | 25 | 26 | 22  | 20  | 24  | 24 | 22  | 21 | 25  | 15  | 219   |
| 25    | 1076    | Dan Mergenhageh   | Jim Lane           | Eden, NY          | USA     | 24  | 22 | 25 | DNF | 21  | 23  | 25 | 24  | 24 | 26  | 25  | 239   |
| 26    | 850     | Gerald Valeske    | David Harris       | Maple Valley, WA  | USA     | 25  | 26 | 23 | 25  | 22  | 25  | 26 | 25  | 26 | 24  | 24  | 245   |

*Greg Thomas (right) and Jacques Bernier (center), accept their Tiger Championship trophies from Hobie Alter. Greg and Jacques sail for the Hobie Cat Company, and are the first ever North American Tiger Continental Champions. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*



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# NAHCA MEGA Continental Championships

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## MEGA.....AGAIN???

by Paul Ulibarri, NAHCA Race Director

We have received a barrage of inquiries as to when the MEGA format will be used again.

Two years ago when the idea first surfaced, we were afraid that no one would attend, that in fact separate Continental events were preferred. We were amazed and quite happy to see the final figures.

Combining the Mini portion of MEGA we had 276 boats. That translated to about 500 persons counting volunteers. There were approximately 35 full-time volunteers and around fifteen part-time. The event was a major logistical exercise heightened by the fact that there was no local fleet or local organization that we could call upon to be the host. During the event, we did end up with several local volunteers, but the vast majority of the planning, equipment acquisition, and volunteer staff came from various parts of both Canada and the US.

Lori Mohny and I tried to plan for and administer an event in Florida from our respective bases in Michigan and Victoria, BC. Thanks to her administrative ability and the number of willing volunteers that stepped up, we

were able to pull it off, but it required a full two years in the process.

We learned a lot and one of the things we learned was that it is essential to have a local organization that can take some of the responsibility. The other major realization was that a format like the Mega requires a unique venue, and therein lies the real problem.

Before we get to that, the real question is "Do we wish to do this type of format again?" The response on site was fantastic, everyone was most enthusiastic and we heard many comments in favor of the format. Since then we have received many E-mail inquiries as to when the next MEGA will occur.

Our major sponsor, the Hobie Cat Company, is happy with the results and has hinted that they might support another MEGA format in the future. We also have had an opportunity to finalize the budget and are happy to report that thanks to our sponsors, we were able to pay all of our bills and contribute a small amount to the Class treasury.

Considering it all, it seems that the Class membership did like the format

and would like to see it repeated in the future. The only negative comments we had were in regard to the wind conditions, which were less than optimum...

So let's get to the problem, which is where can we find a place to do this event. What we need is a venue that has the following characteristics:

On the water:  
 Enough space to set two to four courses.  
 Not too deep, preferably less than ten fathoms.  
 Not too much current, hopefully less than a knot.  
 A big beach adjacent to the proposed course areas.  
 A marina within fifteen minutes of the course areas to moor support boats.  
 Wind.

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**The Ramada in Fort Walton Beach had it all: facilities, location, space and access.  
 Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,  
 Hobie Cat Company.**



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On the shore:

A large motel/hotel, minimum 250 to 300 rooms with banquet facility capable of seating 500, and all adjacent to the beach preferably on the beach.

Parking for 300 trailers.

Parking for 25 motor homes.

Meeting rooms and registration area, free of charge.

Minimum fifteen complimentary rooms.

Large launching area.

Large local contingent of personnel available on site for the entire event.

Where can we find all of this at one location and when can this happen again? As to when it could happen again, the earliest is the fall of 2005 and possibly not until 2006. We have commitments for 2003 and 2004 and there is also a Tiger Worlds scheduled for the spring of 2005 in Santa Barbara, CA in which the Class will be heavily involved.

The bigger problem is where. Ideally, we would like the next MEGA to be on the West Coast in California. The three areas that come to mind are Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara. Unfortunately, none of these three have a hotel on the water.

Monterey has a hotel several miles down the beach that might work. The big problem here is the water depth. There is only room for one course and then the depth goes straight down to 1700 feet.

Santa Cruz has a hotel near the beach downtown, but again there is a water problem. One course would be set outside in very high winds/waves and the other inside on a light air one way course.

Santa Barbara will already be doing the Worlds and it would be a stretch to try two major events there in one year,

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*Above: Paul Ulibarri and Rich McVeigh, listening to the Motorola, waiting to make a decision on whether to race on Friday.*

*Communications were excellent and vital at the MEGA event.*

*Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*

*Left: Cat Trax and Rolleez for 200+ Hobies. Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

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plus the hotels are very expensive and there is no single hotel that would have the capacity.

There must be other locations in southern CA that we are unaware of, certainly there are plenty of beaches, but most of it is restricted.

Further up the coast, we have Oregon and Washington. In the late summer and fall, though the weather could be spectacular, the water is very cold. Add to that, we are not aware of a hotel/beach combination to meet our needs.

Texas has two areas that we have used before that might work: Corpus Christi and South Padre Island. Both have good on-the-water conditions. Corpus has a hotel on the water that has worked in the past. South Padre has a condominium situation that may not have enough rooms. Both are remote areas without Hobie Fleets. Of the two, Corpus has the overall best situation. There may also be a location in Galveston.

On the East Coast there are several areas where the format could work. FWB worked fairly well, but there were problems caused mostly by the lack of a local Hobie fleet, and no wind. Daytona has a great hotel on the beach, but no fleet. The Carolinas, Virginia, New Jersey, all might have the hotel, beach, water conditions that we are seeking. We would need local fleets and Divisions to inform us as to the potential for an event on this coast line.

The Great Lakes might have a location but again, if so we are unaware of any with the combination that we seek.

Lakes like Lake Tahoe are somewhat uncertain regarding winds, and we need some assurance of reasonable winds. Tahoe as well has a depth problem that would prohibit setting two courses (1200 feet deep).

Would you all like another MEGA format? Apparently, it seems to have appealed to those who attended in spite of very poor wind conditions. The family gathering aspect of the event was the big plus.

The NAHCA Executive is ready, the manufacturer is supportive, and judging by the response, the membership appears to be in favor of another MEGA. We need all of you to look for and make recommendations on a possible location. Apply the above criteria and if you can find anything that might work, please let Lori or me know about it.

Mega in 2005 - 2006? Help us to find a venue, and we will work to make it a reality.

PU



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*Opposite page:*  
**Top: "Tom's too sexy for his Tiger..."**  
Tom Korzeniewski rigging his Tiger.  
Photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.  
**Bottom photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.**

*This page:*  
**Top left: Three Hobie ladies, posing on the new Hobie Bravo.**  
**Top right: MEGA sailors, studying the scores nightly.**  
**Bottom right: "You want this mark WHERE?"**  
A MEGA mark boat operator looking very perplexedly at the radio...  
**Bottom left photo courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.**  
**All other photos courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.**



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# IHCA Executive Report

by David Brookes, IHCA President,  
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In October, I was given the opportunity to go the North American MEGA Championships. Firstly I would like to thank Hobie Cat Australasia for paying for my air tickets and Hobie USA and Hobie Europe for the accommodation.

We had some very productive meetings with the manufacturers and the Rules Committee. I was also lucky enough to be invited to the NAHCA AGM. It was an impressive meeting with all delegates taking the NAHCA in one positive direction.

The most moving part of the whole meeting was when Laura Sullivan explained how she was trapped under a Hobie 16 at the Worlds in Noumea, and the calm thinking of Doug Skidmore saved her from drowning. It brought to mind the dangers of sailing, and how in the worst situations, a level head comes through.

Laura went on to continue to sail in the Championships. For these actions, Doug was awarded the Carlton Tucker Memorial Award. Congratulations to Doug, and I sincerely hope none of us is ever put in that same situation.

I was also impressed with the friendliness of all the sailors and officials towards myself and IHCA President Thomas Poulsen. Every one of you made me feel so welcome and made the Championships so much fun. The camaraderie among the competitors was excellent and I felt as if I were at a Hobie regatta back home with all my friends.

Special thanks must go to Paul Ulibarri who thought up the whole "MEGA" idea and spent the next two years putting the regatta together. Well done to PU and his whole team.

With the initiative between the IHCA and the EHCA (Hobie 14 Worlds and Tiger Europeans, Fox and FX One

Euro Cup and Hobie Youth Challenge), we have one championship with more competitors, which means bigger parties. It also allows us to jointly market the event, putting more money and resources into one huge event. The Lübecker Yacht-Club are used to running big events, and being part of Travemünder Week, the party and atmosphere will be electrifying.

On behalf of the IHCA Executive, I would like to wish all of you a very safe and Merry Christmas, and may the New Year bring you the Hobie results you seek. We hope that you can join us at a Hobie Regatta very soon.

Have a Hobie Christmas and New Year!

David

## REGATTA MATERIALS AVAILABLE

For NAHCA SSIs, go to  
[www.nahca.org](http://www.nahca.org)

### STANDARD REGATTA FORMS

Regatta Prep. Checklist,  
Entry Forms,  
Order of Finish Forms,  
Regatta Score Cards,  
Protest Forms

Available on  
IHCA website  
[www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com).

Pat and Diane Bisesi (Fleet 204, NY),  
rounding a gate at the MEGA.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller,  
Hobie Cat Company.



### Sailing the Web

Listed here are some web pages for the NAHCA, the IHCA, the ISAF, US SAILING, and Hobie Cat USA. There are also several Hobie Divisions and Fleets in the North American Region that are keeping home pages now. See the links on the NAHCA web site ([www.nahca.org](http://www.nahca.org)).

Websites have proven to be an excellent means of obtaining current information such as regatta schedules, results and contacts. In many cases, results are posted directly from major event locations. Major event results are posted to Hobie website(s) as they are received.

#### NAHCA

<http://www.nahca.org>

#### IHCA

<http://www.hobieclass.com>

#### Hobie World Events

<http://www.hobieworlds.com>

#### ISAF

<http://www.sailing.org>

#### Hobie Cat Co. USA

<http://www.hobiecat.com>

#### Canadian Yachting Assoc.

<http://www.sailing.ca>

#### Federation Mexicana de Vela

<http://www.vela.org.mx>

#### Federation de Vela de Puerto Rico

<http://www.velapr.com>

#### US SAILING

<http://www.ussailing.org>

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General Membership Meeting  
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Chairman Rich McVeigh called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll:

Rich McVeigh, Chair, Division 1  
Len Motney, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Division 10  
Roger Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Division 2  
Bruce Andrews, Secretary, Division 11  
Paul Ulibarri, Race Chair, Division 4  
Trish Gauldry, Treasurer, Division 10  
Jane Gauldry, Treasurer, Division 10  
Mike Levesque, Newsletter, Division 12  
Kathleen Tracy, Women's Rep, Division 5  
Mimi Appel, GEP, Division 16  
David Brooks, IHCA Executive Director  
Thomas Poulsen, President, IHCA  
Doug Sanderson, Hobie Cat USA  
Dick Rogers, Hobie Cat USA  
Matt Miller, Hobie Cat USA  
Jane Diasdale, Hobie Cat Europe

Division 1 not represented  
Division 2: Dan DeLave  
Division 3: Gary Russell  
Division 4: Laura Sullivan  
Division 5 not represented  
Division 6: Mike Rohrer  
Division 7: Paul Bommersbach (proxy)  
Division 8: Alex Shater  
Division 9: Chris Menzel  
Division 10: Dave Sleimsma (proxy)

Division 11: Jani Glendon  
Division 12: Dave Heroux  
Division 13: Armando Noriega  
Division 14: Gary Grillboid  
Division 15: John McDonald (proxy)  
Division 16: Dan Borg (proxy)

Also in attendance were the following:

|                   |           |    |
|-------------------|-----------|----|
| Peter Nelson      | Division  | 4  |
| Jerry Valeske     | Division  | 4  |
| Patsy Shater      | Division  | 6  |
| Rick Loewen       | Division  | 6  |
| Terry Loewen      | Division  | 6  |
| Rick White        | Division  | 6  |
| Kevin Custer      | Division  | 9  |
| Matt Bounds       | Division  | 10 |
| Beth Andrews      | Division  | 11 |
| Sean McQuilken    | Division  | 12 |
| Kirk Newirk       | Division  | 15 |
| Larry Hale        | Division  | 15 |
| Patricia Stefanko | Division  | 15 |
| Brill Drake       | Division  | 15 |
| Susan Krizemewski | Division  | 16 |
| Herb James        | Division  | 16 |
| Mike Hill         | Division  | 17 |
| Doug Hennessy     | Division  | 18 |
| Rob Jerry         | Division  | 18 |
| Gavin Colby       | Australia |    |

Thomas Poulsen, President of the IHCA, thanked the NAHCA for the invitation to attend the AGM.

### Tiger Woods, Singapore, 2003:

Sieve Leo summarized travel arrangements for those going to Singapore. Prices are good. Flyers are put together with travel programs and room accommodations in a 5 Star Hotel in Singapore. The rates are \$75/night plus taxes. Until Feb. 2, special rates for airfare on Singapore Airlines are available. 18-hour flight with one stop. Roundtrip \$825 plus tax from LA \$855 plus tax from New York and Chicago. This is an IHCA sanctioned event. Check out the web site at [HobieWorlds.com](http://HobieWorlds.com). There is also a link for kids.

### IHCA Executive Director, David Brooks

The MEGA Internet site is currently receiving over 100,000 page requests per day! The world is watching!

### Carlton Tucker Sportsmanship Award

A Division Chair can nominate anyone from his Division. A team is selected to review the nominations and choose the honoree. This year's winner is Doug Skidmore. Paul Ulibarri read the introduction followed by Laura Sullivan recognizing Doug's heroics at the last year's Worlds.

Divisional Reports are included in the AGM Packet, please read them. There are reports from Divisions 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & the Women's rep.

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## NAHCA Membership:

Shirley Palmer submitted a written membership report. Summary: overall membership numbers are stable, however we have seen an increase in the Top Cat membership. Hobie Cat Co. has helped us by donating calendars and mailing out membership packets.

## NAHCA Newsletter

Mike Levesque is the new editor. The newsletter has had better content this year. We need fleets to submit more in the winter. Notices of Race must be submitted earlier. The deadline this month is the 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be a double issue, and we will get back on the schedule in January. Material is still due on the even months. Mike would like at least one story from every Division from the MEGA event.

## GEP

Mimi Appel reports that currently there are 9 guest experts in the pool. In the past year we hosted 5 events. Mimi is continuing to experience trouble matching dates and locations with guest experts. Let Mimi know tonight if you would like a GEP in 2003. All experts received fleece vests as a thank you in 2002. The host fleet's organizer is given something as simple as a GEP bag. Thank yous are a very important part of the budget. Good things include: the flow of Hobie Allen's program in New York was fabulous. The program began at 9:00 on Friday morning in the parking lot where Hobie helped to measure rudders. The hosts were able to do a group lunch then the participants went to the classroom to learn about boat tuning before the on-the-water portion. Susan Korzeniewski's program at St. George Island, FL with the Youth Program used the Hobie University booklet. The kids loved going through the book page by page. More things for next year: every GEP program should have a 30-minute section on Safety. More on-the-water drills from Rick White's program. These drills can be tweaked. Also classroom organization should flow a little better. Dan Kulkoski will help with that. A little bit of structure goes a long way.

## Hobie University

Hobie University printing was a huge cost to the budget. We printed enough for two years. Hobie U 2002 is getting to more people. Bob Memick will help with a Crew Section next year. 10-15 Hobie U books are sent out each week. Mimi will be running the 2004 Continentals. She will stay with GEP for this year. Kathleen Tracy will be taking over Mimi's job, and they will work together this year to make sure the transition flows. There was a suggestion from the floor to put Hobie U on the website as a PDF file.

## Youth Program

Gary Russell reported scattered areas of youth activity all over the country. It is hard to get them all on the same program. Gary is working to get all of the programs on the same page. If you have dealers that have parts, kids can learn how to fix up old boats to be used in the programs. Donations of parts and sails are needed. The goal for 2003 would be to get the small programs on the same page and organized so kids are learning uniformly. This MEGA was not going to have 16s for the youth event, it was going to have Waves. We had 18 youth teams here on 16s. Thanks to Tom and Susan for making this work. It would help if we had a Youth rep in each Division who would be responsible for contacting other kids in that Division to get them out to regattas. If you have ideas, email them to Gary at grussl@hotmail.com.

A suggestion was made to have more events during the off-season for kids. Events should be scheduled around the kids' schedules, not ours. Kids had to miss a day of school to attend the youth regatta at the M at event. If youth events could be held in the summer, it would allow more kids to attend. However, the youth events usually have to be attached to a larger event to be viable.

## Race Department

Paul Urbani reported that five Race Management seminars were held in 2002. Thanks to all of those Divisions. These were good seminars. The Race Department went over budget for 2002 and plans on fewer seminars in 2003 but if you have a need, we will try to accommodate you.

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## 2003 Hobie 16 Continentals

A bid has been accepted. Bruce Andrews announced we are coming back to Rehoboth next year. Division 14 is hosting the event. 100 will be the host fleet. We are open to holding Women's and Youth events. The women met today, and we do not yet know if they will be there. The Open Event will be held from September 29 to October 3. Good hotel rates are available. Bay Resort is the host hotel. A nice competitor package has been put together. We also partnered with the State Park for camping on the bay. Volunteers are needed. Talk to Bruce or Ron Laporte. Jim Glendon is working on getting or chartering boats. It is tough to get sponsorship. If you know anyone, let us know or if you have any ideas, talk to Dave Raughley. Ken and Carol Hill and Bill Colgan are additional local contacts at the MEGA. Rusty Rudder complex is lined up for the big parties.

## Hobie 17 and Hobie 18 Event

Carlisle, I. is interested in hosting a Hobie 17-18 event. Negotiations have just started. Women's and Youths could also partner with this event. A plea is out now for anyone interested in the Tiger & 20 events.

## MEGA Event

We have been asked by a lot of people to do this again. We think it has worked out quite well for all of us. It is good for people to see this number of boats together again. There was a total of 274 boats in the event. 204 boats in the MEGA and 70 in the Mini. More pluses than minuses were experienced. The biggest problem is that not that many venues that could handle this large event.

The earliest we could probably do another MEGA event is 2005. We need a venue, but everyone seems to agree that this has been a positive experience. Volunteers are working hard, especially Lori Monney.

Suggestion from the floor: why do we need to wait 3 years for another MEGA? All politics aside, commitments have already been made for 2003 and 2004, however, a full 2 years is needed to plan a MEGA.

## 2004 Hobie 16 Continentals

2004 H16 event is tentatively planned for Sept. 10-18 for Syracuse, NY. Open, Women's & Youth events are planned. Mimi Appel is the event chair.

## IHCA Rules Committee

Jeff Abner, Rules Committee Representative reported on IHCA and Rule changes. The IHCA is trying to get stuff on the web site and get it out there as fast as they can. The Tiger has gone through many changes, but the other classes are pretty steady. The Tiger will continue to have some evolution because of its involvement with the F18 class. The IHCA is asking for input from the Class to help make decisions on what they do. Rules cannot be changed unless the sailors participate, they must have the final say. Information is posted on [www.hobieclass.com](http://www.hobieclass.com). Division Chairs should go back and let the sailors know of any rule changes.

## Hobie Cat USA

Doug Skidmore reports that in the last year the class has reaffirmed its partnership with the Hobie Cat Co. This partnership has been beneficial for both. Communication and working relationship has not been this strong for a long time. Last February, the executives were invited out to the Hobie Plant to discuss what we could do better.

The company has had a busy year. There was unexpected involvement in World event in New Caledonia. Following the fire that destroyed Hobie Australia, and all the boats from the World's championship there was no way to replace the boats for that event. Hobie USA had only 6 weeks to manufacture 60 boats for the event. The event came off without a hitch.

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Paul U. Barri and Doug Skidmore went to Cancun to look for a site for next Hobie 16 Worlds in July 2004. It is a good sailing venue. The wind blows every day. Contracts are signed for the event. A major obstacle was the boats. That issue is already resolved.

New Hobie Tigers were supplied for the Alter Cup in NY. The dealer meeting was held here at the MEGA. Dealers were flown to Ft Walton so they could witness the event.

## Women's Representative:

Kathleen Tracy reported that interest in Women's events is growing. 14 boats participated this year. Shegatta also was a hit. It was sailed almost exclusively on Hobie 16s. At a meeting this afternoon, Francis McDonald out of Modesto, CA agreed to take over as the Women's Representative. The bylaws were amended to incorporate a continental event for every year. These used to be held every other year. If the woman's event is not tied to a major event, the women would pass. A women's event is too small for sponsorship unless it is held with another event.

## Treasurer Report:

The treasurer's report is attached. The Class is healthy and solvent. All bills are paid. The NAHCA is current with financial status. We inherited a bit of a mess, but it is all straightened out now. There are approximately 1100 memberships. Rich will email an exact breakdown.

Credit cards: We have had the ability to take credit cards for many years. Credit cards are very beneficial for other countries. The NAHCA is small in the credit card world, so we incur many bank fees, over \$500 this year. Problems include wrong numbers, bad expiration dates, etc. We are assessed fees for all of these. Debit cards are also a problem.

Proposed solution: Have all credit card memberships go into an International bank. They can offer a plan where there is a 4 consecutive month window. We pick any 4 months and inform members that they can process their dues within that window. Then the account can go inactive and pay a very nominal monthly fee of about \$20. If there is another major event, we can then go active again. We do have a peak membership period. Have we considered asking the bank for a discount and then put their name out there on all of our events? We still think we are too small to consider this. The options here are drop credit cards or put some restriction on their use. We are getting less than 10% who pay with credit cards.

It was agreed that we would put some controls on the credit and put restrictions on the membership.

## Old Business:

US Sailing grant applications are pending to send a team to Singapore, the top two teams got money to go to New Caledonia. The grant determines how much is given.

## New Business:

An increase in membership fees was proposed for the year 2003. The budget is based on a \$25 membership fee. That fee nets a surplus of \$1585. Maybe we should consider a further increase. We need to put some limits and controls on our expenditures. The biggest cost is the Newsletter. Our real fixed costs are the newsletter printing and mailing and IHCA dues. On a per member basis is approximately \$15.50. In US the newsletter is sent by bulk mail. We could go purely electronic to save the mailing and printing costs. June/July issue cost \$1250 just for printing. Proposal is to raise the dues to \$30. We have to cut too many programs. Debt accumulated over time: receipts not submitted in a timely manner, this went back to 1998, related to newsletter mailing and production.

Motion that we raise dues to \$30: Paul U. Barri seconded the Motion. Motion carried by vote of 12 to 3. 2003 Dues will be \$30.

# 2002 NAHCA AGM Minutes

September 8, 2002 Fort Walton Beach, FL

More explanation is needed for the 42k expenditure on liabilities. The income/expense statement does not reflect what really happened. 2002 activity only is shown on the sheet, not the expenses from 2001. We will send a detailed report that explains every cent with the meeting minutes along with a revised detailed budget.

## Area Championships

The NAHCA is involved in a joint venture with the Hobie Cat company whereby each contributes \$500 to each Area Championship Host. This funding helps to raise the bar for a better event. 5 areas, Northeast, Midwinter's East and West, Mid America's, and Northwestern Championships. No location for the Midwinter's East has been found. We may consider Pensacola for this event. This council makes the decision that it will be a Hobie only event.

## Membership Recruiting

An inexpensive brochure for marketing will be distributed to dealers and displayed at boat shows. A brochure should be given to everyone who buys a boat to encourage boat owners to join the Class. The Editor of the newsletter would like to know when fleets are participating in boat shows so that the word can get out. Also let nonmembers join at regattas rather than pay the extra money. The NAHCA is open to ideas for help in recruiting.

## Insurance

Regatta Liability can be purchased for \$678.00 for the entire calendar year to cover any NAHCA event. We should consider purchasing this policy. This policy covers races only, not meetings or seminars. The plan also has an alcohol policy on it as well, on the water and on the beach. This covered the MEGA. This policy does not cover the fleets.

## World Championships

Approval has been given by the IHCA for 2004 H56 Worlds in Mexico. Singapore will host the 2003 Tiger Worlds, and the NAHCA has approval from the IHCA to host the 2005 Tiger Worlds in California.

## Points Ranking System

There was a suggestion from European sailors to develop a North American Points ranking system. A sailor could look up his name to see where he is ranked in the country. This system would require a volunteer to whom the data must be sent for tracking the points. Are the Chairs willing to put the time in? One problem is that it is hard to get results from regattas. We can consider this in the future. The suggestion is tabled for now.

## Elections

Dan DeLave is the chair of the nominating committee. Lori Mohney will be replaced (term limit reached). No one is contesting the Chairman or 2nd Vice Chairman, Rich McVeigh and Roger Brown. The person available take Lori's place is Laura Sullivan. There are no other nominees for any of the positions. Paul Ulibarri moved to accept. Motion passed. Laura Sullivan is the new 1<sup>st</sup> vice Chair for the NAHCA in 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

*Your NAHCA leaders,  
hard at work at the  
2002 AGM in Florida.*

*Clockwise from left:*

*Lori Mohney,  
Mike Levesque,  
Beth Andrews,  
Bruce Andrews,  
Paul Ulibarri,  
Rich McVeigh,  
John Bauldry  
and Trish Bauldry.*

*With their backs to the  
camera, some of the  
Division Chairs that  
attended the meeting.*

*Photos courtesy of  
Dan DeLave, D2 Chair.*



*...to establish and promote the highest standards of Hobie Cat sailing / racing...*



NORTH AMERICAN HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

## NOTICE OF RACE

2002/2003 FLEET 448/DIVISION 12 HOBIE CAT 14 FROSTBITE SAILING SERIES

October 19, 2002 - April 19, 2003

Sail Newport, Fort Adams State Park, Newport, Rhode Island

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:

- Organizing Authority:** NAHCA DIVISION 12 - This series is officially sanctioned by Division 12. Division 12 volunteers staff all series activities. Hobie complis and NAHCA Membership are compulsory for participation in this series.
- Sailing Instructions:** IBCA Standard Sailing Instruction's will apply with amendments handed out at registration.
- Courses:** Standard IBCA courses will be used.
- Class Rules:** Boats must conform to Hobie Cat 14 (standard configuration) class measurement rules (E.g. Mainsail only, trapeze)
- Alternate Penalty:** 360 Degree rule will be in effect in accordance with Hobie Class rule 21.1
- Scoring Method:** Low-Point Averaged Scoring System as written in the 1997-2000 edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing. Appendix AA will be used.
- Participant Requirements:** Personal and Boat Liability Insurance required.
- Advertising:** Category C per The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2001-2004, Appendix I
- Boat Storage:** Boat storage is available at the Series Venue, inside the locked, fenced-in area of Sail Newport for a fee of \$100 for the entire season from October 19, 2002 - April 19, 2003.

- Entry Fee:** \$80.00
- Discounts:** \$5.00 off for US Sailing members (must provide proof of membership)  
\$5.00 off for NAHCA members (must provide proof of membership)
- Registration:** October 19, 10 am - 11 am
- Skippers Meeting:** October 19, 11 am
- Schedule:** Every other SATURDAY at 12 pm beginning October 19, 2002
- Race Days:** October 19 February 8, 22  
November 2, 16, 30 March 8, 22  
December 14, 28 April 5, 19  
January 11, 25



## NOTICE OF RACE



San Felipe Hobie Flota 469

*Proudly Hosts the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual*

# 2003 Hobie Mid Winters West

## NAHCA Area Championship



*Premier One-Design Hobie Cat Racing*

San Felipe, Baja California, MEXICO • March 7, 8 & 9 2003



**33rd ANNUAL  
2003 Hobie Mid Winters West  
NAHCA Area Championship  
Premier One-Design Hobie Cat Racing**



March 7, 8 & 9 2003 • San Felipe, Baja California, MEXICO

Regatta Headquarters: El Cortez Hotel - Room 126

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12:00 Noon          | Women's, F-Fleet & Youth Races   |
| 1:00 PM             | Time Trials -Radar speed measure |
| 12:00 Noon -7:00 PM | Registration                     |
| 7:00 PM             | No Host dinner "Fish Tacos"      |

**Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 7:00 - 9:30 AM | Regatta Registration |
| 10:00 AM       | Competitors' Meeting |
| 10:15 AM       | Novice Meeting       |
| 11:00 AM       | First Signal         |
| 7:00 PM        | Margarita Party      |

**Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 8:00 AM     | NAHCA Division Meetings                                 |
| 10:00 AM    | Competitors' Meeting                                    |
| 11:00 AM    | First Signal  |
| After Races | Trophy presentation as soon as possible after last race |

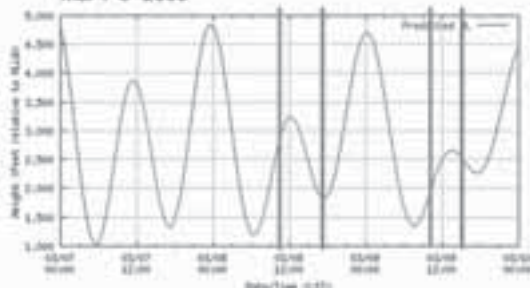
Other activities, any changes of schedule and general information will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**REGISTRATION**

The registration fee for this Regatta is \$35.00 for Hobie Waves, 14's and 17's and \$40.00 for Hobie Dragoons, 16's, 18's, 20's, and Fox. **No regatta registration fee will be required for youth sailors under the age of 19.**

2003 NAHCA membership is required to compete in this event. For advertising purposes, this regatta is a category C event (ISAF Appendix G). Two free shirts and 2 free Margarita tickets will be provided for \$40.00 entries, one free shirt and one free Margarita ticket for \$35.00 entries received by February 10, 2003. There will be a \$20.00 late fee for registrations postmarked after 2/10/03. You may pre-order extra shirts for \$12.00 each. Make checks payable to Hobie MidWinters West. **Articles of clothing and canned goods will be collected at regatta registration as gifts for local fisherman. Please do not mail donations;** bring donations to the regatta site.

Mar 7-9 2003



**FRIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Youth, Women's and F-fleet races are planned for Friday. Youth races are for sailors 19 years of age and under. Additionally a reach will be set up off the El Cortez beach and with a radar gun we will attempt to measure boat speeds and record them. These activities will be informal events. Trophies will be awarded based on a minimum participation of ten (10) boats in any Friday racing event.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

Based on pre-registration, the following fleets are planned for Saturday and Sunday races. The number of courses to be run will be based on the number of pre-registered boats. Hobie 14 and 14 T; Hobie 16 A, B, C; Hobie 17; Hobie 18 A, B, C; Hobie 20 A & 20 B; Hobie Open Class; Hobie Wave, Drogoon, H-18 SX / Magnum, Hobie Tiger and Fox. Fleet ribbons will be required for "A", "B", and "C" racers.

This Regatta will be governed by this NOR (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), 2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing and 2001-2004 IHCA Class Rules.

Sailing Instructions will be available at on-site regatta registration.

**TROPHIES**

Trophies will be based on pre-registration. Five or more pre-registered boats constitute a fleet, one trophy per five boats. Maximum, five trophies per fleet.

**INFORMATION**

Event website: <http://NAHCA.org>

or

Contact any of the following sailors:

Ron or Shirley Palmer Tucson Arizona  
Tel/Fax: 1 520 299 0609  
Email: [shironpak@msn.com](mailto:shironpak@msn.com)

Armando Noriega Mexico City Mexico  
Tel: (011) 52 55 5631 5317 / Fax: (011) 52 55 5645 7418  
Email: [hobiemex@hotmail.com](mailto:hobiemex@hotmail.com)

Dan DeLave Long Beach California  
Tel: 1 562 433 3984 Fax: 1 562 438 3765  
Email: [ddelave@aol.com](mailto:ddelave@aol.com)

2003 NAHCA Membership and CompTips are mandatory.

**Bring Cat Wheels** Every effort will be made to run as many races as possible regardless of tides

**TRAVELING IN BAJA MEXICO**

For those sailors who have not been to San Felipe before, following is some information that may be useful.

**General Safety:** The Mexican authorities make a great effort to make our visit to San Felipe safe and enjoyable, but you are reminded that traveling in Mexico is not travel in the United States. Additional precautions should be taken, use some common sense. The customs and culture are different and behavior that is common in the US may not be acceptable or may be misinterpreted by the Mexican people. Act responsibly, do not make yourself a target, do not drink to excess, do not go out alone late at night.

**Insurance & Documents:** Liability insurance is recommended and required by Mexican Law. It can be purchased from an agent on either side of the border. Mexico Customs will likely verify ownership of vehicles, boats and trailers. You will need current registrations and papers of titles for all vehicles, trailers & boats. If you are using or bringing a vehicle, trailer or boat that is not registered in your name, you are required to have a notarized letter of permission from the owner(s). NOTE: Over the past year, Mexican Customs has become much more formal checking vehicle, boat and trailer registrations. Don't make the long drive without these papers or you may have to turn around at the border.

**Mexico Visa:** There is no Visa required to enter or leave Baja California when traveling to San Felipe.

**Driving:** Obey the posted speed limits and avoid receiving a ticket. Don't drink and drive - it is against the law to do so in Mexico. A stop is required at railroad crossings in Mexico. Mexico security check points are normally in place between Mexicali and San Felipe, the military personnel are courteous. Their primary purpose is to prevent the illegal transport of drugs and weapons.

**El Cortez Hotel:** Follow the highway to the stop light (normally not working). Turn right and continue, the El Cortez will be on the left. Following are some of the many accommodations available in San Felipe:

The (011) preceding the Tel or Fax number is the international access number for the USA. International access numbers are different for various countries.

**El Cortez Hotel** P O Box 1227  
Tel/Fax (011) 52 686 577 10 56 Calexico, CA 92232 1227  
Email: cortezho@telnet.net  
(Special discounted rates available for Hobie participants)

**Club de Pesca** P O Box 3090  
Tel (011) 52 686 577 11 80 Calexico CA 92232-3090  
Fax: (011) 52 686 577 18 88  
Email: clubpsca@telnet.net

**Bala Mar RV Park** Ave Mar de Cortez s n  
Tel (011) 52 686 552 23 63 San Felipe BC  
Email: plunistorres@hotmail.com

**Ruben's** Ave Golfo de Calif 703  
Tel (011) 52 686 577 14 42 San Felipe BC

**Riviera Hotel** Ave Mar Balthazar s n  
Tel (011) 52 686 577 11 85 San Felipe BC

**Additional Information** San Felipe Turismo  
Tel (011) 52 686 577 11 55 Ave Mar de Cortez s n  
Fax: (011) 52 686 577 18 65 San Felipe BC  
Email: turismost@yahoo.com.mx

(Credit cards are accepted by many businesses in Mexico)

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## WHY BRING DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING TO SAN FELIPE

*John O Hausor*

Each year the MidWinters pre-registration says: "*Articles of clothing and canned goods will be collected at regatta registration as gifts for local fishermen.*" Most of us racing now do not know why, but we give a meager donation of food or an old Hobie T-shirt or two.

Have you ever wondered why we have this drive for food and clothing? In the early 1980's (I think it was '82) about 400 Hobies were racing on San Felipe Bay on a clear, sunny Sunday. The wind was light and continued to get lighter until at 1:00 PM it died. A few minutes later a Chubasco struck us with winds of 50+ mph flipping hundreds of boats. With the heavy wind, high seas, poor visibility due to sand in the air and lurching Hobies being pushed out to sea in a north and east direction, the Race Committee and its few, too few at that point, chase boats were totally overwhelmed. Almost immediately, the local fishermen came out and began saving lives and property. The rescue operation lasted until after 10:00 PM that evening.

There was a lot of damaged equipment including torn sails, bent masts and broken hulls. There were numerous injuries, but no fatalities. The results would have been much worse, tragic to say the least, if it had not been for the fishermen and their trawlers. The regatta was abandoned. Coast Catamaran (the former owners of the Hobie Cat Company) offered to replace any damaged or lost equipment at cost.

So that is why the drive for food and clothing. My family saves all our donation-type clothing and cleans out closets each year for the MidWinters West Regatta and the San Felipe Fishermen. It would be wonderful if the entire Hobie Family who attend the MidWinters could save all year and bring a substantial bag or three of clothing or food with them each year. That way, each year we could have a "drive" instead of a "pull."



**NOTICE OF RACE**

Hobie 14 Open World Championships  
 Hobie Tiger Europeans, Hobie Cat F in Europe, Hobie Cat FX-One Europe,  
 Hobie Youth Challenge 2003  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2003  
 \*Registration 22<sup>nd</sup> July

This event is organized by the International Hobie Class Association, European Hobie Class Association and the Liberator Yacht Club in cooperation with the Liberator Yacht Club and with the assistance of the German Hobie Class.

**1. Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the International Hobie Class Association, (except at any of those an annex to the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

**2. Alterations of Racing Rules**

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 20 as follows:

2.1 Rule 20 will be altered by a 30% penalty time including 1 tack and 1 gybe.

**3. Eligibility and Entry**

3.1 The regatta is open to Hobie 14, Tiger, Fox, FX-One, Hobie 16 (modified to include a spinnaker) and Dragon. One crew member must be a paid-up member of a National Hobie Class Association or Hobie Club in good standing with the IBCA.

3.2 Hobie 16 Youth have an age restriction for skipper and crew to be 17 years or younger at the start of the regatta. For the Hobie Youth Challenge 2003 the Hobie 16 will sail with spinnaker, which are provided by the host or chartered from Hobie Cat Europe. Due to costs of transportation and handling a maximum of \$100.00 will be required from all Hobie Cat 16 Youth Boat crews. Subsequent to charter the boats. In addition, a refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required from each Hobie Cat Youth Boat crew for the use of the sailing Centre. No modification to the TFR that be made without the prior written approval of the Race Committee, a limited number of Hobie 16 spinnakers are available at a first come basis, provided payment is received no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 to Hobie Cat Europe.

3.3 Dragon skippers have an age limit, 16 years or younger.

3.4 All competitors entering the race shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$400,000.00. Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage shall be provided at registration.

3.5 Eligible Hobie 14 may enter on the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with:

David Brooker  
 10 Jura Road  
 Triggly 4173  
 Australia  
 Dr. @ www.liberatorclub.com

3.6 Eligible Hobie Tiger, Fox, FX-One and Hobie Youth may enter on the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with:

Libe Ything  
 European Hobie Class Association (Executive Director)  
 email: libe.ything@liberatorsclub.com  
 Tel: +31 (0) 512 462221  
 Subsequently by the registered fee.  
 Dr. @ www.liberatorsclub.com

**4. Fees**

4.1 Registered fee:

| Event   | Until 30.06.03 | After 30.06.03 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Hobie 14 Worlds                                 | 1200.00        | 2200.00        |
| Hobie Tiger Europeans                           | 6150.00        | 6250.00        |
| Hobie Fox Europe Cup                            | 4150.00        | 4200.00        |
| Hobie FX-one Europe Cup                         | 4750.00        | 4750.00        |
| Hobie Youth Challenge 2003<br>Training + racing | 4150.00        | 4175.00        |

**5. Schedule of Events**

Hobie Youth Challenge 2003 - training and racing - up to 12 races

|                 |                       |                       |                                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Training on the Water | 11:00 - 16:00                        |
| Tuesday         | 23 <sup>rd</sup> July | Training on the Water | 11:00 - 16:00                        |
| Wednesday       | 24 <sup>th</sup>      | Race                  | Afternoon sail before 11:00          |
| Thursday/Friday |                       | Race                  |                                      |
| Saturday        | 26 <sup>th</sup>      | Race                  | last evening sail before after 16:00 |

Hobie 14 Worlds - up to 12 races

|                 |                       |              |                                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Registration | (Sail on board) 08:00 - 07:00        |
| Wednesday       | 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | Race         | Afternoon sail before 11:00          |
| Thursday/Friday |                       | Race         |                                      |
| Saturday        | 26 <sup>th</sup>      | Race         | last evening sail before after 16:00 |

Hobie Tiger Europeans 2003 - up to 12 races

|                 |                       |              |                                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Registration | (Sail on board) 08:00 - 07:00        |
| Wednesday       | 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | Race         | Afternoon sail before 11:00          |
| Thursday/Friday |                       | Race         |                                      |
| Saturday        | 26 <sup>th</sup>      | Race         | last evening sail before after 16:00 |

Hobie Fox Europe Cup 2003 - up to 12 races

|                 |                       |              |                                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Registration | (Sail on board) 08:00 - 07:00        |
| Wednesday       | 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | Race         | Afternoon                            |
| Thursday/Friday |                       | Race         |                                      |
| Saturday        | 26 <sup>th</sup>      | Race         | last evening sail before after 16:00 |

Hobie FX-One Europe Cup 2003 - up to 12 races

|                 |                       |              |                                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Registration | (Sail on board) 08:00 - 07:00        |
| Wednesday       | 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | Race         | Afternoon 11:00                      |
| Thursday/Friday |                       | Race         |                                      |
| Saturday        | 26 <sup>th</sup>      | Race         | last evening sail before after 16:00 |

**6. Measurements**

Measurement is not required but each boat shall abide by the International Hobie Class Association Class Rules.

**7. Sailing Instructions**

The sailing instructions will be available after 17:00 hours on 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2003 at Liberator Yacht Club tent on the beach.

**8. Courses**

The course shall be Standard IBCA Class Course.

**9. Starting**

The Low Point starting system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply as modified by the International Hobie Class rules. For all events the minimum number of boats to constitute a race shall be 1, 2/3 or more races have been completed, a boat's better score will be the total of the race scores including her worst score.

**10. Boat systems**

European Championship Hobie Tiger  
 It must be more than 80 boats enter in the Championship. The Race Committee may call a round robin race (sailing the boat).

**11. Decisions of the Jury**

Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with racing rule 70.4.

**12. Prizes**

The first 10 placed in the Hobie 14 World Championships will be awarded prizes with the winner being the Hobie 14 World Champion. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee. The first 5 teams in Hobie Tiger Europeans, Hobie Fox Europe Cup, Hobie FX-One, European Hobie Youth Challenge, and Hobie 16 European Youth Challenge will receive trophies. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee.

**13. Accommodation**

General information is available by a link from the events web page to the local tourist office.

**14. General Information**

Event information:  
 Liberator Yacht Club  
 The Netherlands 2/a  
 D-22070 Lissens, Turenneville  
 Germany  
 Tel: +49 4932 99600  
 Fax: +49 4932 99602  
 E-mail: libe@libe.com

Website:  
 Event website: [www.libe.com](http://www.libe.com)  
 IBCA website: [www.liberatorsclub.com](http://www.liberatorsclub.com)  
 NACA website: [www.nacacat.com](http://www.nacacat.com)

**15. Boat Charter**

Charter deal with Hobie Cat Europe, after the Jubilee event.  
 For more info, email, all charter fees, specific reservations to be received no later than 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2003.

Charter contact:  
 Jubilee event:  
 Hobie Cat Europe  
 23 Turenne Str  
 99720  
 00570, Turenneville G  
 Tel: +32 494 00 79 76  
 Fax: +32 494 00 13 28  
 E-mail: [charter@liberatorsclub.com](mailto:charter@liberatorsclub.com)  
[www.liberatorsclub.com](http://www.liberatorsclub.com)

**16. Further Information**

Please contact the following: David Brooker  
 Telephone + 61 7 2960 5226 Fax +61 7 2949 9823  
 email: [david.brooker@liberatorsclub.com](mailto:david.brooker@liberatorsclub.com)

**16. Social Program**

22<sup>nd</sup> July Welcome Party, Happy Hour live music and drinks  
 24<sup>th</sup> July Grand Dinner at the Fair at (18:00 - 24:00)  
 25<sup>th</sup> July Bar @ Club on the beach  
 26<sup>th</sup> July Prize Giving

## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

### Hobie 14 World Championship

22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July 2003  
Lübecker Yacht-Club, Travemünder, Germany

To become an Official Entry, completed entry form and non-refundable registration  
Fees must be received by the IHCA no later than 20<sup>th</sup> June 2003

Skipper Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Skipper First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Division/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Hobie Fleet No \_\_\_\_\_ ISAF Nation \_\_\_\_\_

Events: Open

Individual Sponsorship: Yes  No  Sponsor/product: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fees: Open: 130USD after 30<sup>th</sup> May 2003 230USD

**Same Team:**

Payments may be made by Cash, Travellers Check, Visa or Master card (Credit card information required.)

**All Entries after 20<sup>th</sup> June 2003 shall pay the non-refundable entry fee plus the late entry fee**

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment method: Cash  Travellers Check  Visa  MasterCard

Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

For security purposes, credit card information is requested via mail or fax (not email)

#### This is Release and Indemnity Agreement

I give up all my rights to sue or make any claims for damages due in negligence or any other reason whatsoever against the Class Association, the event organizers, the promoters, sponsors and all other persons or parties conducting or connected with this event for injury to property or person I may suffer while participating in the event and while upon the event premises. I know the risks of danger to myself and my property while preparing for and participating in the event, and while upon the event premises, relying upon my own judgment and ability, assume all such risks of loss and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons or organizations connected with this event for damages incurred as a result of my negligence.

This is a Release \_\_\_\_\_  
Skipper Signature

I agree to accept third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 400,000.00 as outlined in the NOR.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Skipper signature)

**Forward Completed Entry Form To:**

**International Hobie Class Association**

18 Arafura Crescent  
Tingalpa 4173 Australia

Telephone: + 61 7 38905224

Fax: + 61 7 33489923

Email: [david.brookes@hobieclass.com](mailto:david.brookes@hobieclass.com)

**TO REGISTER FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES: [www.hobieworlds.com](http://www.hobieworlds.com)**



## HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003

for Dragoons & Hobie 16 youth

- FRANCE, EUROCAT MAY 2003, (regatta)
- AUSTRIA, NEUSIDLER SEE 9 - 15 JULY (training 9 - 11, regatta 10 - 15 July)
- GERMANY, TRAVEMUNDE 21 - 26 JULY (training 21 + 22 July, regatta 23 - 26 July)
- BELGIUM, Duinbergen/Knocke 2 - 3 AUGUST (regatta)
- GREECE, Thessaloniki 26 December - 3 January (training 26-28, regatta 29,30, 31 December, 2, 3 January)
- Professionals will give training!
- Hobie 16 youth will sail in Travemunde with SPINAKER, supplied by manufacturer for 100 Euro rental fee; COME OUT AND TRY IT.
- For the overall winner HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003 a major fantastic is available.

### RULES:

Winner of the HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003 is the team that has the best results after we take the best 4 events. Austria will count double.

So you can race Austria, Belgium and Greece and have 4 events. Or you race France, Austria, Germany, Belgium and Greece and you have 6 events and can count your best 4 results.

You will have to register each event individually at the local organisers. The European Hobie Class Association will make sure a contact person will be at the event. You will be informed in advance who that person will be.

### First price HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003:

for the Hobie 16 youth, Ticket & registrations fee paid to Worlds Hobie 16 in Mexico 2004.  
for the Dragoon, Ticket to major Dragoon event in 2004 - known in February 2003.  
The Price giving will be in GREECE!

*And for participants of the HOBIE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2003 a fantAstic shirt....and more.*

### YOUTH CONTACTS:

|            |                  |                                 |
|------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| EHCA:      | Dagmar Albers    | daggi.albers@gmx.de             |
| EHCA + UK: | Vivienne Nichols | nichols@nicholsv.freemove.co.uk |
| EHCA:      | Ute Vrijburg     | ute.vrijburg@haveahobieday.com  |

# US SAILING News

## RACE MANAGEMENT

US SAILING's Race Management Handbook has been revised and updated to provide guidance on how to properly organize and run a race - whether it is a Wednesday evening sailboard race, a major world dinghy championship, or a grand-prix offshore race.

This revision brings the handbook's content into conformity with the current Racing Rules of Sailing. Some new material has been added, outdated material removed, and some familiar concepts refined. The Handbook is a "must-have" for clubs, fleets, and individuals. The handbook presents material so Race Committees can adapt it to local conditions and circumstances.

The 316-page handbook is organized in easy reference format. Detailed chapters include Organizing the Event, Insurance and Legal Issues, Risk Management, Competition Formats, Course Configuration, Notices of Race, Sailing Instructions, Race Committee Equipment, Race Day, Setting The Course, The Start, The Race, and Scoring and Handicapping.

The cost is \$30 for US SAILING members and \$50 for non-members. It can be obtained by calling: 1-800-US SAIL1, or online at: [http://www.ussailing.org/merchandise/detail.asp?product\\_id=13035](http://www.ussailing.org/merchandise/detail.asp?product_id=13035)

## SAILOR ATHLETES

If you've been to the Continentals, in any Hobie class, within the last ten years, US SAILING wants you. The national governing body for the sport of sailing is looking to increase the number of active athletes in its boardrooms. This is due in part to an act of congress called the *Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act*, but mostly people just think it's a good idea.

US SAILING has specified that twenty percent of all committees, including the Board of Directors, should be made up of athletes. Who's an athlete? If you've sailed in the Continentals, you are. The formal definition is on the US Sailing website but here is how it breaks down for Hobie sailors.

If you have competed in the Continentals, the World Champs, the Pan Am trials, or the Alter Cup you are a "C" level athlete. If you placed in the top half of any of these events you are a "B" level athlete. If you have represented the US at the Pan Am Games or the Worlds in a Pan Am Games class you are an "A" level athlete.

You can declare yourself as an athlete electronically on the US SAILING web site under the Sailor Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) section. SAAC is the council that oversees US SAILING's compliance and serves as a sounding board for the membership.

Here's the interesting part. Even if you don't have time to volunteer at US SAILING, it's worth your time to declare your status. In September of 2002, new members were nominated and elected to the SAAC. Any registered athlete was allowed to nominate and to vote. The elections were held through the web site.

Here's a chance to make sure that our Class is represented within US SAILING in future elections. For more info: [www.ussailing.org/saac](http://www.ussailing.org/saac).

## From the All New Fleet 276 Website

Welcome to the future site of the new Hobie fleet in Southeast Michigan. If you are a new, current, or former Hobie Cat sailor, looking for the opportunity to share the excitement of Hobie sailing with others, then you have come to the right place! I am looking for sailors who have been missing the Hobie-way-of-life these last ten years!

My wife and I participated in Fleet 276 about 14 years ago, sailing out of Metro Beach. Two wonderful kids interrupted our sailing career, and now that one of them has reached the crewing age, I have the passion back. I have searched high and low to find a Hobie Fleet nearby, to no avail. The fine people in Austin Lake have been kind enough to invite me to their races,

but I wonder how many Hobie sailors are out there, looking for some racing right here in our own waters.

You see, as I searched the Midwest for a used Hobie Cat, I learned a lot about the state of Hobie Cat sailing. It seems that technology has left us a bit behind. There are some high performance cats out there these days! Unfortunately, these cats carry a high performance price tag as well, and there just is not a used market out there. Furthermore, I just want to get out there and improve my sailing skills, without the pressure of a bunch of sailors who pass me up with their composite hulls and spinnakers!

I'm wondering if there are more people like myself out there. People who want to race and learn from each

other. Sailors who want to pull their boat up on shore, tell sailing lies, and cook hot dogs on the grill. People who like the idea of making friendships while competing.

So, how about it? Do you have an interest in meeting others out on the water in the Summer of 2003? I don't have a site reserved, I just have the desire to put it together. If you have an interest in sailing, I ask that you email me. If I get enough responses, we will have a fleet. At that point, I will look into finding a suitable location, and send out a request that you bring something for the grill!

Anybody remember...Have a Hobie Day!?

# NAHCA News Report 2002

by Mike Levesque, Editor

Issues produced since 2001 AGM: Oct/Nov 2001, Dec/Jan 2002, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, June/July, Aug/Sep 2002.

We have a new editor in 2002. Shirley Palmer continued to produce the newsletter through the Dec/Jan issue, and then Mike Levesque took over editorial duties starting with the Feb/Mar issue.

The transition was made easier because of the help of Shirley Palmer. Shirley produced the Oct/Nov 2001 issue, as well as the Dec/Jan 2002 issue. Shirley was also very helpful with the software, templates, and transfer of information. Shirley also managed the production of the Feb/Mar issue.

Starting with the Apr/May issue, production has been managed by Matt Miller at the Hobie Cat Company. Shirley continues to provide support in

the form of management of the distribution lists, etc.

In addition, the Publications Committee, composed of Shirley Palmer, Gillian Thomson, Theresa White, Nancy Worth and Karen-Ann Xavier; has been very helpful with editorial review.

In 2002, some formatting changes were made to give the newsletter a new look inside. These changes have been very well received, evidenced by many positive letters from members.

The NAHCA News is made possible only with member submissions, and the Class owes a great deal of thanks to those members who have sent in articles, pictures, columns, etc. over the past year. In particular, Rich McVeigh, Paul Ulibarri, Mimi Appel, Kathleen Tracy and Tom & Sue Korzeniewski have made outstanding efforts and contributions in every issue!

The greatest challenge to overcome

for 2003 is more timely submissions. There was some improvement as 2002 progressed, but there is room for more. The editorial process consumes 40-50 man-hours per issue. In addition, we now have a four-week process once the final edits are sent for printing and mailing, and several more weeks for the third class mail to be delivered.

Notice of Races (NORs) are the most critical items that need work in terms of when they're submitted. **We need NORs at least four months in advance of an event.**

In 2002, the Class invested in some capital equipment for the NAHCA News: a Mac laptop, a fax machine and a printer. In the future, when a new Editor takes the reigns, the equipment will be transferred, making the transition much easier. This is in lieu of a payment to the editor, which was the practice in recent years. Consumable expenses have been minimal.



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## Coming In the Next Issue of *NAHCA News*

Thanks for enjoying this HUGE special-edition double issue of *NAHCA News*.

We've run out of space in this issue, so we will print 2002 points regatta results in the Feb/Mar issue.

We also have several stories from 2002 regattas and fun sailing events from across the Region, including a Youth article from Marie Appel.

The winter months are tough for content. If you have something for an upcoming issue, please send it to Mike today!

*Previous page:*

*Top right photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

*All other photos courtesy of Teri McKenna, Hacienda, CA.*

*This page:*

*All photos courtesy of Michael Walker, Mississauga, ON, CAN.*

*Michael will sell you a copy of any of his pictures from the MEGA.*

*There are more on his website:*

*<http://members.rogers.com/mike.walker/Mega/index.htm>*





# NAHCA Division Regattas

**BOLDFACE INDICATES POINTS REGATTAS. CONTACT THE SPECIFIC DIVISION FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**FLT DATES EVENT NAME/LOCATION CONTACT NAME PHONE FLT DATES EVENT NAME/LOCATION CONTACT NAME PHONE**

**DIVISION 1** Contact Bobby Wythes 808.261.0294 or hhca13@aol.com

|  |            |                                    |                           |
|--|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>DIVISION 2</b> Contact Dan De Lave 562.438.3984 or ddelaide@aol.com |            |                                    |                           |
| 514  | Oct 19-20  | <b>*Pinata Regatta</b>             | Kevin Walker 520.881.6193 |
| 469  | March 7-9  | <b>*Midwinters West</b>            | Ron Palmer 520.299.0609   |
| 4  | April 5-6  | <b>Coronado Spring Regatta</b>     | Bill Myrter 760.436.4194  |
| 66   | May 3-4    | <b>*Cinco de Mayo</b>              | normanderson1@home.com    |
| 3  | May 17-18  | <b>Cachuma Lake Regatta</b>        | Tim Olson 805.659.4489    |
| 3  | May 24-25  | <b>Hurricane Gulch</b>             | Roy VanRaden 714.379.9839 |
|  | June 14-15 | <b>Big Bear</b>                    | Steve Leo 562.856.7774    |
| 3  | July 12-13 | <b>Blue Water Ventura</b>          | Jeff Petron 805.388.9759  |
| 3  | Aug 2-3    | <b>Divisionals/ABYC Multihulls</b> | Steve Myrter 562.856.0511 |
| 3  | Aug 16-17  | <b>Santa Barbara Regatta</b>       | Steve Leo 562.856.7774    |
| 4  | Sept 6-7   | <b>San Diego Classic</b>           | bbdogyard@yahoo.com       |
| 514  | Oct 4-5    | <b>*Pinata Regatta</b>             | John Eger 520.749.4295    |
| * <b>Hobie Cat only regatta</b>  |            |                                    |                           |

**DIVISION 3** Contact Gary Russell at 707.869.2464 / 707.291.3363 or grussl@hotmail.com

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|--|-------------|--|---------------------------|
| Wed eves - Fleet 17, Folsom Lake 5% Ramp, Kirk Jeffries 916-454-3966 kirk@inland-sailing.com |             |  |                           |
| Div 3  | Nov 9       | Year End Banquet/SBYC, San Fran.           | Gary Russell 707.291.3363 |
| 240  | Apr 12-13   | <b>Kickoff Regatta/Santa Cruz</b>          |                           |
|  | Apr 26-27   | TreeSmacker/Black Butte Reservoir          |                           |
|  | May 17-18   | <b>Chico Classic/Black Butte Reservoir</b> |                           |
|  | May 17-18   | Wet & Wild/Woodward Reservoir              |                           |
|  | May 31- 6/1 | <b>Pippin Regatta/Half-Moon Bay</b>        |                           |
| 62   | June 21-22  | <b>Commodore's Regatta/Huntington Lk</b>   |                           |
| 194  | June 28-29  | <b>Round Treasure Island/Crown Bch</b>     |                           |
| 17   | July 12-13  | <b>White Caps Regatta/Union Valley</b>     |                           |
|  | July 26-27  | Otter/Monterey Bay                         |                           |
| 62   | Aug 9-10    | <b>Millie High Regatta/Huntington Lake</b> |                           |
| 3  | Aug 16-17   | <b>Wine &amp; Roses Regatta/S. Barbara</b> |                           |
| 281  | Sept 6-7    | <b>Shark Feed Divisionals/Bodega Bay</b>   |                           |
| 222  | Oct 4-5     | <b>Turkey Regatta/Monterey</b>             |                           |
| Div 3  | Nov 8       | Year End Banquet/Tower Park Marina, Lodi   | Gary Russell 707.291.3363 |

**DIVISION 4** Contact Laura Sullivan at 425.432.7749 or mslauras@earthlink.net

|       |        |                                |                             |
|-------|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Div 4 | Nov 9  | High Points Dinner/Seattle, WA | Laura Sullivan 425.432.7724 |
| Div 4 | Nov 10 | Annual Meeting/Seattle, WA     | Laura Sullivan 425.432.7724 |

**2003 Events TBA**

**DIVISION 5** Contact Bryan Frahm at 785.443.1067 or frahm@starband.net

|     |           |  |                                |
|-----|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| 50  | May 17-18 | <b>Prairie Winds/Boyd Lake, CO</b>       | Kathleen Tracy kat@frii.com    |
| 48  | May 24-25 | <b>Heron Regatta/Lake Heron, NM</b>      | trtdave@aol.com                |
| 61  | Jun 28-29 | <b>Tropical Dreams/McConaughy, NE</b>    | Bryan Frahm frahm@starband.net |
| 156 | Jul 19-20 | <b>That One Particular.../Glendo, WY</b> | wyfleet156@hotmail.com         |
| 198 | Aug 9-10  | <b>Angostura (Div Champs)/SD</b>         | fleet198@hotmail.com           |
| 67  | Aug 16-17 | <b>Gotta-Gorge/Flaming Gorge, WY</b>     | Bryan Frahm frahm@starband.net |
| 61  | Aug 30-31 | <b>Big Mac/McConaughy, NE</b>            | Bryan Frahm frahm@starband.net |

**DIVISION 6** Contact Mike Rohrer at 512.335.2865 or mike.rohrer@concurrentdesign.com

|     |            |   |                              |
|-----|------------|---|------------------------------|
| 407 | Mar 15-16  | <b>Ides of March/Lake Somerville, Texas</b> | Rodger Poe 281.859.6201      |
| 9   | Mar 29-30  | <b>Deep South/Lake Charles, Louisiana</b>   | Glen Richard 225.751.7239    |
| 128 | Apr 12-13  | <b>Longneck/Canyon Lake, Texas</b>          | Betty Reeh 210.656.5278      |
| 64  | Apr 26-27  | <b>Hill Country/Lake Buchanan, Texas</b>    | Mike Rohrer 512.335.2865     |
|     | June 28    | GBCC/Galveston Bay                          | Dave Rosborough 713.669.8490 |
| 128 | July 19-20 | <b>Sand Dunes/Port Aransas, Texas</b>       | Betty Reeh 210.656.5278      |
| 8   | Aug 9-10   | <b>Texas Cat Champs/Palacios, Texas</b>     | Dave Rosborough 713.669.8490 |
|     | Aug 30-31  | Ruff Rider/South Padre to Corpus            | Scott Kee www.ruffrider.net  |
| 8   | Sept 13-14 | <b>Wayward Winds/Texas City Dike, Texas</b> | Dave Rosborough 713.669.8490 |

**DIVISION 7** Contact Eric Lundin at 605.362.9206 or ejlundin@sio.midco.net

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|-----|---------|---|--|
| 273 | Oct 5-6 | <b>Alton Lakes Area/Saint Louis, MO</b> |  |
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**2003 Events TBA**

**DIVISION 8** Contact Alex & Patsy Shafer at 352.357.6228 or sac111@mpinet.com

|       |          |   |                                  |
|-------|----------|---|----------------------------------|
|       | Oct 4-11 | <b>HOBIE MEGA/Fort Walton Beach, FL</b> | Lori Mohney 616.327.4565         |
| Div 8 | Nov 9-10 | Florida Divisionals/Sarasota, FL        | Alex & Patsy Shafer 352.357.6228 |

**2003 Events TBA**

**DIVISION 9** Contact Chris Merrell at 757.422.0988 or cmvabva@yahoo.com

**DIVISION 10** Contact Joe Kuchenbuch at 616.324.5529 or Hobie486@aol.com

**DIVISION 11** Contact Jim Glanden at 302.368.9514 or hobie335@earthlink.net

|     |            |   |                                     |
|-----|------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 106 | Oct 26-27  | Area C Alter Cup Trials/Bayville, NJ              | Mark Santorelli mark@hobiebrat1.com |
|     | May 3-4    | <b>Delaware (H16 Champs)/Rehoboth, DE</b>         | Bill Colgan hobie106@telocity.com   |
|     | May 17-18  | <b>Gunpowder I/Baltimore, MD</b>                  | L. Flanigan DPF135@aol.com          |
| 250 | June 7-8   | <b>Sandy Hook/Atl. Highlands, NJ</b>              | kathleen_kulkoski@us.ibm.com        |
|     | June 21-22 | <b>Spray Beach/Long Beach Island, NJ</b>          | A. Keller amk5@columbia.edu         |
|     | July 5     | Statue of Liberty/Atl. Highlands, NJ              | kathleen_kulkoski@us.ibm.com        |
| 416 | July 26-27 | <b>Barneget Breezer (H17 Champs)/Bayville, NJ</b> | 215.822.2528                        |
| 443 | Aug 23-24  | <b>Wildwood (H18 Champs)/Wildwood, NJ</b>         | John Shaw 609.884.4989              |
| 24  | Sept 6-7   | <b>Ocean City/Ocean City, NJ</b>                  | Wally Myers 609.390.8182            |
|     | Sept 13-14 | <b>Gunpowder II (H20 Champs)/Baltimore, MD</b>    | L. Flanigan DPF135@aol.com          |
|     | 9/26-10/3  | H14, H16 Women, Youth, H16 Continentals           | Bruce Andrews 610.274.3048          |
|     | Oct 18-19  | Area C Alter Cup Trials/Bayville, NJ              | Mark Santorelli mark@hobiebrat1.com |

**DIVISION 12** Contact Dave Heroux at 401.647.3203 or davebarbara448@msn.com

448 Hobie 14 Frostbite Series/Fort Adams, Newport, RI Sandy Takacs 401.683.7670

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| <b>FROSTBITE DATES: 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 12/28, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19</b> |            |   |                              |
| D12  | April 5    | Race Committee Seminar/Smithfield, RI     | Mike Levesque 401.934.3003   |
| D12  | April 5    | Division 12 Awards Banquet/Smithfield, RI | Tina Connor 401.884.4861     |
| 209  | May 24-25  | Learn To Sail/ Michelob Cup/Gilford, NH   | Scott Malcolm 603.926.7451   |
| 28   | May 31     | BSSC Learn to Sail/New Bedford, MA        | Nancy Worth 781.821.9386     |
| 154  | June 7-8   | <b>Sakonnet Challenge/Portsmouth, RI</b>  | gnorton@oceanurgbarge.com    |
| 496  | June 21-22 | <b>Hampton Beach/Hampton Beach, NH</b>    | John Swiniarski 603.898.6004 |
| 154  | June 28-29 | New England 100: CT to RI to MA           | Rick Bliss 508.339.7565      |
|  | July 12-13 | Area A Alter Cup Trials/Lipton Cup        | Dave White 978.232.9270      |
| 28   | July 19-20 | <b>The Buzzard/New Bedford, MA</b>        | Nancy Worth 781.821.9386     |
| 209  | Aug 2-3    | <b>Old Orchard Beach/ME</b>               | Dave Fortier 207.294.7397    |
| 448  | Aug 9-10   | <b>RI Summer Classic/N Kingstown, RI</b>  | Mark Wood 401.539-0585       |
| 136  | Aug 23-24  | <b>Shellfish Festival/Madison, CT</b>     | Joe Manganello 203.421.3614  |
|  | Aug 23-24  | Area B Alter Cup Trials/Madison, CT       | Joe Manganello 203.421.3614  |
| 448  | Aug 30-31  | <b>BLOCK ISLAND DAYS/Matunock, RI</b>     | Mark Wood 401.539.0585       |
| 209  | Sept 6-7   | <b>NH State Championships/Gilford, NH</b> | Scott Malcolm 603.926.7451   |
| 186  | Sept 20-21 | <b>Roton Point Regatta/Rowayton, CT</b>   | Ronald Borge rborge@snet.net |

**DIVISION 13** See Fleet Directory (next page) for specific country contact information

**2002 Events:**

|     |           |                                     |                                 |
|-----|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 236 | Oct 5-6   | Oktoberfest/Valle de Bravo          | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555 |
| 236 | Oct 19-20 | Copa Marinazu/Valle de Bravo        | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555 |
| 236 | Nov 2-3   | Nacionales/Valle de Bravo           | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555 |
| 236 | Nov 16-17 | Copa F.M.V./Valle de Bravo          | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555 |
| 236 | Nov 23-01 | Juegos Centroamericanos/Valle de B. | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555 |
| 236 | Dec 7-8   | Regata Patronato/Valle de Bravo     | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555 |

**2003 Events:**

|     |             |                                       |                                  |
|-----|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 236 | Jan 18-19   | Copa Pro-Valle/Valle de Bravo         | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Feb 15-16   | Copa La Peña/Valle de Bravo           | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 904 | Feb 22-23   | Regata Rompevelas/Progreso.           | Alberto Ponce G. 52-999-930-1300 |
| 236 | Mar 1-2     | Copa Palacio/Valle de Bravo           | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Mar 21-23   | Copa Agua Brava/Acapulco              | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Mar 21-23   | Regata Bahía Banderas/Puerto Vallarta | Javier Cabildo 52-329-2955-117   |
| 236 | April 19-20 | Copa Izar/Valle de Bravo              | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | 5/31-6/1    | Regata de la Marina/Valle de B.       | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | June 14-15  | Regata de Entrenamiento/Valle de B.   | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 904 | July 18-20  | VII Copa Cummins/Progreso             | Alberto Ponce G. 52-999-930-1300 |
| 904 | Aug 23-24   | Multisur-Pac Nav/Progreso             | Gerardo Diaz 52-999-926-5811     |
| 236 | Sept 13-14  | Regatas de Independencia/Valle B.     | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Oct 4-5     | Oktoberfest/Valle de Bravo            | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Oct 18-19   | Copa Marinazu/Valle de Bravo          | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Nov 1-2     | Nacionales/Valle de Bravo             | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Nov 15-16   | Copa Federacion/Valle de Bravo        | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |
| 236 | Dec 6-7     | Regata Patronato/Valle de Bravo       | Armando Noriega 52-55-5631-5555  |

**DIVISION 14** Contact Gary Godbold 817.731.0542 or railway@flash.net

|    |           |                                       |                           |
|----|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 23 | Oct 26-27 | <b>Dallas Regatta/Lake Texoma, TX</b> | Sam Baker 972.317.5005    |
| 23 | Nov 9-10  | Nowatta Regatta/Robbers Cave, OK      | Martin Brown 918.446.8667 |

**2003 Events TBA**

**DIVISION 15** Contact Andy Humphries at 901.683.8053 or wahunphries@yahoo.com

|  |           |                                 |                            |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | Oct 5-6   | Shearwater/Ocean Springs, MS    | OSYC                       |
|  | Oct 19    | Fall Series II/Panama City, FL  | Britt Drake 850.230.0021   |
|  | Oct 26-27 | Cat Caper/Birmingham, AL        | Larry Shannon 205.822.0155 |
|  | Nov 16    | Turkey Trot/Pensacola Beach, FL | Key Sailing 850.932.5520   |

**2003 Events TBA**

**DIVISION 16** Contact Chris Koper at 905.608-8994 or chris koper@hotmail.com

|     |            |  |                                |
|-----|------------|--|--------------------------------|
|     | May 10-11  | Burlington Frostbiting/Burlington, ON          | Fred Smith fredsmith@sprint.ca |
| 204 | May 16-18  | <b>Madcatter/Oneida Lake, NY</b>               | Herb James 315.446.1143        |
| 183 | 5/31-6/1   | <b>Wellers Bay/Weller's Bay, ON</b>            | Dan Borg Dan_Borg@toyota.ca    |
|     | June 7-8   | Guelph Lake Circumnav/Guelph, ON               | John Liefeld 519.823.1066      |
| 183 | June 15    | Come Sail a Hobie Day/Toronto, ON              | Chris Koper 905.608.8994       |
| 183 | June 21-22 | <b>Flying High/Toronto, ON</b>                 | Karen Ann Xavier 416.597.2352  |
| 172 | July 5-6   | <b>Kingston Multihull Regatta/Kingston, ON</b> | Karen Ann Xavier 416.597.2352  |
|     | July 12-13 | Bankings Open/Wellington Beach, ON             | David Antognini 416.332.0870   |
| 119 | July 18-20 | <b>Hobie Kenobie Open/Bufalo, NY</b>           | Bob Burns Polar4601@aol.com    |
|     | July 19-20 | TMCC Open Multihull/Toronto, ON                | Scott Brown 416.757.8324       |
| 183 | July 26-27 | Ladies Helm/Toronto, ON                        | Karen Ann Xavier 416.597.2352  |
| 295 | Aug 2-3    | <b>Ontario Open/Rochester, NY</b>              | Mark Thomas 585.964.2420       |
| 183 | Aug 9-10   | Water Rats Open/Toronto, ON                    | Marvin Coulson 905.709.0646    |
| 238 | Aug 16-17  | <b>Great Sacandaga/Albany, NY</b>              | Mike Hands 518.374.1423        |
| 441 | Aug 23-24  | Burl. Beach Bums/Burlington, ON                | Victor Grumble 416.722.3444    |
| 183 | Sept 6-7   | Scotch Bonnet LD/Weller's Bay, ON              | Dan Borg Dan_Borg@toyota.ca    |
|     | Sep 13-14  | Canadaigua Open/Canadaigua, NY                 | Lee Patterson 716.586.1492     |
| 183 | Sept 27-28 | Ben Hur Open/Toronto, ON                       | Karen Ann Xavier 416.597.2352  |

**NAHCA Secretary, Bruce and Beth Andrews, rounding a gate at the MEGA.**

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# NAHCA Directory of Fleets

| Flt  | Commodore            | City                    | Phone                     | Div | Flt | Commodore | City | Phone | Div | Flt | Commodore | City | Phone | Div |
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| <b>ALBERTA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 446  | Dave Dawson          | Calgary                 | 403.271.3944              | 4   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>BRITISH COLOMBIA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 14   | Vikki Ulibarri       | Victoria                | 250.474.7580              | 4   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 130  | Tammy Machtaler      | Penticton               | 250.493.5034              | 4   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 214  | Paul Evenden         | Vancouver               | 604.463.7152              | 4   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 263  | Ron Rubadeau         | Kelowna                 | 250.868.0388              | 4   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MANITOBA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 90   | Alex Stanley         | Winnipeg                | 204.231.9407              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 38   | Paul Harvey          | Baddeck                 | 902.295.2758              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 417  | Sid Archer           | Dartmouth               | 902.435.0631              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>ONTARIO</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 150  | Barbara Murray       | Phelpston               | 705.722.8640              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 172  | Nicholas Eliot       | Kingston                | 613.545.7790              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 183  | Karen Walker         | Toronto                 | 905.891.6328              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 298  | Jim Robertson        | Nepean                  | jimr122@rogers.com        | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 441  | Jeff Glenn           | Burlington              | 905.522.6470              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>QUEBEC</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 187  | Réjean Massé         | St-Mathias (Montreal)   | 450.658.3056              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 257  | Serge Nadeau         | Quebec City             | 418.889.9938              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 242  | Henry Schubach       | Regina                  | 306.757.4303              | 4   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 289  | Jose Maria Acosta    | Santo Domingo           | 809.563.8730              | 13  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
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| 138  | Juan Maegli          | Ciudad de Guatemala     | 502.365.8834              | 13  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 138  | Martin Keller        |                         | 502.333.3904              | 13  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MEXICO</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
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| 236  | Enrique Ambrosi      | 11000 Mexico            | 52.55.96.26.7713          |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 469  | Pancho Limon         | San Felipe              | 52.657.7.11.80            | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 904  | Alberto Ponce        | Yucatan                 | 52.9.993.13.0013          |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>PUERTO RICO</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 133  | Enrique Figueroa     | Santurce (San Juan)     | 809.727.0711              | 13  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
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| <b>ARIZONA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 66   | Bill Feil            | Phoenix                 | 480.706.5898              | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 514  | Tony Krauss          | Tucson                  | 520.514.5605              | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>ARKANSAS</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 241  | Chuck Blair          | Little Rock             | 501.603.3493              | 14  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 2  | Dave Atwater         | Truckee                 | 530.582.6831              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
|  | Roy & Tracy VanRaden | Long Beach              | 714.379.9839              | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 4  | Ross Tyler           | San Diego               | 619.426.0868              | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 17   | Kirk Jeffries        | Roseville (Sacramento)  | 916.782.3962              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 20   | Rich Vilvens         | Tracy                   | 209.830.8433              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 30   | Brad Austin          | Redlands                | bradaustin@msn.com        | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 62   | Mike Levesque Sr     | Fresno                  | 559.226.1134              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 167  | Dave Bethel          | Bakersfield             | 661.322.9178              | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 194  | John Schroyer        | Martinez                | 925.372.9392              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 222  | Allan Houser         | Seaside                 | 831.394.7661              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 240  | Adam Borcherding     | Santa Cruz              | 831.427.1732              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 281  | Mike Montague        | Santa Rosa              | 707.799.4556              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 290  | Kit Wiegman          | Sacramento              | 916.736.1081              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 537  | Mike Strahle         | Redding                 | 530.245.0964              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>COLORADO</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 50   | Sean Tracy           | Ft. Collins             | 970.223.2642              | 5   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 61   | Mike Machette        | Denver                  | 303.744.3014              | 5   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>CONNECTICUT</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 31   | Barry Burgess        | New Milford             | 203.354.8090              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 56   | Colin Walklet        | S Westport (Bridgeport) | 203.454.0241              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 136  | Joe Manganello       | Madison (New Haven)     | 203.421.3614              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 186  | Ronald Borge         | Darien                  | rborge@snet.net           | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>DELAWARE</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 106  | Bruce Andrews        | Rehoboth Bay            | 610.274.3048              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>FLORIDA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 11   | Rick Loewen          | Orlando                 | 407.USS.SAIL              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 35   | John MacDonald       | Pensacola               | 850.932.2673              | 15  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 36   | John McKnight        | Miami/Keys              | 305.251.7600              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 44   | Scott Corson         | Ft. Lauderdale          | 954.437.4696              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 45   | Kent Cooper          | Cocoa Beach             | 321.504.7300              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 80   | Steve Caron          | Daytona Beach           | 904.258.1510              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 111  | Cindi Muhlbauer      | Jacksonville            | 904.641.6734              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 111  | Diane Rodgers        | Jacksonville            | 904.794.1577              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 120  | Mike Wilson          | Panama City             | 850.235.2823              | 15  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 127  | Greg Brock           | Ft. Pierce              | 561.461.1659              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 153  | Dave Carlson         | Gainesville             | 352.332.1049              | 8   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>GEORGIA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 12   | Tammy Duran          | Atlanta                 | 770.531.0397              | 9   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>HAWAII</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 6  | Dean Froome          | Kaneohe                 | 808.235.3507              | 1   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>IDAHO</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 926  | Miles Moore          | Hayden                  | 208.762.2382              | 4   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>ILLINOIS</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 115  | Doug Grant           | Wilmette                | 847.501.4959              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 159  | Dave Waugh           | Springfield             | 217.528.9031              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 199  | Paul Hinze           | Carbondale              | 618.457.7719              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 216  | Tom Rump             | Flossmoor               | 708.799.2692              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 447  | Rick Kern            | Palatine                | 708.934.6479              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>INDIANA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 26   | Mark R Cook          | Indianapolis            | 317.297.0037              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 126  | Scott Doege          | Crown Point             | 219.661.1041              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>IOWA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 10   | Jeff Griffin         | Clear Lake              | 319.345.9949              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 84   | Todd Wilson          | Des Moines              | 641.752.8000              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 474  | Tim Olson            | Polk City               | 515.984.7600              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 475  | Ryan Richardson      | Storm Lake              | 712.732.5926              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>KANSAS</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 27   | Brad Sweet           | Wichita                 | 316.722.1995              | 14  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 149  | Chas Meyers          | Lake Perry              | 816.746.6555              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>KENTUCKY</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 219  | Joe Corey            | Paducah                 | 502.442.1627              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>LOUISIANA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 9  | Glenn Richard        | Lake Charles            | 504.751.7239              | 6   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 41   | Barbara Lee          | Metarie                 | 504.837.4191              | 15  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MAINE</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 231  | Greg Harwood         | Winthrop (Augusta)      | 207.377.4717              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MARYLAND</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 54   | Bill Hanna           | Chesapeake Bay          | 410.263.0624              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 28   | Nancy Worth          | Boston                  | 781.821.9386              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 154  | Garrett Norton       | Cambridge               | 617.484.4982              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MICHIGAN</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 40   | Bruce Williams       | Richland                | 616.731.4496              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 58   | Stoney Green         | Clear Lake              | 517.529.9218              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 117  | Al Bourdo            | Gun Lake (SW MI)        | 616.673.5696              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 276  | Jeff Rابدoux         | Troy                    | 248.641.7358              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 519  | Julie Lenczycki      | Austin Lake             | 616.329.0975              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MINNESOTA</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 52   | Kevin Chase          | White Bear Lake         | 651.429.7971              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MISSISSIPPI</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 70   | William Allen        | Ocean Springs           | 601.875.5423              | 15  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 278  | Ronald Beliech Jr    | Brandon                 | 601.362.9265              | 15  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>MISSOURI</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 123  | Garen Miller         | St. Louis               | shrednsail@mindspring.com | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 273  | Wendell Fouts        | St. Peters (St. Louis)  | 314.926.0440              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NEBRASKA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 192  | Michael Brindisi     | Omaha                   | 402.339.4618              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NEVADA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 51   | Faisal Siddiqui      | Las Vegas               | 702.592.0066              | 2   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 203  | Brian Smith          | Reno/Tahoe              | 775.851.4229              | 3   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>   |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 209  | Scott Malcolm        | Gilford                 | 603.926.7451              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 496  | John Swinarski       | Pelham                  | 603.898.6004              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NEW JERSEY</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 24   | Wally Myers          | Ocean City              | 609.390.8182              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 65   | Dan Ward             | Shore Acres             | 609.897.0076              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 73   | Bill Hiller          | Pleasantville           | 609.652.8165              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 137  | William Woodie       | Lake Hopatcong          | 973.347.8658              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 234  | Thomas Davis         | Union Lake              | 609.848.7357              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 250  | Vic Simon            | Sandy Hook              | 732.583.6558              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 267  | Tim Kimmel           | Barneget Bay            | 610.644.8138              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 443  | John Shaw            | Wildwood                | 609.884.4989              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 452  | Dave West            | Barneget Bay            | 609.971.3603              | 11  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NEW MEXICO</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 48   | Mike Grimes          | Albuquerque             | 505.299.2796              | 5   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NEW YORK</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 119  | Mike McNamara        | Hamburg                 | 716.627.5739              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 143  | Richard Partenfelder | Long Island             | 631.269.4743              | 12  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 204  | Herb James           | Fayetteville            | 315.446.1143              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 238  | Christine Ransley    | Hyde Park               | 845.229.6435              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 295  | Mark Gibson          | Rochester               | 585.533.1531              | 16  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 92   | Jeff Price           | Davidson (Charlotte)    | 704.892.1936              | 9   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 97   | Sam Evans            | Raleigh                 | 919.544.4521              | 9   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 100  | Kyle Harrison        | New Bern                | 919.304.6167              | 9   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 101  | David Lennard        | Wilmington              | 910.686.0595              | 9   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 170  | Ron Walters          | Lk Wacamaw              | 910.642.0625              | 9   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 191  | Tom Sutton           | Greensboro              | 336.676.4403              | 9   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 532  | John Grabar          | Bismarck                | 701.258.7372              | 7   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| <b>OHIO</b>  |                      |                         |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 47   | Bill Molleran        | Cincinnati              | 513.941.3145              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 85   | Jamie Diamond        | Columbus                | 614.267.0004              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 300  | Rob Flucke           | Columbus                | 740.927.0456              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
| 400  | Dave Sullivan        | Toledo                  | 419.698.3576              | 10  |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
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| 128  | Betty Reeh           | San Antonio             | 210.656.5278              | 6   |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |
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| 32   | Tracie Van Houten    | Virginia                |                           |     |     |           |      |       |     |     |           |      |       |     |

# 2003 NAHCA Membership Dues Changes

by Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman

NAHCA Membership dues have been increased for 2003.

Membership dues have not changed in five years, but unfortunately our costs have continued to increase. Additionally, the Class has paid some outstanding bills in the last year that have reduced our account balance.

Consequently, the standard membership dues have been raised to \$30 for 2003 (outside US, \$37 to cover foreign mailing expense). The Youth membership dues have been raised to \$15. All other memberships remain unchanged.

While the dues are higher, they still compare favorably to the dues of other sailing associations. This increase will allow us to continue to provide a high level of service to the membership, produce our top-quality newsletter, and continue our efforts to expand the Class Association.

Several programs will benefit from the dues increase: the Youth Program, the Guest Expert Program, the Race Management Seminars, and NAHCA support of the Area Championships. Without the dues increase, funding of these programs would have to be drastically cut for 2003.

At the NAHCA AGM held during the MEGA Event, the Division Chairs discussed the situation and voted that the increase would be the best option for the health of the NAHCA and its continuing contributions to the sailors.

The \$5.00 weekend membership option remains unchanged. This option is designed to address the needs of the one-time or infrequent sailor and does not include any of the Class membership privileges.

The \$5.00 weekend membership option is not intended for sailors who race at multiple regattas.

## Membership Update from Shirley

The 2003 membership year is upon us! Remember that all NAHCA Memberships are for the calendar year, making them due and payable now. A reminder to renew your membership is in the mail, but there is no need to wait.

Remember to let us know if you need a new card. Renewing members will receive a sticker to affix to their present cards.

*Left: Tigers rounding A mark at the MEGA.  
Photo courtesy of Matt Miller, Hobie Cat Company.*

*Right: Rich McVeigh, NAHCA Chairman, and Diedre Mitchell.  
Photo courtesy of Jean Tully, San Carlos, CA.*

## Missing an Issue of NAHCA News? STEP 1: DON'T PANIC!

Over the past year, we have developed a new process for mailing newsletters. The production and mailing is outsourced, so the process for getting replacement newsletters got a few hiccups.

NO MORE! We have a simple and convenient way for you to request a missing issue. Simply send an email with your mailing address info (and the issue you need) to: [nahca@hobiecat.com](mailto:nahca@hobiecat.com).

Thanks to Matt Miller and Stephanie at the Hobie Cat Company for helping us deliver a great publication to our members!



# 2003 NAHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2003

**NAHCA membership is for the calendar year (January 1, 2003 — December 31, 2003)**

**TOP CAT MEMBERS** \$100.00

Patrons and Sponsors  
All benefits of Standard Membership

**US STANDARD** \$30.00

Membership in IHCA  
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NAHCA Membership Card  
*NAHCA News*

**FOREIGN (OUTSIDE US)** \$37.00

Same as Standard Membership, for those not living in the US. The increased cost helps to cover the expense of mailing outside the US.

**YOUTH (Independent)** \$15.00

Under 21 years of age  
Membership in IHCA  
Funding to NAHCA  
NAHCA Membership Card  
*NAHCA News*

**FAMILY MEMBERS** \$10.00

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## Multihull Council Golden Anchor Membership Form – New and Renewal

Anniversary dates: March 31 and September 30

New GA memberships paid between January 1 through June 30, 2003, will expire on March 31, 2004

New GA memberships paid between July 1 and December 31, 2003, will expire on September 30, 2004

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Boat(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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\$\_\_\_\_ \$12 Youth (regularly \$15) – Under 21 / Student birth date \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_ \$40 Individual (regularly \$60)

\$\_\_\_\_ \$60 Family (regularly \$75)

\$\_\_\_\_ \$40 Individual non-USA (no magazine; add \$30 to receive *Sailing World*)

\$\_\_\_\_ \$10 Special one-year, 6-issue subscription to *Multihulls Magazine* for **new members only** (reg. \$21)

**Yes, I want to support one or more of these MHC programs:**

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New cruising sailors: indicate here \_\_\_\_ if you prefer to receive *Cruising World* instead of *Sailing World*.

New cruising sailors: indicate here \_\_\_\_ if you prefer to receive Safety Recs for Cruising instead of RRS.

Mail with check payable to: Darline Hobock/MHC, 5373 E. 27th St., Tulsa, OK 74114



## WHY JOIN US SAILING?

US SAILING is the national governing body for the sport of sailing and merits the support of you and every sailor through direct membership. US SAILING's mission is to encourage participation and promote excellence in sailing and racing in the United States.

You can become a member of US SAILING, or renew your membership, **at a discount** while making certain the Multihull Council (MHC) gets credited with your membership as a Multihull sailor. This will help improve the Multihull presence in US SAILING and **save you at least \$10** on your annual dues to boot. All you need to do is send your membership dues to the program administrator who collects them all, consolidates them and sends one check to US SAILING so that the MHC gets credit for them. This is available to any sailor with a Multihull of any size, from beach cat to cruising boat.

### Multihull sailors who are Individual or Family members receive:

- One-year subscription to *Sailing World* or *Cruising World*
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- Train and certify judges, race officers and umpires
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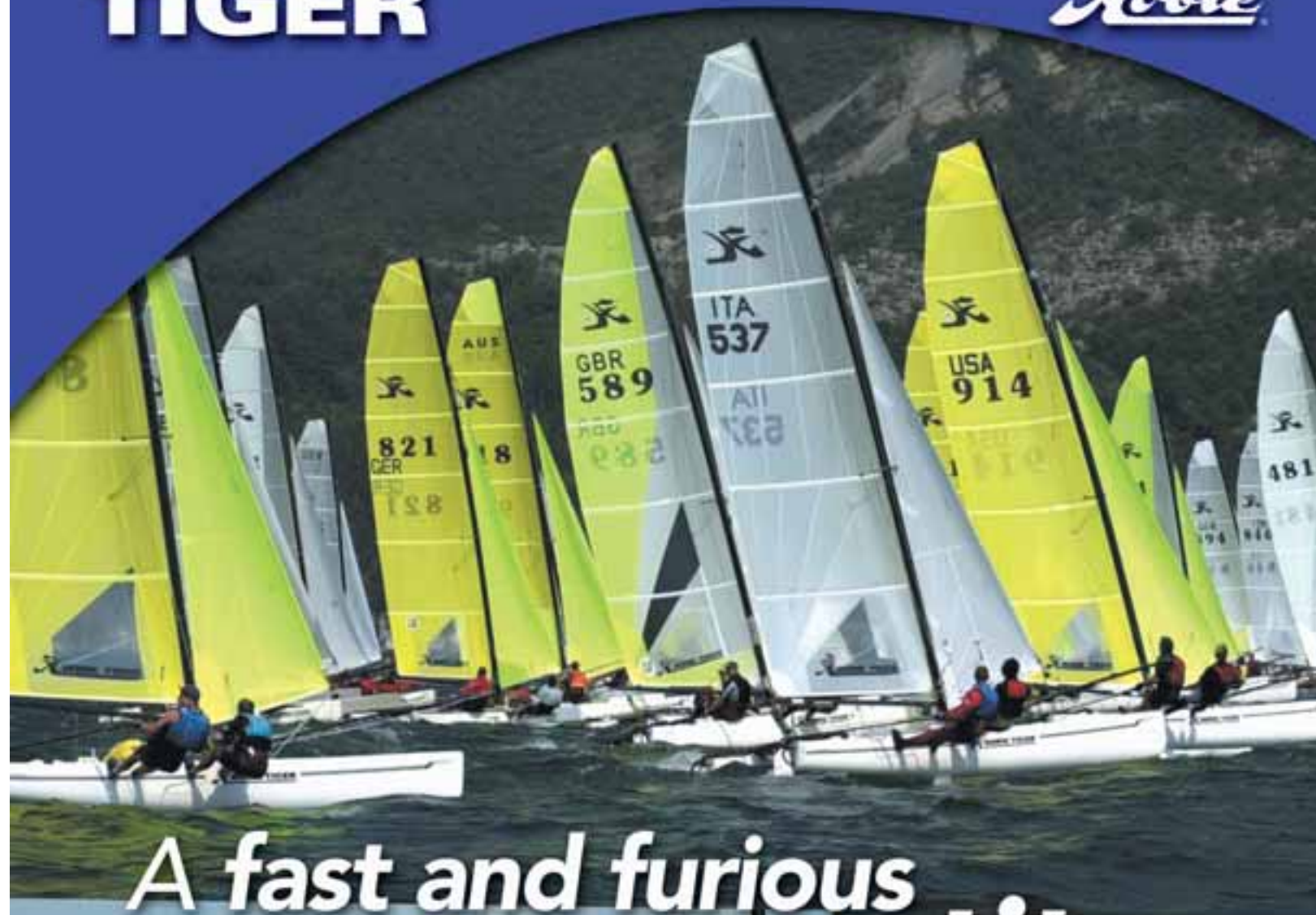
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