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WINTER BLUES SUCCUMB TO FIERY HOT SHOTS



CLIVE AND DONNA KENNEDY
PASTA EVERYONE TO WIN
HOBIE 18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP

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THE PRE-GAME WARMUP

Halfway between Rome and Naples on the Tyrrhenian sea reposes the alluring town of Gaeta, Italy, ancient summer home of the emperor Tibère and recent site of the 1991 Hobie Cat 18 World Championship. The mild climate, clear warm waters and regular winds drew sailors speaking (various forms of) English, German, Danish, Dutch, French, Hebrew and, of course, Italian, to the sixth edition of this always highly competitive, bi-annual event.

Helping the worldly and wise competitors enjoy the June 27 - July 7 event was the host Summit Hotel. And enjoy it they would, thanks to the sailing section of the Nautical School of the Guardia di

Finanza, the Nautical Club of Gaeta, the Italian Hobie Cat Association, Fleet 383, and in particular commodore Antonio Nocca and Leonardo Lacroix. All were appreciated for their competence, their courtesy, and very warm reception to all the people who came.

THE LINEUP

1989 champion Gary Metcalfe was not on hand to defend his title, but ten other Australian teams were. So, too, were several sailors from South Africa, America and many European countries. The eager non-qualified teams were said to be as ambitious for victory as the tried-and-true competitors. In all, 62 teams representing 12 countries qualified for the semi-finals.

A LOOK AT THE CONTESTANTS

Hobie Cat events may be a melting pot of nations, but the gathering in Italy also reflected the wonderful differences

contributing to the spice of Hobie life. Speaking of food, rumor had it some Australians soon had their fill of pasta, pizza and pepperoni and were seen paying "through the nose" for a good, thick steak to wolf down at breakfast, no less.

Halfway through the competition, the Israeli team analyzed its elimination with a mixture of wisdom, resignation and determination. "We thought we were good because in Israel, where all types of cats race together, our team is the best and everyone copies us. But now, after watching the Australians and Americans tune their boats — generally with a maximum of mast rake — we have come to realize we have a lot to learn."

The Israelis' observation confirms a significant point; as the largest one-design class in the world, the Hobie racing circuit, with its strong competition, makes Hobie racers the toughest to beat in any catamaran race.

An interesting note as to the equality of the sexes: the first three winning teams were comprised of male skippers and female crews. In fact, half the top ten teams were mixed.

AND THEY'RE OFF!

Semi Tough

The weather had its own scorecard, with the initial races beginning on a hot day and a calm sea. Soon, as the winds and the competition heated up, the winners of early races grabbed a decisive lead from the start and held on until the finish.

The first three races saw an equal number of victors; namely, American Alan Egusa in the first race, Aussie Clive Kennedy (remember that name!) in the second contest and fellow Aussie Gavin Luxton in the third (and again in the fourth).

Although destined to finish second overall, Jeff Alter had his share of problems in the beginning, having to abandon the third race when his trapeze broke and his Cat capsized. He and crew Kathy Ward came back with gusto to win the sixth.



MAGGIE SKIDMORE

SOME SIDES

Finals Start Early

Light weather pushed the finals ahead one day, robbing competitors of their cherished day off but giving them an opportunity to finish the racing despite the calm. It was determined the final score would include points accrued from the semi-finals.

Shifting winds and shifting fortunes were the emblems of the first race of the finals. Jeff Alter took the lead at the start of the seventh race, but his preoccupation with the fast-gaining Kennedy clan precluded his wind watching; before he could say "Veni, Vidi, Vici!" ("I came, I saw, I conquered," to those of us more familiar with pig Latin than the real thing), the Ferrone brothers gave him an Italian dressing down and passed him to windward.

Two new names surfaced in the eighth. Australian Dart Stuart led all the way ... until the end, when he was beaten by the flying Dutchman, Onno Van Derplaat.

More Light Winds And Heavy Competition

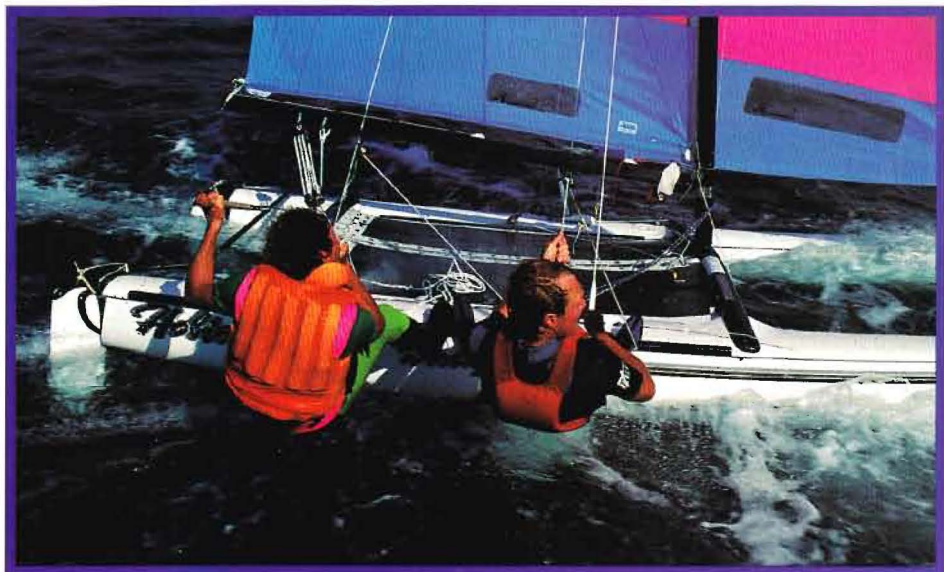
The American teams celebrated Independence Day by declaring their subjugation to foreign competition. Again, the breeze was extremely light and constantly shifting. Clive Kennedy remained in firm control of first place, while compatriot Gavin Luxton moved into second.

Later, another race, another triumphant Italian face: Enrico Maltagliati, a sailing instructor familiar with these racing waters, swept within two points of Jeff Alter.

Kennedys Compound Victory

After an involuntary day off due to wind (as in none), the July 6 finale gave Clive Kennedy the opportunity to prove without a doubt his prowess in light as well as heavy weather.

The tension was high and the wind was low for the final race, with the title up



NOELLE DUCK

for grabs until the end. Striving valiantly to grab it was one Jeff Alter, who took the lead at the first mark, giving his wife, Laurie, palpitations as, glued to her binoculars, she cheered him on. Unfortunately for Alter, at the second mark downwind the Kennedys recovered 20 boats to come in fourth in the race and first overall.

In the final standings, Alter and crew Kathy Ward captured second; Aussie George Owen and crew Tracy Wood took third; Italians Enrico Maltagliati and Silenzi Reno were fourth; Aussies Gavin Luxton and Micheal Butler came in fifth. (For complete race results, see page 50 of the September/October 1991 issue of **HOTLINE**.)


"It took me 15 years, but now I'm here!" were Clive's winning words, spoken amidst a victory celebration of wine, rum-coca and beer.

THE STARS OF THE GAME

The Kennedy clan of Clive and Donna are becoming as well known in Australian racing circles as the American Kennedys are for their political (and other) exploits. The reason: they can sail circles around just about everybody else!

Clive, a builder, and his wife and constant crew, Donna, live near Sydney. Two years ago they won the Australian championship on their 18; now, they're victorious worldwide.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 1993, the seventh Hobie 18 World Championship probably will be in a windy location such as Noumea or somewhere in Australia. Is there a sailor among the thousands of 18 sailors around the world who can take the throne away from the mighty Aussies? 

Six Wins, No Losses

For the sixth time in a row, a sailor from down under rose to the top of the Hobie 18.

YEAR	LOCATION	WINNER
1981	USA	Ian Bashford
1983	France	Brett Dryland
1985	Australia	Gary Metcalfe
1987	Canada	Brett Dryland
1989	USA	Gary Metcalfe
1991	Italy	Clive Kennedy

HOBIE RACING RACE RESULTS

HOBIE 16A

	POINTS
1. Bounds	6.25
2. Kuchenbuch	6.50
3. Mohney	9.00
4. Diamond	12.00
5. Wadsworth	21.00
6. Botis	24.00
7. Virgil	27.00
8. Mack	28.00
9. Cifelli	30.00
10. Cross	40.00
11. Fishem	42.00

DAM REGATTA X FLEET 300, DIVISION 10 COLUMBUS, OH JUNE 1-2, 1991

HOBIE 18A

	POINTS
1. Rose/Rose	3.50
2. Frederick/Schaefer	7.50
3. Celusnak/Merlo	9.00
4. Nixon/Nixon	12.00
5. Roten/Roten	14.00
6. Fort	15.00
7. Teets/Teets	17.00
8. Szabo/Clark	19.00
9. Anderson	19.00
10. Haas/Haas	21.00

HOBIE 18B

	POINTS
1. DeCarlo	6.75
2. Longacre	7.75
3. Lundgren	7.75
4. Flucker/Flucker	8.75
5. Wilkins	9.00
6. Ross/Ross	11.00
7. Alvarado	19.00

HOBIE 17

	POINTS
1. Kartz	2.25
2. Beal	7.00
3. Fecher	16.00
4. Warden	9.00

HOBIE 16A

	POINTS
1. Rooks/Rooks	6.75
2. Bounds/Bounds	8.75
3. Wier/Wier	9.00
4. Mohney/Mohney	9.00
5. Kuchenbuch/Eck	9.75
6. Woodruff/Woodruff	11.00
7. Diamond/Diamond	15.00
8. Fecher	21.00
9. Botis	21.00
10. Somple/Demetry	22.00
11. Overbaugh/Kern	25.00
12. Beck	31.00
13. Johnson	32.00

HOBIE 16B

	POINTS
1. Noethen	2.25
2. Terrell/Hughes	6.00

AUSTIN LAKE REGATTA FLEET 519, DIVISION 10 PORTAGE, MI MAY 18-19, 1991

HOBIE 18A

	POINTS
1. Ferree/Claasen	7.50
2. Mette/Mette	10.75
3. Popp/Sontag	17.00
4. Sullivan/Carnoyale	20.00
5. Carter/Doran	21.00
6. Bourdo/Smith	25.75
7. Szabo/Kinney	26.00
8. Wilkins/Gierlings	36.00

HOBIE 17

	POINTS
1. Briggs	7.25
2. Beal	7.50
3. LaRoque	10.75

HOBIE 16A

	POINTS
1. Kuchenbuch/Eck	12.50
2. Mohney/Mohney	16.00
3. Bounds/Bounds	18.75
4. Diamond/Diamond	19.00
5. Woodruff/Woodruff	26.50
6. Wadsworth/Turk	37.00
7. Stiemsma/Stiemsma	38.00
8. Whyment/Jean	39.00
9. Overbaugh/Kern	41.75
10. Lenczycki/Lenczycki	43.00
11. Kuk/Kuk	47.00
12. Seelman/Seelman	51.00
13. Ahlbrand/Beyer	59.00
14. Enders/Enders	61.00
15. Williams/King	64.00
16. Botis/Botis	67.00
17. Maletic/Troville	71.00
18. Adamowski/Larsen	72.00
19. Akert/Akert	79.00
20. Cifelli/Maletic	89.00

HOBIE 16B

	POINTS
1. McBrien/Aspar	3.75
2. Half/Half	13.00
3. Hoenes/Pickornick	17.75
4. Rohrer/Carpenter	20.00
5. Howard/Harvey	22.00
6. Riegel/Riegel	27.00
7. Grow	30.00
8. Rubino/Fransson	35.00
9. Avery/Beyer	43.00

CLEMENTINE'S REGATTA FLEET 519, DIVISION 10 ST. JOE, MI JUNE 15-16, 1991

HOBIE 18A

	POINTS
1. Rose/Rose	2.25
2. Ferree/Claasen	4.75
3. Isco/Pfeiler	11.00
4. Crabbe/Scott	11.00
5. Popp/Sontag	15.00
6. Mette/Mette	15.00
7. Sullivan/Carnoyale	17.00

8. Thiessen/Wrong	19.00
9. Frederick/Schaefer	19.00
10. Mellling/Melling	26.00
11. Bourdo/Smith	34.00
12. Crall/Crall	35.00
13. Teets/Teets	35.00
14. Blight/Gamble	38.00
15. Celusnak/Merlo	42.00
16. Schulz/Schulz	44.00

HOBIE 18B

	POINTS
1. Segasser/Segasser	3.50
2. Wilkins/Sage	4.75
3. Shields/Shields	8.75
4. Blight/Gamble	11.00
5. Cook/Cook	12.00
6. Bridge/Staub	17.00
7. Wilson	21.00

HOBIE 17

	POINTS
1. Garlick	2.25
2. Bounds	5.75
3. Garlick	8.00
4. Kartz	11.00
5. Warden	11.00
6. LaRoque	17.00

HOBIE 16A

	POINTS
1. Kuchenbuch/Eck	6.75
2. Williams/Mui	7.00
3. Woodruff/Woodruff	7.50
4. Diamond/Diamond	9.00
5. Seelman/Seelman	14.75
6. Lenczycki/Lenczycki	17.00
7. Overbaugh/Kern	17.00
8. Whyment/Jean	22.00
9. Koenigbauer/Witansen	23.00
10. Stiemsma/Stiemsma	26.00
11. Botis/Botis	31.00
12. Enders/Enders	35.00
13. Akert/Akert	35.00
14. Chapman/Chapman	35.00
15. Adamowski/Larson	38.00
16. Kuk/Kuk	38.00
17. Beverlen/Mornell	40.00
18. Blunden/Trinka	41.00
19. Peterson/Peterson	44.00
20. Maletic/Mickey	53.00

HOBIE 16B

	POINTS
1. McBrien/Aspar	3.50
2. Gassoway/Cochnour	9.00
3. Howard/Wurzer	10.75
4. Mack/Mack	12.00
5. Hague/Hague	13.00
6. Stephenson/Abbot	14.00
7. Half/Half	14.75
8. Cifelli/Maletic	18.00
9. Vanhook/Koole	20.00
10. Moenes/Pickornick	20.00
11. Rohrer/Carpenter	35.00
12. Grow/Debone	38.00
13. Smock/Smock	38.00
14. Przybysz/Przybysz	40.00

HOBIE 16C

	POINTS
1. Hansell/Albro	3.50
2. Cavanaugh/Cavanaugh	5.75
3. Hildreth/Cherry	11.00
4. Aaron/Aaron	13.75
5. Pawela/Mike	14.00
6. Riegel/Heissier	14.00
7. Rubino/Fransson	15.00
8. Jansen/Jansen	15.00
9. Stoler/Collins	28.00
10. Henry/Henry	28.00
11. Farnum/Schaefer	35.00
12. Nielson/Fisher	38.00
13. VanAsperen/Benson	48.00

DIVISION 14

MID AMERICAS REGATTA FLEET 23, DIVISION 14 LAKE TEXOMA, TX MAY 25-26, 1991

HOBIE 18A

	POINTS
1. Richnow/Nelson	3.50
2. Palmer/Cantrell	3.50
3. Costa/Costa	12.00
4. Hart/Wagner	14.00
5. Dickinson/Bryan	16.00
6. Snider/Davis	20.00
7. Isco/Curtis	21.00
8. Campbell/Duda	21.00
9. Baker/Baker	21.00
10. Proctor/Hanley	22.00
11. Liggett/Odom	26.00
12. Kuntz/Kuntz	28.00
13. Hausman/Freshnook	30.00
14. Eller/Burns	30.00
15. Kollman/Kollman	32.00
16. Beach/Beach	33.00
17. Rainbow	36.00
18. Griffin/Griffin	50.00
19. Yurinak/Cooke	57.00
20. Davenport/Therese	60.00

HOBIE 18B

	POINTS
1. Hodge/Luttera	1.25
2. Gage/Garrison	6.00
3. Might/Lewis	6.75
4. Ryan	12.00

HOBIE 18C

	POINTS
1. Godbold/Amrhein	5.75
2. Mimitch/Mimitch	5.75
3. Mears/Goch	6.75
4. Besgrove/Steve	11.00
5. Dougherty/Dougherty	14.75
6. Tisdale/King	15.00
7. Julier/Donavan	18.00
8. Bengel/Arbaugh	18.00
9. Hartin/Ross	25.00
10. Pitzer/Pitzer	27.00
11. Todd/Duggins	29.00
12. Tirschler/Tirschler	36.00
13. Adams/Dammers	39.00

HOBIE 18M

	POINTS
1. Sanford	2.25
2. Roscher/Roscher	4.75
3. Monosmith/Hyatt	7.00
4. Adams/Adams	10.00

HOBIE SX-18

	POINTS
1. Stowe/Wheaton	2.25

HOBIE 17A

	POINTS
1. Drew Riddle	7.00
2. Pete Patullo	7.75
3. Boyd Bass	9.75
4. Stephen Acquart	10.75
5. Jim Humphrey	12.75
6. John Curtis	15.00
7. Jane Sherrod	15.00
8. Ron McDowell	20.00
9. Dexter Ploss	20.00
10. Steven Chaples	24.00
11. Jon Claas	31.00
12. Mike Travis	32.00
13. Len Stolz	34.00
14. Jon Tiger	40.00
15. Russ Mower	40.00

HOBIE 17B

	POINTS
1. Royce Laverne	3.50
2. Greg Diehl	4.75
3. Stefan Vann	5.75
4. Don Hawkins	12.00
5. Tom Slettebo	13.00
6. Kenneth Fisher	18.00
7. Gary Rucker	21.00
8. Debbie Taylor	25.00
9. Marc Eddy	30.00
10. Donald Scott	30.00

HOBIE 16A

	POINTS
1. LeoHelholz/Grisson	2.25
2. Baltasar/Lumms	5.75
3. Brown/Brown	11.00
4. Drake	21.00
5. Kuc/Wyatt	22.00
6. Ralph/Holmes	23.00
7. Rouker/Riedie	23.00
8. McCreddie/Haney	23.00
9. Back/Brown	23.00
10. Trotter/Trotter	24.00
11. Saneman/Stachmus	26.00
12. Register/Regester	29.00
13. Swanson/Swanson	34.00
14. Shaw/Welch	35.00
15. Sparks/Jordan	38.00
16. Rohrer/Rohrer	39.00
17. Keeler/Keeler	41.00
18. McIntosh/McIntosh	41.00
19. Heeren/Harris	46.00
20. Bridgman/Groeneweg	48.00
21. Davis/Larchar	48.00
22. Fuller/Shields	51.00
23. Hess	55.00
24. Wolfe/Wolfe	62.00
25. Sykes/LaVerne	63.00
26. Vockrodt/Vockrodt	64.00
27. Lawyer/Lawyer	67.00
28. Goodman/Hockenburg	68.00
29. Allen/Allen	68.00
30. Bacon/Bouzigard	70.00
31. Meers	72.00
32. Richards/Richards	86.00
33. Rouker/Thurmer	89.00
34. Duggan/Means	91.00
35. Stout/Elis	106.00
36. Atnip/Atnip	114.00
37. Sullivan/Sullivan	114.00
38. Cummings/Creel	114.00

HOBIE 16B

	POINTS
1. Bach/Korts	3.50
2. Williamson/Williamson	11.75
3. Stump/Stump	12.00
4. Sutphen/Halbert	13.00
5. Hepler/Hepler	16.00
6. Bradford/Bradford	16.00
7. Riley/Mears	18.00
8. Dunn/Dunn	19.75
9. Garza	28.00
10. Tribett/Walker	27.00
11. Germanprez/Dewey	27.00
12. Johnson/Allen	29.00
13. Cody/Cody	29.00
14. Stroh/Cegla	33.00
15. Saggi/Black	33.00
16. Carson	37.00
17. Smith/Ales	37.00
18. Pierpoline/Linecum	46.00
19. Mason/Bensly	50.00
20. Harressey/Pennington	54.00
21. Purinton/Gal	64.00
22. Cheatham/Cheatham	64.00
23. Matson/Lowe	66.00

HOBIE 16C

	POINTS
1. Smith/Chandler	7.75
2. Mathia/King	9.00
3. Evans/Harris	9.75
4. Rolli/Cincar	15.00
5. Vaughan/Vaughan	24.00
6. Vrabel/Gleitman	24.75
7. Reynolds/Ward	25.00
8. Krumm/Allen	27.00
9. Wilcox/Wilcox	28.00
10. Kizer/McCormick	29.00
11. Keeler/Allen	31.00
12. Mimitch/Mimitch	32.00
13. Hays/Deyo	32.00
14. Johnson/Washington	35.00
15. Springer/Davis	38.00
16. Peppard/McPherson	41.00
17. Metelko/Hitchbotham	43.00
18. Vaughn/Vaughn	46.00
19. Culbertson/Hoehn	47.00
20. Wyatt/Ayres	49.00
21. Holden/Dyer	51.00
22. Banks/Banks	52.00
23. Dill/Avon	53.00
24. Riggs/Martin	54.00
25. Sander/White	60.00
26. Dodge	66.00
27. O'Neil/Sorrell	76.00
28. Jardine/Jardine	80.00
29. Ward/Koller	83.00

30. Clark/Crowder	97.00
31. Shannon/Shannon	109.00
32. Herber/Herber	117.00
33. White/Harris	117.00
34. Shaw/White	117.00
35. Herber/Ratiff	117.00
36. Bains/Bains	117.00
37. King/Stark	117.00
38. Woodward/Frhnd	117.00
39. Nelson/March	117.00

HOBIE 14A

	POINTS
1. Bob Schwartz	2.25

HOBIE 14T

	POINTS
1. Dick Fruland	3.50
2. Paul Beddow	3.50