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Force 5 North American Championships Hosted by HSC July 9-11

Sailors from HSC, NY, CT, FL, NC, TX, PA & CA gathered at Spruce Run for the annual class championships. The regatta, organized by Doug and Susan brought out 22 excellent competitors.

The social events surrounding the event went off flawlessly, with an impromptu gathering at the Sunset Inn on Wednesday, picnic at Susan & Doug's on Thursday, dinner at the Sunset on Friday and barbeque on Saturday following the last race.

The wind report sounds like midsummer at an inland lake: Nice for practice racing, OK for

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- Jet Cruise Evening – 8/7
- Scot COL – 8/15
- Jet Gravy Bowl – 8/22

Thursday, lousy for Friday and good on Saturday, but, tolerance for and mastery of shifts were necessary.

Stephan Smeulders, husband of former HSC member Posey Seifert took home the first place trophies. Doug took second with Courtney Young third. Rounding out the Championship Division were Fred Meno of Texas, whose father once sailed here and former HSC Commodore Byron Hicks. The top five sailors all have a strong HSC connection.

The Challenger Division was won by our own Caleb Zimmerman, who finished 8th overall with just one point more than the sailors tied for 6th & 7th. Ray Buchanan won the Senior Division and now stands as the oldest person to compete in a national Force 5 event.

Special thanks to Guido Bertocci for his many contributions to the event.

RB

July 4 – Little Brown Jug Regatta

A great day at Spruce Run! Sunshine and plenty of wind. We measured winds between 12 and 22 knots before the start, but there were higher gusts as the race went on. The course contained the longest first leg I've ever seen at our lake, followed by a quick trip to the Stone House, a rounding of Goose Island, aka mark #3 and back to the dam. We thought we had set a great, long course until we saw Steve Manson complete the rounding of the first mark far sooner than expected, followed closely by Guido



Bertocci, both in Sunfish and team Brown in a Jet.

Twenty one boats checked in for the start, but fewer finished. Steve is shown above just after finishing in first place. You may note that he is leaning over, clutching his somewhat sore abs after 100 minutes of holding his boat down.



Guido is shown at left after finishing in second place. Doug and Susan shown below finished in

third after surviving a broken tiller universal and one capsize during the windward leeward part of the course. The heeling and bow wave give good clue about the conditions. Andrew Stockwell is also shown in the boat that won the "most patriotic" boat award. Commodore Sell took the "best in fleet" award for the Flying Scots.



When the excitement ended, we retired to the beach to eat and eat. Our thanks to the Sunfish fleet for organizing the picnic. A great day at Spruce Run!

Rich



Fun Day at Spruce Run a Hit!

Fifty-one people enjoyed a free sail on Saturday, July 18, during Fun Day at Spruce Run, a nautical celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the South Branch Watershed Association. Along with the Hunterdon Sailing Club, exhibitors included the High Bridge Rescue Squad, the Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation, the Hunterdon Scuba Center, the Mohawk Canoe Club, Paddlers Cove, the Sailboat Shop, Shannon's Fly and Tackle, Trout Unlimited, and the Greenwood Lake Marina loaned canoes for the Poker Run, which had 25 participants.



Commodore Gordon Sell (Flying Scott) and HSC member Ray Rosswaag (Precision 185) captained their vessels for a combined total of six hours, providing 51 visitors and exhibitors the thrill of a perfect day on the lake: blue sky, white clouds, and a brisk wind. Everyone was all smiles when they disembarked from their sail. And thanks to Gordon and Ray's expert sailing, we also distributed HSC membership information to all. Spruce Run Superintendent Jenny Felton dropped by and a photographer from the Hunterdon County Democrat took some shots of the sailing. The folks from the Hunterdon Watershed Association were happy with

the event, and the HSC gained some great publicity.

Thanks to the HSC volunteers who showed up to help out with the free sail and the poker run. And a special thanks and kudos to Commodore Gordon Sell and Ray Rosswaag, who were the hit of Fun Day at Spruce Run!

Anne Freeman



Three HSC Families Give Optimist Sailboats a Try

To add to the fun on Funday, three families started an informal attempt to get younger sailors into a smaller boat. While this effort is not currently a part of the club's training program, the families do



hope to generate interest for the future. Pictured above are Stacey and Lea Bachenheimer, John and Evan Kupsch, along with the editor and his grandsons Josh and Danny. The Fosters are expected to join the next gathering on August 15. Other families with an interest should contact Rich Baumann at: force5@verizon.net

All photos on this page by Nicky Einthoven

Flying Scots

Capsize Drill ! (Non-fiction)

The rain cleared and the wind picked up just in time for three Scots to head out on the water on Saturday, July 25th. Eight new crew joined Gordon Sell and Chet Ensign for an explanation of the rigging and sail trim in the morning, followed by a sail all the way over to the power lines in the early afternoon. Mark Kaplan joined us the cruise ended at the beach, and we talked about whether we really were going to do that drill we had on the calendar. After all, it is an 800 lb boat. Would it really come back up after the sails were in the water? Each of us had seen a capsize before and most were recovered well, but Chet was in one with Gary Nackman a few years ago that turtled, and for a Scot that means an automatic swamping and getting towed to the beach by a rescue boat.

Mark, Chet and I piled into FS5097 significantly. Maybe we would not have after all. We headed out with a plan to turn around and gybe sharply into a uncleating the sheets or the crew backs in the water with the boat coming maneuver is not that unusual at shifts!)

On the first attempt, Chet and was 10-20 degrees off the vertical (it just not lay down in the water. The 500 lb of crew was not enough to the second attempt, Mark stood up before we began the gybe. He then additional weight and momentum would enough as she eased over slowly on Chet went into the water as 5097 met looked like a stepladder to me as I centerboard. Grabbing the windward jib she came right back up for me. I wasn't without getting wet, and that water the only water that got into the boat. The water completely when the boat was



Mark took the helm for the second Chet pulled on the shroud. She seemed to come over more easily this time. Was it because I kept pulling on the now-windward jib sheet? Gordon looked on smiling high and dry from the "safety" boat. Mark climbed onto the centerboard and we were back upright again. Chet dumped us over for the third time, and Mark found that he could in fact reach the centerboard from down in the water. She came up much more slowly this time, but began to sail away without us upon righting! We'd forgotten to release the main sheet, which is important in righting any type of boat.

Everything we had read or heard about the Scot capsize and recovery was true. Any fears we had were alleviated and we had a great time doing it. It even was over before Sharon could run and get the camera, so there is no proof, but we really did it, honest!

The only bad news of the day is that we could not get Caroline off the kayak to join us! Well, maybe on some hot Sunday afternoon in August, we will all be going for a surprise swim!

David Stockwell, FS 5097

Photo by Anne Freeman

just as the wind picked up to try so hard to get her to tip over go up wind close-hauled, and then to reach on the opposite side, without changing sides. That would put our down on top of us. (Such a Nockamixon, courtesy of the wind

Mark shrieked with glee as the deck wasn't their boat!), but FS5097 would gunnels were well submerged, but capsize in the then-mild wind. On straddling the windward shoud pulled hard as we gybed, hoping the take us down. It was just barely her side towards the end. Mark and her fate. The centerboard trunk now climbed up on top and over onto the sheet and standing out on the board, quite quick enough to climb back in crew brought back with them was the seats and their drains were out of the on her side.

capsize a few minutes later, and

Commodore's Corner

Anchors Not Quite Put Aweigh

Recently, a few people have had to deal with badly tangled anchor lines on the race buoys. If these lines are not properly stowed in the black buckets when retrieving the anchor, there will be problems deploying the anchor the next time.

The correct way to stow these anchors is as follows:

1. When you approach a floating buoy in the water, grab the buoy chain under the bottom of the buoy with the boathook, and pull the Buoy aboard the safety boat.
2. If the anchor line has been shortened, by tying off the excess line, untie these knots and let the anchor line out to its full length in the water. Untangle as necessary.
3. Place the buoy near the bucket and begin pulling in the anchor line.
4. Feed the recovered line into the bucket as you go, finishing up with the chain and anchor on top of the pile of line in the bucket.
5. This way the anchor will be on top, making it easy for the next person to deploy the anchor quickly.



Commodore Sell sailing toward finish line – away from the sunset, then towards the Sunset.

Using the New Walkie-Talkies

We have four new FRS (Family Radio Service) style Walkie-Talkies in the club. They have a rechargeable base holder that uses a cigarette-lighter style plug connector to connect to the *See Which Won* which has a matching 12-volt receptacle on the electrical panel. Leave the charger base plugged into this at all times, and leave the radios stowed in these bases when not in use.

These radios have a lot of channel choices. For the time being, it is suggested you tune all the radios to Channel 6, Subchannel 31. The display should read 6-31. If that channel is too busy, we will try something else.

HSC's Now Has a Windsurfer

In April, George Dilts, a local friend of Rear Commodore, John Thomas, donated a Fanatic brand windsurfer to HSC. I took it out for a spin last Sunday, and had a blast; plus I got lot of legal swimming time in the process. Please feel free to give it a try. The board is behind the shed. The sail and hardware are on the left wall of the shed in a pink bag that says Fanatic. There is also a one-piece fiberglass mast (looks like a pole vault pole) and the wishbone boom hanging on the rack. If you can convince Alexander Khutoretsky, who windsurfed a lot in a past life, to help you set it up I'm sure it will do much better than with my amateur rigging.



HSC JET 14 Fleet 51 NEWS

WREN WREGATTA WREPORT:

Note: The Wren Wregatta was established by Nicky some 10 or more years ago, and the deed of gift called for it to be named for the first year's winning boat....Tom Grace's "Wren." (There are some that have wished "Charlie's Angel" had won.)

Wren I (Saturday.....for Juniors and Novices

1. Simon and Nils
2. Dan and Sean Lebane, Mayfield (NY) YC
3. Chris and Dan (MYC)
4. Greg Francis and Kathleen Ronan
5. Barbara Santini and Charlie

Wren II (Sunday...windless and storms and sun)

1. Guido and Simon
2. Charlie and Anita
3. Chris and Dean Whalen MYC
4. Rick and Tom MYC
5. Dan and Sean Labane MYC
6. VIM and Nicky Einthoven--GREAT TO SEE VIM!
7. Greg Francis and crew

JET 14 NATIONALS are in mid-August at the above mentioned Sacandaga Lake not far from Saratoga..... Details on the Class Website... 1129 plans to be there.....who will be joining us?

NEW JET OWNERS...We welcome David Veno, proud new owner of Jet 14 1150, and Robert Wilson, equally proud new owner of Jet 14 1106.

THE 2009 GRAVY BOWL REGATTA will be held at Spruce Run on Saturday, August 22. This will also be Leg 2 of the District 1 Championship. (leg 1 was at Pines Lake SC, and leg 3 will be at Packanack YC on October 10.

AND....MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL>>
The Jet 14 HOT DOG SUNDAY is on August 23!!!

AND.JET 14 (and everyone else) CRUISE NIGHT is FRIDAY EVENING, August 7). Don't miss this one!!!! See p. 7 for details. Charlie.

Jet notes:

Former HSC members Sean and Kerrie DeFusco are happy to be home from the hospital with their new little man... Quinn Matthew DeFusco, born 7/17/09 at 6:39 AM, 8 lb 13 oz and 21 in.

Kiley DeFusco loves to give hugs, kisses & tickles to her new brother. So far, all are doing well!

Adult Sail Training



Graduates of the second Adult Learn-to-Sail class are smiling after completing three days of good sailing, tacking & jibing, capsized recovery practice, and hundreds of shouts of 'Sheet IN!'. Look for them at club activities: from left, Gordon Sell (head instructor), Kathleen Ronan, Charlie Engler (assistant), Lou Rinaldi, Charles Allen, Rob Varner, Calvin Clowes (assistant), Will Varner, Brian Jones, Ellen Greenhorn (assistant), and Mike Ambrose (assistant). Don Esch (not pictured) also assisted. See you at the lake!

Ellen Greenhorn

CRUISE NIGHT FRIDAY, AUGUST 7!!!!

Yes, it's true...The HSC calendar shows a Jet 14 CRUISE NIGHT! Well, not wanting a reputation as the exclusive "Jet Set", THE CRUISE has been opened up to EVERYONE, the only requirement is that you WILL require a boat, or at least a berth on a friend's craft.

The plan is to leave the beach whenever it's convenient Friday afternoon, enjoy the quiet waters of Spruce Run, explore little-known coves and shorelines, maybe even as far as the power lines, or even Charlie's Cove, site of the disastrous 4/1 Tsunami. Form informal flotillas, test your speed against other boats, whatever you like, then we'll rendezvous at Goose Island at 7pm. Bring refreshments, your life jacket, and a flashlight if you plan to be out after sunset. Those that wish, may choose to then repair to The Sunset for a bite and a coke (read "or beer").

ALL are welcome....Opti's canoes, kayaks, sunfish, sloops, 22 footers, whatever! Make your own decisions weatherwise.....We had a cruise 2 years ago on a delightful, relaxing evening.

Questions/suggestions?
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Newest addition to Marge & Rich's fleet:
 Aisley Elizabeth Barrett, launched on July 14.
 LOA: 21"

Displacement: 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Based on a design by Marge's son Jim and his wife Kelly, and the first from Marge's side of the family and seventh overall.

Trading Post

O'Day Day Sailer #980. Almost new North sails, spinnaker, wood trim with floorboards, tilt trailer. Includes storage spot 235 and lessons if needed. Will listen to reasonable offer. Ramon (908) 995-4549 or email ramon_rosswaag@hotmail.com

Twilight at Spruce Run – July 1



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Heeling to windward while sailing downwind reduces weather helm and wetted surface.
HSC's Caleb Zimmerman (6667) is shown testing the limits of the technique.
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