The F@'C'S'LE

Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

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2016 Outstanding Club Service Award Jay Halsted



Jay has been the Force 5 Fleet Captain, an active trainer in our Learn to Sail and Learn to Race programs, a trusted advisor to the Commodores who have followed him in that office, a reliable aide to the club's Park Liaison, the organizer of swim tests and, I'm sure, done more than anyone can keep track of. He has earned the club's Outstanding Service Award.

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 Commodore's Corner
- 3-4 Fleet Notes from Sunfish and Force 5 Captains
- 5–9 Series Racing Awards

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
FEB. 26 AND APRIL 2

OPENING DAY - TWILIGHT SERIES

APRIL 26

OPENING DAY - SUNDAY SERIES
APRIL 30

Commodore's Corner – Mark Kaplan Welcome to Hunterdon Sailing Club's 2017 Season

Hunterdon Sailing Club Members and Friends of HSC -

Winter is upon us and before we know it our thoughts will be turning to sailing. It's a great time to meet with our friends to discuss the upcoming sailing season. HSC has great plans in place for 2017 so please mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings.

Our first 2017 **Friends of HSC Members' Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 26th**, at Riley and Jake's Restaurant on Rt. 31 in Clinton. This meeting will focus on upcoming events on the 2017 HSC sailing calendar, including regattas, sail training and fleet reports. A representative from the NJ Spruce Run State Park will be with us for an update on 2017 Park events and just in time to discuss the annual Summer Boat Storage sign-up on March 1st.

Our second **Members' Meeting** will be on **Sunday April 2nd**, also at Riley and Jake's. Please look for an agenda announcement in March.

Both meetings will start at 12:30pm with socializing and Lunch will be available off the menu. We'll kick off the formal meeting agenda at 1:30.

We look forward to seeing you soon, either at the membership meetings or out on the water in the upcoming sailing season.





<u>SUNFISH</u>

It may seem like opening day is a long way off —but there are many things to do over the winter to tune up and get ready for the spring. Now is a good time to check over your equipment and make sure lines and bridles are not worn or frayed, all hardware is in good shape and not rusted or frozen and that your hull is getting buffed and shined and ready for the water.

One item to take a look at is the placement of your telltales on your sail. 3 sets of tells (one on each side) can provide optimal information about your sail in any breeze. This is really hard to do indoors but it's a good excuse to rig your boat and play with it outdoors. Below is a great picture of well-placed tell tales showing optimal sail position in a big breeze. Note the height of the Jens.



Susan Mallows

Force 5 Fleet - 2017 Regattas and Updates

HSC fleet members, please mark the dates on your calendars for two major National Force 5 regattas and a couple local ones too.

The Force 5 Mid-Winter Championship is scheduled for February 18th thru 25th in Key Largo, Florida. The Mid-Winters will be hosted by the Upper Keys Sailing Club, home of Force 5 Fleet #50. The Club will offer several days of practice on Buttonwood Bay and the actual regatta racing will span 3 days from Thursday (2/23) through Saturday (1/25). Rich Baumann and Linda Howard will make the trek to Florida next month to represent HSC. We wish them well as they sail against the best of the National fleet. If you would like to participate, please follow this link to register: http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13584

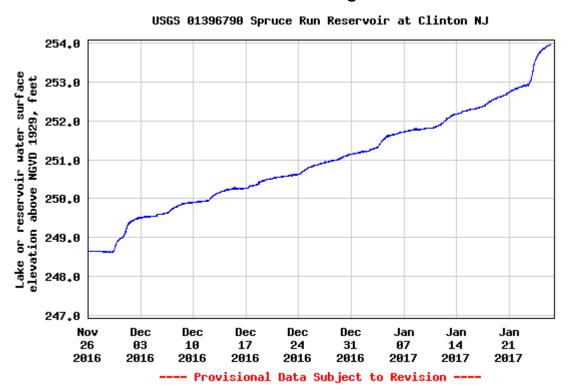
This summer the 2017 Force National Championship will return to the Northeast. The Thames Yacht Club in New London, Connecticut will host the Force 5 NAC on July 26th - 29th. This yacht club is beautiful and has excellent access to Long Island Sound, where many of the races will be run. New London is about a 3 hour drive from HSC and we hope that many of our local fleet members will participate. We will keep you posted as the sign-up link and more details become available.

Hunterdon Sailing Club Force 5 Regattas: We currently have two Force 5 regattas scheduled at HSC. The first is the Spring Spectacular scheduled for Memorial Day Saturday, May 28th. We also have the Force 5 Millard Fillmore Regatta scheduled for September 10th. We are considering making the Spring Spectacular a regional Force 5 invitational event and extending it for two days in order to make it worthwhile for those traveling to NJ. Ted Janulis sponsored this type of regatta a few years ago and it went well. Please look for updates as we check with FFCA members for interest.

Other FFCA News: Sails and Force 5 logo rights continue to be lively discussion points within the Force Five Class Association. Most of the other parts of the Force 5 have been spec'd out, including blades and spars, and are available through Weeks Yacht Yard, Great Lakes Marine Outfitters (GLMO), Intensity and other sites. There are currently two sail lofts approved for competition, North and Cullen. Intensity produces a Force 5 sail which is generally regarded as recreational. The intent of the conversation is to introduce innovation for the fleet while maintaining control and integrity of the one-design specification. This will be a hot topic for the FFCA executive team and members to discuss at the Mid-Winter Championship. We'll have updates for you at our upcoming HSC Membership Meetings.

Jay Halsted

Two Months of Progress



Cali Janulis

Challenger Division

Series 1 1st Place Series 2 2nd Place

> Gordon Sell

Challenger Division

Series 2 1st Place



Sunday Sunfish

Summer Series 2nd Place







Rich Baumann

Sunday Sunfish

Spring Series 1st Place



Mike Wheeler

Sunday Sunfish

Summer Series 1st Place



Mark Kaplan

Flying Scot

Summer Series 1st Place



Elena Khutoretsky

> Sunday Sunfish

Fall Series 2nd Place



Doug Brown

Jet 14

Summer Series 1st Place



Jay Halsted

Force 5

Spring Series 2nd Place

Summer Series 2nd Place



Rich Baumann

Force 5

Fall Series 1st Place



Doug Brown

Force 5

Spring Series
1st Place



Andrew Gilmartin

Force5

Fall Series 2nd Place



Doug Brown

Sunday Sunfish

Twilight Sunfish Series 2

2nd Place



Dave Davies

Twilight Sunfish Series 1

2nd Place



Bill Foster

Twilight Sunfish

Series 1 & 2

1st Place

