

Tony “TL” Lewis – Hobie Division 15 – 2025 Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year

I would like to nominate my dear friend of over 40 years, Tony “TL” Lewis. He has been a part of the Hobie Way of Life for much longer than even I have known him. He was a part of the culture that helped shape the life style that we all enjoy so much. Some may even say he enjoyed it more than most!!

Love him or leave him, TL has been a huge part of our sailing along the Gulf Coast and has helped us to continue to promote sailing to the masses and the youth of our area.

He is currently the Division 15 chairman and has been involved in hosting at least one National Championship per year for the last ten years. He has tirelessly traveled to events with Krista and I to help on the water to provide a seamless flowing event for the competitors. He is a welcomed sight at the weather mark

ringing his cowbell when he’s not videotaping or possibly even having a nap. I can’t officially confirm that but I have heard rumors. In the last six or seven years he has worked really hard to bring the fun back into our sport. I feel that it would be a great honor and Carlton would be proud to have TL accept this award.

Thanks for the consideration until the cowbell rings again!

Michael McNeir, Fleet 178, Division 15

I haven’t been a part of the Hobie family for as long as many and I’m actually sorry I haven’t after hearing stories of the glory days!

When I think about the Hobie Way of Life, I think about TL Lewis. In my mind he is Hobie royalty and a major part of all of these Hobie years. He’s been everywhere around the world in support of our sport for many years and continues to this day. He brings great humor and fun to every event he attends, which he does without asking for anything in return .

I nominate my oyster shucking, Miller High Life loving, cowbell ringing, dear friend, Tony Lewis, who embodies the spirit of the Carlton Tucker award.

Krista Vind, Division 15
