

# **The Hobie Cat National Championships**

The Outrigger Canoe Club sent its three best Hobie Cat sailors to this year's Hobie Cat National Championships held at Surfside, near Houston, Texas on the Gulf Coast. The three Outrigger representatives were Leith Anderson, Mike Holmes and Harold Hutchings. Leith, a previous contender in the Hobie Nationals, took an overall place of 15th in the A class, up from his previous year's showing in Florida where he was 18th overall. Mike Holmes, sailing in the B class, took 23d overall. Hutchings sailed

in both 14 A where he was 30th overall, and 16's where he did not finish because of an injury. Mike described the conditions much like Kauai, no wind and somewhat of a drifting match, and this, coupled with about 50 boats on the starting line, made a tough situation for a rough water sailor. Mike said the experience he gained from this kind of competition alone was worth the trip and he feels much the better for his efforts.