



44th Hobie 16 Open North American Championships and 2015 Pan Am Games qualifier

Lewes Yacht Club, Lewes DE

Pre-event Press Release

Lewes, DE (September 17, 2014): Preview 50 to 60 teams from all across North America will be descending on Lewes Delaware and the Lewes Yacht Club for the 44th Hobie 16 North American Championships. Racing is scheduled to begin Monday, September 22, 2014 on the classic Hobie 16 just off the beach in the Delaware Bay. Four to five races are expected to be held every day for 5 days with the champion being crowned on Friday. The event is also a Pan Am Games Country qualifier, with the top team from the top 3 countries (not including the host country, Canada) qualifying for the 2015 Pan Am games to be held in Toronto, Canada. The top finishing US team will qualify to represent the USA in the Pan Am games. Currently, teams from USA, Canada, Guatemala, Puerto Rico and Venezuela are registered. Many former North American Champions and other top sailors in the class will be in attendance so the racing will be exciting.

In addition to the competitive racing scheduled, the event is highlighted by a presentation by Gary Jobson. Also, the Hobie Class Association in partnership with the Hobie Cat Co. will create a promotional video featuring Hobie 16 sailing to be filmed during the 2014 Hobie 16 North American Championships. Gary Jobson Sailing, Inc will create and produce the video.

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About Hobie Class Association of North America: The Hobie Class of North America, as a regional association of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) carries on the "Hobie Way of Life" tradition that Hobie Alter started over 50 years ago. We organize regattas (including women's and youth events), publish the quarterly HOTLINE magazine, organize Guest Expert Programs, provide grants to deserving youth sailors and a host of other services. For more information visit:

<http://www.hcana.hobieclass.com/>

Lewes Yacht Club: <http://www.lewesyc.com/>

Pan Am games: <http://panamsailing.org/>

