

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!

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He is the current commodore of Fleet 10 in Clear Lake. (Yes 2 fleets—and he is very active in each one.) He was chairman for the Hobie 20 North American Championship there in 2005. I may be biased, but he worked his tail off for this week-long event to make sure everything went smooth, and it did! He is currently organizing the 2006 Area K Alter Cup Qualifier in Clear Lake, Iowa. He helped get Hobie Waves ready to go for the CLYC members to use during the summer at Clear Lake. His hope is that new sailors and youth will try them out and eventually become new members in Fleet 10

Todd is a mainstay of Division 7. He represents good sportsmanship on and off the water. He is always willing to help out and will go the extra mile to make sure everyone is having fun while sailing. He enjoys helping new sailors set up their boat and gives them tips for improving their performance or rigging.

He has devoted countless hours to ordering regatta items—T-shirts for three different fleets, trophies, marks, and so on. He drives the Fleet 84 trailer to different regattas to bring marks, flags and other various necessities. He is a driving force to get things done in the division. He is an inspiration to all with his devotion to the sport and promotion of it. He absolutely loves to live the Hobie Way of Life. It does keep him quite busy—so much for the relaxing! But he wouldn't have it any other way! Others in the division look up to him. You really have to meet him and see him in action to know his enthusiasm for the sport. Todd is an outstanding member with great character who really cares about the promotion of HCA.

Chris Wessels, Division 7 Chair