



The Splash Regatta, held at Sail Sand Point Sailing center, is the kickoff of the Hobie sailing season. This year, it was quite the Splash.

Registration began with music wafting peacefully throughout the compound. Good music to meet friends and begin the weekend of chillaxing – Hobie style.

Registration had a problem. There were so many sailors showing up, we ran out of registration forms. We brought extras but went through that batch as well. What a great problem to have.

Six youth teams showed up, along with 8 other youth on other boats. A good number of them came from Oregon's Willamette Sailing School. What made this possible, is Sail Sand Point allowed us to use the Hobie 16s and Waves which they have in their stable of boats. The youths wanted to see what multihull racing was all about and Sail Sand Point provided that opportunity.

We teach what we call Hobie 102 – beginning Hobie racing. It's for people who know how to sail and want to learn to sail / race multihull's / Hobie cats. We were joined by Jacob Anderson from the SSP SPYS program this year for the one day of training. It was obvious that SSP had taught Jacob well. (Kudos to SSP). He had very good sailing skills and was quickly learned to apply them to a multihull. He was soon showing off his transom to most everyone on the water. He joined us along with his crew Charles Miller for our Splash regatta.

After racing, back on land, queue the music, serve the food, and start pouring beverages for all those hungry, thirsty sailors. Dinner was being served on the dock with a Chili cook off – the vegans against the carnivores. Everything is a friendly competition with Hobie sailors!

We ended our very pleasant day and evening, with some video and still pictures being shown by DJ Kendall Landers aka "Double Hull", who brought a 52" plasma TV. On the big screen, were still photos and video of the Hobie 16 Worlds – recently held in Jervis Bay, Australia. Kangaroos and beautiful blue and red lorikeets, white sandy beaches, and aqua blue water. Ending the night with a GoPro view of the "Chills and Spills" capsizes in 30 knots of breeze at the Hobie 16. The Splash sailors, waddled home after a very fun filled weekend – thanks to Sail Sand Point.

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