

LORI MOHNEY □ HOBIE FLEET 519, PORTAGE, MI, DIVISION 10, HCA SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - 2005

It is my pleasure to announce the 2005 Sportsperson of the Year as Lori Mohney. Lori has made tremendous contributions over a long period of time to the Hobie sport. As the following narratives illustrate, she contributes at the fleet, division, HCA and IHCA levels. While it is not surprising that Lori was selected as this year's recipient, there were a record nine nominations (two were for Lori), making a difficult decision when only one could be named for the award.

Please join me in congratulating Lori and recognizing how much she gives to all of us via Hobie sailing. She serves as an example for all of us to make our own contributions.

Ed Muns, HCA Chair

The reason I feel Lori is deserving of this award, is because "she does it all." She's been doing it all year-in and year-out for over a decade at the fleet, division, national, and international levels. Lori is a driving force at the local fleet level. When the time rolls around for the Fleet 519 annual regatta, Lori leads the registration table, provides the committee boat, sails with husband Jerry and then heads home to be the quintessential hostess for the regatta dinner and party held at her home each year. All before sundown!

At the division level, Lori has served as secretary, newsletter editor, vice commodore and commodore. She participates in division meetings and offers suggestions to help revitalize and promote activity in the division. For the past couple of years, the division has rented a booth at Sail Expo in Chicago. Lori was found at

the display enthusiastically recruiting new potential Hobie sailors and introducing them to the Hobie Way of Life. Lori has also mentored a number of past division officers.

In 1995, Dick Blount (NAHCA chairman) took notice of Lori's exceptional organizational skills at the fleet and division level. He recruited her to serve as an officer in NAHCA at the national level. Since that time, she has served as 2nd Vice Chair, Vice Chair and continues to serve as the Continental Coordinator for the HCA. It is in this position that Lori has found her true calling. She encourages fleets to hold a championship regatta. She fields questions from any fleet contemplating holding such an event. It is her guidance and skill that have turned casual ideas into the reality of exceptional events enjoyed by all in attendance. She oversees an event

