



The Connex Spring Regatta will feature numerous craft, including the Hobie Wildcat, which is new to Island waters

# Two days of racing in St Aubin's Bay

SAILING enthusiasts have the opportunity to see the new Hobie Wildcat racing in Jersey waters for the first time this weekend.

The 18-foot state of the art racing catamaran was

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launched last year and over 100 craft have already been sold in Europe making it the fastest selling catamaran.

Toby Orpin, one of the

UK's top ranked Formula 18 sailors, is helming the two-crew boat. Very fast on all points of sail, the Wildcat can look like a dragster in high winds therefore a formula 1 of the cat sailing world.

The Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club organised Connex Spring Regatta provides two days racing for sportsboat, cruiser/racer, dayboat, sport catamaran and dinghy classes.

With a moderate to fresh south-westerly breeze forecast, the weekend promises exhilarating racing for all.

Courses will be laid off the south coast of the Island for the sportsboat and cruiser/racer classes while dayboats, sport catamarans and dinghies will race over olympic-type courses laid out in St Aubin's Bay.

Racing starts at midday both days with back-to-back races for the sportsboat and cruiser/racer classes and three races for the dayboat, sport catamaran and dinghy classes.

The regatta dinner will be held tomorrow with prize-giving taking place on Sunday, both at the RCIYC.

## Wildcat Hobie clinic from Orpin

Leading helmsman Toby Orpin is holding an informal 'Cat Clinic' ahead of the Connex Spring Regatta this weekend. And with the new Hobie Wildcat being seen in Jersey for the first time, Orpin is offering to take people out on the catamaran ahead of and after the regatta. Interested parties should meet at the Gunsite site at 2.45 this afternoon while the 'Cat Clinic' question and answer session takes place between 6 and 7.30 pm at the same venue tonight.