



# FLAMINGO DROPPINGS

## Fleet Party Nov. 9!!

For details, see page 4!!!

October 16, 2002



### Bitter End Regatta

The Bitter End Regatta, held Sept. 28-29 at Branched Oak Lake, was a one-race wonder. Wind for the first and only race began at 13 mph and then, throughout the race, dissipated to a dead calm.

Since by then it was lunchtime, the boats floated back to the beach and all the sailors gathered at P.O. Pears on the Lake to watch the Nebraska Cornhuskers football team take a beating from the Iowa State Cyclones.

Sunday morning, the skipper's meeting was held over breakfast at the Branched Oak Inn in Malcolm.

The wind never resuscitated itself until Sunday at about 1:00 p.m., shortly after the awards presentation (of course!). The results are as follows:

#### Hobie 16

1st - John Jr. & Delrae Hirschman  
2nd- Bruce Jones & Troy

#### Open Class

1st- Mike and Dawn Brindisi  
2nd- Sue Carson (single-hand)

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#### Have you?

- Decided you would like to volunteer to be a Fleet Officer in 2003?
- Decided you would like to nominate someone to be a Fleet Officer in 2003?
- Paid off your air conditioning bill from this summer yet?
- Selected your Halloween costume?
- Put your boat away for a looonnnng winter?
- Made a list of all the sailing parts to add to your Christmas list?

### 2002 Fleet Officers

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# Calendar of Upcoming Events 2002-2003

**November 9 Election of Officers & Fleet Party**  
7109 Teton Ave., Omaha, NE

**November 2 Division 7 Meeting**  
Spirit Lake, Iowa

**November Mountain Biking Outings**  
(as often as possible)

**January 16-19 Midwest Boat Show**  
**Omaha, NE**  
(Select Sail & Sports will show Hobie Cat products)

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." — Mark Twain

## Miscellaneous Hobie Parts & Accessories for Sale

Chris McGranaghan had some assorted parts and accessories of Mike's dropped off at Select Sail & Sports to sell to fleet members.

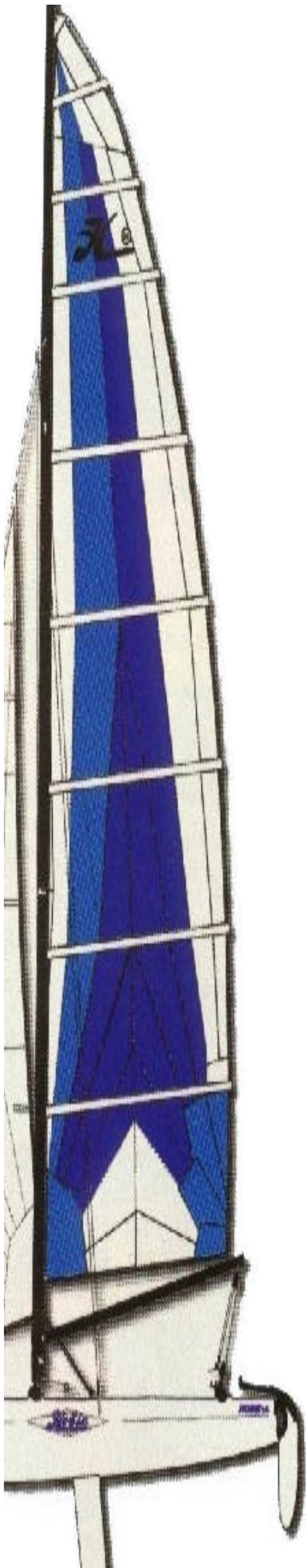
If you're interested in finding out what's there, you can stop by Select Sail & Sports or check the fleet website soon where a full list of the items will soon appear.

## For Sale:

**1996 Toyota 4-Runner Limited**  
Excellent Shape—Only 45,000 miles  
Price: \$16,000

- 4-wheel drive
- Air conditioning
- Power steering
- Tow package
- Leather interior
- Power seats
- Sunroof
- Roof rack
- Fully loaded

If interested, please call: 333-2955,  
651-2315 or 651-2376



# A Glimpse Back

# AND A LOOK FORWARD

## What a year 2002...

Is it just me or did this summer just fly by?

## **BIG thank you's**

This year we gained some ambitious new officers who dove in to help organize the Bent Mast Points Regatta to help ensure it was a grand success.

Major thanks go out to Jeff Schmidt and Jon Collier of our fleet. Jeff Schmidt handled the t-shirt design and printing (always a big job!) Jon Collier worked hard renovating and securing the reception hall in Malcolm for Saturday night post-racing air conditioned dinner and party.

Thanks to everyone in the fleet who had a hand in making the Bent Mast Regatta a success! Your help is greatly appreciated.

## **Voids**

Unfortunately, Branched Oak's water level wasn't all we lost this year. Our fleet and the region's sailing community lost some of its treasured members. Some relocated to different states. Other sailors simply drifted away from the fleet and sailing. And, sadly, some of the most missed passed away well before their time.

## **Opportunities**

Branched Oak will again fill up with water. It's simply a matter of time. A few of our fleet's racers seemed to have evaporated along with the water this year. Hopefully in a matter of time, they will return as well.

2003 brings us the opportunity to improve our fleet by staying in touch and cementing our relationships with existing fleet members as well as reaching out to new sailors, inviting them to participate and join the fleet.

Bring your enthusiasm for 2003 and your nominations for officers to the upcoming fleet party on November 9! If you know of someone who's interested in sailing, bring them, too!



Join Fleet 192 for the  
***Election of Officers  
 & Fleet Party***  
***At Mike & Dawn Brindisi's  
 House***  
***Saturday, Nov. 9  
 at 7:00 p.m.***

- Please bring a munchie to share.
- Beverages will be provided.
- Bring your nominations for Fleet Officers. Nominations will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.
- 7109 Teton Ave., Omaha, NE / 734-5410
- DIRECTIONS: Teton Ave is located 2 blocks south of Harrison. Turn left onto Teton and Brindisi are the 2nd to the last house on your right

Laura Luger  
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# Regatta Re-caps...

## ***Bent Mast Points Regatta***

**June 8-9**

Eighteen boats raced in the 2002 season opener regatta for Division 7. With a weather forecast of 90-degree temperature and plenty of wind we were all eager to get on the water. Saturday morning after a breakfast of bagels, fruit and coffee, we raced two races in near-perfect 12-15 mph wind.

After lunch, we raced three more races in winds that kept building. By race 5, we were sailing in 25 mph wind with gusts to 30. Saturday evening, we all drove into Malcolm to the Town Hall for an air-conditioned party and dinner. Since we were off park property, we were able to have beer and wine. Give-aways followed dinner, and everyone went home with a giveaway. Even with the air conditioning and beer, most sailors took their weary selves back to their tents and slept soundly with smiles on their faces from such a good day of Hobie sailing.

Sunday, again the forecast was for 90-degree temperatures and wind. Two races went smoothly in under 20 mph winds.

Bent Mast was a near-perfect regatta, from racing and wind speeds to the party, food and giveaways. Bent Mast was a regatta definitely not to be missed this year. — **DAWN BRINDISI**

## **BENT MAST RESULTS**

### **Hobie 20**

1. Mark Olson/ Todd Wilson
2. Paul Bommersbach/Erin
3. Bill Bone/Nate Kennedy

### **Hobie 16A**

1. Matt McDonald/ Gina ]
2. Slim Johnson/ Kristen King
3. Roger Taha/ Kristen Lawrence

### **Hobie 16B**

1. Scott Nepper/ Angie Wilson
2. Keith Soukup/ Steve Bauer
3. Tom Podhajsky/ Kim Podhajsky-Shelly Zimmerman
4. John Hirschman/Delrae
5. Bruce Jones/ Troy Nothnagel
6. Kelly Hart/ Josh Angolano

### **Hobie 16C**

1. Matt Stefan/ Vera Gong
2. John Collier/ Chuck Pfeifer
3. Jeff Schmidt/ Justin Mallory

### **Open Class**

1. Sue Carson/Tom Suppa Nacra 5.7
2. Mark Scherer Nacra 5.5 Uni
3. Eric Kennedy /Noah French Nacra 5.2

**Cornhusker State Games results can be found soon on the Fleet 192 website at [www.fleet192.com](http://www.fleet192.com).**

## ***Storm Lake Regatta***

**June 18 & 19**

A hot week preceded this event—but, again, we were looking at windy conditions.

Kudos to Ryan Richardson, Storm Lake's Commodore, who almost single-handedly ran the entire regatta, from registration, making trophies to running race committee solo. We raced three races Saturday morning in 20 mph wind and then went back to the beach for a pizza lunch. That afternoon the carnage continued with boats flipping over, demasting, pitch-poling or some just retiring from the races as the wind continued to build throughout the afternoon.

McDonalds, Brindisis and Phipps were the only boats from Fleet 192 to attend the regatta. The sailors converged upon the Boat-house and other restaurants for dinner that night. Some camped while others opted for more comfortable arrangements in a local motel.

Sunday, we awoke to white caps and more wind. By the time we pulled up to the beach, many Hobie 16 C & B sailors were already de-rigging, figuring they'd had enough abuse the day before. At Sunday's Skipper's Meeting, the only three Hobie 16 sailors who still wanted to sail figured out that it would not change their standings if they did sail. So, for the first time in a long time, fleets of H16A, B & C, H14 and H18 stayed on the beach. The H20s still raced. Of the five H20s that raced, two were automatically disqualified for changing crew but still went out for fun.

Sunday, the H20's raced in winds that continued to build through the 2<sup>nd</sup> race making for some hairy downwind runs and with only one H20 that tipped over. An amazing and amusing tidbit-- the winning H20 boat was crewed by Lisa Dorschner who is 5 months pregnant. What a woman! — **DAWN BRINDISI**  
**(For Storm Lake results, please log on to [www.hobiecatdivision7.org](http://www.hobiecatdivision7.org))**

**State  
Championships  
Results!**

At the State Championship Regatta held August 10-11 at Branched Oak, the results were as follows:  
(Raced as one open class)

1. Mike/Carmen Brindisi
2. Mark Scherer
3. Eric Kennedy
4. Bill Bone & Eric Sauser
5. Noah French, Angie
6. Matt Stefan/ Vera Gong