

August 2014

Club Calendar	COMMODORE'S CORNER
<p><b><i>Labor Day Beach Band Party</i></b>  <b><i>Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>!</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Fleet meeting</i></b>  Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> 8pm Cathouse  Food and Snacks!</p> <p><b><i>Fun Event</i></b>  Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b><u>RACE</u></b></p> <p><b>Fleet Race #9 Down the Beach</b>  Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Hull Flying/Women's Race</b>  Monday September 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Fleet Race #10</b>  Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Fleet Race #11/Lobsterfest AHYC</b>  Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>Vic Simon</p> <p>Wow! What was that temperature last night? 58 degrees and it's August. Yes the season has reached that point, but remember there is plenty of good sailing to do between now and November. The water is still warm and the wind gets pretty steady. So let's make it down to the club to enjoy both the events and the sailing. Check the calendar for what's going on. Labor Day weekend is around the corner.</p> <p>Speaking of events we have had some good ones so far. We had a well run Statue Race and Anniversary Party going on over 4<sup>th</sup> of July w/e. Kudos to both Scott R and Mark B for running those activities. The following w/e, a big thanks to Greg R for running the North American Championships which we hosted for the Hobie 14's, Waves and the Hobie 16 UTES. Some of our own members did well in these events. Thanks to all who showed up and helped out which included a ride on the Sea Streak to go up the East River for a quick tour outside Manhattan, 80 people went. After that we went through some fleet races and fun events. Hope to see more of you at the club taking advantage of what we offer. The officers will assure you of a good time. Let's give a big thanks to Mark B who stepped up and took care of the wheels which were in need of some repair, seven sets are available to use by the club.</p> <p>Over the next couple of weeks we will be attending to some of the needs of the club which include providing cover over the grill and basic everyday maintenance. Also coming up will be nomination time for the officers and Board of Directors for next year. If you are interested please contact myself or the nominating committee which include Donna Gugger, Isaac Hall (which we hope for a speedy recovery from his accident), Aaron Loichle, and Gary Payne. Again a big thanks to all the officers for their tremendous effort to keep the club moving forward and the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Keeping this short and sweet, check out the calendar, the rest of the newsletter, here's to much wind and great weather.</p> <p>Vic</p>

## Hobie 16 Youth, Hobie Wave and Hobie 14 North Americans

41 competitors from all around the country came to the Sandy Hook to sail in the Hobie North Americans which was held from July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup>. Sailors traveled from far away locations such as Seattle, California, Iowa, and Toronto. Sandy Hook Bay provided a marvelous 3 days of racing with our classic seabreeze kicking in early each day with winds ranging from 5 to 15 knots. Mark Modderman kicked off the event on Wednesday by teaching a clinic under the yurt on the beach for the 10 youth teams. Once the breeze filled in the youth teams headed out to get a little practice before racing started the next day. Most of the youth teams are able to compete in this event thanks to generous boat owners who loan their newer Hobie 16's to the youth teams for the event. In the fleet of 10 boats, six of the boats were loaned. In addition the Hobie Class Association provides youth grants for qualified teams to travel to the event. This is an amazing program that helps promote youth catamaran sailing.

Racing began Thursday with the 10 youth teams, 14 Hobie 14's and 7 Hobie Waves. The fleet of sailors included at least 5 North American Champions and as a result the racing was very close. Paraphrasing our race officer Mark Santorelli who said that "there must be some significance to the fact that 14 Hobie 14 sailors competed in the year 2014, the year that the inventor/promoter Hobie Alter passed on". If only we had scheduled the race to finish 2 days later on July 14<sup>th</sup>, who knows what would have happened. Racing in the 14 fleet was very close. Fleet 250's own Mark Modderman held a narrow lead going into the last day of racing. Only 6 points separated 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place between Nicolas Liebel(Canada), Dan Borg (Canada), Sue Korziniewski (Syracuse) and Mark Modderman. Sue took the lead in the first race of the day thanks to an unfortunate early start (OCS) for Mark. This became his throwout for the regatta and dumped him into 3<sup>rd</sup>. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the day, only 2 point separated the four boats with Dan Borg lurking in 4<sup>th</sup>. Dan finished out the regatta with 3 bullets to take the overall title, his 2<sup>nd</sup> Hobie 14 Championship. For Dan Borg, in many ways, he was due to win on the last day. He had recently missed winning the Hobie 17 NA's two times in the last race of a regatta. Sue Korz ended up 2<sup>nd</sup>, only two points out of first, Mark in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nicolas ended up 4<sup>th</sup> thanks to an unfortunate capsized in the last race. He found out the bay isn't that deep as evidenced by the black mud on the top of his nice white sail.



Mark Modderman: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Hobie 14, "This is a really poorly timed boat wake!!"

There was not as much drama in the other fleets. In the Wave fleet Jim Glanden won by 10 points winning 9 of the 13 races. An interesting battle was waged between Lynn Myers and Wally Myers, a multiple NA champ on the Hobie 16 and Hobie 17. Lynn threw down the hammer winning the first race of the regatta and beat Wally in 3 of the 4 races the first day. Wally was seen on the beach that night furiously tweeking his wave to gain an advantage the next day.

Wally clawed his way back and passed Lynn in the standing by the 4<sup>th</sup> race on Friday and won the last race of the day to lead Lynn by 3. Lynn wasn't going to back down and despite winning 2 of the 4 races on the last day, Wally edged her out for 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 2 points. Moving from the F18 to the Hobie Wave, Scott Rathburn missed his spinnaker and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.



Scott Rathburn: 4<sup>th</sup> Place Hobie Wave, "Where's the spinnaker?"

In the youth fleet, Ben Brown (California) and Casey Larson (Iowa) took 1<sup>st</sup> place by a large margin. However, Ben had to work harder than the results show. After the first day he was tied with fleet 250's own Tom Butler and Emily Rathburn and lead changes were frequent. All of the other youth teams really mixed up the results with most every team getting finishes in the top 3 at some point in the regatta. Going into the last day, the

big battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place was fierce between fleet 250 teams Matt Raybon/Grace Modderman, Tom Butler/Emily Rathburn and Mike Evans/Julia Donigan (Syracuse). Tom and Emily and Matt and Grace were tied entering the last day of racing. And Mike and Julia were only 2 points behind. Lurking in 5<sup>th</sup> place was Kat Porter(CA) and Isabelle Strasser(MD). Tom and Emily were looking to put their first day form back on when they had two firsts. After 2 races on Saturday, Matt and Grace led



Tom Butler and Emily Rathburn: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Hobie Youth. Having too much fun. Love the Fleet 250 Rash Guards



Mike Evans and Julia Donigan(Syracuse): 5<sup>th</sup> place Hobie Youth. "This is a really nice tiller, I better not break it."



Matt Raybon and Grace Modderman: 3rd Place Hobie Youth. "Ha, my pony tail is longer than yours"

Tom and Emily by 4 points, but Tom and Emily put together a 4<sup>th</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> to finish the regatta in 2<sup>nd</sup> place 3 points ahead of Matt and Grace who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kat Porter and Isabelle Strasser and the team of Ryan Flanigan and Ellis Kent stole away 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively from Mike and Julia by putting up some smaller numbers that day.

The event not only had sailors from all over the country but also many volunteers were from various parts of the country. Twelve Hobie Class Association members and fifteen members from Fleet 250 combined to put together an event that will last in memory for a long time. In addition to the sailing, there were fun social events including a sightseeing tour of NYC aboard the Seastreak Ferry. For many people this was the first time they have seen NYC. Mark Brady served up many awesome meals for the regatta and everyone enjoyed the live music with dinner on Friday night.

I would like to extend a big thank you to the Sandy Bay Catamaran Club. We heard lots of great comments about our club and it something we should be proud of. I would like to thank the owners of the boats who supplied their power boats so that we could run this event: SHBCC, Todd Walters, Matt Keenan, Jack Flannery(AHYC), Bill Kast and Bernie Brown (FHYW) and Ken Motz (FHYW). I especially want to thank our sponsors, fleet members Ernst Hoffman, Scott Rathburn, and Ned Webber. Also I would like to thank Two River Community Bank, Bob Longo, Surf and Offshore, Hobie Cat Company, Hobie Class Association, Zhik, Colie Sails, Murrays, Annapolis Performance Sailing, Salty Dog Marine, Mauri Pro Sailing and Fair Haven Yacht Works. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their time to help make this event great!! Thank YOU!!



Anchor Yankers, Mike O'Hara and Vic Simon, "Is it too early for a beer??"

Greg Raybon



## Father's Day at SHBCC

Robert Thuss

I had a great day sailing my Hobie Cat on Father's Day at SHBCC. But let me back up to tell the story.

My father was always an early adopter: he bought one of the first Baja Board windsurfers ever made after he saw it in *Popular Science* magazine in the late 60's, and he bought one of the first Hobie 16's ever made in the 70's. He then sold the 16 and upgraded to a brand-new Hobie 18 Magnum, the 1981 Cat Fever edition made for the Nationals with sail number 7526. With the wings, the boat was both comfortable & fast.

He sailed it pretty actively on Lake Lanier in Georgia and I enjoyed sailing on it with him in the 80's. Then my parents bought a J/22 keelboat and raced that boat in the 90's. The Hobie was in pieces down by the lake for years until my sister started to get interested in putting it together. She never completed the project and that's where I came in.

We live in Atlantic Highlands and have always known about SHBCC. We thought it would be fun to have the boat on the beach there. So I bought the replacement parts from my sister, rented a truck and drove all the parts up from Georgia. We needed a 26-foot truck to get the mast inside on the diagonal.

But with one step forward, I had to take two steps back and build a trailer so I could even move and store the boat. I bought a rusty old cat trailer that was not roadworthy, and I had to rent a trailer to even move that trailer! I went after it with an angle grinder and replaced all the rusted nuts & bolts with new hardware from Jaspán's. I then bought all new running gear (wheels, hubs, springs and axle) from Manny at Dosil's Trailer on Route 36. With other parts from West Marine, a few cans of Rustoleum spray paint and a home built registration from the state of Maine, the trailer is like new.

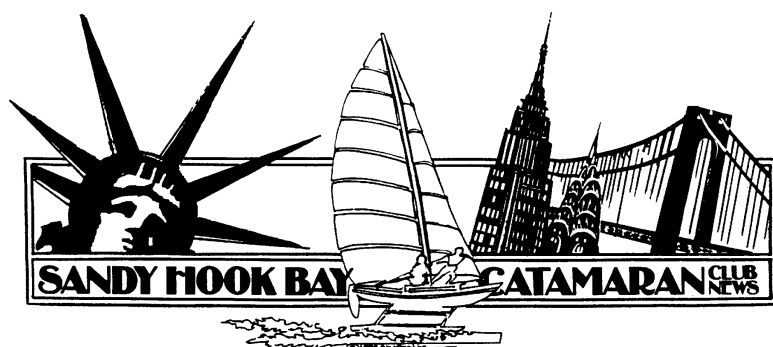
So then I turned to renovating the Hobie cat. I assembled the boat in my driveway, replacing parts as needed and checking everything for wear and tear. It was in surprisingly good shape since it was on a freshwater lake and there is little corrosion. I now have the assembly manual and parts diagram memorized, and spent many hours on Hobie forums and the Murray's Marine website. I even rigged the mast in my driveway (no overhead wires!) to make sure everything went together right.

My dad was interested to hear about the progress and I even sent him a funny Father's Day card. It was a photo of the boat being assembled with the caption "Thinking of You". We went down to SHBCC on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> with the hopes of sailing the boat for the first time. Fortunately it was a beautiful day with a nice light wind. We had plenty of help as we stepped the mast and learned how to use the beach wheels, which were new to us. We got the trailer settled into the beach spot to be a cradle for the boat, and felt welcomed as new members of the club.

My daughter Sydney, who has never been that crazy about sailing on other boats, was very interested to go out with me. My wife Corinna stayed ashore with our dog Dakota and shot some great photos.

After we came in from sailing, Sydney ran up to use the facilities and came back with a couple of grilled hamburgers. She was having fun and said "This club is great!"

So I had a fine day sailing my dad's Hobie 18 with my daughter on Father's Day. Since then I have been out many times and have even flown a hull in 20+ knots. The boat sails great and we are really enjoying the club and have met a lot of nice people. We hope to see you on the beach and on the water!



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