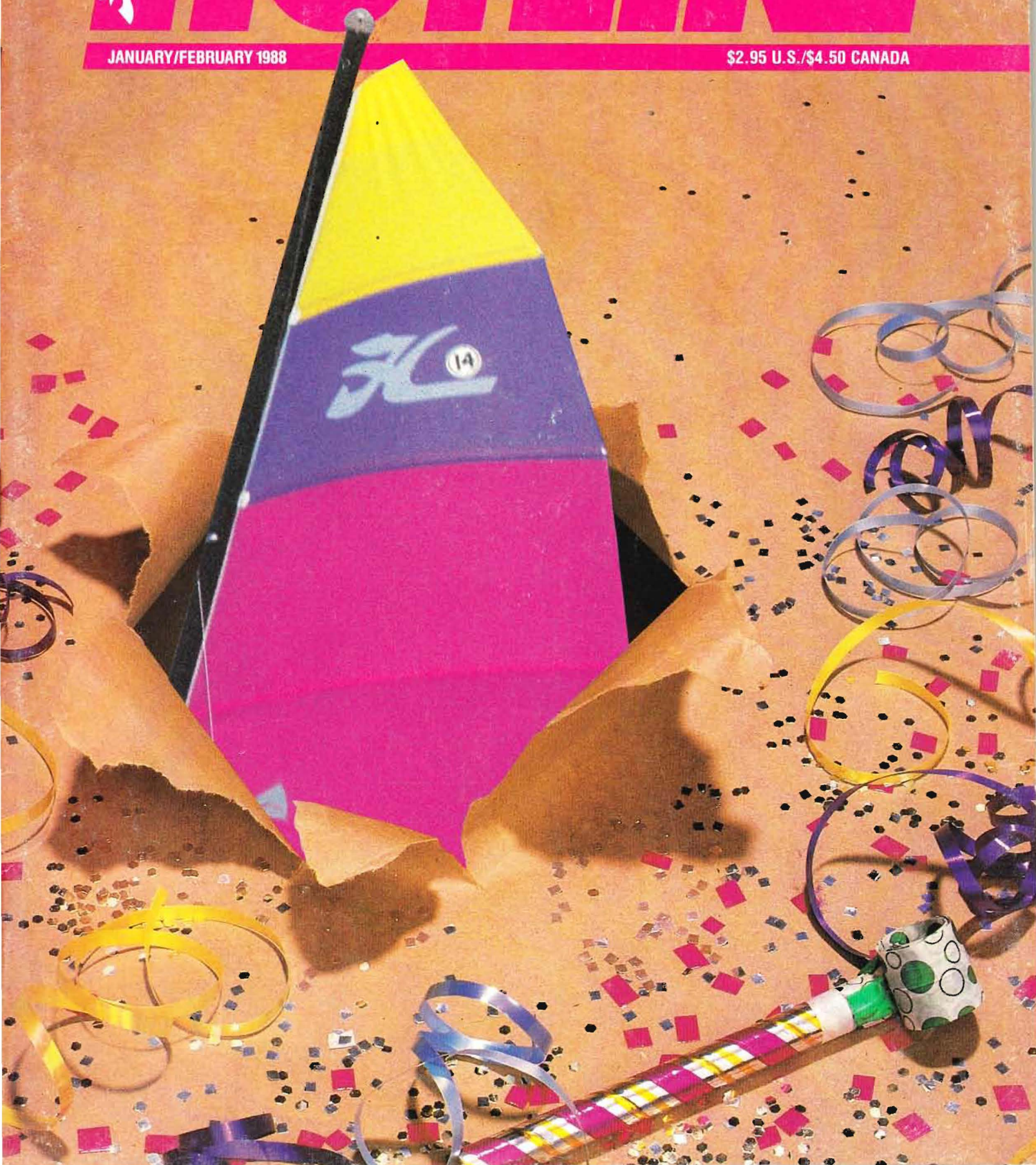


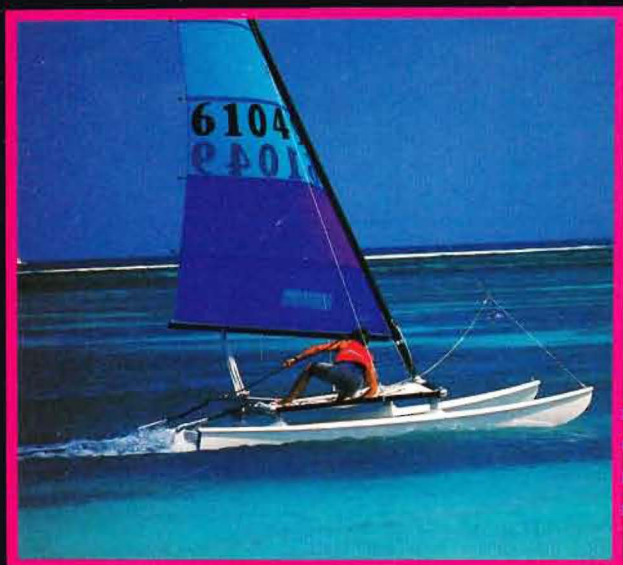
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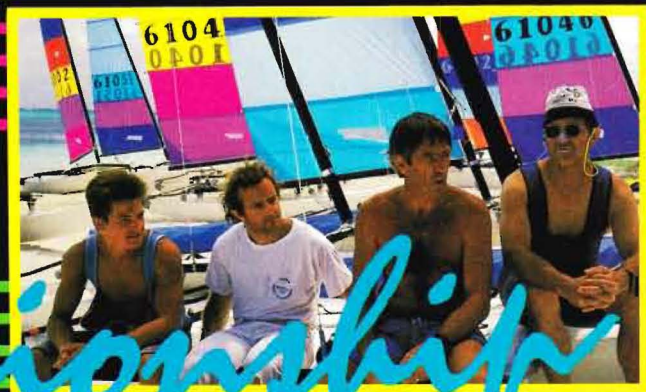
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14 Championship





**T**he Hobie legend lives on: pulsating heat; palm trees; ice-cold beer and forty identical Hobie 14s. What else can a person live for? After a false start in Mexico, the 1987 Hobie 14 World Championship was moved to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. What a venue! The Fiesta de Mer (Festival of the Seas) happened to be running at the same time, plus a trans-ocean international yacht race. The island was abuzz with colorful people, different dialects, and spicy foods. Mauritius is an ex-volcanic island that brushes a sky supported by dense, green bush flowing into the brilliant, blue Indian Ocean. Surrounding the island is a coral reef that provides inshore shelter from the swell action and stirs up food for the big fish outside.

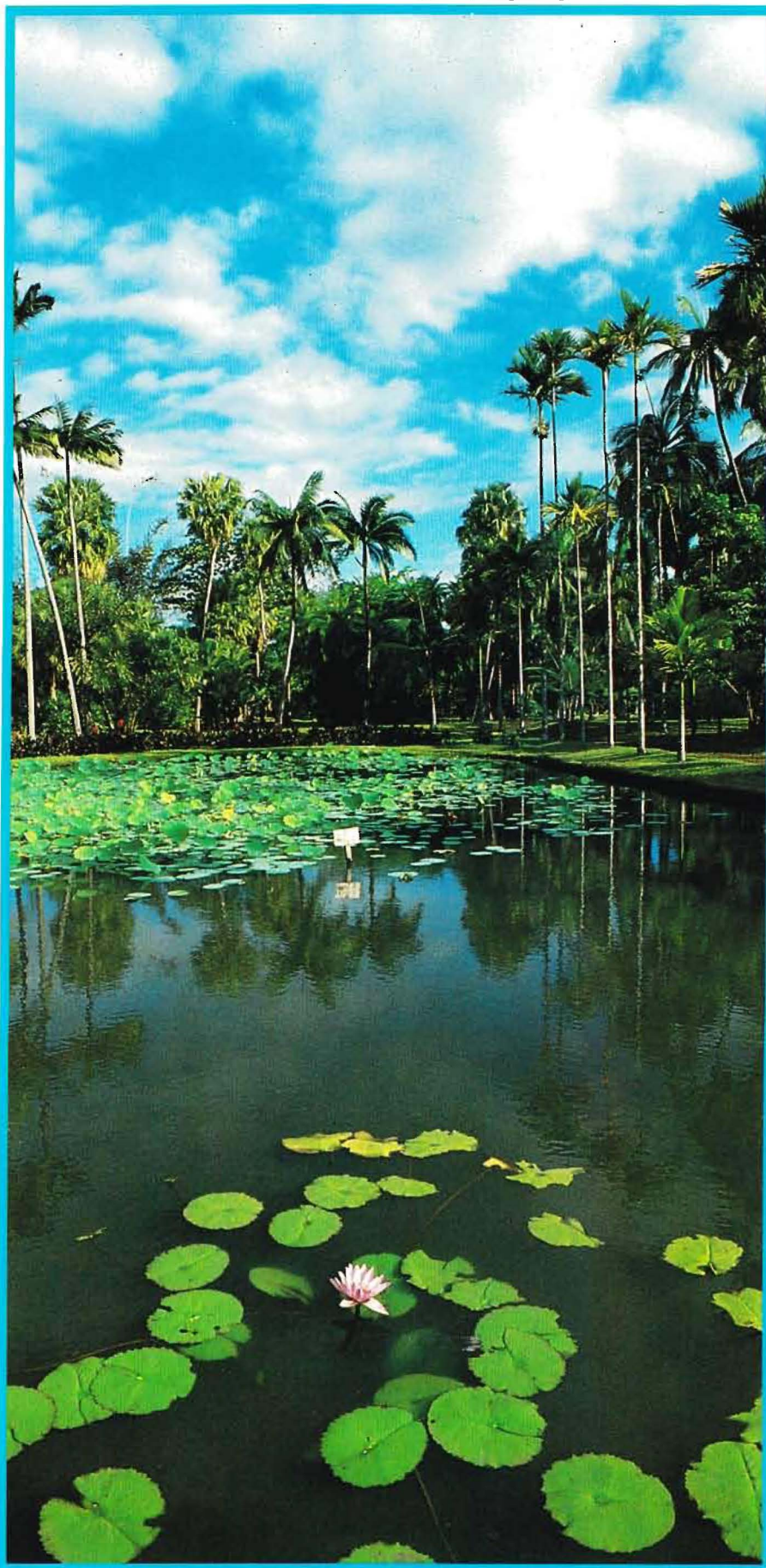
From Tahiti, France, Switzerland, Ireland, Australia, Mauritius, Spain, Brazil, America and South Africa, competitors rolled in, stripping off winter clothes and ripping out baggies and suntan lotion. The current world champion was unfortunately missing due to business, and a few hot Australians were perhaps concentrating on the next America's Cup. But the competition was there.

The Tahitians were the hottest contenders, with veterans Kitty Salmon Hiro de Meyer leading the South Pacific pack. The Mauritians were an unknown force with local knowledge. And could South African Blaine Dodds, a former world champion, make a comeback?

The pre-qualifying series started on Thursday, September 22, in a light, onshore, westerly breeze. The courses were set due west of the luxurious championship headquarters hotel, Troux-aux-biches. Outside the coral reef, anchoring the mark far enough out to sea was a problem in over 200 meters of water on a shelf that disappeared in a hurry. Twenty sailors from the pre-qualifying went through to the championship series with a few unfortunates who had to suffer a week on a tropical isle. Three races were sailed in light, flukey conditions with onshore winds and a nasty little chop for the fat guys. Nino Salmon from Tahiti was victorious in this event and started off on a psychological high.

A welcoming party was held on Friday night with the sports and entertainment team doing their thing. These guys were amazing, working all day teaching windsurfing, skiing and diving, then putting on a show at night with much hilarity in the French flavor. A Michael Jackson look-alike was superb with ankle-crushing break dancing.

The start of the actual world championship was on Saturday at 2 p.m. This allowed the international yacht race to start, an event sponsored by the Beachcomber group of hotels on the island. The race started off in a light wind similar to

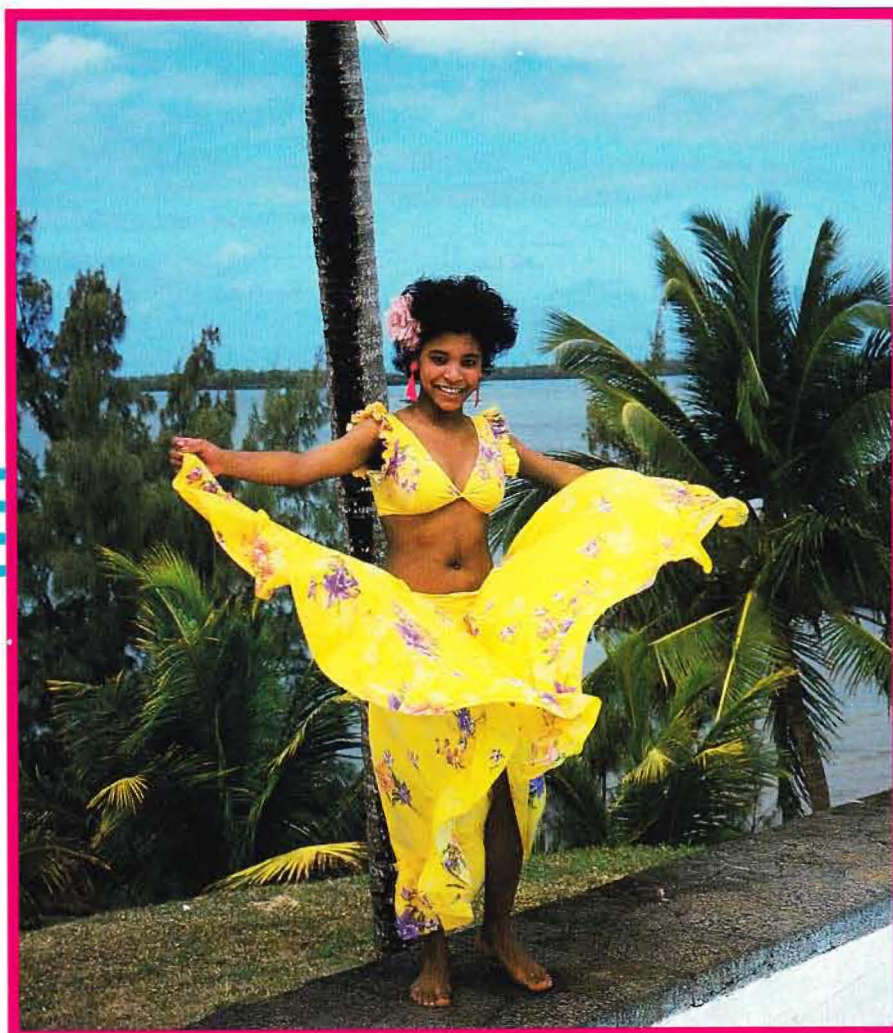


*Sailors were told to expect one of the most beautiful islands in the world. They got it.*





*Differences in tuning styles were evident as sailors from various nations adjusted their rigs on the beach.*



*Mauritius exuded tropical charm and the people were as friendly as any sailor could want.*

the previous day. The boats wallowed in towards the coral reef with a few tacking way up the middle of the course. Lucky them. The boats tacking close to the coral reef were headed back to the starting area and then gently lifted. Gerard Koper of South Africa scored the best out of all the boats by rounding the weather mark first, followed by the Tahitians and Blaine Dodds. The Tahitians and Allan Lawrence sneaked past Koper with Dodds running too low and dropping right back. With great tenacity, Allan Lawrence worked his way to the front and crossed the line first.

The second race began at about 3:30 p.m. in the same light wind. The wind slowly died away 20 seconds before the start with the current forcing boats over early. A 180-degree windshift then popped through after a general recall and the race was re-started in the approaching sunset. The wind from the opposite direction lifted the old sloppy chop into a neat surfing wave and the sail back to the beach was amazing with flying fish skittering over the waves and flopping back into the warm, blue water.

Sunday saw the wind switch to offshore, which is what all the heavies had been waiting for. The mean wind for the area was 20 knots offshore, 10 knots for the day, to provide some interesting racing. Wind switches in the short courses didn't allow for much catching up in the case of mistakes. With the marks difficult to move, some of the courses were debatable. It was the same for all competitors, however, and the organizers needed to have as many races as possible. Paul Thomas, the South African champion, had a bad day by just sticking his nose over the line before the gun. Dipping back but not re-rounding the ends, this resulted in a PMS since the one minute rule applied. The boat speed king, Mr. Sean Ferry, capsized just after the start, set off in a second, and pulled up to fourth—an amazing performance. The Mauritians were all up front with the Tahitians, hanging in there waiting for the wind. In the last race of the day, Allan Lawrence of South Africa built an enormous lead and kept pulling away all the time.

Monday started with the wind a good 15 knots for a super-long, three-triangle course. After a heavy beat up to the weather mark, it was no relief to know that two more rounds were to come. The reach along the coral reef was outstanding with maximum power pushing the boats along. The racing finished at 2 p.m. since time was running out for two more races. The afternoon was spent ruining the local golf course and helping the Mauritian golf ball industry stage a vital economic recovery.

This setting for the world championship must have been one of the best ever. You could start the day with a snorkel along






*It sure can become hectic when good sailors are battling for first as this water-level view indicates. No word on the photographer's fate.*

the reef or game of tennis, dive into a superb breakfast, then off to some amazingly exciting Hobie racing, followed by waterskiing/golf/boardsailing. When the day was done you could settle down with a free Sundowner beer, yet another sumptuous evening seafood meal, an evening show, full disco and, to end the day, the Casino Rupee Guzzler.

The split was announced on Monday night with most people, including the manager, ending up in the pool. A couple of security guards arrived on the scene and in the friendly Mauritian way suggested that more fun would be had on the beach. Leading at this stage was Allan Lawrence (South Africa), Hiro de Meyer (Tahiti), and David Kruyt (South Africa). Following were the Mauritians and Tahitians.

Tuesday had the palm trees holding onto their roots for the final two days of racing. The first race was a screamer around a course with a reach past the coral reef off to the windward mark. It was very exciting sailing. On the way back to the island you could see an approaching thunderstorm, which arrived in the middle of the second race. Gusts of up to 30 knots were making things lively but only a few boats capsized. After a lunch interval the next race started in 20 knots, followed by a fourth and last race. The casino was empty that night and coconuts vibrated off the trees with the snoring. Blaine Dodds had a superb day with two firsts, a fifth and a sixth to pull him from 28th to 7th overall. The top three were steady with Hiro de Meyer moving up to second, four points behind Allan Lawrence.

The final day saw the Duke and Duchess of York (Andrew and Fergie to some) gracing the occasion by watching the proceedings off a large catamaran. An armada of camera and press people arrived with Nikon and Kodak scoring well in the day. The wind was a good 20 knots and was still easterly and offshore. Boats jockeyed to get a good start, being careful not to be over early with the one-minute rule in effect. Lawrence streaked away to win, almost putting the seal on it with one more race to go. Hiro de Meyer needed to beat him by eight places to take the title. Lawrence, after a bad start in the last race, pulled up to second and, finally, against hot competition, had won a world championship. [For complete results, see "Hobie Racing."] 

## NATIONAL

HOBBIE 14/TURBO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ELK RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 4, 1987

HOBBIE 14T	POINTS
1. Bob Curry	5.25
2. Boyd Bass	15.00
3. Stephan Acquart	23.00
4. Vel De Kreek	27.75
5. Greg Trent	40.00
6. Clark A. Keyser	46.00
7. Byron Parker	53.00
8. Debbie Taylor	53.00
9. Davis S. Green	56.00
10. Bret A. Moss	61.00
11. Jon Tiger	63.00
12. Dave Wilder	66.00
13. Carole Arrick	79.00
14. William Mack, Jr.	83.00
15. James Frederick	97.00

HOBBIE 14	POINTS
1. Bob Curry	7.50
2. Stan Woodruff	17.75
3. Boyd Bass	22.00
4. Stephan Acquart	24.75
5. Bret A. Moss	29.00
6. Greg Myner	53.00
7. Jerry Jenkins	54.00
8. Chuck Watson	61.00
9. Davis S. Green	65.00
10. Vel De Kreek	65.00
11. Bob Wall	73.00
12. Dave Wilder	75.00
13. William Mack, Jr.	89.00
14. Bob Schwartz	92.00
15. Stan Evans	94.00
16. Clark A. Keyser	99.00
17. Byron Parker	105.00
18. John Storer	109.00
19. Fred Ryan	116.00
20. James Frederick	121.00
21. Jon Tiger	121.00
22. Jack Welsh, M.D.	135.00

HOBBIE WOMENS U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
SEPTEMBER 8-11, 1987

SKIPPER/CREW	POINTS
1. Renfro/Deans	34.25
2. Nelson/Seaman	35.00
3. Robertson/Brenny	41.75
4. Leon/Leth	44.00
5. Holmes/Whittington	58.75
6. Popejoy/Moore	66.00
7. O'Brien/De Chesne	66.00
8. Moore/Casher	66.75

9. Tully/Russel	67.00
10. Christopher/Frankline	83.00
11. Sloan/Pascoe	83.00
12. Skidmore/Drlleovich	92.75
13. Tully/Lewis	109.00
14. McManus/Holverson	136.00
15. Villa/Villa	143.00
16. Ward/Lovsletten	155.00
17. Laroque/Tebeau	159.00
18. Cockroft/Glaze	164.00
19. Schratz/Brown	182.00
20. Pryor/Karnitschnig	183.00
21. Heath/Duncan	190.00
22. Shiller/Walker	211.00
23. Gira/Bowen	216.00
24. Barnes/Outlaw	224.00

HOBBIE 16 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
SEPTEMBER 13-19, 1987

SKIPPER/CREW	POINTS
1. Jeff Alter	16.00
2. Carlton Tucker	22.25
3. Enrique Figueroa	24.50
4. M. Shearer/K. Ward	28.25
5. Hobbie Alter Jr.	37.50
6. K. Christensen/C. Christensen	40.00
7. B. Seaman/D. Deupree	58.00
8. T. Materna/R. Jenkins	71.75
9. A. Egusa/S. Holmes	79.00
10. R. Eddington/C. Eddington	96.00
11. C. McCarty Jr./S. Newton	110.00
12. T. Hitch/M. Hammond	117.00
13. D. Katterman/J. Katterman	122.00
14. P. Porter/L. Robertson	126.00
15. P. Bascoe/J. Pascoe	128.00
16. C. Nunes/M. Montgomery	132.00
17. L. Dockstader/C. Kiel-Deans	132.00
18. P. Tobie, G. Loose	134.00
19. R. MacConnell/C. Carroll	138.00
20. Mark Ralph	144.00
21. W. Smith/J. Smith	153.00
22. J. Casher/G. Casher	154.00
23. B. Carpenter, C. Kasley	162.00
24. R. Neatherby	165.00
25. L. Ashton/S. Ashton	167.00
26. R. Daniel/S. Shaw	173.00
27. J. Newsome/P. Paul	178.00
28. D. Shearer/M. Tuckett	179.00
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30. T. Korzeniewski/W. Jeffers	189.00
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32. R. Wythes, T. Remick	193.00
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44. N. Kelley/J. Keeton	255.00
45. P. Campi/D. Archer	257.00
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47. W. Tully/A. Tully	267.00
48. M. Bounds/L. Bounds	295.00

## INTERNATIONAL

HOBBIE 14 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
MAURITIUS  
SEPTEMBER 23-30

NAME	COUNTRY	POINTS
1. Allan Lawrence	South Africa	20.00
2. Hiro De Maeyer	Tapiti	34.00
3. David Krut	South Africa	35.50
4. William Dwards	South Africa	50.00
5. Blaine Dodds	South Africa	51.25
6. Kitty Salmon	Tahiti	61.75
7. Colin Hancox	South Africa	64.00
8. Shaun Ferry	South Africa	66.00
9. Philippe Hars	Tahiti	71.00
10. Gerhard Koper	South Africa	78.00
11. Nino Salmon	Tahiti	89.75
12. Jannie Tukker	South Africa	95.00
13. Kamien Johnson	South Africa	101.00
14. Peter Tomalin	South Africa	110.00
15. Ren Brand	South Africa	117.00
16. Paul Thomas	South Africa	123.00
17. Eric Poafai	Tahiti	124.00
18. Francis Petras	Tahiti	124.00
19. Sk Lippstreu	South Africa	126.00
20. Jean Agnieray	Tahiti	128.00
21. Didier Giraud	Mauritius	130.75
22. Aubrey Price	South Africa	138.00
23. Jacques Le Voguer	France	139.00
24. Jacques Foucaud	France	152.00
25. Lionel Hartley	South Africa	161.00
26. Wayne Schafer	U.S.A.	165.00
27. Tupe Pacquier	Tahiti	177.75
28. Stephane Lagesse	Mauritius	182.00
29. Kaniel Giraud	Mauritius	184.00
30. Karl Buic	Mauritius	186.00
31. Ricardo Cabrera	Spain	186.75
32. D. Gautier de la Haut	France	196.00
33. Charol Aguerre	France	206.00
34. Tony Marsh	Australia	227.00
35. Rono Brodbeck	Switzerland	230.00
36. Bob Antelme	Mauritius	251.00

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