

TODD WILSON □ HOBIE FLEETS 84 & 10, BONDURANT, IA , DIVISION 7, HCA SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - 2006

This is a special year for the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Todd Wilson is in every way the "Poster Child" for the many passionate sailors who give so much at the fleet and division level of HCA. Carlton would be proud to honor Todd as Sportsperson of the Year, 2005.

Please join me in congratulating Todd and recognizing how much he gives to all of us, directly and indirectly, via his unbridled volunteerism. He serves as an example for all of us to follow as we help move our own fleet and division forward.

Ed Muns, HCA Chair

As I read through the nomination guidelines for the Carlton Tucker Sportsperson of the Year Award I stopped short when I got to the part that said "a sailor who exhibits commendable behavior demonstrating the 'Hobie Way of Life' on or off the water". That sailor is Todd Wilson.

Todd began his love of sailing when he was a young boy. He sailed a Sunfish and crewed on a Hobie 16 with his dad in the late 70's and early 80's. While watching and admiring all the involved, accomplished sailors and their way of life, he knew that the Hobie sport was for him. At the age of 16 he began skippering a Hobie 16. Now he sails a 14, 16 and a 20 competitively. With a wife who loves to sail, a 5-year-old, and a 1-year-old, his family is behind him 100%. He has sailed at every Division 7 regatta this year, traveled to Oklahoma to sail in the early spring, and sailed in the

Clear Lake Yacht Club on off weekends. Todd has been to the Hobie 16 North American Championships in Florida and Delaware. With Todd, however, just sailing a boat cannot explain his devotion.

Todd loves to promote sailing everywhere he goes! He goes above and beyond trying to get new members and youth sailors involved with Division 7. Todd has been the commodore of Fleet 84 numerous times, and currently helps his wife, who the commodore this year. He is one of the main organizers for the Fleet 84 regatta every year. He always makes sure we have everything in place and ready to go. He always helps tie up any loose ends! He helped promote our fleet by creating a booth with Jim Sohn at a sports show for free! His ideas are endless!

