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Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

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HSC MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Sunday, February 8

Sunset Inn

1:00 pm

Or

Show up early and have

Lunch

Important Business Like

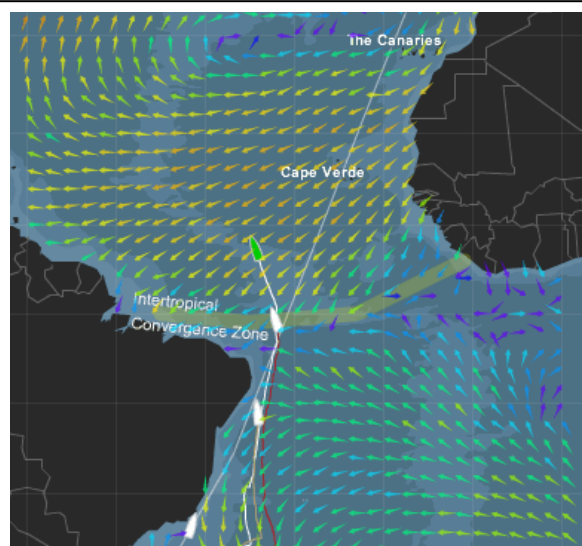
Voting on the 2009 Budget

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at our 2/8/09 Meeting*

Coming Events

- February Membership Meeting – 2/8
- March Membership Meeting – 3/29
- Boating Safety Course – 3/21-22 (tent.)
- Work Day – 4/18
- Opening Day – Twilight – 4/29
- Opening Day – Sunday – 5/3
- Due Date for March Foc's'le Articles – 2/15



Commodore's Corner

Goals, Topics and Rambling for the 2009 Season

- As usual, the Spruce Run boat storage spaces are expected to go on sale March 1st and if it is anything like last year they will be sold out within a day or two. The Flying Scot fleet plans to turn in all the applications at once so the boats are all side-by-side like last year. We will try to send out PDFs as soon as the applications are available.
- Would all active club members please try to earn a NJ Boat Operators Certificates by May. If you don't have your certificate yet, please sign up for the course Charlie Engler is setting up (tentative date March 21-22).
- We plan to have a hugely successful learn-to-sail program again this year. Future Commodore Sharon Stockwell will be managing the program this year, so I have no doubt it will be the Mercedes Benz of sailing programs.
- HSC is hosting the Force 5 North American Championships in July. This is a real honor for the club, and even if you don't sail a Force 5 we will need people for Race Committee and shore activities.
- Last year we made great strides updating and standardizing the club Sunfish, but during training we noticed that some of the boats were difficult to self-rescue because the masts filled with water. This year we plan to make the masts and spars watertight so the boats are easier to right.
- This past year we've realized there is a need for some controls over the use of the club Sunfish outside the learn-to-sail classes. We want to encourage novices to use the boats for practice, but at the same time we don't want people to get in over their heads. Ideas welcome.
- Rich and all the fleet captains are doing a great job rapidly filling up the club schedule for races and activities this year. It's going to be a busy one.



- **NEW RULES!** The official racing rules get updated every few years. There have been significant changes, including some that supposedly make it easier/safer/more-logical to get around marks in a crowd without getting in trouble. Sign up on the UK-Halsey website and find the animated rules quizzes. It's good fun. www.ukhalsey.com
- One of the great things about this job, or any job within the club, is that once you start working on HSC projects, winter is over. If I'm thinking about sail training, boat repair, meeting agendas, it's almost like the summer has already begun.
- Over the past month I have become a Vendee Globe groupie, tracking the single-handed round the world race on-line. <http://www.vendeeglobe.org/en>. They have great maps with, real-time GPS boat positions, weather conditions, tactics (see map), and entertaining video cam feeds from the different boats of sailors who've been at sea alone for 75+ days. The site is in English and French if you want to brush up your language skills. These boats are very fast, and leader should be finished within two weeks, but some boats have yet to round the Horn, and more than half the fleet is DNF. (See p. 1 for map)

Rear Commodore's Report



APRIL 18 LAUNCH DAY!

Daylight is lasting longer and we will be back on the water soon! Mark your calendars now for 'All hands on deck', Saturday April 18 (or rain date Sunday 4/19). That's the day we launch the *See Witch One*. Many hands are needed to lift her back in, and there are the usual spring commissioning tasks. Thanks to everyone's efforts last year the clubhouse and grounds are in pretty good shape, so spring clean up should go easier. Mayberry Sales has serviced the 2 Honda outboard motors, and we'll recharge our batteries so we are ready to go.

Other commissioning tasks for the club boats include overhauling mooring lines and some running rigging, tuning up the horns, and sealing leaks in the Sunfish spars so they don't fill with water in a capsize. There is always a little fiberglass hull patching and other repairs. Major upgraded hardware projects are minimal this year. One thing we want to do is label each of the 2 safety motor-boats to identify with their corresponding trailers'. 'Safety One' is the boat with the steering wheel and should always go back on the trailer with the hinged tongue. It makes launching much easier. We're floating some other ideas for improving safety equipment such as boarding ladders and towing bridles.

I look forward to serving you this season and hope to see you on launch day. The work isn't hard, and we all learn something new. It's a great time for all, especially if you are new to the club, to get acquainted with our members and the boats, and share in the excitement of a new season.

John Thomas

SAFE BOATING COURSE AT SPRUCE RUN!!!

More than 20 HSC members have already signed up for our SAFE BOATING COURSE, which awards graduates the required NJ Marine Police certificate to operate a powered boat in NJ.

We expect to have the course on Saturday March 21 (all day) with the final exam Sunday, March 22 (morning only). It will be presented at the "stone house" at Spruce Run. Juniors welcome (we will soon know the age limit.) The cost is \$65 per person.

SIGN UP NOW by contacting Charlie at che1129@yahoo.com

JET 14 FLEET NEWS

Jet 14 2009 NATIONALS:

August 11 - 15 in the Adirondacks, at
Great Sacandaga Lake, Mayfield, NY
www.mayfieldyachtclub.com

Sounds like FUN, and not far away

NEW JET 14's!

Allen Boat Works, in Buffalo, manufacturer of quality one-designs, including Lightnings, has revised and upgraded the Jet Class molds. The first two Jets are being built now, and orders for spring delivery are being taken.
Call Allen at 716-842-0800.

2009 CLASS DUES are now due! You may sign up EASILY on the Class website www.jet14.com

See you on the starting line! Charlie

Force 5 North American Championships

July 9-11

Spruce Run Recreation Area

Who should be interested?

- Everyone who owns a Force 5
- Everyone who wants to sail a Force 5 (we'll try to find a boat for you)
- Everyone who wants to buy a Force 5 and needs a little motivation
- Everyone who wants to be a part of supporting a BIG event by helping on RC and hospitality
- HMMM. Every member of HSC

The "Ollie"

What's an Ollie? A device invented and manufactured by Ollie Walloch of Springfield, Mass. Here are the things that it will replace on the RC boats:

1. The horn
2. The whistle
3. The stopwatch
4. The missed visual signal
5. The need to watch your watch and the start line at the same time
6. Much confusion on the RC boat

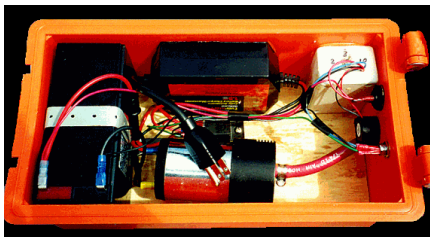
Amazing, yes? The photo on the back cover shows what it looks like. The sound is clear. The operation is simple.

For example, on Wednesday, you set the switch inside to the number "3" for a dinghy start. Close the box, and press the white rocker switch several times and then turn it on with the red switch. Sit back, relax and watch the start line. The box will give you a quiet 5 second countdown so you know when to watch.

On Sunday, set the inside switch to the number "6." White switch several times, turn it on (set and forget it.) The box gives a 10 second countdown for each time a shape goes up or down.

Hosting a regatta using a Rule 26 start? Set the inside switch to "5" and you're on your way, sound a warning, turn it on and go.

My neighbors have really enjoyed my testing of the device out in the yard – should have had it New Year's Eve. Great attention getter. - Rich



FOR SAIL (SALE): Two (2) Gill foul weather suits, ladies (S) and mens (L), with matching boots and gloves. All like new. Call for details: 908/995-4549

Ramon

For Sale: 1983 Force 5 Sail Boat with Trailer. Great shape includes all equipment, sails, rigging, rudder etc. Boat painted in original blue and off white with matching sail. Just polished boat for the winter. Sailed at Spruce Run, NJ. Asking Price is \$700. Negotiable ...but PLEASE no low ball buyers. Contact Mike Martin at 973-635 2893 or mjmartin@comcast.net

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