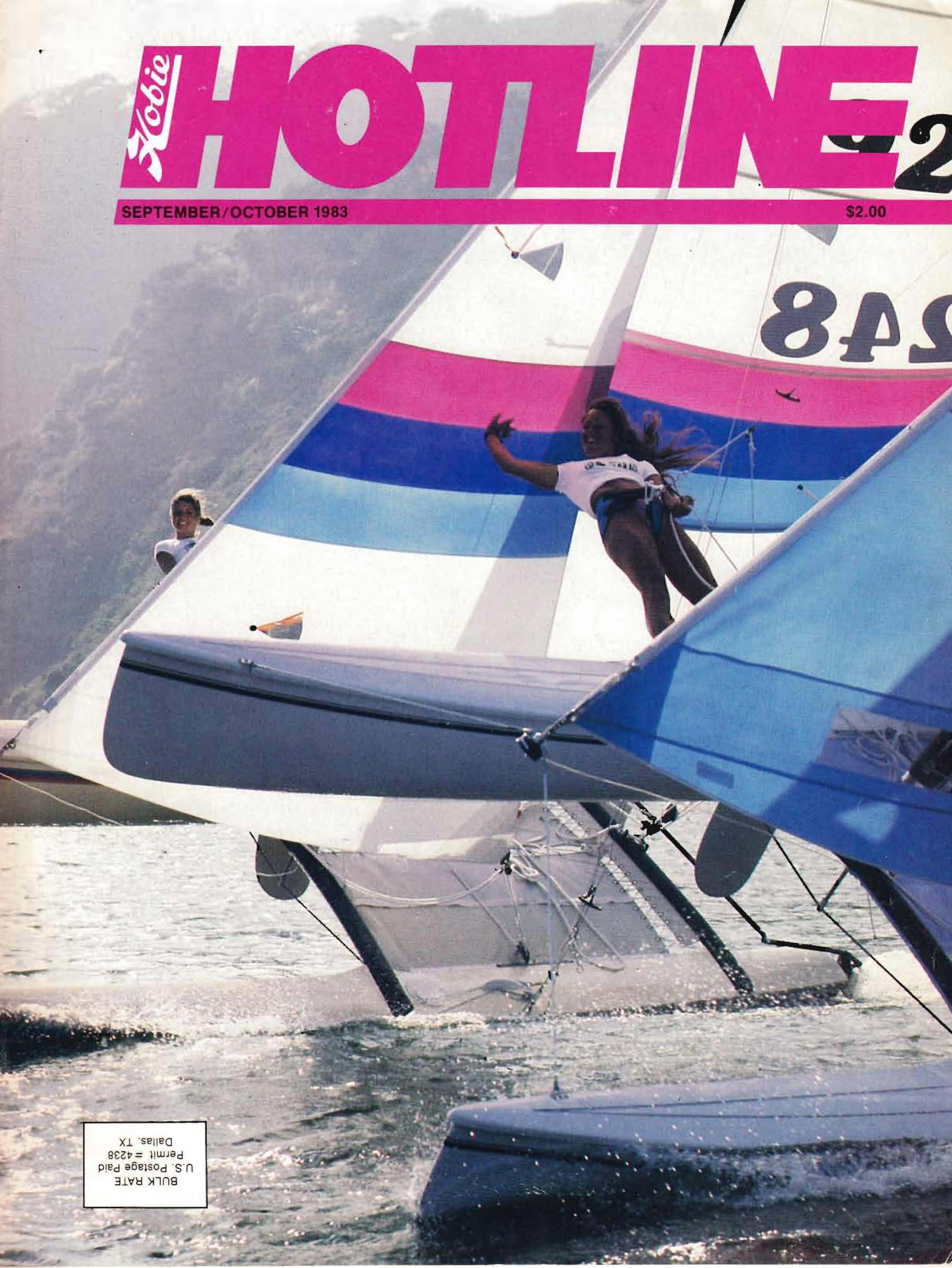


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Intense competition raged through the final event.





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# Hobie 18 Worlds

# FRANCE

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by Paula Alter

## Australian Brett Dryland lands another title

**W**hat better place to accommodate some of the finest sailors in the world than the French Riviera where the Hobie 18 World Championship was held June 19–25. The hillside town of Hyères, set on the western end of a large bay, hosted the event which brought competitors from 17 countries. Although the sun prevailed, winds were unpredictable, blowing heavy from the mountains one day, to light and shift the next. Many of the sailors had been racing in Hyères the previous week at the European 18 Nationals in which the top 12 qualified for the Worlds.

As they welcomed the new arrivals, it was once again a time for reuniting old friends and making new ones. Looking down the beach, it could have been Tahiti, South Africa or Brazil; but this was southern France, with green vineyards stretching up the hillside, quaint sidewalk cafes, and lots of bread and wine. One thing that didn't change from the last Worlds was the quality of the sailors. In fact, the Hobie 18 sailors globally had greatly improved their mastery of the 18 since they last met in 1980 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Each team came hoping to win the title, to see how much they had improved and to learn new sailing strategies from others.

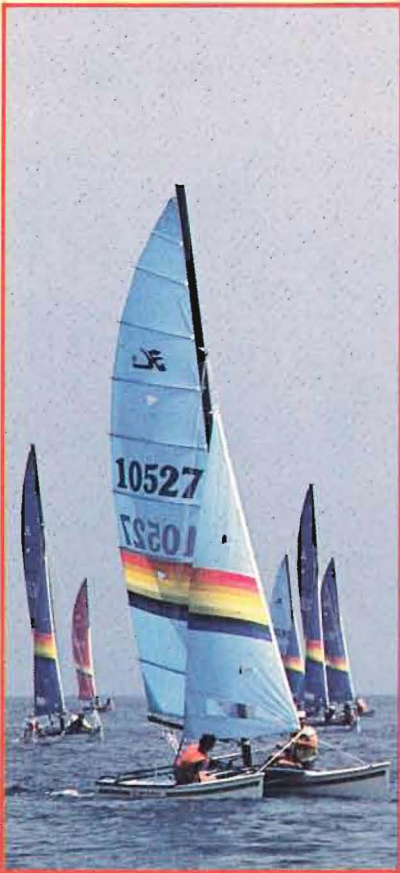
The qualifying races opened with heavy winds and chop. Twelve spaces were available to those vying for the



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**C**onditions during the week varied from dead calm to a boisterous 20 knots.





championship. After one day of heavy winds and a second of no wind, the sailors settled for three races and no throwout to determine the qualifiers. The charm of France was apparent the night the winners were announced in Le Cave, a small winery hidden on a narrow street in Pierrefeu. Over 200 people ravished on French food, toasting to themselves as participants and supporters.

In a light five to eight knot wind, Brett Dryland took the first win in the semi-finals. A fellow Aussie, Don Algie, finished second showing the Australians to be tough competitors in light air. Germany's Kay Delius finished third. With ominous clouds and thundering in the distance, the next group of sailors prepared their boats for their first race. "This place is tricky as hell!" said Hawaii's Dean Froome as he launched off the beach.

The wind picked up for some single trapezing for the second and third race with another Australian, Robert McLean, winning the second. With light wind in the morning increasing to 15 to 20 knots for the afternoon races, the second day brought haggard sailors to the beach. Third and fourth race winners were South African Blaine Dodds and Australian, Graeme Sanderson. The French team was applauded as Roch Lener and Hyères' local, Jean Foucaud brought in a second and third.

The second day of racing lasted well into a late and beautiful sunset, taking advantage of the good wind. In the fifth race, Brett Dryland took the lead from the start and hung on to the finish with Hiro DeMaeyer, Tahiti, behind him. DeMaeyer sailed an 18 for the first time during the European Nationals. There is something to be said for the magic that's mixed with Tahitian skill. Dean

Froome took an early lead in the sixth race and finished there with the rest of the fleet mixing themselves at each mark. Ian Bashford began the seventh race with an outstanding port start. Port starters are rarely a good idea, and often don't work out—but not this time! Bashford, the defending world champion, easily cleared the fleet and went on to a win with Carlton Tucker finishing behind him. As the winds broke for the stars and a quiet evening, the fleet standings had changed radically.

The third and last day of preliminary racing brought the top 36 teams into the finals. It was drift; the courses were shortened progressively throughout the day to accommodate the pockets of wind. The wind shifted, holes developed and an occasional streak of breeze would filter through the course. The last two races before the cut were won by David Rogers of Florida and Bill Worrell of Australia.

In the round robin series, seven out of the ten races were won by Australians. "Many of the sailors from our country are getting better in light air," said Graham Palesy. "This year, we've had a full season of light air." Where they would routinely wait for the stronger winds to sail, the Australians began training on lighter air, anticipating the conditions that they might face at Hyères.

No one was more anxious to hear the announcement of the top 36 contenders than those who had scores borderline to the cut. To prolong the agony, John Dinsdale, manager of Coast Cat, France, and producer of the Worlds, started with number one, David Rogers of Florida. After the last name was called, sailors and friends danced and savored French wine to nourish the

## Thank You for the Worlds

*As Executive Director of the World Hobie Class Association, I would like to thank the skippers who attended the Second Hobie 18 World Championships. The sportsmanship on the water was some of the best I've seen. All in all, it was an excellent event, with exceptional worldwide representation.*

*I'd particularly like to thank Coast Cat France and the entire office staff for helping to organize and run this event. Many of their people expended a great deal of extra time and effort to ensure the success of the event. Special thanks go to Denise Cuzuc and John Dinsdale—the two main people who organized the event.*

*Many, many thanks go to Andre Fabre for heading the Race Committee of the European and World Championships, and to Bernard Panesi, beach captain for the two events. They both did great jobs!*

*Additionally, I'd like to thank the following individuals who served with me on the Protest Committee (and missed a lot of dinners): John Collier, South Africa; Max Blauenstein, Switzerland; Don McDonald, Australia; and Doug Campbell, Canada.*

*Finally, our sincere appreciation goes to the people of Hyeres and the Hyeres Yacht Club for hosting the Second Hobie 18 World Championships.*

*Hope to see you in the Philippines, January 14–22, for the Seventh Hobie 14 World Championships!*

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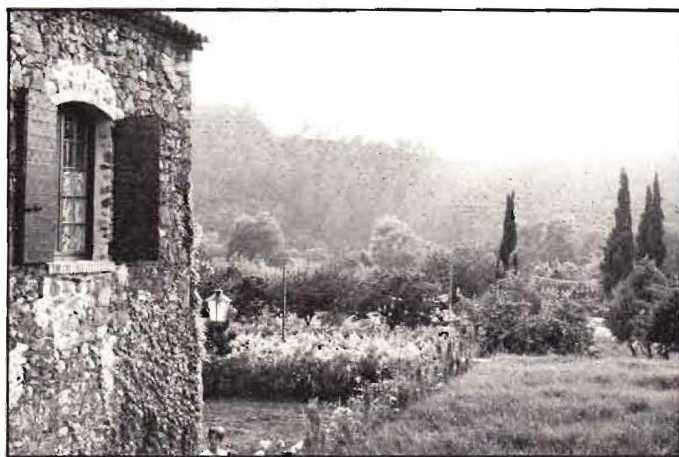


**W**hether fighting for first place, or for a better position mid-fleet, the competition was roaring!





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## Nestled into the French countryside, a small local winery hosted the finals awards banquet.

relief and calm the disappointment. Boat assignments were distributed, new members of the Hobie World Council were acknowledged and strategies were planned.

The top ten were in close contention, with five races and a throwout, they were:

1. David Rogers - 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
2. Hiro DeMaeyer - 12
3. Brett Dryland - 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Carlton Tucker - 15
5. Dean Froome - 17
6. Blaine Dodds - 19 $\frac{3}{4}$
7. Jeff Alter - 22
8. Graham Palsey - 23
9. Alan Egusa - 24
10. Ian Bashford - 25 $\frac{3}{4}$

Predicting the wind patterns had become quite a game over the past few days, and this time the stakes were high. Whatever intuition remained of both spectators and sailors was worked into overtime. Light air began the finals. Happy and anxious, Dryland and his crew Robin Whitehead (daughter of 1976 Hobie 16 World Champion Mick Whitehead) took the first race. Lener

and Dodds were close through the second race when Dodds nudged out in front for the win. A late start in the third race brought Hawaii's Mike Jacobs across the finish with the other boats drifting behind.

With eight races sailed and one day of finals left, Dryland had established a substantial lead. He would be tough to beat. With luck, the final day dawned with the wind blowing 15 to 20 knots and whitecaps on the water. After a seemingly endless day of no wind, it looked like it was howling!

Jeff Alter took off from the start with the top ten right behind. Froome, Dodds, Tucker, Dryland, Bashford, Beriour and Egusa in that order rounded C mark. The lead boats were clocked at 22 mph on the reach. By the finish line, Dryland had pulled into second assuring him of the 18 World Title. Dryland and Whitehead hit the beach unsure of the final standings; Dryland checked the scores on the official scoreboard, adding up his competitors' scores to see if he could be beaten. Before he could finish his calculations, he was congratulated by spectators who had their own unofficial tally. Dryland finally realized it was true! He had won the 18 Worlds and didn't have to race the last race (but did, in the true competitive spirit). The course was long, five times to the weather mark and it was still blowing 20 knots. Alan Egusa (USA) came through with a win in the last and longest race of the championship. Vying for first place all the way, Tucker picked up a fifth in the last race giving him second overall. Third was Rogers, fourth Bashford, and fifth, Dean Froome.

Brett Dryland, 24 years old, the new Hobie 18 World Champion, is an accountant from Sydney, Australia. He is a former Hobie 16 Australian and World Champion and two-time Worrell 1000 victor. It's been said that women are too

light for the 18, but teammate Robin Whitehead from South Africa proved them wrong.

In the midst of brilliant green vineyards, with the sun setting over the hillside, the outdoor awards banquet honored the tired but happy sailors. "Brett didn't need to win. Of course, he wanted to, but he really won because of his talent," said Ian Bashford. It was a time for laughing at the antics of the day, evaluating the different performances in hopes that the next Worlds would bring a first place. Each country had their own philosophy and explanation to offer. The Australians, known for their ability to sail in heavy air, demonstrated that they are equally skilled in the light wind. The Germans faced a different problem. Living in a landlocked country, they are used to sailing on small lakes. The light wind at the Worlds was good for them, but they felt they had to develop the "feel" for the wind that the Australians and Americans had. "We gained a lot of experience," said Mike Rust, "Next time we'll be a little bolder."

The Canadians agreed, stating, "We hope to learn to sail well enough to come back. Last time we tried to qualify and sat on the beach and watched the rest of the world sail. This time we qualified and learned a lot."

The Hong Kong Fleet was well represented. Used to sailing in winds where it is either zero knots or blowing hard, the shifty air at Hyeres proved difficult.

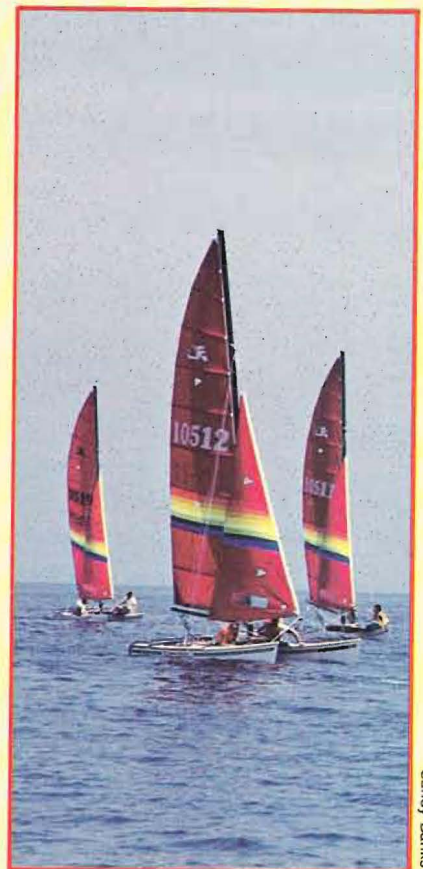
The 18 Worlds Championship was over for another few years but the good times with friends will last until the next. Some were off to tour Europe, others to their homelands. One group of Aussies were headed out with their luggage in tow. "We're sticking our thumbs out and wherever they take us, that's where we're going." Who knows, that's probably how they found the wind!



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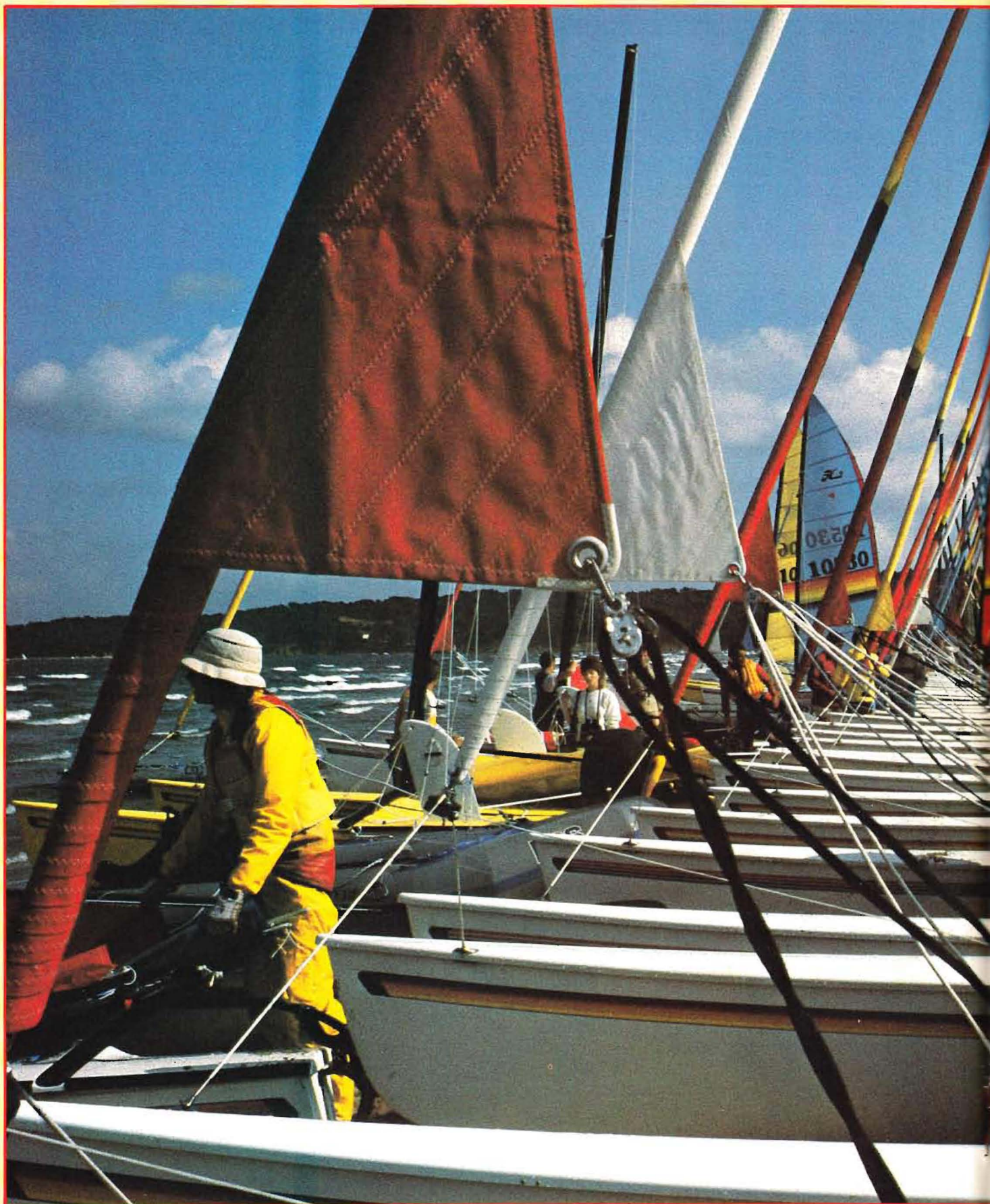
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**E**ven before the boats hit the water, the racing began—in the form of serious tuning, strategy discussions, and last minute banter between teams.





**G**lobal friendships, good competition, and a promise for future World Hobie gatherings.





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# 2nd Hobie 18 World Championships Hyeres, France June 19-25, 1983

		Semi-Finals					Race by Race Results					Finals						
Skipper/Crew		Home Town	1/2	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/10	1	2	3	4	5	Total					
1. Brett Dryland/Robin Whitehead	Sydney, Australia	3/4	11	3/4	8	3	3/4	3	10	5	2	33 1/4						
2. Carlton Tucker/Kelly O'Brian	Fl. Walton Beach, FL	3	13	4	2	6	12	9	3	3	5	47						
3. David Rodgers/Rich Dunham	W. Palm Beach, FL	10	4	3	4	3/4	24	10	7	12	7	57 3/4						
4. Ian Bashford/Steven Whelan	Sydney, Australia	6	15	5	3/4	14	8	5	33	6	3	62 3/4						
5. W. Dean Froome/Steve Leo	Kailua, HI	2	9	3/4	6	12	15	16	4	2	15	65 3/4						
6. Blaine Dodds/Andre Morse	Plettenburg, S. Africa	6	3/4	13	5	8	16	3/4	19	4	16	69 1/2						
7. Jeff Alter/Floyd White	Capo. Beach, CA	12	5	2	3	13	17	13	26	3/4	4	69 3/4						
8. Hiro DeMaeyer/Fred Paquier	Papeete, Tahiti	8	5	3	2	2	25	25	9	7	11	72						
9. Alan Egusa/Don Oltmans	Hawthorne, CA	7	4	2	11	20	30	23	17	9	3/4	93 3/4						
10. Robert Engwirda/T. Vink	Gold Coast, Australia	18	12	15	7	15	4	8	15	13	8	97						
11. Burrell Frazier/Kevin Miller	Orlando, FL	11	8	21	15	6	19	14	8	11	6	98						
12. Thierry Beriou/Gerard Sciri	Hyeres, France	16	10	7	10	3	29	18	6	8	20	98						
13. Graham Palesy/Ray Armstrong	N.S.W., Australia	5	7	9	16	2	9	12	18	22	26	100						
14. Bill Worrall/David Skewes	Victoria, Australia	16	27	17	6	3/4	3	19	13	20	13	107 3/4						
15. Roch Lener/Guy Pasquier	Arradon, France	19	2	6	15	28	6	2	11	27	23	111						
16. Don Algie/Claire James	N.S.W., Australia	2	28	13	3/4	19	2	24	14	36	19	121 3/4						
17. Kay Delius/Ingo Delius	Germany	3	17	8	11	22	21	11	16	14	25	123						
18. Wayne Schafer/Pat Porter	Capo. Beach, CA	9	2	19	19	18	14	4	25	16	27	126						
19. John Hackney/Carol Hackney	Stuart, FL	14	7	14	12	4	23	21	31	24	9	128						
20. Mike Jacobs/Kathy Combre	Kailua, HI	17	18	17	26	5	27	7	3/4	28	12	129 3/4						
21. Paul Marner/Megan Aston	Osinawa, Canada	4	14	31	23	9	10	15	5	32	29	140						
22. Jean P. Foucaud/Marc Creusefond	Hyeres, France	11	3	6	24	9	26	34	27	25	10	141						
23. Thomas Kappelmann/Ingrid Possberg	Germany	4	17	11	9	16	7	29	32	18	33	143						
24. Steve Broyles/Kim Kymlicka	Dallas, TX	5	12	14	3	19	11	31	35	23	28	146						
25. Gerhard Koper/Harry Fuchs	Cape Town, S. Africa	17	9	10	5	24	34	33	28	15	14	155						
26. Gunter Schroeder/Karperstein	Germany	22	6	8	12	32	31	35	2	21	22	156						
27. Ethan Salkind/Ian Salkind	Vashon, WA	14	6	20	30	7	28	17	23	33	20	165						
28. Graeme Sanderson/Mark Gray	Sydney, Australia	29	3/4	15	13	25	13	27	34	10	36	166 3/4						
29. Eric Hasselback/Paul Johnson	Cape Town, S. Africa	31	10	7	28	13	5	32	29	17	30	170						
30. Antonio Marino/Andrea Posani	Pomezia, Italy	18	19	18	21	12	18	20	37	26	18	170						
31. Robert McLean/A. Phillips	Sydney, Australia	3/4	15	12	16	29	36	28	36	19	21	176 3/4						
32. Rudy Visser/Isabelle Visser	Amsterdam, Holland	9	13	25	31	11	22	6	30	31	31	178						
33. Tony Laurent/Andre Levou	Sydney, Australia	10	23	5	29	14	32	30	21	34	17	181						
34. Paulo Orsini/Stefano Crifo	Rome, Italy	13	23	30	21	4	20	26	12	35	32	181						
35. Domenico DeToro/Bruno Tafari	Rome, Italy	20	20	26	18	8	35	22	24	30	24	192						
36. Mick Whitehead/Barry Wrangmore	Cape Town, S. Africa	30	14	4	18	22	33	36	22	29	36	208						

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37. Geoff Amyot/Anders Buchwald	Capetown, S. Africa	8	26	29	23	10	67	67	1. Eric Hasselback/Paul Johnson		Cape Town, S. Africa	3/4	3	2	5	3/4						
38. Tjaart Vilgoen/J. Roger Hardy	Pretoria, S. Africa	13	30	27	20	7	67	67	2. Michael Rust/Anne Rudmacher		Germany	3	6	3	12							
39. Jurg Zimmerman/Peter Dx	Germany	15	25	12	17	36	69	69	3. Geoff Amyot/Anders Buchwald		South Africa	9	3/4	6	15 3/4							
40. David Kruij/Michael Kruij	Cape Town, Africa	24	22	18	8	26	72	72	4. Hanjo Zimmermann/Ludwig Christa		Germany	6	5	5	16							
41. Bill Quinn/Michael Lyons	NSW, Australia	27	3	33	25	20	75	75	5. Thomas Kappelmann/Ingrid Possberg		Germany	5	13	4	22							
42. Michael Schwarz/Lars Hendriksen	Bungsted, Denmark	35	28	16	9	23	76	76	6. Thierry Benou/Gerard Sciri		Hyeres, France	4	11	8	23							
43. Hever/Bottcher	Germany	23	19	9	26	35	77	77	7. Stefano Ryan/Paolo Ryan		Italy	12	4	11	27							
44. Peter Henning/Robert Aveling	Johannesburg, S. Africa	26	22	16	24	16	78	78	8. Jean Christopher Dupin/Frederic Dupin		France	8	15	7	30							
45. Brett White/J. Black	Terrigal, Australia	29	16	22	14	27	79	79	9. Michael Schwarz/Lars Hendriksen		Denmark	12 1/2	16	9	37 1/2							
46. Markus Bruder/Fritz Bruder	Switzerland	12	24	29	14	34	79	79	10. Roch Lener/Guy Pasquier		Arradon, France	13	12	13	38							
47. Hobie Alter, Sr./Kahala Alter	Capistrano Beach, CA	22	29	35	25	5	81	81	11. Brett Dryland/Robin Whitehead		Sydney, Australia	39	2	3/4	41 3/4							
48. Daniel Pradel/Eric Bussy	Toulon, France	31	16	10	36	24	81	81	12. Peter Henning/Robert Aveling		South Africa	20	10	19	49							
49. Joel Escarret/G. Escarret	France	11	36	27	22	21	81	81	13. Ulrich Schmitter/David Garmen		Germany	25	8	16 1/2	49 1/2							
50. Kallon/Blanchard	Ajaccio, France	7	31	33	33	11	82	82	14. Christin Boucher/Fredo Frezux		Paris, France	7	31	12	50							
51. T. Lagasse/S. Lagasse	Mauritius	19	25	11	35	28	83	83	15. Werner Wittwer/Beck Eichelberger		Switzerland	24	9	18	51							
52. G. Braccini/G. Corsini	Rome, Italy	15	20	35	31	18	84	84	16. Norbert Blauenstein/Jenny Haugezud		Geneva, Switzerland	20	7	26	53							
53. Mark Pryke/David Groth	NSW, Australia	21	8	28	27	36	84	84	17. Claude Porta/Malot		Hyeres, France	17	18	20	55							
54. Richard Daw/Robina Watson	Burnside, Australia	28	21	24	19	21	85	85	18. Friedrich Niederquell/Rainer Knippner		Germany	18	23	15	56							
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59. Vladimir Revay/Arnold Marais	Noumea, New Caledonia	25	18	23	29	25	91	91	23. Alex Hegerstrom/A. Musgrave		Welkom, S. Africa	40	14	10	64							
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63. Lionel Conacher/Kim Kymlicka	Cambridge, Ont., Canada	21	30	30	27	17	95	95	27. Sautieux/Destremau		Toulon, France	22	21	37	80							
64. Mal Gray/Trisha Heath	Queensland, Australia	30	24	26	30	10	96	96	28. Steve Leo/J.S. Collier		Port Eliz., S. Africa	2	39	39	80							
65. John Curtis/John Lattman	Edmond, OK	25	29	23	22	30	99	99	29. Claude Cereghino/Paluch Bailly		Ajaccio, France	29	29	24	82							
66. Bill Marner/Sandra Marner	Oshawa, Ont., Canada	26	35	32	35	17	110	110	30. David Horton/Deirdre Horton		Victoria, Australia	30	24	28	82							
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70. P.A. Sliper/G. Harrison	Hong Kong	34	33	34	84	26	127	127	34. Tim Linton/Robert Hinchcliffe		Kowloon, Hong Kong	33	25	33	91							
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