

PHIL & BEVERLY COLLINS • HOBIE FLEET 63, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, DIVISION 14, NAHCA SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR -2003

Phil & Beverly Collins are one of the most courteous and energetic sailing couples on the NAHCA Division 14 racing circuit, always willing to assist other sailors, regardless of the situation.

These excellent sailors exemplify the Hobie Way of Life, and have never been seen without smiles on their faces: always offering friendly advice to the novice, words of wisdom to old salts, and sharing the joys of Hobie sailing with both old friends and new. These extremely competitive sailors race every weekend, attending regattas in many divisions and making Hobie friends around the world. Never has a negative word been spoken about these two extraordinary individuals. Even in the heat of a hard fought win, they are

always interested in the other sailors' feelings and are quick to ensure that all around them are pumped up about the sport.

For longer than can be remembered, Phil and Beverly had been the "team-to-beat" amongst the excellent sailors in the Division 14 area. They have honed their racing skills on first the Hobie 16, and now on the Hobie 20, to an unbelievable level, leaving many of their competitors to wonder how they can do that with the consistency that they show every weekend. They have won the Division 14 Bell Trophy (our "high-points" trophy) so many years, that serious consideration should be given to renaming it the "Collins Trophy".

Not only are they highly regarded and extremely competitive sailors, but Phil and Beverly are always willing to pitch in, doing anything from running race committee and contributing to the success of the regatta program to teaching new sailors the rights and luffs of Hobie sailing. When Phil was chosen as the featured speaker at a NAHCA Guest Expert Program in Half Moon Bay, CA, during the late 90's, he and Beverly paid for her way out to the event so that she could be involved and they could teach the program as a team. Phil has served for several years as a member of the current NAHCA Rules Committee. Beverly has recently served several years as the Division 14 secretary, producing regatta booklets, keeping

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up with the division's regatta scores, and fielding queries from potential Hobie owners for used boats and sailing instruction.

We know that Sportsperson of the Year is generally that, a person. However, in this case, we feel it is important to honor both of these fine people. They are a couple, sailing as a

competitive duo, spending their time together with their friends and often teaching others to sail, again, together. We believe we should honor this pair for their contributions to our sport, their stellar attitudes, and their continued commitment to each other. Phil and Beverly live the lifestyle and are our most cherished "Hobie Family" members.

