

# The FOC'S'LE

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## GO EMAIL BEFORE YOUR EDITOR GOES POSTAL



The club is not abandoning paper or stamps, but we are offering you an option. And, you can change your mind later if you wish. You can get your newsletter a bit earlier, read it on screen or print it out. Pictures and clip art are in full color for your enjoyment. You can forward to friends when you've been made famous in our publication.

Here are a few reasons why the club is offering the option:

- Publishing a paper Foc's'le costs about \$1,500 per year. That's over 10% of our budget.
- Our editor now spends many hours a month folding, stamping, preparing and pasting address labels. That time will be drastically reduced as members take advantage of the email option.

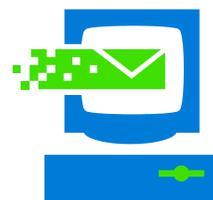
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- You will get your Foc's'le faster.
- Color pictures and graphics are just better than grayscale.
- And, think of the trees that will continue to stand.



If you want to join the 30 HSC members who have already signed up please drop a note to Rich Baumann at [force5@verizon.net](mailto:force5@verizon.net) using "yes to email" in the subject line.



Remember: Electrons are easily recycled!

## THE SEASON IS NEAR!

Sunday, March 30  
 Membership Meeting at Sunset Inn  
 Followed by:

5-Apr	Sat			Club Sunfish Work Day
19-Apr	Sat			Pre-Season Work Day
30-Apr	Wed	Twilight	1	
4-May	Sun	Spring	1	
7-May	Wed	Twilight	2	
10-May	Sat			SANJL Spruce Run
11-May	Sun	Spring	2	
14-May	Wed	Twilight	3	
17-May	Sat			
18-May	Sun	Spring	3	Scot Challenge of the Lakes Scot Hot Dog Sunday
21-May	Wed	Twilight	4	
24-May	Sat			
25-May	Sun	Spring	4	
26-May	Mon			Memorial Day Sunfish
28-May	Wed	Twilight	5	
30-May	Fri			Flying Scot Friday
1-Jun	Sun	Spring	5	
4-Jun	Wed	Twilight	6	
7-Jun	Sat			Force 5 Spring Spectacular
8-Jun	Sun	Spring	6	Force 5 Spring Spectacular

Steps to take in the next 2 months:

1. Attend meeting and chat
2. Clean up boat, check trailer
3. Attach current stickers and registrations
4. Sail at April 30 and May 4 Openers
5. Back to the Sunset Inn

## Great Blue Heron

*Ardea herodias*



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An adaptable bird whose large size enables it to feed on a variety of prey—from large fish and frogs to mice, small birds, and insects—the Great Blue has one of the widest ranges of any North American heron. This wide choice of food enables it to remain farther north during the winter than other species, wherever there is open water, although such lingering birds may fall victim to severe weather. Most Great Blues nest in colonies in tall trees; their presence is often unsuspected until the leaves fall and the groups of saucer-shaped nests are exposed to view. In late summer young herons disperse widely and may be encountered at small ponds, in mountain waters, or even in backyard pools—wherever fish are plentiful.

**description** 39-52" (99-132 cm). W. 5'10" (1.8 m). A common large, mainly grayish heron with a pale or yellowish bill. Often mistaken for a Sandhill Crane, but flies with its neck folded, not extended like that of a crane. In southern Florida an all-white form, "Great White Heron," differs from Great Egret in being larger, with greenish-yellow rather than black legs.

This material provided by [eNature.com](http://eNature.com).

Ed. Note: The above article is an occasional feature submitted by Anne Freeman

## Sunfish Fleet 156

Yes! - it's just about time to start sailing! - The first Twilight races start on April 30 and the Spring Sunday Sunfish starts May 4. So now is the time to really begin dusting off the boat and making sure everything is in order. One item to be addressed is the sail number you carry. You may not realize it but, the Sunfish class, like most, is member supported and their primary funding comes from members joining the class. One of the ways the class encourages this is that in order to get an official sail number you have to join the class and have the numbers sent to you from the central office. Even replacement numbers are to come from the central office, although drawn on numbers are allowed once you have become a member and been assigned a number. Retailers such as APS will not even sell you Sunfish numbers when you buy a sail as it is against the class rules and they try to support the class.

Our sail numbers right now are in disarray which is tough on RC and our scorekeeper and I am a strong supporter of getting this straightened out. However, I would not like to undermine the efforts of the Sunfish class to stay afloat as it were by taking their income. I would like to strongly encourage people to join the class to get sail numbers and as a temporary stop gap measure put some sort of identifier on their sail. This should not be a long term fix however as it subverts class rules.

You can reach the Sunfish class office by calling Peg or Terry Beadle at (248) 673-2750, this is also the class fax number. They can also be reached by mail at P.O. Box 300128, Waterford, MI 48330, USA, and by email at [sunfishoff@aol.com](mailto:sunfishoff@aol.com). They are very nice people.

Thank you for your help! Susan

AND - Gordon Sell demonstrates (see p. 7) the fastest way to sail on Wednesday evenings - close to the deck to avoid wind resistance on those light air days, feet spread to dry them after dragging them in the water, cushion to protect back and tiller over one shoulder so you feel like you're 12 metering when you get going. AND the happy smile which is what really keeps people coming back year after year.

Ed. Note – More on Gordon and others in the Tillerman article on page 6.



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED.....TO HELP WITH 2008 HSC SAIL TRAINING

As we do each year, HSC presents an

extensive program of sail training courses. To spread the workload, if you can help on one or more days, please respond to Charlie Engler [che1129@yahoo.com](mailto:che1129@yahoo.com) or 908-464-5564.

Please indicate what days you can help with training or safety patrol:

- ✓ Junior Training.....9am to 4pm  
June 23 thru June 28.
- ✓ Adult Training.....6pm to 8:30 pm  
June 19 & 20 and July 10 & 11
- ✓ Adult Training.....9am to 4pm  
June 21 and July 12 (Saturdays).

ALSO, if HSC can borrow your Sunfish, please let me know! THANK YOU

## Sunfish (sailboat) From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



A recreationally rigged Sunfish sailing on Long Island Sound



A race rigged Sunfish racing on Irondequoit Bay, NY. The rig is carried lower to the deck and additional lines are added to control sail shape

The **International Sunfish Class** is a popular [one-design](#) class of [sailing dinghy](#) which was developed in the [1950s](#). It can be sailed with one, two, or three persons, but is most often sailed singlehanded (one person). At 13 feet 9 inches (4.2 m) in length and 130 lb (59 kg) in weight, the Sunfish is easily carried in a luggage rack or a light trailer. The Sunfish is used as a [day sailer](#) or a racing boat, with over 1000 racing events every year worldwide.

Key to the Sunfish's success are simplicity and low cost. A Sunfish can be sailed using only a single line (the [sheet](#)) and the [tiller](#). A second line (the [halyard](#)) is used to raise and lower the sail. A Sunfish setup for racing will typically add [outhaul](#), [cunningham](#), a [gooseneck](#) quick-release adjuster, and [vang](#) lines. The [lateen](#) sail is fixed to the [spars](#) and is stored by simply wrapping the sail around the spars, or by rolling the sail up parallel to the spars.

A single person can easily handle the Sunfish. The "board boat" design, with its small, self bailing cockpit, resists swamping. The boat can carry up to 3 small people. The wide, hard-chined hull allows it to plane and achieve a [Portsmouth handicap](#) of 99.6, which is very low for a boat of its size. A new Sunfish costs about US\$3395-\$3820<sup>[1]</sup>, with older used models in working condition going for under US\$500. Because of its low cost and simplicity (it is often regarded as the simplest boat to sail, and is widely used for teaching sailing) it is also perhaps the most popular American sailboat ever invented; over 500,000 Sunfish have been built. Because of this, the Sunfish is part of the [American Sailboat Hall of Fame](#).

The great popularity of the Sunfish has led to many imitators; Starfish, Aquafin, Phantom, and Big Fish are all boats virtually identical to the Sunfish.

More at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunfish\\_%28sailboat%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunfish_%28sailboat%29), including information on racing, history, major changes and the ever popular Super Sunfish.

*Ed. Note – The Sunfish is surely the boat to own if you're owning more than one. Maybe the best to own if you can only have one. The views expressed here may not be those of the club, but maybe they are.*

## Force 5 From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Force 5** is a small one-design [racing sailboat](#) that is similar to the more well known [Laser](#) but with a hard chine [aft](#). Although it is designed for single handed racing, two people can easily fit into the large cockpit. It is built in [Long Island, New York](#) by Weeks Yacht Yard.

The Force 5 was designed in 1972 by Fred Scott and Jack Evans who were well known for their boat designs. AMF Alcott manufactured the boats in increasing quantities and by the late 1970s the boat and class was highly popular. In 1989, Pearson Small Boats, which owned AMF at that time, was bought out by SLI who also owned the rights for Laser sailboats. Because the boats were similar they decided to concentrate on only one model and the Laser won out, eventually becoming more popular and causing the production of Force 5 boats to cease. Eventually, Weeks Yacht Yard bought the rights to the boat and it was re-introduced at the 1994 SAIL EXPO in [Atlantic City, New Jersey](#) and it continues to be produced in [Patchogue](#), on the [Great South Bay](#) of Long Island.

The Force 5 has full sail controls, including a [cunningham](#), [outhaul](#), [boom vang](#), and traveller. The [mainsail](#) has a sleeve which fits over the 3-piece aluminum [mast](#). A junior sail is available with reduced sail area for better handling when used by lower weight individuals. The [rudder](#) and [centerboard](#) is solid varnished [mahogany](#) but recently [fiberglass](#) versions became available.



## Flying Scot (dinghy) From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Flying Scot** is a [day sailer dinghy](#) used for pleasure [sailing](#) as well as [racing](#) throughout [North America](#). The Flying Scot was designed in [1957](#) by [Gordon K. \(Sandy\) Douglass](#) who had already designed the [Thistle](#) and [Highlander](#) dinghies.

Over 5000 boats have been built, and races are held throughout the year in the USA and Canada by the [Flying Scot Association](#) and its local fleets. As a one-design, all Flying Scot boats are built to the same specifications and thus have equal chances in winning a race, no matter when the boat was built. This makes the boats especially appealing to amateur racing associations since this type of construction strives to eliminate variables other than the skill of the crew. The Flying Scot was inducted into the [American Sailboat Hall of Fame](#) in 1998.

The Flying Scot Association says, "The Scot's performance offers thrills to even the experienced sailor and provides for tight, competitive racing. There are more than 100 fleets racing Flying Scots in the USA and Canada. The Scot is normally raced with a crew of two or three, but can be [single handed](#) as well. The sail plan consists of main, jib and spinnaker. Simple rigging and uniform construction fosters tactical racing."

## Hunterdon Sailing Club

### From The Blog of Tillerman

A few of my friends from my old sailing club in New Jersey are aware of this blog. Now I hear that one of them has written an article for the club newsletter drawing all the members' attention to Proper Course.

Yes, that's right. I've been "outed".

I don't think I ever mentioned the name of the club in the blog before... part of my feeble attempt at relative anonymity for myself and the people I sail with. But I guess the least I can do now is to write a post providing any readers from the club a road map to the various stories that I've written here about their club...

I have many fond memories of the years I spent at Hunterdon Sailing Club whose home waters are Spruce Run reservoir near Clinton, NJ. It's not a swanky yacht club with a restaurant and a bar. Just a group of sailing enthusiasts who keep their rescue boats and other gear in a shed at the reservoir; who compete furiously in their racing program -- but don't take themselves *too* seriously; who are wonderfully welcoming to newcomers; and who do a terrific job of promoting the sport through training programs and other efforts. They, and many other clubs like them, are the grassroots of our sport. And they are damn fine sailors too with a bunch of former national champions (and a few future ones I would dare say) in their membership.

I joined the club originally so that I could take part in their Wednesday night Sunfish racing. It's one of the most competitive high quality one-design club fleets I've ever known. I wrote about a typical evening in [Wednesday Night Sailing](#). The winds on Wednesday

evenings weren't always very reliable, as I described in [Idiot Wind](#), and sometimes Wednesdays were very frustrating for me such as in the story [Full of Woe](#).

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One of the best things about Wednesday nights was beer and pizza after sailing where the conversation got pretty wild at times as in [Liars Poker](#), and other times I actually learned something as in the chat about [Sailor's Edge](#).

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There was always a friendly rivalry going between the Laser and Force 5 fleets at the club. I never understood why anyone would prefer a Force 5 but its fans say it's more [Comfortable](#).

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If you live near Spruce Run do go and check out [Hunterdon Sailing Club](#). But if you sail at Spruce Run be resigned to [Learning to Love Light Air](#). It's a lake dude.

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*Ed. Note: For much more on HSC, go to: <http://propercourse.blogspot.com/2008/02/hunterdon-sailing-club.html>*



*Another Ed. Note: In the previous Foc's'le, Susan Mallows mentioned a blog written by a former HSC Laser and Sunfish sailor. In it he included a photo of Gordon which has been copied onto page 7. Tillerman appears above. The blog makes interesting, informative and very funny reading. Other than reading his opinion that Force 5's are for old farts, I've enjoyed it.*

*James McCrea, Sr.*

*James McCrea, Sr, passed away on February 13 following a six month illness.*

*Jim was a great guy. He was a long-time HSC member, and was Rear Commodore for many, many years. Jim was a mainstay of the Jet 14 fleet.*

*Jim loved cruising on the Chesapeake with, his wife, Bonnie, and with HSC friends. On one cruise we were experiencing a lack of engine cooling and Jim figured out a way to bail water out of the Bay into the shower and then pump it into the engine coolant line! There are many such stories about his ingenuity.*

*A memorial service is planned for Saturday March 15 at 1:00 pm at the Sergeantsville Methodist Church, one block east of Rt. 523 from the center of town.*

*Our deepest sympathy to Bonnie McCrea and son Jim Jr.*

*Charlie*



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