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## HOBIE SWEEPS FIRST PLACE FINISHES IN 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEXEL

**Oceanside, CA - June 26, 2003** - Team Hobie, racing on 18' Hobie Tigers, has once again swept up first place finishes in the TEXEL 2003, the biggest catamaran race in the world. Held off the Dutch island of Texel on June 21, 510 boats started and 473 made it over the finish line, with Hobie Tigers at the head of the pack.

Under excellent double trapeze wind conditions, Team Hobie rallied as follows:

- 1st<sup>t</sup> Bundock/Howden, 2nd Booth/Dercksen, 3rd Colby/Camenish in F18 with 6 Hobie Tigers in the top 10.
- 1st Bundock/Howden, 2nd Booth/Dercksen, 3rd Colby/Camenish overall on handicap. This is the third time that the Hobie Tiger has won on Handicap (1995, 2001 & 2003).
- Hobie Tiger 3rd fastest boat.

One of the fastest growing catamaran one-design racing fleets in the world, the Hobie Tiger is an ISAF- (International Sailing Federation) recognized class and is enjoying major momentum worldwide. Manufactured by Hobie in Europe, it is built for a two-person race crew and designed to conform to Formula 18 racing rules.

Since 1950, Hobie has been in the business of shaping a unique lifestyle based around fun, water, and quality products. From their headquarters in Oceanside, California, Hobie Cat Company manufactures, distributes, and markets an impressive collection of watercraft worldwide. These include an ever-expanding line of recreational and racing sailboats, pedal-driven and paddle sit-on-top kayaks, fishing boats, and authorized parts and accessories.

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