

Jane Sherrod – Nominee for Carlton Tucker Award 2020

Jane Sherrod is our nominee for the 2020 Carlton Tucker award, and someone that most Hobie sailors have likely met.

Jane is currently the Hobie Class Division 6 Chair from Santa Fe, Texas. Jane hailed from Fort Worth in the early days and still sails with us “northerners” in Division 14 regattas. Jane has been sailing and promoting the Hobie Way since the early 80’s when she ran several regattas for Fleet 91 at Lake Benbrook. Her palatial pontoon boat was the committee boat of choice for the Fort Worth fleet.

Jane has sailed on Hobie 14’s 16’s 17’s competing in numerous regattas and championship events. Competing in the 1981 H14 Women’s Nationals in Corpus Christi, Jane led the Team Texas Women to victory in the after hours event, claiming 2nd place in the Armadillo races. Not only a hard-core racer, Jane know how to have fun. Recently Jane finished 5th at the 2019 Hobie 17/18 NACs in Tulsa OK, and 2nd at the 2019 Wave NACs, missing gold by only 1 point. Quite an accomplishment considering she put on a Wave clinic before the regatta. And in 2020, Jane Sherrod has continued to promote the growing Wave fleet organizing and pulling off another Wave training camp. Way to go Jane!

Some people may not know her personally, but chances are you have seen Jane at Hobie Cat Championships over the decades assisting the race committee. Jane has provided her own boat at many events, bringing her Hobie skiff and working the 20 NAC on Storm Lake Iowa. Jane was also on the water at the Yankton SD 2016 NAC. And these are only some recent events. As a former USYRU Judge, and a current Ships Captain, Jane’s level head and sea experience have been in demand – and offered – to may high profile Hobie Championships for over 30 years. Jane’s actions and service to the Hobie Class exemplify the Hobie Way of Life!

Jane served a stint with the Merchant Marine for a couple decades, traveling the world doing all kinds of interesting jobs, but would schedule her vacation time to coincide with our local regattas. She always has some great stories.

The fact that Jane’s profession kept her offshore for months on end, yet she scheduled her time to work – as a VOLUNTEER – in support of the Hobie Way of Life. Jane has attended, by competing or working, in more major events over the last 35 years than we can recall. And always as a volunteer, without protest, and sometimes housing, camping in her vehicle and contributing whatever resources she has available.

Jane has worked boat shows, been a fleet officer, supported all local fleets, divisions and individual sailors, growing the sport and Hobie Way of Life her entire life. As a USYRU judge, Hobie Chase boat driver, Wave Class supporter, and even working a few monohull classes (Etchells Nationals 2019 comes to mind), Jane has been a contributor to sailing and the Hobie Class.

Jane has served the Hobie community with her great wisdom, and wit for decades. We’ve been lucky to have Jane around and would be proud to have Jane as the Carlton Tucker Award recipient for 2020.