

2010 SOUTH PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

30th July – 7th August 2010, Fiji Islands – www.fijihobie.com

& SUZUKI FIJI HOBIE CHALLENGE



Fiji Hobie Challenge 2009, Leleuvia

FLEET 252 WELCOMES YOU TO FIJI!



Grahame Southwick ("Fish"), President Fleet 252

BULA!

The 2010 South Pacific Championships and the Fiji Challenge in July/August this year are shaping up to be an event to remember.

There are a variety of courses for sailors to negotiate in some of the most magical vacation spots in Fiji. We'll be starting in Pacific Harbour on the eastern side of Viti Levu with the two day South Pacific Championships and after a rest day, we'll head west in an exhilarating downhill run around the South Coast to the magnificent

islands of the Mamanucas (pronounced "Mamanuthas") with an overnight stay and Bonfire BBQ on the Beach at Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa.

The five days of racing amongst the beautiful islands of the Mamanucas will be a combination of upwind, downwind and reaching legs; island hopping and back to home base each night. The waters and beaches around these islands are stunning and match the popularity of Musket Cove's Island Bar's \$4 drinks.

We've managed to get extremely favourable flight and accommodation discounts but we do need to confirm bookings asap so if you haven't already signed up, please let our Administrator know you'll be attending so that she can finalise bookings - send your queries/bookings to fijihobie252@gmail.com.

All of the host resorts provide a variety of activities for non-sailing supporters and cater extensively for the needs of children who wish to attend.

So far we've got a great line up of teams from the USA, Australia, New Zealand, and of course Fiji, and there are only a few boat slots left, so bring a couple bottles of rum (each, of course!) and come join us!!

See you in July, Fish.

FIJI HOBIE CLASS RACING ASSOCIATION

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With exceptional support from our sponsors and careful planning by Fleet 252, the South Pacific Championships and the Fiji Hobie Challenge have grown in size and popularity.

The 2010 South Pacific Championships will kick-off with a welcome function on Friday 30th July at The Pearl South Pacific Resort in Pacific Harbour, 40km from the capital city, Suva, on the south-eastern coast of Viti Levu. Sailing will commence on Saturday morning and go through to late afternoon on Sunday or sooner if all races have successfully been completed. Racing will be run by the Fiji Yachting Association in accordance with the IHRA sailing rules.

In it's third year, the Fiji Hobie Challenge is a five-day ocean sailing race that will visit the azure waters and golden beaches along the Coral Coast and the north western waters of Fiji. These races are endurance ocean navigating races covering around 40 nautical miles per day that will test the fitness and sailing skills of all sailors.

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JULY 30th - FRIDAY PACIFIC HARBOUR

Registration, boat allocation and briefing.
Evening Welcome Party.

JULY 31st - SATURDAY AUG 1st - SUNDAY

Competitors on Day One and Day Two of the Fiji Challenge will have a 9am briefing before racing. If the trade winds are running true to form, it will be a quick run in relatively flat water almost due west about 8 nautical miles inside the Beqa Lagoon with just the one outcrop of reef to round.

From here the Hobies will begin to enter open water outside the barrier reef, deep

blue waters as deep as 900 meters in places but still partially in the lee of Beqa Island and her lagoon, which is 4 miles upwind from this point and stretches for 17 miles across the wind. The last outcrop of reef is at the 12-mile mark and from here it's a straight line leaving the shore on our right.

AUG 2nd - MONDAY REST DAY

Leisure activities in the area:

Based in Pacific Harbour for over 10 years with a perfect safety record, AquaTrek's Beqa shark dive is world renowned for offering up to 8 species of sharks, including the largest collection of bull sharks, and it's the only place to see bull sharks, silvertips and Tiger sharks being hand fed. They also offer the biggest collection of large fish in Fiji on their shark dive, colloquially referred to as 'The Bistro'. We're very excited about doing this dive! (www.aquatrek.com).



The WINNER OF THE SPCs will receive a 2-tank dive with the compliments of AquaTrek, who are also offering our party the special rate of \$195 for a 2-tank dive (including gear & marine park fees)!!

RIVERS FIJI, the nearby white water rafting operation, will present the youth



team winner of the SPCs with 2 complimentary white water rides.

They are also generously offering our party 10% discount on their Navua rafting and 20% off their Luva rafting. The Committee members have already signed up! www.riversfiji.com.



The Pearl Resort & Spa is offering discounts on their massage & spa treatments. Go on a surf trip organised by The Pearl or play a round of golf at The Pearl Championship Golf Course.

You can go cycling, visit the nearby Arts Village...or just relax on the beach and have a drink or six in one of the six bars at The Pearl.

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AUG 3rd - TUESDAY PACIFIC HARBOUR TO SIGATOKA

It's a relatively straight run down the coast for 25 miles up to 2 miles off shore in places with ocean depths of 1300 meters. Sailors will see the odd reef pass indicating small sheltered bays but for the most part, especially if there is a large swell running and strong winds, the passages will be invisible to a sailor sitting almost at water level spending half the time in the troughs of ocean swells. In extreme conditions, if rescue is required most likely for a rigging fault, which would see a dismasting on a Hobie, the rescue boat would most likely tow a stricken Hobie into one of these bays and then head out once again to follow the fleet.

Around the 33 mile mark, the reef will end and the Sigatoka Sand Dunes, a World Heritage proposed archeological site, stretches for 2 miles. The dunes are the

location of one of Fiji's earliest recorded prehistoric sites and rise as high 60m.

Seven more miles from here, the run meter hits 40 nautical miles and sailors should be navigating through the narrow pass into the Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa's bay.

Picture sailing through crystal clear waters, pulling your hobbies onto the stunning



golden beach, followed by drinks and a Bonfire BBQ on the Beach..... we love this place!

AUG 4th - WEDNESDAY SIGATOKA TO MUSKET COVE, MALOLO LAILAI ISLAND, MAMANUCAS

From the Fijian Resort, another 7.5 miles downwind and you're passing the scenic Natadola Beach & the new Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, which has an awesome beach.

At the 20 mile mark, we'll be passing Fiji's most famous surf break, a left-hander called "Cloudbreak", with break waves of up to 15 feet with 25 foot faces, perfect cylinders

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breaking on a shallow reef. At the 25-mile mark, we'll pass another surf resort, Namotu, and enter another passage both sides of which break, Namotu left and Wilkes right-hander, from which the passage takes its name.

Threading through this gorgeous passage, sailors make their way through a section of scattered reef into the most popular resort area, the Mamanuca Group, finally arriving at Musket Cove at 31 miles, our home for the next 3 nights. Musket and its owner, Dick Smith, are names well known to cruising yachts since 1976 and Dick is a great patron of sailing in Fiji. The Musket Cove race week is held here annually around September at the end of the traditional cruising season. We are grateful to Musket for hosting us and giving us such great rates.

AUG 5th - THURSDAY

AUG 6th - FRIDAY

Day 3 and 4 courses will be set from Musket Cove and will depend on the wind conditions for the day. There are a litany of viable possibilities with dozens of islands and island resorts to use as rounding marks (Mana, Castaway, Malolo, Beachcomber, Treasure Island, Tokoriki), all of which stretch 25 miles to the beginning of the Yasawa chain, which itself runs another 45 miles North and East. The relatively protected sections of water inside reef formations make for a fascinating visual vista.

AUG 7th - SATURDAY

MAMANUCAS TO VUDA MARINA PRIZE GIVING & AWARDS NIGHT

The final day finish will be at Vuda Marina on the mainland 12 miles from Musket Cove but the course will run up to

twenty or thirty miles strung around the Mamanuca islands as we weave our way to the FINISH LINE. Here the hobbies will be derigged and stored for trailering back to Suva in due course. Forget the well-earned rest, we expect drinks to flow and the awards party to rock!

ENTRANTS

The Entrant's Package includes:

- 🍷 An event tee-shirt;
- 🗺️ Laminated nautical charts covering the course;
- 🍹 Welcome Cocktail Party Entry;
- 🎉 Awards Night Party Entry;
- 🛍️ Goodie Bags.

We love goodies! Thanks Pure Fiji!!

The Entry Fee is AUD\$150.00 per crew plus AUD \$1200.00 for boat charter. Entry is on a first come, first served basis and priority will be given to those who enter both events. Fleet 252 has a limited number of ex-2007 World's boats available for charter so please contact the Administrator with your booking to secure a boat.

A US\$500.00 or FJD\$1000.00 boat damage deposit per crew is required from those chartering a boat and is payable in cash during Registration. The mechanism for resolution of costs for any boat damage is set out in the Boat Charter Form attached to the Entry Form, which can be obtained from the Administrator Fleet 252.

ACCOMMODATION

The two events are being held consecutively and will be hosted by four different venues (see below for costs).

Jul 30 – Aug 2:

The Pearl South Pacific Resort

Aug 2:

Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa

Aug 3 – Aug 7:

Musket Cove Resort

Aug 7:

Anchorage Beach Resort & First Landing Beach Resort

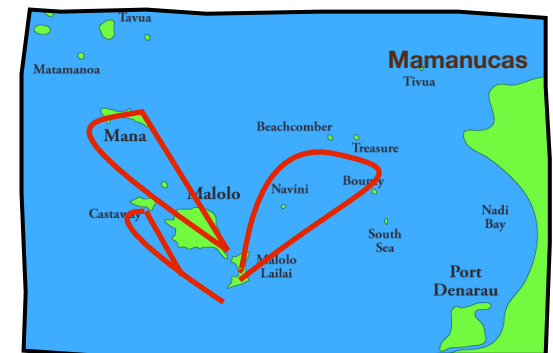
Non-sailors, family and friends are encouraged to attend so invite your friends to come along!!

Cheer on the sailors, kayak, swim, laze on the beach, and down a few cocktails while we count down the times and scores and celebrate the day's sailing with a few more drinks.

The costs of accommodation have been heavily discounted and prices are for 2 Adults (incl 2 children) making this the perfect family vacation package.

Entry and booking forms are available from the Administrator Fiji Hobie on fijihobie252@gmail.com or on our website www.fijihobie.com. Bookings are to be made through the Administrator.

COURSES:



Entrants and non-sailors will be responsible for meals, snacks, domestic transport and beverages. We've organised packed lunches for the sailors (\$15-20 per day).

No sailor travels without rum so don't forget to bring your duty free liquor allowance of 2 litres per adult. Be warned....good rum is expensive here.

If you're interested in staying a few extra days or require assistance with domestic transport, the Administrator is able to organise these for you at fleet discount rates.

CONTACTS

The designated contact person for these events is: Adrienne Ali ("Ards"), Administrator Fleet 252, fijihobie252@gmail.com.

Alternatively, contact Grahame Southwick ("Fish") (grahame@connect.com.fj).

EXCHANGE RATES

1 FJD = 0.558041 AUD / 0.516460 USD

South Pacific Hobie Youth Challenge: 24-25 July 2010

Joined by other South Pacific youth teams, our five youth teams will compete in the inaugural 2010 South Pacific Youth Team Challenge on 24-25 July 2010 as a warm-up to the SPCs. Trained by Fish, they will no doubt be a force to be reckoned with!!

This Challenge will be held at the National Sailing Centre in Suva and is open to all youth teams internationally. It is designed to provide youth teams with an annual competition in their own category and will be followed by a youth team training clinic from 27-29 July prior to the SPCs.

The five Fiji teams, comprised of underprivileged youths from squatter settlements around Suva, are able to participate in this event thanks to the generous support of their principal sponsors, including ANZ Bank and Digicel.

We're especially pleased to welcome a couple of teams from Wallis. Any youth teams wishing to join us for this event please contact fijihobie252@gmail.com; Fleet 252 is able to arrange cost-effective accommodation for all youth teams.

Entry fees and boat charter for participants in the SPC and Fiji Hobie Challenge are AUD \$50 per team. For SPC attendees, there will be a modest AUD\$100.00 fee per team and for Youth Challenge only participants, the fee is AUD\$150.00. These fees will go towards t-shirts, prizes for the winning teams and the organisation of the training clinic.

Youth Team Training Clinic: 27-29 July 2010

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HOBIE SAILORS IS PART OF THE HOBIE WAY OF LIFE

So.....we are inviting all youth teams to participate in a hands-on training clinic following the 2010 South Pacific Youth Challenge .

Monday 26th July will be a Rest Day, during which the youth teams can rest and recreate before attending a three day training clinic at the National Sailing Centre.

During the clinic, senior experienced hobie sailors will be on hand to advise and train the participating youth teams.

Volunteers

We welcome expressions of interest from anyone who would like to volunteer to be involved with the Youth Challenge or the training clinic: please contact fijihobie252@gmail.com if you are able to come down to Laucala Bay for any amount of time to assist with race starting, safety boats, scoring and training.

OPTIMIST & LASER SAILING COMPETITION DURING SPCS

During the SPCs at The Pearl South Pacific Resort & Spa in Pacific Harbour, the Royal Suva Yacht Club's junior optimus and laser sailors and guests will be having their own competition right next to us.

These junior sailors train at the National Sailing Centre alongside hobie sailors every Saturday afternoon from 2-4pm thanks to the volunteers who very kindly offer their time to the RSYC and the Yachting Association. The contacts for this event are John Morgan (tiegan@connect.com.fj) and Roderic Evers (roderic@fff.com.fj).

We're looking forward to having them in Pacific Harbour with us and to encouraging them in their competition!!



Accommodation



The Pearl South Pacific Resort

- Garden View Rm (1x King or 2x Dbls) F\$130
- Ocean View Rm (1x King or 2 x Dbls) F\$140
- Garden View Penthouse (1x King) F\$160

Extra Person: F\$60



First Landing

Garden Bure (1x King) F\$135

Extra Person (up to 2) F\$30

Incls B/fast & Taxes



Shangri-La's Fijian Spa & Resort

- Lagoon Room (1x King) F\$255
- Ocean View Rm (2x Dbl + 1x sgl) F\$255
- Lagoon Family Rm F\$305
- Ocean View Family Rm F\$305

Extra Person F\$85

Incls B/fast & Taxes



Anchorage

- MountainView Rm (1x King or 2 dbls) F\$110
- 1 bdrm Mountainview Apartment F\$155
- 2 bdrm Mountainview Apartment F\$195

Extra person F\$25



Musket Cove Resort

- Garden Bure (2x Adults + 2 xtra) F\$200
- Beachfront Bure (1x King + 2x sgls) F\$250
- Armstrong Villa ((1x King + 2x sgls) F\$450

Extra person F\$41

Incls B/fast & Taxes



SPECIAL OFFER

The Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa is very generously offering local rates to any visitors who wish to spend a few extra days on vacation (FJD\$298.00 per night Sun-Fri, including buffet breakfast & dinner and taxes, \$338 on Saturday).