

Key Largo Woman Wins Wave National Championship

Leah White of Key Largo, known business-wise as the "Plant Lady," won the 13th Annual Hobie Wave National Championship the weekend of December 3-5 held at Founders Park Watersports at Founders Park in Islamorada, Florida.

This is her second National Title and she is the only the second woman to ever win the title in the fastest-growing class of sailboats in North America. The first woman was Kathy Kulkoski of Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Leah's husband Dave White had been running in second place through most of the regatta, but slipped to fourth place overall.

Leah totally dominated the class by taking nine bullets out of fourteen races. Her worst finish was a 5th place. No one has ever so dramatically won this event, which is usually a nail-biter to the end.

The White family gets a lot of practice and tips as they frequently sail with Dave's Father, Rick White, who is the Wave Masters World Champ, is in the Sailing Hall of Fame, and runs Rick White's Sailing Seminars. The entire family is very



Leah White leads the fleet around the weather mark.



Dave White took 4th place overall.

active at the Upper Keys Sailing Club in Key Largo, Florida.

The Wave Fleet at UKSC sails about 90 series races every winter season at the Upper Keys Sailing Club where there is a fleet of over a dozen boats that race regularly.

The Wave Class was formed about twelve years ago when the boat design first came out. It is a thirteen-foot beach catamaran and is roto-molded by the Hobie Cat Company - nearly bullet proof to damage. It was one of the least expensive boats to purchase and requires very little maintenance.

The next Nationals will be held the first weekend in December of 2011 again at Founders Park Watersports. For more information on the Hobie Wave contact Rick@catsailor.com or visit www.Catsailor.com, or www.WaveClass.com.

International Wave Class Association: PO Box 2060, Key Largo, FL 33037 Tel 305-451-3287, Fax 305-453-0255.

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Junior Angler Winner

of Islamorada Sailfish Tournament



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The first Place Junior Angler winner of the 47th Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament was James David of Ft. Lauderdale, age 11. He was aboard the Relentless with Captain Paul Ross and mates Ben Ekblom and Scott Stoky. Congratulations! Read more about the tournament on page 7.

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