

Are You Interested in Sailing Catamarans? Hobie Cats?

- Want to learn how to sail faster?
- Want to meet other sailors
and learn how to tune your boat?
- Want to be a crew member
if you don't have a boat?



Are Hobie Cats just for racing? No, Fleet 66 sponsors and participates in fun regattas at local lakes (Lake Pleasant, Lake Roosevelt) several times a year.

How are racing regattas run? Fleet 66 runs a standard triangular course. Depending on the wind we usually have 3-4 races on Saturday and 2-3 races on Sunday.

Do I need to join a fleet to race? No, not really. Anyone can buy a Hobie Cat and sail or race. To improve your skills, it helps to join a fleet. Members are helpful for beginners with tips and pointers they've learned over the years.

Where does Fleet 66 usually sail? We hold several Regattas in Rocky Point, Mexico in the Spring and Fall. Fleet 66 sponsors the Cinco de Maya regatta the first week of May. Our sister Fleet 514 in Tucson sponsors the Pinatta regatta the first week of October. Many of our members also attend events sponsored by other fleets in California.

Are any of the local Lakes used for catamaran sailing? Yes, for catamarans the most popular Lake in the Phoenix area is Lake Roosevelt. The sandy and gradual shorelines make launching and landing your boat easy. Lake Roosevelt is 2-3 hours North East of Phoenix near Globe. The other local Lakes that are popular for catamarans are Lake Pleasant North of town in Carefree and Tempe Town Lake in Tempe. Catamarans can be launched from the 4 lane boat ramp and the Lake Pleasant Marina. Tempe Town Lake is another option for smaller boats under 20 feet. Tempe Town lake is popular location for new monohull and catamaran sailors. A daily or annual permit is required and can be obtained from the City of Tempe at (480) 350-8625.

What type of Hobie Cat should I purchase? It depends on your interests. If you like sailing alone, the Hobie Wave, 14, or 17 may be the one for you. The simplest boats are the Hobie Wave and Hobe 14 which have a single main sail. The Hobie 17 has a main and jib sail. The Hobie 16, 18, 20 and Tiger require a skipper and a crew. The Hobie 16 is a little easier to set-up and tune. The larger Hobie 18, 20, and Tiger are more stable in heavy winds and heavy seas but have more adjustments. The Hobie Tiger even has a spinnaker.

Which catamarans are the most common in our area? The local sailing Fleets in Arizona, Nevada, and California are constantly changing. The most popular boats locally are the Hobie 16 and the newer Hobie Tiger. There are still a number of Hobie 18 sailors, especially in Arizona. Fewer Hobie wave, Hobie 14, and Hobie 17's sail in our Division.

Do I need a Hobie Cat to sail? It certainly helps, but it is not necessary. Skippers often are looking for someone to crew for them at regattas and events.