

Jim Glanden 2021 Carlton Tucker Sportsperson Award

I imagine that almost everyone has had the pleasure of meeting Jim Glanden. He has been sailing Hobie Cats since early 70's and has traveled the globe exemplifying the Hobie Way of Life. At 6 ft - 1 inch, you can't miss Jim, but it's not his height that gets your attention. It's his kind, and humble nature. He is the most generous and unassuming person I know who is always there to lend a helping hand or offer a new trick to make your life easier either on or off the water. He proudly sails with the sail number 335, his original sail number. Legend has it (according to Anita Landis), that his wife Pat, is who we owe a big thanks to for encouraging Jim to buy his first Hobie. They were at a boat show looking at two kinds of boats and although the price was a little higher for the Hobie, Pat thought it looked more fun. They bought the Hobie and the rest is history. Jim and Pat started racing in the early 70's and as far as I know, competed in their first Nationals in 1975.

Jim recruited and mentored many new Hobie sailors and several of them have provide contributions that are included in the nomination. He has introduced many people to the Hobie way of life and has had a very positive impact in their lives. In the words of his crew Jeff Crompton, "Needless to say, Jim Glanden changed my life forever," or Nikki LaPorta, who said, "The time I spent sailing with Jim ... helped to mold me into the adult that I am today..." Jim never flinched at the thought of recruiting a new crew and spending the time to teach sailing skills. Ryan Flanigan, said, "by nature, Jim is a patient creator and teacher. He always took the time to not only teach me what to do but why we did it." Many of his crews went on to become boat owners and skilled sailors that competed on national level. He also is largely responsible for Hobie Wave racing in Division 11, providing boats at regattas and teaching new sailors the tricks of the trade.

Of course, when I asked people to contribute to Jim's nomination, the emails flooded in. These contributions included below exemplify the

remarkable human being that is Jim Glanden. The first six are from those who have crewed with Jim: Dave Edwards, Jeff Crompton, Jim Montgomery, Nikki LaPorta, Ryan Flanigan and Jennifer Williams. Also included are contributions from Hobie 16 and 14 sailor Anita Landis, Hobie Wave sailor Joe Laporta, Hobie 16, 17, Wave sailor Kent Smith, former Hobie 16 Champ and Race Director Mark Santorelli and Div 11 past commodore, Ron LaPorta.

Greg Raybon

Dave Edwards

I would like to nominate Jim Glanden for the Carlton Tucker Award. While I haven't been in the Hobie world in quite a while, I was recently asked if I would be interested in writing a recommendation for Jim. This call brought back all the great memories from the times I spent crewing for Jim and just being in the Hobie world for most of my youth. From being a mentor on and off the water to allowing me to travel the world, Jim was a big part of my life. He is a true example of "Hobie Way of Life"

My name is Dave Edwards and I crewed for Jim from the ages of 8 thru 13. During these years my father Bob Edwards past away from cancer. Jim and his wife Pat came into my life and helped

my family keep my summers as normal as possible. They took me all over the United States sailing in countless regattas which included four Hobie 16 nationals. We traveled in his VW camper from regatta to regatta where he introduced me to lots of people in Division 11 that would eventually become my summer family. Jim was also willing to help others, especially new sailors to the Hobie community. He would never hesitate to answer a question, lend you a part or tool. His mentality was to make sure everyone was having a good time while still being competitive in a positive way.

Jim is an incredible teacher on the water too. We went on our first sail in Ocean City, NJ and I remember being really scared. I refused to go out on the trap until he bribed me with some post sail ice cream. So I did it and I was hooked. He taught me so much about sailing. From the very

basics to tweaking the rigging between races to race strategies. If we weren't our best on a Saturday, he would hand over the helm and teach me to drive for few races on Sunday. All of his teaching and mentoring on the water allowed me to be a successful sailor which includes being the runner up in the first Hobie 16 Junior National Championships. Due to my ever growing size, I started racing with Jim's previous crew for many years Jeff Crompton. I'm sure seeing us sail together must have made him very proud.

These are just a few of my personal experiences with Jim and Pat. You can find stories like this from everyone who has come in contact with him on and off the water. These are some of the reasons why Jim was a past recipient of the Division 11 Hobie Way of Life award. Jim has been an amazing Division 11 and Hobie ambassador for many years and I know it would mean the world to him to receive the 2020 Carlton Tucker award.

Jeff Crompton

I never knew at the time when I first met Jim Glanden how much my life would change. He was the wood shop teacher at my high school. A class that I did not even take. I was a very small kid on the wrestling team. He asked me if I would be interested in being a crew on his sailboat that he raced on weekends and that he could teach me everything I needed to do. I had never been on any kid of sailboat before and was a bit hesitant but gave it a try. I was hooked. I could not believe a sailboat could go so fast. Always thought sailboats were slow. It was 1983 and I was 15. I think one of my favorite things about it was how nice everyone was at all the races. Everyone knew Jim Glanden and definitely knew the sail number, 335 he used as it was his original number from his first Hobie. Also was very cool to usually bring home a cool T-shirt from registration and a trophy as Jim was a good racer and usually placed on most weekends. That was also the year the Nationals we're going to be in St Petersburg, Florida and he was going to take me there for a week all expenses paid. I had never even been on a plane before. Needless to say, Jim Glanden changed my life forever. Not only as teaching a kid how to sail but more importantly being a terrific role model for me to look up to. Not only did he teach me how to sail but also hired me to be

a carpenter's helper in his new home building business. So by time I was 17, I bought my own Hobie and raced for a good dozen more years. I worked with Jim in his business until he retired then he referred all his clients to me to take over in my own business. I got to do a lot and see many places because of Hobie sailing and Jim Glanden. He was the perfect father figure for me and I'm blessed to have met him. His love for sailing is still going strong as I just saw him last weekend going for a sail on the Elk river

Jim Montgomery

I met Jim Glanden at Christiana high school in 9th grade and he later became my woodshop teacher. Jim asked me if I knew how to swim (I was thinking swim team wasn't my thing), but he asked if I wanted to sail and I was pretty excited! Our first regatta at Sandy Point, Maryland in 1980. It was the beginning of an awesome run... every week was a new beach and a new race! We would camp every weekend. Jim's passion for Hobie Cats made it so fun and anyone who knows Jim, knows he does everything with 110% effort. His talent led us to competing in 2 National Championships! (Ocean City, Maryland and South Padre Island, Texas)

As a young kid, you can imagine my excitement sailing against the greats like Hobie himself, Hobie Jr, Jeff Alter and Carlton Tucker!!! Jim made that happen. He brought me into the Hobie family and gave me a lifetime of memories. I'm forever grateful for being his crew.



Jim & Pat with my daughter's Julia and Holly. They love visiting them every time we go back to Delaware.

Nikki LaPorta

My name is Nikki LaPorta and I nominate Jim Glanden for the Carlton Tucker Award. I was his crew for about nine years, starting from when I was about 11 years old. Jim was not only my skipper but quickly became a makeshift grandfather to me. He taught me everything I know about sailing as well as a life lesson or two off the water. I had briefly sailed with a few others before Jim, and there is no other sailor who is as patient and kind when teaching. We enjoyed getting ahead in the races but it was never about that, simply just enjoying the ride. Jim took on the Hobie way of life from the beginning of his sailing profession. He has an obvious skill for racing and is always looking for ways to improve. He is a master at sailing any kind of boat. The time I spent sailing with Jim and also spending time with him and his wife after the races helped to mold me into the adult that I am today and I will always look back on it and smile. When I think of the Hobie way of life I think of him. There is no one else I would consider for this award. He is 100% deserving.

Ryan Flanigan

I am happy to nominate Jim Glanden for the Carlton Tucker Sportsperson of the Year Award. Jim was an incredible skipper and mentor to me right as I started my racing career. We sailed in two North

American Championships together and numerous division races up and down the northeast. This award celebrates the Hobie Way of Life, and Jim has lived a life of Hobies! Speaking to longevity, his Hobie 16 sails have always maintained the number 335 since it was on his original set. He raced against my grandfather and father as well as a couple of generations of other Hobie families.

By nature, Jim is a patient creator and teacher. He always took the time to not only teach me what to do but why we did it. From his meticulous maintenance and care for his boats to his light touch and smooth movements on the helm, I was constantly learning from Jim. Much of his equipment was homemade or had a customized aspect to it, harnesses, cat trax, outhaul system, trailers, and so on. You knew it was Jim's because they were one of a kind. That is until he started making things to spread around the division, wooden bowls, wave tillers, you name it. He was always

doing for others and recycling in our division family. While there was only one 335 on the race course, there are always a couple convenient variations on the water as well, 33, 35, 135, these boats were passed down but could pass as brand new since they used to be in Jim's care. I did not sail with Jim at the peak of his career but being on the backside of his career did not slow him down much. There is not a race I can recall where we got detached from the lead pack even if we may have been at the back of it. However, one year at the Barnegat Breezer, Jim and I had caught lightning in a bottle. His boat was pointing multiple degrees higher than any other in the regatta. As other boats overstood A mark, we pointed our way from the inside of the race-course into first place multiple times. When we added them all up, Jim and I had won! His first regatta win in about 20 years.

Jim eventually moved on from the 16 after many of his previous crew had graduated to being a skipper. He dove head-first into the Wave class. From evolving boat modifications to bringing an extra boat to the regattas to loan out to competition, Jim was "Mr. Wave". Not only did he dominate but he recruited many people to sign up and get beat by him. The Wave class is now one of our strongest in the division, all

thanks to Jim.

For fear of rambling on, let me try and summarize Jim's Hobie life. He has dedicated time and resources to pursue his love of sailing and bring it to as many people as he could. Hosting division meetings, taking on a novice crew, helping a new sailor rig a boat or giving seminars post skippers meeting, he is always there to lend a hand. He was an incredible mentor to me personally and many other youth and non-youth sailors. The only thing he may love more than sailing Hobies is a bowl of ice cream post racing. He knows the best ice cream shop in every regatta town across the country!

Jennifer Williams

I first met Jim Glanden around 1988 when I began attending Hobie regattas. He was sailing with his wife Pat at that time and they both made me feel very welcomed in the Hobie community. By attending all the regattas for 10 years I soon learned who embraced the "Hobie Way of Life". Jim has been sailing since the beginning, hence his sail number 335. He loves racing and is very competitive. He is a very respected sailor, definitely at the top of the list, always a gentleman and on the water he just always stayed calm and up-beat. His boats were always kept in perfect working order. Jim is very helpful if you have any questions about sailing. I have one of his old boats and over the years I sometimes ask upkeep or rigging questions that he easily and quickly answers. More recently, I was honored to crew for him at two Hobie 16 North Americans. He even offered his motorhome for me to stay in for the week. The actual racing was just pure fun because he was always so easy going, even when I was slow to let the jib out and we flipped.

For 50 years or so he has been attending regattas all around the country and the world. His dedication to the Hobie community has been tremendous. He has shared his passion for Hobie Cat sailing with so many individuals who in turn have grown to love the sport. Everyone in the Hobie world knows Jim and it would be nice to thank him with this special award.

Anita Landis

I started sailing Hobie Cats when I was 14, and Jim and his wife Pat were already living the life. I am now 55, and Jim is still a rock for Division 11 sailors. We've seen many people come and go in the sport over the years, but they are all still part of our Hobie "family". Jim has taught many

youth sailors and given them a love of water sports. He also encourages every newbie with tips, assistance on the water and extra hands on the beach. As the boats have changed over the years, he has invented many things that have helped our sailors stay in the game like dollies for waves and tillers out of golf clubs. He is always willing to loan a boat so someone can sail at a regatta. Our annual division meeting is held at their home and they encourage the chili cook off that always ensues. And did we mention that he brings ice cream to share to every regatta!?!?!? When Jim retired and his wood turning hobby grew, he donated many hand-made bowls to regatta raffles. That was a prize treasured by everyone who won one!

Jim's love of the Hobie way of life shines through everything he does. He has built a legacy of sportsmanship, camaraderie, dedication, perseverance, and flexibility in both his sailing life and his personal life that has touched the lives of many generations of sailors.

Joe LaPorta

Jim taught my 2 daughters, Kelsey and Nicole how to sail Hobie Cats. Nicole crewed with Jim for 5 years or more on his Hobie16. Nicole and Jim forged a relationship that was very special. Nicole loves Jim! While my daughters were sailing, I was a motor-boater. I volunteered at dozens of Hobie regattas, setting the course, chase boat, pulling marks and doing whatever needed to be done at events. I became curious about sailing and I turned to Jim, of course. Jim taught me how to sail a wave and he is a great teacher.

Over the last 5 years, I have sailed in many regattas against Jim. He is a master and I thoroughly enjoyed watching him and learning from him...and of course always chasing him.

Jim Glandon is an incredible sailor, but more importantly, he is an

incredible and decent human being. He is always kind to all sailors. He would spend hours working with young novices like myself and teaching them the tricks of the trade.

I have known many great sailors in Division 11. Really, really great sailors. They all deferred to Jim when discussing tactics because they knew Jim would have the right answer.

Jim Glanden is the epitome of the Hobie Way of Life. He is well-loved and respected by all. There is no-one, and I mean no-one, who does not love him.

Mark Santorelli

My first real encounter with Jimmy was at my first Hobie 16 National Championship in 1987 at Coyote Point Beach in San Mateo, California. We all had our designated places on the beach to keep our stuff as this was a Round Robin, factory supplied boat championship. One day, late in the regatta we were getting ready to leave when I could not find my duffle bag. Now my bag had everything in it, my fanny pack (yes, they were still popular) with my wallet, my credit cards, cash and everything else in it. I was mortified. I had no money and had no way to get money. Jimmy was very kind and loaned me about \$100 as I remember out of the blue. I did not ask, he was just there to assist. That is Jimmy. Jimmy is the epitome of the Hobie Way of Life. Forever sharing his knowledge, his love of the sport, his friendship and even a little cash as was in my case. I did eventually find my bag. Seems another team had inadvertently loaded it up with their gear but I will be forever grateful to Jimmy for his kindness to me at this event and forever humbled by his kindness in life in general.

Kent Smith

Jim Glanden is a truly deserving candidate for the Carlton Tucker Sportsperson of the Year Award. I have had the pleasure of his company for 35+ years of Division 11 racing. On 16's, 17's and Waves. His patient and sportsmanlike style hides a serious (and successful) competitor. On and off the water he has generously helped new sailors and will give advice anytime asked. Whether it is about boat set-up or

trailer innovations, Jim provides unselfish guidance based on a great understanding of the way things work. Division 11 is spread out geographically and he hosts the annual meeting in December at his house in Delaware. Jim's special and unique contribution to Hobie Sailing has been his leadership in developing Wave racing. He has been an enthusiastic guide and participant. But he has done a lot more, using his mechanical skill to help find and fix up boats for newcomers to the Wave Class. I think he has been the major force in the increasing popularity of the Wave racing class. He started and maintains the list of sail/hull numbers for Waves. Single-handed boats need to be single-handed on both land and water, and Jim has invented a dolly design which fits under a trailer and makes getting a Wave into the water a pleasure instead of a struggle. Jim makes and sells the dollies. He documents his designs for trailer modifications for Waves and provides them to anyone interested. Year after year, Jim has contributed his personality, generosity, ingenuity, and effort to Hobie racing. He is a great example of what the CTSPOTY Award stands for.

Ron LaPorta – Division 11 HCA - Emeritus Commodore

Jim is not only one of the best Hobie sailors on the planet he is by far one of the most wholesome, kind, smart, funny, trustworthy, ambitious humans I have ever met in my lifetime. If there is a Hobie God out there and I am sure there is, Jim is at his right hand handing out "tid bits" of information for Hobie sailors to help them sail faster and enjoy the sport he has embraced and nurtured for over half a century. The "tid bits" of information Jim offers are free for all to use at your leisure and pull out of your bag of tricks when in need.

I was approached by Jim at one of our sailing venues one day and he said to me "Rondo you would make a great Division 11 Commodore" well I took Jim's advice and held the position for 12 years. I know I am a better person because of his advice, and it taught me so many lessons in life that I can share with other Hobie sailors I come in contact with along the journey.

The guidance Jim presents is very simple and follows the high standards of the Hobie way of life and how to nurture relationships, strategies and

information for the betterment of sport and life in general.
