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Upcoming Events

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Sunfish Opening Day—
April 25

Sunday Opening Day
April 29

Commodore's Corner

Even though we had several inches of snow on its first day *SPRING IS FINALLY HERE*, and it is time to sail. The rain and snow over the winter has almost filled the lake, as of today (4/15) it is within two feet of full and looking outside it's about to rain again. With the spring rains I hope to see the lake full again. How does that childhood rhyme go, "That spring raining, makes good racing." I can see your grimaces.



Don't forget to mark your calendars for opening days that are Wednesday April 25th (yay pizza!) and Sunday April 29th.

My main mission this year will be to increase club membership, toward that we are working on a few initiatives. In conjunction with US Sailing we are going to host a "First Sail". Some of the Flying Scot owners will take people on their boats for their first sailing experience. We have some wrinkles to iron out and hopefully will be able to hold two First Sails this summer. Additionally, we've been given permission to "take over" the bulletin board by the club building. We intend to post information about the club, photos and invite people to join and sail with us. We are actively increasing our social media presence to attract the younger people and it has a few details to iron out too.

My hope for this year is enough rain during the night to keep the lake full and steady winds on Wednesdays and Sundays.

See you on the lake!

Angelo Lovisa

Flying Scot Fleet Report

Provided by Albert Boeckh

2018 Flying Scot Midwinters at Sarasota Sailing Squadron, FL

Extracted from <http://www.fssa.com>

For the first time ever, the Flying Scot class has a third-time winner of the Midwinter Championship to be engraving their name once again on the Mary Meno Perpetual Trophy. Zeke and Jay Horowitz were the best of the 40 boats in the large Championship fleet and their consistent sailing is evident in the results. Zeke gives his Dad all the credit and of course Jay gives Zeke all the credit - it's an incredible team. Jay just beams when you talk about what a great sailor his son is and he says sailing with Zeke is one of the greatest joys of his life. Congratulations to Zeke and Jay once again! Will there be a fourth win in their future? Stay tuned.

In the 23-boat Challenger Division there was some pretty close racing at the top. But in the end, our president Bill Vogler and his crew Peg Woodworth and Carey Seven are the proud winners of the Brenda Pollack Perpetual Trophy. Bill and his crew were pretty consistent and won 2 of the 5 races in the series, not always easy in a fleet that large. Congratulations to Bill and crew.

For more information on the recent midwinters and upcoming events, visit <http://www.fssa.com>.

Ladies Fleet - Getting Ready for the Next Parade

First Ladies Fleet Event for 2018 held on Saturday, February 3rd was a huge success!

Fourteen HSC members attended a Dancing Dinghy design challenge. The challenge was to redesign the boats used in the Clinton Christmas parade so that they can be easily transported and stored. Through design modification, testing and redesign, the ladies successfully built 2 boats that can be separated into two halves with one side that flattens.



The ladies met with great success in the effort to improve the Dancing Dinghy boat design. This teambuilding event was great fun for all with delicious food, outstanding camaraderie and power tools.

Our next design challenge will be to design and assemble the outside covering for the boats

Jenise Janulis

An Open Letter to the Sailing Community about Safety

From: Jack Gierhart, CEO of US Sailing



Dear Sailors,

As many of you are aware, the sailing community experienced several tragic incidents on the water over the past several months that have impacted the broader boating community around the county and the entire marine industry. All of us at US Sailing – our staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers – are deeply saddened by these tragedies. Our thoughts go out to affected families and communities as they navigate through these very difficult times. We will look to assist these sailing communities as they assess the accidents, and work together to prevent incidents like this in the future.

Our commitment to safety is paramount at US Sailing. We endeavor to advance safety in our sport by reviewing and improving current best practices in safety procedures, protocol and equipment through advanced innovation, and education. We will continue to champion the many positive lessons and opportunities that sailing offers, while striving to ensure sailing remains as safe as possible.

Through it all, sailing remains one of the safest water-based recreational activities. Sailing accounts for an extremely small percentage of the total boating accidents and an even smaller portion of the fatalities. A lot of this has to do with the fact that safety, and respect for the weather and waters, have always been a priority for sailors. [See the U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics Report for 2016](#) (Pages 48-51).

These incidents should not dampen our passion nor discourage people from participating, but rather serve as reminders and impress upon all of us the importance of diligence as we plan, organize and participate in upcoming events.

Over the years, [US Sailing has conducted several independent reviews of sailing accidents](#). Most of these reviews come at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard and were conducted by panelists assembled from US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee focused on improving safety guidelines for racing, communication between sailors and race organizers, and training for race officials running offshore races.

Our engagement with various state and federal government initiatives to legislate safety has reinforced the importance of achieving a balance between education and regulation. Education, resources and awareness coupled with a balanced and intelligent legislative strategy, is going to deliver the best results and keep sailing as safe as possible.

Provided by Albert Boeckh

Sunfish Fleet #156



This year is shaping up to be one of our best yet! The lake is just about full, the weather is finally warming up and the breezes are good, what more can we ask for – what's that? pizza on Wednesday's? You got it!!!

This year we are continuing our very successful Wednesday night series with our two-fleet system, Championship and Challenger. There is also a Junior series which is scored for the last 10 weeks of the summer as one series. Start time is 6 PM with 5 races targeted for the night, although the number actually raced depends on the time of sunset, the breeze and the weather. And then there is Pizza! After racing we all head over to the Tuscany grill and swap stories of how fast we were sailing, demo situations with salt and peppers shakers and forks and just enjoy each other's company. Sunday's, we race as one fleet targeting 3 races per day.

The Sunfish boat is very forgiving and can be sailed by people with many skill levels. Don't let the word 'racing' keep you from coming out and enjoying time on the water with the club. Even if you aren't going very fast you are surrounded by people with a love of the sport who will help you in any way they can.

Sailing Association of North Jersey Lakes (SANJL on the HSC calendar)

HSC is continuing the tradition of hosting the opening day of the SANJL Sunfish series with a regatta on May 5th. The Skippers meeting will be at 10:00 AM, with the first start at 10:30. This regatta also sails 2 fleets – Championship and Challenger with daily awards as well as overall series awards in both fleets.

The day will target no more than 4 races of about 40 minutes each. A continental breakfast is served, lunch is BYO and is usually taken on the water.

The rest of the SANJL series dates are below:

SANJL Day 2 Saturday May 19, 2018 @ Green Pond Green Pond Yacht Club, Green Pond, NJ

SANJL Day 3 Saturday Sept 22, 2018 @ Swartwood Lake Swartwood Sailing Club, Newton, NJ

SANJL Day 4 Saturday Oct 6, 2018 @ Highland Lake Highland Lakes Country Club, Highland Lakes, NJ

Susan Mallows

Give the Gift of Sailing with the HSC Learn to Sail Program

HSC is set to kick off the year with the full host of sail classes. Whether your new to the club or around for a bit think about giving yourself or someone you know the chance to learn more about the sport we all love. It's a great opportunity to get out on the water to pick up the basics or build your confidence and get on the race course. Our schedule has something for everyone:

Youth Learn to Sail (YLS) classes are offered for children 11 yrs and older and run from 9:00-4:00 each day. The week is split into 2 parts and can be taken separately or together. The YLS 1 is run with two kids to a boat so one child can focus on sail trim while the other focuses on handling the tiller. After taking the first class children can continue with YLS 2 with one child per boat combining the skills built in the first class. In the past we have had children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews of club members join in this great week of fun on the water. It's a wonderful way to create memories and a lifelong love of sailing.

Why should the kids have all the fun? HSC has adult classes for beginner sailors and those interested in beginning to race. So those family members, friends, or co-workers that always seems interested in your adventures but might need a place to start can join the fun and you'll get credit for lighting the spark. The adult class schedule was created to fit your work schedule and are run Friday evenings, all day Saturday and Sunday mornings prior to the weekly afternoon races. Think about those you know that might like to join the fun and spread the word.

HSC 2018 Class Schedule:

5/26 Learn to Race
6/8-10 Adult Learn to Sail A
6/22-24 Adult Learn to Sail B
6/25-27 Youth Learn to Sail 1
6/28-30 Youth Learn to Sail 2
7/6-8 Adult Learn to Sail C
7/14 Learn to Race

If your beyond the basics please consider sharing your time and talent as an assistant to our instructors in the Adult classes or as a beach parent/grandparent/friend for the Youth Program. Feel free to contact me for clarification or more information, Katie Kiernan training@sailhsc.org.



Force 5 Midwinter Championships

For those who have never seen a short rig Force 5, this picture of your editor will help understand the content below.

I arrived in Key Largo on Sunday, Feb. 18, for a three-day regatta that started on Thursday, Feb. 22. The folks at the Upper Keys Sailing Club welcome early arrivals, and plan activities for every day. The wind forecast for the week was 15-25 mph every day. I don't recall much of the 15 mph later than 10-11 in the morning or earlier than 6 pm in the afternoon. It felt like 20-30 to me. Hence, I never unrolled my full rig sails.



The first actual racing event was on Tuesday and is called the Race to Nest Key, an island about 6 miles from the club. Upon arrival at Nest Key, you beach your boat and enjoy some rum punch before heading back. I had to pass up on the event this year, as I was taking my wife to the airport before the time when I might get back. Below are some pictures of the bedlam at the start.



Wednesday was part practice and then the annual "Doubles Championship." Last year's winners got off to a bad start when their mast snapped at the start. My "practice" included 2 capsizes, one of which was caused by my tiller extension separating from the tiller.

Thirty-nine sailors were registered. Of that number, 37 had registered in the full rig fleet with just 2 in the short rig fleet. During Thursday morning's final registration, 11 more sailors (including me) opted for the short rig fleet. With age come wisdom.

Three races were held on Thursday afternoon. Lots of excitement. Four races on Friday, and I opted for a DNS after the third. Two more on Saturday.

Results found at:

http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=15747

A few more pictures to close this out:



Rich Baumann



Hunterdon Sailing Club Offers The First Sail Program

The Executive Team of HSC is delighted to announce that we will offer US Sailing's First Sail Program here on Spruce Run Reservoir. The core of our mission at HSC is to share the sport of sailing with the community. The First Sail Program is a great way to accomplish that by providing a memorable 2 hour on-the-water experience of sailing without having to make a commitment to the sport. We hope this one-time experience will inspire newcomers to the sport, or to help our friends, neighbors and family members to experience and appreciate our enthusiasm for sailing.

First Sail is a nationwide initiative developed by US Sailing with support from sailing schools, community sailing centers, yacht clubs and other sailing industry organizations around the United States. The goal of First Sail is to educate the public on the benefits of sailing as a fun and exciting recreational activity and sport for people of all ages and abilities and connect them with opportunities to get involved. This is a perfect program for HSC to offer in support of our community.

HSC will offer the First Sail experience in Flying Scots. The program is a condensed introduction to sailing with just enough classroom 'chalk talk' to convey the principles of sailing and parts of the sailboat, followed by an hour or so of sailing on Spruce Run. Participants will sign up through the US Sailing First Sail website at <http://www.firstsail.org> and at the end of the program they will receive a certificate of completion from US Sailing. There is usually a \$25 - \$50 fee for this program. Since HSC is a community not-for-profit organization we will ask for a donation of \$25 per participant. All donations will be applied to support our sail training programs.

Please watch for announcements from HSC about upcoming dates and timing for First Sail as we organize to support the program. If you would like more information, please contact Jay Halsted at 908-305-7779.

Hunterdon Sailing Club will host the 2018 Force 5 North American Championship this summer July 19th – 21st.

The Hunterdon Sailing Club is proud to welcome the 2018 Force 5 North American Championship to our home waters at Spruce Run Reservoir in Clinton, New Jersey on July 19th through the 21st. An arrival and practice day is scheduled on July 18th. Our goal is to foster friendly competition and capture the fun and excitement associated with Force 5 sailing. HSC sponsored the Force 5 NAC in 2015. The participants and support staff had lots of fun both on and off the water.

Once again, we have a full agenda planned for racing, picnics, dinners, pig roast and awards for this event. We will need lots of help from club members to make this a success – including a wide variety of tasks including race committee, safety boat crew, manning the registration desk, logistics, food support and more. Please watch for event sign-up requests as we get closer to the event.

Here is the schedule of events:

- July 18th Pre-Event Arrival & Practice Day – Informal gathering at the reservoir.
 - Noon+++ - Casual arrival, pre-registration and orientation at HSC.
 - 2:00 PM+ – Approximate time for Practice Races. Actual time TBD by RC.
 - Evening – On you own for dinner and/or join the HSC Wednesday night Sunfish racing team for pizza and beer at the Tuscany Grill (Rt 31 & Van Syckels Rd.)

- July 19th – Force 5 NAC Welcome, Registration and Racing.
 - 9:30 – 11:00 AM – Force 5 Registration, Brunch, Measuring and Rigging
 - 11:00 AM – Skippers Meeting.
 - Noon – First Gun for Force 5 North American Championship. The number of races TBD by the weather. We will plan to conclude racing before 5pm.
 - 6:30 PM – Reception at Riley and Jakes Tavern. Daily Results Posted.
 - 7:00 PM – Force 5 Class Association Meeting at Riley and Jakes.
 - 7:30 PM – Dinner is Served! Riley and Jake's Tavern is on Rt. 31.

- July 20th – Full Day of FFCA Racing.
 - 8:30 AM - Continental Breakfast and Rigging
 - 9:30 AM – Skippers Meeting
 - 10:30 AM – First Gun. The number of races TBD by the weather.
 - 1:00 PM – Approximate time for Lunch Ashore. Actual time TBD by RC Chair.
 - 5:00 PM – Conclude racing – All Ashore.
 - 6:00 PM+ – Pig Roast and Reception at Doug and Susan's house. Daily results will be posted. Silent Auction and Raffles will be awarded.

- July 21st – FFCA Racing with the Awards and Picnic
 - 8:30 AM – Continental Breakfast and Rigging
 - 9:30 AM – Skippers Meeting
 - First Gun. The number of races TBD by the weather.
 - 2:00 PM – Conclude racing, Late lunch - cookout on the barbie.
 - 3:00 PM – Awards Presentation and concluding remarks by FFCA President.

The 2018 Force 5 North American Championship Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) are available on the FFCA and the HSC websites. Event registration is available through Regatta Network: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/16582>

The HSC Executive Team and members of Force 5 Fleet #36 look forward to a fun and competitive sailing event here on Spruce Run Reservoir. See you there..!

Jay Halsted
Force 5 Fleet Captain

