

Many people aren't sure how Kelvin got into Hobie sailing, or how this became his passion. Yet in a way, this enigma establishes the setting. This submission provides the insight about the person who is very deserving of this award.

For Kelvin, it's never been about him. It's about others, sailors and strangers alike. For local sailors, his selfless actions help to get others back out on the water with a simple repair or some sailing tips. As the daylight fades and the wind is still blowing, it's not about the sailing "he's" missing, it's about the sailing "you're" missing. For the new person who's never sailed before, it's about giving them an experience they'll enjoy with the thought that they too will become hooked on sailing.

Kelvin is a modest person who does not talk about himself, or boast about his accomplishments. It's common for some sailors to come up with excuses for poor

racing/sailing such as, the wind was too heavy, the wind was too light, my blocks don't seem to be working right, I have a new crew, etc. You just won't hear these things from Kelvin. There's no complaining, there's only sailing. If something didn't go quite right, "let's make some adjustments and move on".

Kelvin also has a naturally positive persona that infects those who meet him. Regardless of the day he may be having, he's a man who greets everyone with a firm handshake and a broad smile. When gathering at our local sailing venue, if the weather isn't suitable that day, it's not the end of the world. Those of us who know Kelvin have come to learn that he's found a sanctuary (of sorts) with Hobie sailing. A true lover of the sport will see a silver lining in every cloud. Even on overcast days, (metaphorically speaking) I don't think Kelvin sees any clouds at all. To him it's a matter of perspective. On weather challenged days, instead of

complaining, he'll say: "The way I look at it, it's another day at the lake with good company. And if things don't change, there's always tomorrow." Optimistic words like this help expand on his character, and help us all enjoy our summer passion even more by not getting caught up in things we can't control.

Kelvin willingly accepts the challenges Mother Nature tosses his way and at times you can hear a "Yeeee Haaaa" coming from his boat as he's screaming along. However when things get dicey on the water, he never compromises safety. Even when he's back on the beach enjoying a cool beverage with others, he has an eye to the water for other boaters. If necessary, he's one of the first people to offer help. I can recall him calling out on numerous occasions, "Looks like (so-and-so's) having trouble, grab a life jacket and let's go."

