

RICK BUCHANAN □ HOBIE FLEET 4, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, DIVISION 2, HCA SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - 2008

We are pleased to announce that Rick Buchanan has been selected as the recipient of the 2008 Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year Award. For most of his adult life, Rick has contributed his time and effort to support the Hobie Community and has tirelessly done so with friendly enthusiasm and a helpful attitude. Rick's qualification has been earned slowly but surely through consistent positive action; without glory, day-in and day-out, through thick and thin, over 3 decades.

Rick got involved in the Hobie Community back in the late 70s. He saw Hobie Cats sailing at Lake Nacimiento near his college, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and knew he had to "have one of those". A Hobie 16 was his graduation present to himself. He moved back to Oceanside and was active in a fleet there which was soon merged into Fleet 4, San Diego. His support and contribution to the success of

this and other fleets in Division 2 has continued ever since.

Rick and his wife Barbara met at a regatta at Lake Perris. He saw someone leaning on his truck and realized she was cute, so instead of chasing her off, struck up a conversation and the rest is history. Early on they each owned 18's, so sometimes they would race together and other times they would race against each other. They've now been married 24 years and have two grown sons. When their boys were young, they took turns staying on the beach taking care of not only their children, but also, children of other sailors in order to allow parents to race without worrying about the children. They called this the Regatta Kids Club.

Rick has served in multiple capacities at regattas all over the Western United States too many times to possibly count. He has served as repair man, chase boat, pin

setter, beach captain, PRO, RC member and even burger flipper at Division Points Regattas and has similarly served at numerous Nationals and Worlds events. The ink wasn't even dry on the proposal for the 2009 Mega event at Lake Havasu and Rick was the first person in line offering to help out with a chase boat, anchors for marks and anything else that may be needed.

For 15 years Rick assisted Ron Palmer and Stoney Douglas in making the Mid Winters West in San Felipe Mexico one of the HCA's premier annual events. For the past several years, he and Barbara have been the sole driving force behind this outstanding regatta. In addition to a fun, well managed and smooth running regatta, a notable hallmark of Rick's leadership is that he gives public recognition to every youth participant in the race. Each one receives a memento at the awards

