



2004 ANNUAL HCA WOMEN'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Heather Morrison, HCA Women's Representative

Proxy: Fluffy White

1. **A program called Women on the Water (W.O.W.) began this year.** So far, it has taken off and has been quite successful. To date, 4 workshops have been offered with two more scheduled. These workshops have focused on getting more women involved in racing/sailing Hobie Cats through the instruction of successful women racers. A total of approximately 41 women have participated and those women received a free t-shirt and Hobie U book, compliments of HCA. Hobie Cat Co. also provided donation items to be given out. A BIG THANKS goes to HCA, Hobie Cat Co., and the divisions and especially the instructors who took the time to be involved in this effort. Without everyone's support, these workshops would not have happened. I have heard numerous positive comments about the workshops. Fluffy White and Julie Lenczycki have written articles-look for them in a future issue of HCA. It has definitely helped women become more involved in the world of sailing. Women appreciate the opportunity and hope it will be around for next year!!

June 12-Lori Mohney-Port Burwell, Lake Erie (Div. 10)

June 26-Kathleen Tracy, Deb Olsen-Tropical Dreams, Lake MacConaughy, NE (Div. 5)

July 16-Susan Korz-Hobie Kenobie, Angola, NY (Div. 16)

July 24-Kitsey Armhein-Austin Lake regatta, Portage, MI (Div. 10)

2. **New Women's Website:** Karen Ann Xavier helped create a more usable women's website. It looks great! We have listings of all the upcoming women's events, contact information, announcements and a link to pictures. It is updated regularly and can be used as a great resource for women.
3. **A Women's Hobie email list has also been enacted this year.** This serves as a means of notifying women sailors of upcoming events and announcements. A message is sent before every event to encourage participation. So far, 90 emails are on the list. It continues to grow. Women appreciate "being in the loop" for sailing events.
4. **Election of Women's Rep:** Heather Morrison would like to run for this position again next year. A vote will be taken at the Women's meeting on Sunday morning at the Women's H16 North American Championships in NY (location and time TBA). Other women may run for the position as well. A representative will be decided by a vote at the Women's meeting and reported during the Annual HCA meeting.