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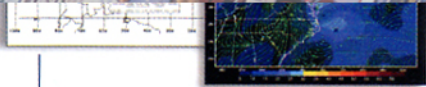
## MEXICAN ADVENTURE

Going south with the Baja Ha-Ha fleet

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### Cool kit for the racer

#### Orca Gear Float Tech

Despite numerous MOB fatalities in recent years, many keelboat racers still don't wear lifejackets while competing. The fashionable and

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PFD lines the inside of the jacket. When immersed, the PFD bladder automatically inflates; there also is a manual ripcord and an oral inflation/deflation tube. The lightweight jacket and hood are made of waterproof ripstop nylon. Too hot on the racecourse? The sleeves are removable. \$395. **Orca Gear**; 518-266-0964, [www.orcagear.com](http://www.orcagear.com)



Josh Adams

#### Sea Sure Quick Release Trapeze Hook

Nothing is scarier to crew on a trapeze than capsizing and getting

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#### Samson Ice

The hottest new high-tech rigging cover. The Vec blend protects line from heat winches. The cover is ideal for the wind end of a running backstay, which withstand high and high heat



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