

TED & SUE LINDLEY □ HOBIE FLEET 66, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, DIVISION 2, HCA SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - 2009

Individuals are selected to receive the Carlton Tucker Sportsmanship Award for a variety of reasons. When talking of Ted and Sue Lindley we could almost call it a lifetime achievement award.

Ted and Sue started their sailing career on a mono hull in California before moving to Phoenix, Arizona in the mid 1970's. Once in Arizona they discovered the Hobie Cat. They quickly sold their mono, and bought a Hobie 16. Ted and Sue became commodore and secretary of Hobie Fleet 66 in Phoenix, just one year after the fleet was incorporated. They sailed the Hobie 16 for a few years and then moved up to the just introduced Hobie 18. Over the next 30+ years they acquired a total of five Hobie 18's and then their Hobie Miracle 20. Ted has said that of all the boats they have sailed over the past 35 years, they really loved their Hobie 20.

The Hobie 20 in particular allowed Sue to contribute more to how well they sailed

and elevated the importance of her position as crew. They competed on the Hobie 20 platform well into their mid seventies.

I first met Ted and Sue Lindley in Rocky Point at the Ides of March Regatta in 1985. It was my first full year to sail our first H-18 and race in a Hobie Regatta. As novices, my wife and I were inspired by how consistently a H-18 with pirate sails performed in the regatta. Afterwards, to receive assistance from Team Lindley in setting up and tuning our boat was just awesome. Over the next many years Ted and Sue would help us and many other new sailors who dreamed of racing in A-Fleet. In many regattas to come I would just try to keep their boat in sight to enable us to study their sailing techniques. On the beach after the race, Ted and Sue would review how we were doing and give us valuable advice. When talking with Ted

and Sue, there was no such thing as a stupid question.

Commodore John Mulay of the Tucson Hobie Fleet 514, a C-Fleeter, volunteered to be our first Race Commodore and run the first Assault on Rocky Point, (to be renamed "Piñata Regatta" at the request of the Mexican government). Since our entire fleet was mostly composed of novices and C-Fleeters, it was a very big deal to put on our first regatta. Ted and Sue volunteered to help us on the water by offering much needed advice to the race committee and even helping to move around some of the marks between races using their Hobie Cat. This was one time that the race committee would talk to participants since we desperately needed the help. After a 180-degree wind shift it was the Lindley's who suggested we use the option of a reverse course.

