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HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER ADVENTURE

(Kim Gold's Excellent Adventure)

For one week this past October I had the unique opportunity to sail and live aboard a historic replica of an 18th/19th century sloop called the Clearwater.

The sloop Clearwater sails along the Hudson River, New York Harbor and Long Island Sound. For the week I was onboard we were docked at 79th Street in Manhattan. We sailed all day and explored Manhattan at night. It was incredible.

As always though, it was the people who made the experience so memorable. It was a very inviting, friendly and hilariously funny group of people. One of which is a long-time member of the Hunterdon Sailing Club – Brian Mohan! It was wonderful to share this experience with Brian and I am grateful for his cheers of encouragement as I was climbing aloft.

Experiencing life aboard a ship was amazing. As a volunteer crew member I was fully included in all daily activities of the crew. The "typical" day consisted of a 6:45 a.m. wake-up. Instead of an alarm, the first mate sang a song, recited poetry or told a short story. At 7:00 a.m. the crew was on deck to swab the deck which consisted of pouring buckets of salt water on the deck and then scrubbing the deck with brushes. After that, all the painted surfaces were wiped down with fresh water. At 7:30 a.m. we ate breakfast and announcements of daily assignments were made. Next chores were completed and the boat was prepared for sailing. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the first educational sail was held. Then the crew ate lunch and prepared for the second educational sail which was held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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General Membership Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 24

Time: Come at 12:00 for lunch, meeting starts at 1:00.

***Place: Sunset Inn, Lower Level, Rte.31
Clinton, NJ about 2 miles north of I-78***

***Agenda: Welcome, club news, possible visit by Spruce Run Park Superintendent
Becky Williams-Ellis.***

Business: 2008 Budget

Other Meeting Objective: Sail chat

After the last sail the crew secured the boat for the night, ate dinner, completed chores and hung-out. Quiet time started at 10:00 p.m. and many were fast asleep soon thereafter. There is nothing as comforting as falling asleep to the rocking motion of the boat. I was surprised how quickly I adjusted to living onboard and was not even aware of the rocking anymore.

Sailing for six hours a day was incredible. Each day we held two, three hour educational sails on the Hudson River for groups of students that ranged in age from third grade to adult. The students spent the first half of the sailing experience as a whole group working together to haul up the 3000 pound main sail. In order to raise the main sail half of the students were on the port side to raise the throat of the sail and half were on the starboard side to raise the peak of the sail. One of the crew functioned as the sail talker for the peak side and another was the sail talker for the throat side. After instructions were given the respective sail talker yelled "Are you ready on the throat/peak, Haul Away". While raising the sail everyone said "Heave, Haul, Heave Haul, Heave, Haul". Once the sail was raised the sail talker told the students to "walk forward" and then a crew member tied a stopper knot. As soon as the stopper knot was secure the sail talker instructed the students to "drop the line". A crew member then cleated the line. After the sail was raised the students worked with the on-board educator to collect fish with the trawl net. They also learned about the environment.

During the second half of the trip the students were divided into smaller groups and assigned to a group leader with whom they rotated through five learning stations - Navigation, Chemistry, Atmosphere, History and Fish. At the Navigation station students used the tiller to steer the sloop. In Chemistry the water quality of the Hudson was tested. Atmosphere emphasized how air quality is affected. During History the students went down below and learned about the role sloops played in the transportation of goods. At the Fish station students examined the fish they caught.

One of my favorite parts of the sail was the "moment of silence". During this time everyone on-board was asked to be quiet and to take in the beauty of the sloop, listen to the sound of the sails and observe the wind. Then you heard the sound of a bell and a

crew member sang a song or played a musical instrument. Incorporating music into the sail is an important part of Clearwater.

Clearwater's founder, environmental activist and folk singer/musician Pete Seeger, emphasized teaching through song. The importance of song is not only seen teaching on-board the sloop, but also in the various, annual waterfront music festivals held each year by Clearwater and the various Friends of Clearwater Sloop Clubs. The largest is the Great Hudson River Revival which is a two day music festival that attracts up to 20,000 people each year.

I encourage everyone to experience sailing on the sloop Clearwater and to become apart of the Clearwater community. Come out for a public sail, attend a music festival, or even better yet, volunteer.

Please visit the Clearwater website for more information on Clearwater and its programs - <http://www.clearwater.org>. Hope to see you all at the Great Hudson River Revival Festival this year!

(Drawing on page 8.)

BECKY WILLIAMS-ELLIS,
 OUR SPRUCE RUN PARK
 SUPERINTENDENT ADDS TO THE
 FLEET WITH OCT. 21 LAUNCH:

NAME: BENJAMIN STEPHEN
 LOA: 20"
 DISP: 8 LBS., 12 OZ.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM HSC



Commodore's Corner



2007 was a terrific year for the Hunterdon Sailing Club! Thanks to all of you who have helped to make it so successful. The annual dinner provided the perfect capstone to the season, with special thanks to Rich Baumann for his hard work to make it successful. Please be sure to patronize the businesses that gave generously to our auction: The Sailboat Shop in Glen Gardner, Hearts-Ease Orchids in Tewksbury, and the Old Riverhouse Restaurant in Clinton.

I would especially like to thank the officers with whom I worked so closely throughout the year: Vice Commodore Elliot Zimmerman; Rear Commodore Gordon Sell; Assistant Rear Commodore Mike Incantalupo; Treasurer Ellen Greenhorn; Secretary Mary Deal; and immediate Past Commodore Charlie Engler. I could not have asked for a better team! I also want to express my appreciation to the fleet captains and committee chairs, each of whom made significant contributions to the smooth running of the club and its activities.

My final words relative to the 2007 season at HSC are congratulatory. Given the relatively small size of our membership and the limitations of our facilities, I am extremely proud of our many sailors who are successful in other venues. Congratulations and thanks to all of our juniors and adults who carry the HSC burgee to clubs and regattas throughout the country and beyond, effectively putting the Hunterdon Sailing Club "on the map."

Closing the book on 2007 also means opening the

book on 2008, and planning for the coming season is already under way. I am looking forward to working with Rich Baumann, our new Vice Commodore, and David Stockwell, our new Secretary, as well as the other officers who will continue to serve in their present roles for another year. Happily, Mary Deal will continue to be the club's legal advisor, a position she filled with great effectiveness this past year. Fleet captains are Guido Bertocci for the Jet 14's, Bob Mattison for the Force 5's, Mike Wheeler for the Wednesday Sunfish and Susan Mallows for the Sunday Sunfish, Chet Ensign for the Flying Scots, Kevin Pearce for the Cruising fleet, Nicky Einthoven for the Ladies' fleet, and Lucy Bertocci for the Juniors. If you are looking for advice on building and maintaining an active fleet, check with Chet Ensign: the Flying Scots are doing a terrific job!

Our goals for 2008 will include the continuation of our very successful training programs, the building of each of our fleets to bring more boats of each kind to Spruce Run, and the reinvigoration of our cruising fleet with more cruising events for all club members. We will also be working on an even more effective web site, improvements and upgrades to our fleet of Sunfish, and the involvement of even more of our members in the activities of the club. As always, our club depends entirely on volunteer efforts, so I hope each of our members will serve the club enthusiastically when called upon.

Please take a look at the proposed budget printed in this issue of the Foc'sle. We will be asking for membership approval of a budget at the February meeting (see the announcement on page 1), as we are hoping to move ahead with plans that range from the inclusion in our program of a part-time paid instructor to repair and maintenance items that need to be completed before the season begins. And when the membership form arrives, please fill it out promptly and send it in to Stacey Bachenheimer. Through the outstanding teamwork of Kim Gold, Rich Baumann, and Vim Einthoven, we are looking forward to a spring publishing date for the handbook (with membership list) that will get it into the hands of our members in advance of the season opening.

See you at the February meeting!

Bob Orr

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2008 Proposed Budget

	#	<u>Recpts/Exp</u>	#	<u>Recpts/Exp</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Receipts					
Membership - \$95 dues with \$15 late fee	111	\$10,591	100	\$9,500	No changes in dues
Cruising Membership (\$45)	2	\$90	2	\$90	
Training (& team) - Youth, \$75/class	44	3,289	36	2,700	No change in fee
Training - Adult, \$60/class	34	2,035	24	1,800	Increase to \$75/class
Annual Dinner	63	1,741	60	1,200	
Miscellaneous		769		0	
Total Receipts		\$18,515		\$15,290	
Expenses					
					2007 Budget
Handbook, Focsle, Recruiting, Web		\$2,021		\$2,250	\$2,250
Club Facilities & Maintenance & Fees		1,226		1,475	1,475
Club Social Events		411		500	3,360 (incl dinner)
Annual Dinner		2,188		2,300	
Awards		985		1,000	1,000
Insurance		1,728		2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous		5		175	175
Training		1,187		1,300	864
				1,500	Training contractor (new item)
Total Expenses		\$9,751		\$12,500	\$11,124
Other items					
Portion of new shed cost from Operating Funds *		(\$1,720)			
Capital Reserve replenish @\$15/full member		(\$1,665)		(\$1,500)	\$15 per full member
Training Reserve replenish @ \$20 / trainee		(\$1,560)		(\$1,200)	\$20 per trainee
Net of Income minus Expenses minus Reserve replenishment		\$3,819		\$90	
(reserve to cover \$1000 insurance deductible)		(\$1,000)			
Cash surplus toward next year's expenses		\$2,819			

2007 Capital Reserve Account

Capital Reserve balance end of 2006	\$8,352
Capital Reserves used in 2007	
Shed purchase/installation from reserve *	(\$8,000)
Bank interest received during 2007	\$5
Capital Reserve replenishment from 2007 membership dues	\$1,665
Capital reserve balance end of 2007	\$2,022

* Total cost capital structures was \$9720; \$8000 from Capital Reserve & remainder from operating account

Training Reserve Account

Training Reserve balance end of 2006	\$2,078
Training Reserves used in 2007	\$0
Bank interest received during 2007	\$6
Training Reserve replenishment from 2007 membership dues	\$1,560
Training reserve balance end of 2007	\$3,644

2008 Capital Budget

Safety Boat Upgrades	
Trailer Upgrades	
Storage Upgrades	
Committee Boat	\$200
Upgrade - roof	\$400
Shed - electrical system	\$150
Race horns	
Motor purchase	
Canopies & Grill	

\$750

Operating Checking Account

Balance 12/31/2007	\$10,713
(after transfers to capital reserve and training reserve)	

Note: The operating fund includes \$335 held for Friends of Spruce Run, \$371 held for the Sunfish fleet, and \$150 in a Carl Finne Fund

Treasurer's Commentary on Proposed 2008 HSC Budget

The following is a short summary of the proposed 2008 Hunterdon Sailing Club budget for approval at the next Annual meeting.

Membership: 100 members, annual dues \$95 (same as 2007) with a \$15 late fee. For 2008, the budget assumes HSC will retain most of its current members and will draw new members through training and other programs and publicity.

Training: 78 youth and Adults enrolled HSC training, race team and practice programs in 2007. We have conservatively budgeted for 60 in this year's budget (learn-to-sail classes at capacity). The youth training fee is the same as 2007 but the adult training fee is increased to \$75. Our training programs are very popular and have grown to where a contractor lead instructor is needed (many volunteering club members will still be needed for the training programs!). We have included a budgeted amount of \$1500 in expenses for this contractor, and the next step will be to define the scope of the role, format of the contract, and the process for candidate selection.

Operating Expenses: Budgeted operating expenses for most line items are in keeping with actual expenses in 2007 or with typical levels. The contract instructor mentioned above is the one major change.

Capital Expenses: The capital budget includes \$750 for items to improve the race committee boat and shed. We are rebuilding our capital reserves as we enjoy the spectacular new shed we purchased last year!

Other Information: Current balances of the Training Reserve and main checking account are also shown as of 12/31/2007.

The proposed 2008 budget was reviewed at the January 13th officer's meeting and will be reviewed for approval at the Annual Meeting on February 24th. The Executive Committee will be available to answer questions. - Ellen

Flying Scot

Busy season ahead for the Flying Scots

The boats of HSC's Flying Scot Fleet #184 may be cold and quiet under their tarps and covers, but the families that sail them are not. At our organizing meeting on January 1st at the home of Gary and Alice Nackman, we put together a full schedule of activities for next year.

The annual Challenge of the Lakes will be back for its 6th year. Fleet #163 from the Lake Nockamixon Sailing Club and Fleet #184 will square off again in a 4 race day format on each other's home turf. This successful format has put as many as 15 Scots on the starting line and given new sailors a fun entre into racing.

This year, the Scot fleet is also going to try a weekday evening format, Flying Scot Fridays. We plan to do informal après-work races one Friday each month for May through August. The goal is to have fun, swap pointers, get out on the water and enjoy Sunset pizza afterwards.

The fleet will once again host CrewU training day for those interested in learning to crew on a multi-handed boat and we are planning to "Adopt a Junior" for a race day post-junior sail training to give some of our newest sailors exposure to crewing on a larger boat. We promised ourselves that we'll do a capsized drill this year! And lastly, this year the annual awards banquet will be our pleasure to organize.

And this wouldn't be the Scot fleet if we weren't busy welcoming new members! The Fosters (Bill, Sally & kids) are joining HSC and Bill Craig & family bring our number to 13. 2008 looks to be another great year on Spruce Run Reservation! - Chet

Force 5 Events

Midwinters - Key Largo, FL – March 6-8

Western Carolina – March 29-30 ??

Check: <http://www.wcsc-sailing.org/>

Milfoil News

Here is an article written by a Milfoil expert, T. Remaley, referenced in the February 2004 NJDEP overview "Nonindigenous Plant Species in New Jersey" that Bob was kind enough to send.

It is most interesting to read that the easiest, best and cheapest means of control and prevention mentioned by Mr. Remaley may well turn out to be what I've been suggesting....lowering water levels 8 or 10 feet for a month or so during freezing weather, particularly if the previous winter also had full levels.

Such lowering has happened this year at Spruce Run, due to dry weather conditions in the fall, following several years of nearly-full winter water levels, a condition we normally endorse for both recreation AND water supply considerations!

During this year's draw-down, it was impressive to see that the Milfoil plants completely dried up and any residue completely blew away. Come next spring and summer we'll be able to easily see if a draw-down is Nature's control method.

A history of Spruce Run water levels, supplied by Ed Buss at NJWSA, shows that winter water levels rarely have been less than almost full for more than one consecutive winter, leading one to believe that this could explain the virtual absence of milfoil at Spruce Run for over FORTY years.

Interestingly, we did hear of one recollection of Milfoil in 1975, a year which also followed three years of nearly full reservoir levels.

--Charlie Engler--

Sunfish News

2007 was a great year for Sunfish Fleet #136. Record turnouts for the Twilight and Sunday series. Three successful regattas, also with high turnouts (SANJL#1, Memorial Day and Labor Day Regattas) Top finishes for our juniors both at SANJL and at the Junior Sunfish Nationals. Top finishes by senior members at SANJL and the World's The fleet keeps growing and the level of competition keeps deepening as top level skippers sail with newcomers to sailing.

One of the best examples of a skilled skipper working to improve the fleet was the Tips and Tactics sessions led by Scott Callahan on Sunday mornings before series racing. Every Sunday Scott would come out with a clear topic for discussion and spend 20-30 minutes sharing his thoughts with the fleet. These discussions proved invaluable to the Sunday skippers as the skill level steadily improved over the course of the season as people put into practice the advice Scott shared.

Other examples of the camaraderie of the fleet abound, from Gordon teaching Nils to tie a bowline (as captured by the Star Ledger and shown on Mefeedia) to the hours Doug and Elliott spent coaching juniors and new sailors, to the after racing discussions of the evenings happenings at the Sunset Inn.

This year I am sure the same spirit will pervade the fleet as we continue to grow and attract more people to share the fun!

Upcoming events include the International Masters March 8-10 at Pensacola YC and the Midwinter's March 13-15 at St Andrews Bay, both in Florida.

If you have put that boat away, spend some time petting it this winter, and make sure it is in the best condition ever for next spring when the fun continues.

If you haven't seen it yet - check out the blog at <http://propercourse.blogspot.com/> written by one of our former Wednesday night

sailors. Check "Why Sunfish are Better than Lasers" with our own Gordon Sell in top form demonstrating the advantage. – Susan
<http://propercourse.blogspot.com/2007/12/ten-reasons-why-sunfish-are-better-than.html>



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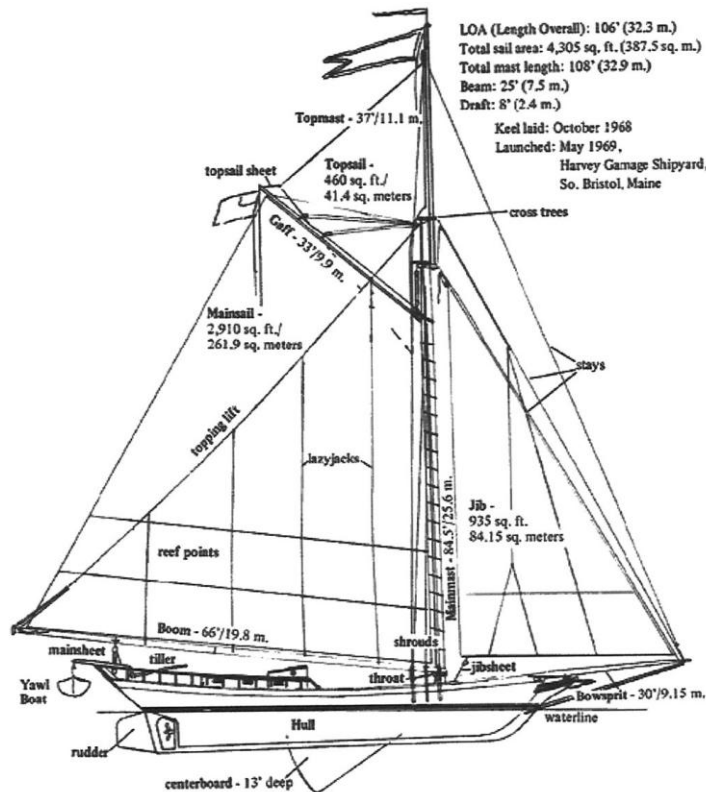
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