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Hobie Cat Europe is proud to introduce the 2010 Hobie Cat Pro Team, composed of international high level sailors world-wide :



- **Glenn Ashby & James Spithill**, the 2010 America's Cup Dream Team (Glenn many times F18 world champion).



- **Mitch Booth** (Olympic medallist and 10 year collaboration with Hobie) & **Pim Nieuwenhuis** (5th place at the 2008 Olympic Games)



- **Mischa Heemskerk & Bastiaan Tentij**, F18 World Champions in 2008.



- **Jean-Christophe Mourniac** (2006 Hobie Tiger world champion and in the top 5 of the F18 Worlds each year) & **Alexandre Guyader** (3rd at the 2008 Tornado world championships)



- **Billy Besson** (5th at the last Tornado Worlds) & **Jérémie Lagarrigue** (many times F18 French champion and 2nd at the 2008 F18 Worlds)



- **Jörg Gosche** (many times F18 German champion et Hobie Tiger European Champion) and **Hannes Pegel**.



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The sailors' words : their feelings

Mitch Booth

"The excitement never stop! this will be my 10th year with the Hobie Pro team and I am proud to sail for the leading beach cat producer in the World. This season will provide many challenges particularly in the ever growing F18 racing. Hobie have maintained the true beach cat spirit throughout the years and I look forward to flying the flag high."

Pim Nieuwenhuis

"I am looking forward to the 2010 season, which will be my 4th season for Hobie Cat and the 2nd season on the Wild Cat. After a winter full of (watching) big multihulls, its now time for the small cats again! The line up for this season will be stronger than ever, and we are motivate to score top finishes at the major events! It's gonna be exciting with plenty of good teams using different f18's, and a good fleet of Wild Cat's. Who will be the fastest/smarest/best prepared? Warming up will be in Carnac, with the all important World Championships in the middle of summer in Erquy!"

Kinou (JC Mourniac)

"2009 was a great season with the launching of the Hobie Wild Cat. We look forward to even a greater success this season with very ambitious objectives at the F18 World Championship in Erquy. We are still and ever proud to represent the Hobie Cat Europe factory on the best watersport locations in the world."

Alex Guyader

"It will once again be a great fun to sail the Hobie Wild Cat This year the world championship is in France et we will make a point to fly the flag high."





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Billy Besson

«For me to join the Hobie Cat Pro Team is a return to the origins of my sailor's life, because I began catamaran sailing on Hobie Cat 16. So I am very excited to be part of the team. I expect sailing the Hobie Wild Cat will be much pleasure and fun and then for the competition we will see on the spot...»

Glenn Ashby

«This year ahead will be a great challenge and I am looking forward to some great racing and continuing sailing with Hobie on the Wildcat. This year James Spithill and I have teamed up to do some regattas and hope we can continue to build from the Americas cup success earlier in the year. Although the racing will be different than the time we spent with the AC 90 trimaran, the level will be extremely high and demanding with many great teams to compete against in the F18 class. I am really looking forward to an exciting season ahead!»

Gosche

«It is a pleasure to be part of the Hobie community and a great honour to join this fantastic team. After many years of successful racing on the still very competitive Hobie Tiger, I believe, that the high innovative Wildcat is another milestone in the Formula 18 class and the world of small cats in all. It is exciting and big fun for us to push this new design to the limits.»





Team Ashby



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Glenn ASHBY & James SPITHILL



Team Ashby : Curriculum vitae



Photo Gilles Martin-Raget

Skipper : Glenn ASHBY

2010 : America's Cup winner – BMW Oracle Head Coach

2009 : Tornado World Champion

2009 : A-Class World Champion

2008 : Silver Medallist, Tornado Class, Olympic Games

2008 : Tornado World Champion

2007 : Formula 18 World Champion

2007 : A-Class World Champion

2007 : Round Texal Winner

2006 : Tornado World Champion

2006 : A-Class World Champion

2005 : Formula 18 World Champion

2004 : Formula 18 World Champion

2004 : A-Class World Champion

2003 : Formula 18 World Champion

2002 : A-Class World Champion

1996 : A-Class World Champion

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Team Ashby : Curriculum vitae



Photo Gilles Martin-Raget

Crew : James SPITHILL
Born in Australia in 1979

2010 : [BMW Oracle Racing America's Cup-Skipper-Winner](#)

2009 : [A Cat Worlds-6th](#)
2009 : [A Cat Nationals-4th](#)

2008 : [RC44 Fleet racing championship-2nd](#)
2008 : [RC44 Match Racing championship-Winner](#)

2007 : [Luna Rossa Challenge-Helmsman-Finalist LV Cup](#)

2005-06 : [Australian Yachtsman of the year](#)
2005 : [World Match Racing champion](#)
2005 : [Melges 24 World Champion fleet racing.](#)

2003 : [One World Challenge-Helmsman-3rd LV Cup](#)

2000 : [Young Australia-skipper- America's Cup](#)

1999 : [Brindabella Sydney-Hobart-2nd](#)

1998 : [Ragamuffin Sydney-Hobart-3rd](#)

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Team Booth



Mitch Booth & Pim Nieuwenhuis

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Team Booth : Curriculum vitae



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Skipper : **Mitch BOOTH**

Born in 1963

Experience

67 World Championships
53 National Championships
47 State Championships
16 European Championships
8 Olympic Trials
4 Olympic Games
2 Sydney- Hobart (Skipper V60)
Various Ocean Records

Best Results

- ⇒ **10 World Titles (Tornado, Hobie, A Cat, F18)**
- ⇒ **13 National Titles**
- ⇒ **23 State Titles**
- ⇒ **8 European Titles (Tornado, Melges, Libre, F18)**
- ⇒ **4 x first, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th.**
- ⇒ **Bronze 92, Silver 96, 5th in 04, 5th in 08.**
- ⇒ **3rd and 4th in Div**
- ⇒ **Round Britain and Ireland (Playstation)**
- ⇒ **Discovery Route (Club Med)**

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Team Booth : Curriculum vitae



Crew : Pim NIEUWENHUIS

2008 : [5th Olympic Games](#)

2007 : [3rd Tornado world championships](#)

2007 : [2nd F18 Worlds](#)

2005 : [11th 49er Worlds](#)

2002 : [9th 49er Worlds](#)

Many National Titles

Many titles in big cats (open60, IRC, IMS etc)

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Team Heemskerk



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Mischa HEEMSKERK & Bastiaan TENTIJ



Team Heemskerk : Curriculum vitae



Skipper : **Mischa HEEMSKERK**

Born in 1974

2009 Results

St Barth Cata CUP 1st
Najaarsbokaal Muiderzand 1st
F18 Muiderzand Najaars 1st
Dutch F18 Nationals 1st
Raid des Corsaires St Malo 1st
NAM REM Race Zandvoort 1st
Europeans Tiger Lake Como, ITA 1st
WestlandCup 1st
Worlds F18 BEL 16th
North Sea Champions BEL 1st
Round Texel 16th
Texel Shortrack 1st
North Sea regatta 1st
Eurocat Carnac France 7th
F18 Muiderzand 1st
Voorjaarsbokaal 1st F18 & 1st général

Past results

2008 : Dutch National Champion Formula 18
2008 : 3rd World Championships Formula 18
2008 : 2nd Eurocats Carnac France
2007 : European Champion Formula 18
2007 : Winner Eurocat Carnac
2002 : 7th Tornado Olympic Class World Championship
2002 : 3rd Tornado Olympic Class Europeans
2001 : 4th Tornado Olympic Class Europeans

3 times National Champion Formula 18
2 times European Champion Hobie Tiger
2 times Winner of Round Texel
6 times Winner of North Sea Regatta
5 times Winner of Murphy&Ney Formula 18
2 times North American Champion Formula 18

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Team Heemskerk : Curriculum vitae



Crew : **Bastiaan TENTIJ**

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Team Mourniac



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Jean-Christophe MOURNIAC & Alexandre GUYADER



Team Mourniac : Curriculum vitae



Skipper : **Jean-Christophe MOURNIAC**

Born in 1970

DESS Entraînement et Management du Sport

2009 : **3rd Challenge Julius Baer** Decision 35 (tacticien)

2009 : **5th I.share Cup** Extrême 40 (tacticien/barreur)

2009 : **6th F18 worlds** (Belgium)

2008 : **4th F18 Worlds** (Spain)

2007 : **Winner Archipelago Raid** (Sweden)

2007 : **3th Round Texel** (Netherlands)

2006 : **Hobie Tiger world champion** Cangas, Spain

2006 : **4th F18 Worlds** Hyères, France

2003 : **Préparateur Navigant Multicoque Bayer** : Tacticien et équipier barreur course au Large (Mondiale Assistance)

2002 : **2nd F18 Worlds** -Travemünde Germany

2002 : **Conseiller Tactique/ Routage sur la Route du Rhum** with A Gautier

2001 : **2ème au Championnat du monde de Formule 18** -Parkstone U.K?

2000 : **3rd Tornado worlds**-Sydney, Australia

2000 : **2nd au Championnat du monde de Formule 18 worlds** -ERQUY France

1995 : **2nd Tornado worlds** -Kingston, Canada

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Team Mourniac : Curriculum vitae



Crew : **Alexandre GUYADER**

Age 29

Master en management et ingénierie des sports de glisse à la faculté des sciences du sport de Bordeaux

2008 : **3rd Tornado worlds**

2008 : **2nd Tornado Europeans**

2006 : **5th Tornado Europeans**

2006 : **5th Tornado worlds**

2005 : **5th Tornado worlds**

13 year competition on **Olympic sailboard**,

Member of the French Team since 1999,

Two times youth champion,

3 times European champion

Selected for the Olympics in Sydney (2000).

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Team Besson



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Billy BESSON & Jérémie LAGARRIGUE



Team Besson : Curriculum vitae



Skipper : **Billy BESSON**

2008 : [6th Tornado Worlds](#)

2008 : [European vice champion Tornado](#)

2007 : [7th Tornado Worlds](#)

2007 : [3rd F18 Worlds](#)

2006 : [8th Tornado Worlds](#)

2001 : [Champion de France des Raids F18](#)

2001 : [3rd F18 Worlds](#)

1998 : [ISAF Youth champion \(Hobie Cat 16\)](#)

1997 : [Hobie Cat 16 Youth champion](#)

[Two Olympic campaigns in Tornado](#)

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Team Besson : Curriculum vitae



Crew : **Jérémie LAGARRIGUE**
Ingenieur

2009 Results

4th Round Créolia (La Réunion)

19th F18 Worlds (Belgium)

14th F18 French Nationals (le Touquet)

1st Raid Emeraude (Saint Lunaire)

1st Trophée Pays du Cotentin (Cherbourg)

2008 Results

2nd F18 Worlds (Spain)

1st F18 French Nationals (Vannes)

4th Raid des Corsaires (Saint-Malo)

1st Raid Emeraude (Saint-Lunaire)

1st Raid des 3 phares (La Baule)

6th Catagolfe

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Team Gosche



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Jörg GOSCHE & HANNES



Team Gosche : Curriculum vitae



Skipper : **Jörg GOSCHE**
Born in Germany in 1957

2009 Results

Schwerin Cat-Cup	1
Eurocat	12
Hohwachter Hobie	1
Reisswolf Cup Longdistance	1
Ostsee-Pokal Scharbeutz	1
Round TEXEL	5
European Champion Tiger	1
Fehmarn Rund	1
German Nationals F 18	3
Kiel Week	1

Past results

2003 : **European Champion HC TIGER**

2002 : **EuroCorsicaRace 3rd Place**

2001 : **German Champion F 18**

2000 : **3rd HOBIE TIGER Europeans**

1999 : **Kiel Week Winner MELGES 24**

1998 : **German Champion F18**

1994 : **Round Texel Winner DART**

1993 : **2nd Int. Dutch Champions DART**

1980 : **Nominated for Olympics**

1978-1979 : **Olympic campaign 470 Class**

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Team Gosche : Curriculum vitae



Crew : **Hannes PEGEL**
Born 1985 in Bremen, Allemagne

2009 Results

Kieler Woche (F18)	1
German Nationals (F18)	3
Travemünder Woche (F18)	3
Fehmarn Rund (F18)	2
European Championship (Hobie Tiger)	3
Danish Nationals (Hobie Tiger)	1
German Nationals (HC Tiger)	2

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