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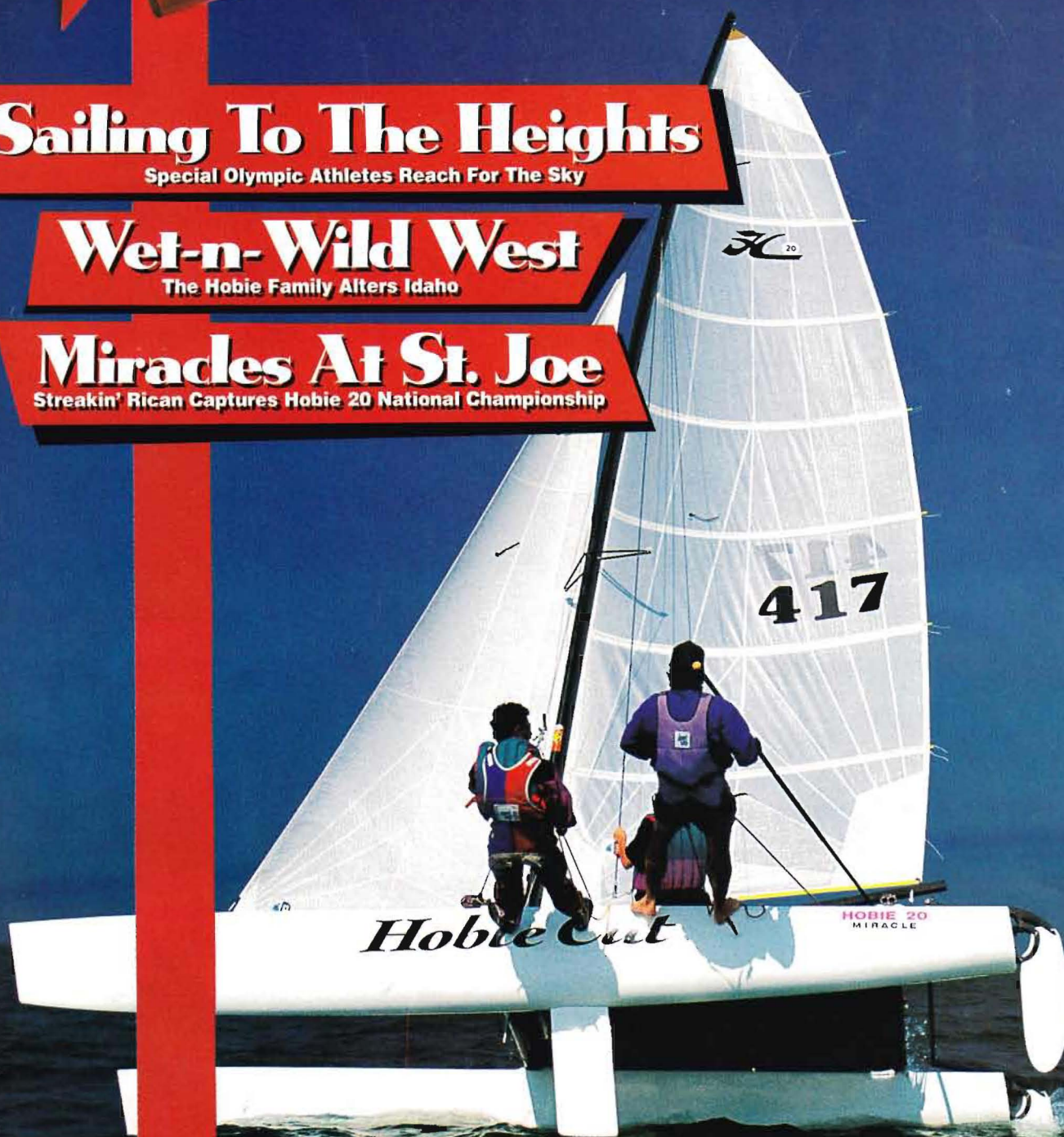
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MIKE STRAHLE AND HIS NEPHEW, CHRISTOPHER, CAME TO THE 1994 HOBIE 16 TRAPSEAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWDOWN WITH BOTH BARRELS LOADED.

SHOWDOWN

GUNSLINGING SAILORS FACE OFF AT 1994 HOBIE 16 TRAPSEAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

STORY AND PHOTOS
COURTESY OF MIKE STRAHLE

Wyatt Earp's showdown at the OK Corral took place in Tombstone, Arizona. After winning the bloody shootout, he moved to San Diego. Some 100 years after that infamous event, a showdown of another sort came to Earp's adopted hometown.

Bullets once again rang out, and the fighting was fierce, but unbloody. We're happy to report that everyone who entered the San Diego shootout survived.

The battles were fought not with guns, but on Hobie Cats. The San Diego event was the 1994 Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship held August 29 - September 1.

Each team was comprised of a disabled skipper and an able-bodied

crew. The showdown was more than just OK; we done ol' Earp mighty proud.

RIVALS GET READY

Gorgeous San Diego welcomed Trapseat competitors from Australia, Hawaii, New Mexico, Florida and California with perfect weather and 10-14 knot winds. Sailors raved about the great hospitality of the San Diego Hilton on beautiful Mission Bay, but make no mistake: the big guns were here to race!

John Ross-Duggan, winner of the '88 Trapseat (and '77 Hobie 16 National champ), prepared to face rival Mike Strahle, who triumphed in '89, '90 and '91. Strahle had been waiting six long years

for another showdown with his nemesis. Now, here they were, right back where the Trapseat competition originally began.

Also racing for all the marbles were the division 2 qualifying teams of Michael/Dave Lung, Michelle Erickson/Mike Lattin, Rich Doer/Ben Carter and Graham Lemon/Carl Strahle. Division 1 was comprised of John Ross-Duggan/Daryl Strahle, Mike/Christopher Strahle, Mic O'Conner/Colin Duckworth, Peter Axelson/Ralph Gutierrez and Jim Sasser/Carl Strahle.

Racers had been divided into the two divisions according to past record and sailing ability. After two qualifying days, the winners would go on to the gold fleet and the remainder to the silver fleet. Then would come the final showdown.

THE GUN GOES OFF

Division 1 racers sailed out for the opening battle. At the windward and starboard side of the line, Ross-Duggan and Strahle got off to a great first race. Erickson/Lattin dominated division 2 right off the bat, capturing first and leaving Lemon/Strahle in the dust at second.

Division 2 racing continued hot and heavy. Strahle was called over early in the second race, while Ross-Duggan shot ahead in front of the pack. At the windward mark, second-place Strahle got caught by Axelson's starboard boat, dizzily did a 360, and kept right on going; tacking early to the finish, lifting a hull and screaming toward the line. Close, but no cigar; Ross-Duggan got the gun, leaving the other gunslingers in the dust.

Speaking of smoking guns, Erickson/Lattin continued their domination of division 2. The second place Hawaiian Lung brothers and the other racers watched as Erickson/Lattin sailed to another first.

The pre-showdown was all business and not much pleasure for those who would not make it into the gold fleet. Ross-Duggan won again to make it two in a row. Erickson/Lattin made it three!

In the last qualifying race for division 1, Strahle struggled courageously, but Ross-Duggan blew by in another photo-finish first. In division 2, Erickson/Lattin finally gave the others a chance to excel. The winning team savored their three bullets and sat out this fourth race, allowing Australians Lemon/Strahle their moment of glory, with the Lungs breathing heavily in second.

When the dust of both divisions settled, skippers Erickson, Ross-Duggan, Strahle, Lung and Lemon achieved the gold fleet. Settling for silver were Chateau, Sasser, Axelson, Doer and O'Conner.

WELL-QUALIFIED FOR FINAL FUN

The showdown slowed down for a little R 'n' R between the qualifying round and the finals to come. Sailors said goodbye to their boats rented from C.P. Watersports and took some time to enjoy all that the Hilton Beach and Tennis Resort had to offer.

Some racers met for dinner in historic Old Town San Diego, where the conversation was as hot as the great Mexican food. Mike Strahle warned Ross-Duggan his luck was going to change. "It's not luck, Mike," was the cool reply.

Undaunted by the sparring conversation of her peers, Erickson reminded both who had the best points in the qualifying. "Prepare to meet your doom in the finals!" was the gist of her remarks.

The time for talk soon was over. A new day dawned, and the time for action arrived.

The gold fleet went out first. Strahle took the start, the lead and the race. True to her words the previous night, second-place Erickson bested former first-place racer, Ross-Duggan, who ended up in fifth behind Lung and Sasser.

The wind was at 12 knots by the time the silver racers began. Sasser/Strahle captured first, followed by Axelson, Chateau, Doer and O'Conner.

In the second race, Strahle and Erickson continued their winning ways in first and second, with Ross-Duggan in the unusual and uncomfortable third-row seat. Silver-fleeter Sasser led Chateau on a merry chase around the course until the last windward mark. Sasser headed downwind and watched Chateau catch a small puff and win the race. He missed his tack for second, which gave Axelson the opportunity to squeeze in just ahead.

Day one of the finals came to an end. With two bullets in his gun belt, it was clear Strahle had put the pressure on the gold fleet. Meanwhile, down at the silver ranch, Sasser and Chateau had a notch each.

The long-awaited showdown between Strahle and Ross-Duggan was complicated by the fact that wily Erickson was outpacing Ross-Duggan. In reality, final victory was up for grabs in both fleets. Ten teams pondered that thought as they headed for their rooms to enjoy a long, hot shower.

SHOW TIME

Has anyone ever seen a less-than-perfect day in sunny southern California? It wouldn't be this one in San Diego, the day that marked the Trapseat showdown of 1994.

Mike Strahle had a special incentive to win the race; he was sailing with his 16-year-old nephew, Christopher. As in all shootouts, however, sentimentality had no place. Everyone was ready to gun it to victory.

Hitting a logjam of competitors at the start, Strahle fell back to a disappointing fourth. In a flash, Ross-Duggan was very much back in the hunt, capturing a first in the initial race of the day. The wind kicked up to 14 knots as Chateau played cat-and-mouse with the silver fleet before giving it his all for the win.

Ross-Duggan, Erickson and Strahle had a chance to win the division 2 gold. The final showdown took place with a twist. Crew Christopher took time out to sell a few Buicks. Feeling the pressure, Erickson did the same.

At the start of the race, competitors brought each other up and ran boats over the line like a swarm of bees. As the gun went off, Ross-Duggan was in the favored position. The Lungs threaded the needle to port while Strahle ran Erickson over the line. Erickson went back to re-start (for no reason — the race committee had not called her over early).

The Lungs kept Strahle at bay despite some killer tacks, while Ross-Duggan enjoyed the lead. Heading for the last windward mark, Ross-Duggan had a line and tacked. The Lungs called starboard as Ross-Duggan ducked them to keep the lead.

Picking up speed like crazy, Strahle showed up calling starboard, as Ross-Duggan was still to port. Needing the win, Ross-Duggan yelled, "Hold your course!" Strahle responded, "Starboard Duggan, TACK!"

Ross-Duggan did not yield. Strahle stuffed his boat into the wind. Ross-Duggan crashed into Strahle, doing little damage to the boat but wreaking havoc nonetheless. It was not a pretty picture, as Strahle sailed off into the lead, muttering something like "360" to Ross-Duggan.

Now the race was between Strahle and the Lungs, who were quickly closing the gap. Ultimately, Strahle squeezed out the Lungs by sailing through the finish line to capture the 1994 Hobie 16 Trapseat World Championship. Crew Christopher gave the triumphant sign of number one in thanks to the Mission Bay Yacht Club race committee, who had donated so much time and effort to the event.

The silver fleet set off fireworks of its own when a comeback victory by Sasser tied Chateau and led to a triple tie-breaker against hometown rivals. Sasser captured the final race and the first-place title.

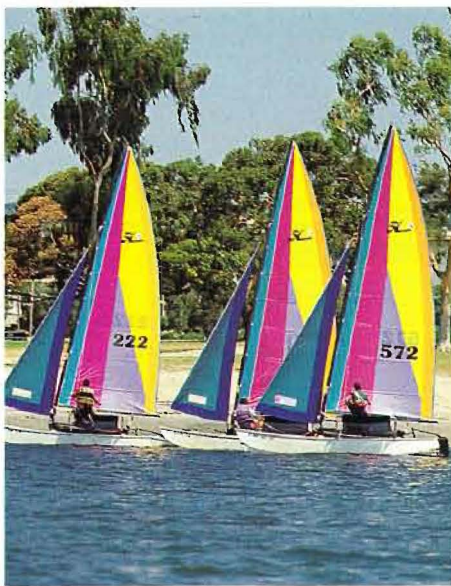
EVERYONE SHOWS UP FOR FUN

The showdown was over. The partying began. The San Diego Yacht Club served up an excellent prime rib dinner. Race committee chairman Ted Corbett presented the trophies as racers re-hashed the previous days' highlights.

The next showdown will be way down, as in down under. The 1995 Trapseat World Championship is slated for Melbourne, Australia in January.

Wyatt Earp won't be able to make it, but we're expecting all the rest of you Trapseat gunslingers to be there to show off your marksmanship. We'll put a shrimp on the barbie for you, mates! *SK*

IT'S ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE, AS TRAPSEAT SAILORS RACE ON BEAUTIFUL MISSION BAY.



FUN AND TENSION COMBINE AS SAILORS AND SPECTATORS PREPARE FOR THE RACE.

HOBIE RACING

RACE RESULTS

DIVISION 2

**BLOWING DOGS OFF CHAIN
FLEET 3, DIVISION 2
LONG BEACH, CA
AUGUST 27-28, 1994**

HOBIE 20	POINTS
1. Fred Fogerty	10.75
2. Lyle Lundberg	11.75
3. Roger Jenkins	15.75
4. Jeff Newsome	16.00
5. Matt Miller	16.50
6. Wayne Schafer	26.00
7. Tom DeLong	27.75
8. Steve Leo	34.00

HOBIE 18A	POINTS
1. Steve Timm	8.25
2. Stretch Kimball	8.75
3. Paul Parizeau	10.50
4. Chuck Brown	17.00
5. Bruce Miller	26.00
6. Jock McGraw	32.00
7. Ron Wagniere	37.00
8. Chris Lewis	37.00
9. Ted Lindley	41.00
10. Dan Veenbaas	43.00
11. Alex Tschalkowsky	45.00
12. Jim Savage	54.00
13. Team Marval	58.00
14. Bill Dailey	63.00
15. Glenn Wadsworth	68.00
16. Rick Hankins	70.00

HOBIE 18B	POINTS
1. Alan Liberatore	6.25
2. Scott McIntosh	6.25
3. Theo Overdvest	18.00
4. Robert Marshall	19.00
5. John Jansen	24.00
6. Chris Jernigan	26.00
7. Dave Power	27.00

HOBIE 18C	POINTS
1. Teri McKenna	6.00
2. Bob Garcia	9.75
3. Ronald Segerstrom	15.75
4. Derrill Whitten	18.00
5. Stu Willoughby	20.00
6. Rose Deupree	22.00
7. Don McKenna	32.00
8. Steve Chelimsky	33.00

HOBIE 17	POINTS
1. Brett Woods	5.00
2. Steve Kerckhoff	10.75
3. Tony Lucchino	12.75
4. Bruce Fields	19.00
5. Jack Linn	22.00
6. Gordon Gracia	22.00
7. Ron Souza	31.00
8. Jack Meurer	40.00
9. Dave Crocker	42.00

**TODOS SANTOS REGATTA
FLEET 4, DIVISION 2
ENSENADA, MEXICO
AUGUST 6-7, 1994**

HOBIE 20	POINTS
1. Lundberg/Margetts	4.25
2. Egusa/Fields	8.50
3. Newsome/Legge	13.00
4. Miller/Dijkman	13.00
5. Jenkins/Bainbridge	15.00
6. Skidmore/Susan	19.00
7. Olson/Silverman	27.00

HOBIE 18A	POINTS
1. Thomas/Youngerman	3.00
2. Wagniere/O'Brien	6.75
3. Wadsworth/Julie	12.00
4. Clay/Twomey	14.00

HOBIE 18B	POINTS
1. Marshall/Hallada	3.00
2. Jernigan/David	8.00

HOBIE 18C	POINTS
1. Segerstrom/Ramos	4.25
2. Garcia/Bonn	5.50

HOBIE 17A	POINTS
1. Brett Wood	3.00
2. Dick Blount	8.00
3. Teri McKenna	14.00
4. James Moore	16.00

HOBIE 16A	POINTS
1. Hauser/Hauser	4.25
2. Materna/Brown	7.75
3. Petron/Petron	11.00
4. Forgrave/Eldrig	11.75
5. Froeb/Nunes	19.00
6. Zittel/Nackel	21.00
7. Gantsweg/Barb	24.00
8. Zabaco/Ottati	29.00
9. Wells/Burns	30.00
10. Williams/Delgado	41.00
11. Hendrix/Gastineau	42.00
12. Mohill/Mohill	43.00
13. Perimutter/Barbara	47.00

HOBIE 16B	POINTS
1. Dixon/Scott	4.25
2. Kuebler/Christopher	5.50

HOBIE 16C	POINTS
1. Speegle/Gassaway	6.50
2. Kocka/Fick	6.50
3. Landers/Speeds	7.75
4. Williams/Laura	15.00
5. Lincol/Anderson	19.00

HOBIE 16N	POINTS
1. Robert Weir	4.25
2. Nichols/Nichols	5.50

HOBIE 14T	POINTS
1. David Bethell	3.00
2. Bob Heyer	9.00
3. Howard Chase	11.00

DIVISION 7

**BALD EAGLE REGATTA
FLEET 52, DIVISION 7
ST. CROIX, MN
JULY 9-10, 1994**

HOBIE 20	POINTS
1. Randy Reed	6.25
2. Dave Popp	6.25

HOBIE 18	POINTS
1. Dale Dorschner	3.75
2. Dave Glick	8.75
3. Brent Carlson	18.00
4. Robert Carlson	18.00
5. Dave Reese	25.00

HOBIE 17	POINTS
1. Mike Baldwin	3.75
2. Norman Beattie	8.75
3. John Volksman	14.00

HOBIE 16A	POINTS
1. Matt McDonald	7.25
2. Jim Sohn	14.50
3. Ted Jagger	18.00
4. Slim Johnson	18.75
5. Dan David	24.00
6. Mike Brindisi	25.00
7. Ron Swanson	26.00
8. Annette Jagger	34.00
9. Roger Taha	47.00
10. Doug Dorschner	47.00
11. Mark Condon	50.00
12. Lois Carlson	57.00
13. Bill Reed	62.00
14. Kevin Chase	64.00
15. Jeff Jackson	67.00
16. Wally Shuette	72.00
17. Ed Dixon	74.00

HOBIE 16B	POINTS
1. Tom Padhasky	7.50
2. Tom Tuchfarber	8.25
3. Larry Mulliea	10.75

HOBIE 16C	POINTS
1. Tim Olson	5.00
2. Peter Farrar	8.75
3. Tom Garske	16.75
4. Wayne Bledsoe	20.00
5. Jason Howie	26.00
6. Jason Nickelson	27.00
7. Marcial Obregon	32.00

DIVISION 12

**MAIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
FLEET231, DIVISION 12
RAYMOND, ME
AUGUST 12-13, 1994**

HOBIE 20	POINTS
1. Borchers/Christine	8.25
2. Greg Harwood	11.25
3. Dillon/Dillon	15.75
4. Smith/Mackeil	20.00
5. McCarthy/Mueller	25.00

HOBIE 18A	POINTS
1. Masse/Hebert	4.50
2. Sullivan/Sullivan	12.00
3. St. George/Dessanti	22.00
4. Mason/McDonald	26.00
5. Shanks/Shanks	31.00
6. Adley/Adley	35.00
7. Beaudoin/Beaudoin	36.00
8. Barber/Allegra	40.75
9. Coneyes/Coneyes	50.00
10. Kroot/Kroot	55.00
11. Erickson/Landry	63.00

HOBIE 17	POINTS
1. Andrew Efsthaliou	7.00
2. Michael Garrett	8.25
3. Bob Pickett	18.00
4. Thomas Kustes	23.00

HOBIE 16A	POINTS
1. West/West	9.25
2. Mullen/Mullen	15.75
3. Archer/Archer	22.00
4. Pastore/Holland	23.00
5. Kucera/Hickey	27.25
6. Pierpont/Pierpont	32.00
7. Hedgcock/Hedgcock	38.00

8. Bird/Bird	49.00
9. Gilmore/Madden	49.00
10. Wheeler/Bires	50.00
11. Small/Small	54.00
12. Thibodeau/Thibodeau	58.00
13. Johnson/Tobin	71.00
14. Snow/Collins	84.00

HOBIE 16C	POINTS
1. Damon/Cox	9.00
2. Therrien/Michell	13.75
3. Sigurdardottir/Evers	15.75
4. Jordan Touchette	17.75
5. Janssen/Gillis	29.00
6. Kruysman/Landry	34.00
7. Hedgcock/Hedgcock	40.00

NATIONALS

**1994 CANADIAN NATIONALS
OKA PARK, MONTREAL, QUEBEC,
CANADA
JULY 1-3, 1994**

HOBIE 20	POINTS
1. Pilon/Loignon	4.50
2. Collin/Turcotte	11.75
3. Piette/Quimet	15.00
4. Davids/Elardo	24.00

HOBIE 18A	POINTS
1. Stater/McCambridge	15.25
2. Ruten/Ruten	17.00
3. Sheridan/Olson	23.00
4. Hopper/Xavier	28.75
5. Walker/Walker	29.75
6. Masse/Belanger	31.00
7. Proulx/Robitaille	42.50
8. Lambert/Menard	48.50
9. Borg/Borg	49.00
10. Gagnon/Choiniere	52.75
11. Deans/Broughton	56.00
12. Jones/Jones	59.00
13. Carner/Carrier	65.75
14. Sullivan/Sullivan	79.00
15. Deming/Deming	81.00
16. Cobbett/Warwick	82.00
17. Lepage/Chateauvert	88.00
18. Robitaille/Robitaille	91.00
19. Watkins/Hamel	97.00
20. Hamel/Hamel	107.00

HOBIE 18B	POINTS
1. Thomas/Comstock	4.50
2. Varden/Varden	14.00
3. Cowden/Flewelling	15.00

HOBIE 17	POINTS
1. Paul Garlick	14.25
2. Michael Garrett	16.00
3. Kathryn Garlick	19.50
4. John Sherm	32.00
5. Clive Warwick	34.00
6. Tom Koreniewski	35.00
7. Chris Upton	36.75
8. Kendall Stackhouse	47.75
9. Jeremy MacLavery	48.00
10. Roger White	50.00
11. Gerard Blom	65.00
12. Jim Robertson	74.00
13. Gordon Martin	74.00
14. Michel Pigeon	75.00
15. David MacHardy	76.00
16. Peter Mazerolle	79.00
17. Charles Smith	79.00
18. Mark Hendren	84.00
19. John Brake	91.00
20. Bruce Hodgins	103.00

HOBIE 16A	POINTS
1. Glanden/Glanden	16.50
2. McCarty/Smith	20.50
3. Bass/Wintermiz	28.75
4. Jeffers/MacHardy	28.75
5. Martin/Howard	30.00
6. Magin/Magin	33.75
7. O'Connor/Pasitre	39.00
8. Koreniewski/Geremia	40.00
9. Jerry Holmes	40.00
10. Liebelt/Last	41.00
11. Dixon/Dixon	49.00
12. Anderson/O'Connor	63.00
13. Worth/Whitear	75.00
14. Garand/Garand	83.00
15. Sheeny/Sheeny	85.00
16. Lillier/Lalieur	86.00
17. Burwell/Ina	95.00

HOBIE 16B	POINTS
1. Duley/Obrin	8.25
2. Archer/Archer-Jackson	9.25
3. Pearl/Giallingier	16.00
4. Foucault/Buteau	19.75

**1994 HOBIE MIRACLE 20 NATIONAL
ST. JOSEPH, MI
SEPT. 13-17, 1994**

HOBIE 20	POINTS
1. Figueroa/Alcaide	32.50
2. Tucker/Purcell	40.50
3. Lundberg/Margetts	68.00
4. Pitt/Thomas	93.75
5. Egusa/Fields	107.00
6. Stater/Peacock	113.75
7. Leo/Nackel	117.00

8. Jenkins/Legge	119.15
9. Newkirk/Johnson	147.00
10. Boone/Boone	148.75
11. Parizeau/Youngerman	158.00
12. Marshack/Marshack	166.00
13. Cope/Cope	167.75
14. Brown/Bates	171.92
15. Myers/Santorelli	172.00
16. MacConnell/MacConnell	178.00
17. Stater/Spoto	209.00
18. Cooper/McLoed	238.00
19. Phillips/Lohmeyer	240.00
20. Ruten/Ruten	245.00
21. Schlecker/Wingender	263.00
22. Dunn/Scott	264.00
23. Mondragon/Searan	267.00
24. Pilon/Loignon	273.00
25. Fogh/Crabbe	276.00
26. McVeigh/McVeigh	288.40
27. Popp/Sontag	304.00
28. Frahm/Bass	318.00
29. Upton/Borg	332.00
30. Cuttill/Douglas	343.00
31. Olson/Sheridan	355.00
32. Howes/Howes	356.00
33. Lindley/Lindley	368.00
34. McCarthy/Mueller	372.00
35. Kwasniewski/Kwasniewski	382.00
36. Burling/Mystery Crew	392.00
37. Bernier/Stacy	404.00
38. Schafer/Glawitsch	407.00
39. Sullivan/Pfeifer	407.00
40. Reed/Reed	412.00
41. Keyson/Lovell	417.00
42. Heatcote/Koshar	422.00
43. Fischer/Fazio	423.00
44. Grinstead/Grinstead	455.00
45. Isco/Carter	455.00
46. Briggs/Citelli	457.00
47. Miller/Peter	502.00
48. Smith/Shankland	514.00
49. Miller/Klette	517.00
50. Ladd/Rubino	519.00
51. Dabrowski/Terry	524.00
52. Zenke/Thies	551.00

INTERNATIONAL

**IYRU WORLD SAILING
CHAMPIONSHIP
LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE
JULY 26-AUGUST 7, 1994**

SKIPPER/CREW	COUNTRY	POINTS
1. Figueroa/Malatrasi	PR	13.00
2. Dodds/Arnold	RSA	35.00
3. Ferry/Alison	RSA	39.00
4. Cardoso/DaFonte	BRA	39.00
5. Myers/Santorelli	USA	55.00
6. Marvis/Van De Bunt	NED	63.00
7. Edwards/Edwards	RSA	65.00
8. Bundock/Bundock	AUS	68.00
9. Griesmeyer/Canepa	ITA	78.00
10. Worrall/Finale	AUS	84.00

WOMEN'S FINALS		
SKIPPER/CREW	COUNTRY	POINTS
1. Ireland/Tanner	AUS	12.00
2. Klaase/Brache	RSA	25.00
3. Holman/Herald	RSA	34.00
4. Korzeniewski/Geremia	USA	41.00
5. Mercier/Maby	FRA	45.00
6. Tully/Tully	USA	51.00
7. Begaud/O'Ncieu	FRA	59.00
8. Bertini/DiMaio	ITA	64.00
9. Delony/Chauve	FRA	66.00
10. Howard/Davidson	CAN	67.00

WORLDS

**1994 WORLD HOBIE 16 TRAPSEAT
CHAMPIONSHIP
SAN DIEGO, CA
AUGUST 29-SEPT. 1, 1994**

QUALIFYING	COUNTRY	POINTS
1. Erickson/Lattin	USA	2.75
2. Ross-Duggan/Strahle	USA	2.75
3. Strahle/Strahle	USA	4.75
4. Lung/Lung	USA	7.00
5. Lemon/Strahle	AUS	7.75
6. Chatreau/Strahle	USA	9.50
7. Axelsson/Gutierrez	USA	10.00
8. Sasser/Strahle	USA	10.00
9. Doer/Carter	USA	12.00
10. O'Connor/Duckworth	AUS	14.00

GOLD FLEET	COUNTRY	POINTS
1. Strahle/Strahle	USA	2.75
2. Ross-Duggan/Strahle	USA	6.75
3. Lung/Lung	USA	7.00
4. Erickson/Lattin	USA	7.00
5. Lemon/Strahle	AUS	10.00

SILVER FLEET	COUNTRY	POINTS
1. Sasser/Strahle	USA	3.50
2. Chatreau/Strahle	USA	3.50
3. Axelsson/Gutierrez	USA	7.00
4. Doer/Carter	USA	11.00
5. O'Connor/Duckworth	AUS	14.00

*Non-points regatta