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Welcome to HSC's 2022 Sailing Season!!
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Important Upcoming Dates!

- ⚓ **Saturday, April 9**
Work Day/Spring Launch
at Spruce Run
9 am—2 pm
- ⚓ **Sunday, April 10**
New Member Meeting at
Riley & Jake's Tavern,
Rt. 31, Clinton, NJ.
1 pm
- ⚓ **Wednesday,
April 27**
Twilight Series Opening
Day (Sunfish only)
6 PM
- ⚓ **Sunday, May 1**
Sunday Series Opening
Day (All fleets) First Race
1:30 PM

Introducing...the 2022 HSC Club Officers

This year, as always, we have a great roster of club members who have stepped up to take on leadership roles. Let me introduce them:

Jay Halstead	Commodore
Ofer Ouriel	Vice Commodore
Eyal Ben-Yoseph	Rear Commodore
Chet Ensign	Secretary
Richard Baumann	Treasurer
Tom Tague	Assistant Treasurer
Andrew Gilmartin	Past Commodore



All of these volunteers work hard and deserve all of our thanks for being ready, willing and able to step up to the helm.



Have You Been Sailing Yet?

I have not been sailing yet in 2022. Although, there have been a few days when I wish I could have gotten out on my Sunfish. Maybe you were able to visit Florida or travel a bit and go someplace new. If you have, lucky you! And I hope you had a wonderful time! My nephew Owen, who is 17, is sailing again this spring with Seton Hall Prep. They are going out of the Raritan Bay Yacht Club and have already been out in 420s several times. Brrrr! He's wearing a dry suit, but that would not be enough for me. The good news is that the warm weather is not that far off, and I am looking forward to sailing with Hunterdon Sailing Club again.



The Last Day of Racing, 2021

Sunday, October 10, 2021, started out as what the Irish call a soft day. It was misting a little and it was not the warmest of days. An intrepid group of die-hard Hunterdon Sailing Club sailors stared at one another and Spruce Run for at least 30 minutes before deciding that, what the heck, this was the last official Sunday of racing, and a little misty rain was not going to stop us. Of course, twenty minutes later and two legs into the first race, the sky opened up and quickly soaked everyone. Everyone hung in there, getting in all three races. And then quickly scrambling to get back on land, with the wind coming straight at us.

Everyone helped each other get ashore, get their boats unrigged in record time, crawl in their cars, and peel off the layers of wet clothes. I can't say if a good time was had by all, but this sailor knows she hung in there all the way!





I'm in Knots!



Sailors depend upon a lot of knots to keep their boats skimming across the water. There are many knots that sailors use, but the most important, at least for sailors at HSC is the bowline, figure 8, the square knot, a clove hitch and a cleat hitch. I am sure we could have an entire discussion as to whether or not these are the most essential. However, these seem to be the knots that are used most often. Thank goodness for the internet and YouTube. There are numerous sites that will outline and show you how to tie one of these knots. And YouTube is an excellent resource to see how the knot itself is tied. The US Sailing Association, however, is a good place to start: <https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/certification-courses-endorsements/new-sailor-resources/>. SailboatTV will also give you a good overview of your first sail and also basic knots: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUHkxYGBu3M>.

The bottom line is practice, practice, practice, and then you'll be able to tie up those knots without even thinking.

2022 Sailing Season Schedule

The 2022 Hunterdon Sailing Club calendar is up. It can be found at <http://sailhsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/HSC-2022-Calendar.pdf>. **Saturday, April 9** is the first scheduled work day to get our clubhouse, club safety boats, and Sunfish fleet cleaned up and ready for the season. Plus, we will clean up and launch the Sea Witch, the club's race committee boat for the Sunday regattas.

Here are some other important dates:

Saturday, April 9	Spring Clean Up and Launch Day
Sunday, April 10	General Membership Meeting Jake & Riley's, Rte. 31, Clinton, NJ
Wednesday, April 27	Opening Twilight Series Races (Sunfish)
Thursday, April 28	Opening Twilight Series Races (Force 5)
Saturday, April 30	Sunfish Work Day
Sunday, May 1	Opening Sunday Spring Series Races (All Fleets)
Saturday, May 7	Sailing Association of New Jersey Lakes Race
Saturday, May 14	Learn to Crew of the Flying Scott fleet
Saturday, May 21	Learn to Race Class
Sunday, May 29	Race Clinic (AM)
Monday, May 30	Sunfish Memorial Day Regatta
Sunday, June 5	Force 5 Spring Spectacular
Tuesday, June 7	Intro to Sailing Lecture (Zoom)
Friday, June 10-	Adult Learn to Sail A
Sunday, June 12	Picnic Sunday
Friday, June 17-	Adult Learn to Sail B
Sunday, June 19	
Thursday, June 23-	Youth Learn to Sail I
Saturday, June 25	
Monday, June 27-	Youth Learn to Sail II
Wednesday, June 29	
Monday, July 4	Little Brown Jug Regatta/July 4 th Picnic
Friday, July 8-	Adult Learn to Sail C
Sunday, July 10	Picnic Sunday
Saturday, July 23	Sam Nelson/Walter Finne Jr. Regatta
Saturday, July 30	Ladies' Fleet Regatta/Runaround
Sunday, August 7	Picnic Sunday
Sunday, August 14	Rookie Regatta
Wednesday, August 17	I Can't Believe It's Over Regatta
Wednesday, August 24	Afternoon Race Series Starts
Monday, September 5	Annual Labor Day Sunfish Regatta
Sunday, September 11	Force 5 Millard Fillmore Regatta
Saturday, September 17	Bluenose Regatta
Sunday, October 9	Last Day of Sunday Fleet Races
Saturday, October 15	Haul out, club winterization
Saturday, November 5	HSC Annual Awards Banquet
Friday, December 2	Clinton Christmas Parade



Clinton Christmas Parade

The night of December 5, 2021 started off a little brisk and chilly, but none-the-less, the chatter of voices up and down the streets of Clinton, NJ was definitely growing. After being cancelled in 2020 (pandemic), the parade was back on the street and there were smiles all around—even under those with masks on.

The Hunterdon Sailing Club was well represented in the parade. A beautifully decorated boat filled with kids, presents and twinkle lights floated down Main Street. The crowds were thrilled to watch the complicated dance moves of our very own Dancing Dinghies!

It was a fun night for all the club members who came out and most definitely the big crowds lining Main Street, before we once again hunkered down with another pandemic Holiday season.



Sunfish Fleet Update

As many of you know, HSC owns a number of Sunfish that are used for learn to sail sessions and by club members who do not have their own boat. They are used during club-sanctioned events, such as the Sunday and Wednesday twilight regattas, and during fun events throughout the season. The fleet has grown over the last few years, and club member Jerry Hess has stepped up to make sure the boats are kept in good repair.

The club leadership also made a decision over the winter. The lake is infamous for low wind, particularly during the prime summer months. To help make the boats move faster, half of the Sunset fleet will be modified with foils. Foils lift the hull up out of the water and help to propel it much faster than it would even with good wind. Here are some photos of how the modified hulls could look.



For more Information, about the foils, see page 8.



APRIL FOOL'S



JOKE!!