

The FOC'S'LE

Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

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First HSC General Membership Meeting Of 2006

When: Sunday, February 26, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

Come at noon if you'd like to order lunch and/or talk sailing. PLUS, Librarian Don Esch expects to hold a book sale of surplus HSC sailing books....as low as \$1.00 each !

Where: Sunset Inn, Lower Level

Clinton, NJ.
West side of 31 about 2 miles north of I-78

1:00 Membership Meeting Agenda

- Welcome!
- Becky Williams/Ellis, Supt of Spruce Run Recreation Area, will talk with us about plans for 2006
- Harry Ross, President of the High Bridge Emergency Squad, will tell us a bit about their services as First Responders for Spruce Run.

1:30 Business Meeting

Featuring Treasurer Tom Maier's budget presentation, followed by brief up-dates from HSC officers and staff, including our plans to create a Cruising Fleet this summer.

2:00 Presentation on Water Safety and Rescue

Featuring Past Commodore Brent Benson including recommendations to sailors and Race Committees on how best to avoid problems and provide meaningful assistance should such occur. Bring your questions and experiences!

4:00 (or earlier) Adjournment

Note: These times are approximate and not to be used for navigation.

**Next Meeting is March 26,
but PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS ONE!**

Special Honors Given at Annual Dinner

The last acts of an outgoing Commodore are to take note of people and programs that have been particularly important to the success of the Club. I got to do that in three ways at our November dinner.

First, the Club took special note of the Junior Sailing Program, and its leader: Doug Brown. I prepared certificates for all participants in the program and the adults who made it all work. Doug handed them out to those present at the dinner. The Club's future is in good hands, and level of competition will continue to rise with these young folks showing us all what they've learned. Thanks to all.

Second, the Outstanding Fleet Award was given for the second time. Last year, the Jets ran away with the award with a huge lead in qualifiers and significant growth. This year, the race was much tighter, as the Jets had the most qualifiers and the Lasers had significant growth. The Force 5's put together good enough finishes in qualifiers and growth to take the award. As in any series of races, if you take enough seconds, you'll probably win.

Finally, Ellen Greenhorn took home the Outstanding Club Service award as a result of her contributions as Membership Chair, on publicity, on training, on her work as "beach ambassador" and a list of other things that would raise the postage on this newsletter if all were included. Thank you Ellen.

Rich Baumann

Three HSC stalwarts - Not January



Commodore's Corner

MORE FUN FOR MORE SAILORS

Welcome to 2006! Spruce Run is full to overflowing, and your HSC Executive Committee has been busy and is overflowing with new ideas for this year.

VC Elliot's program balancing act is well underway, with many new events. The Labor Day Sunfish Regatta is now officially an HSC sponsored event

RC's Mark and Gordon are improving equipment and considering ways to expand storage.

Tom Maier will be presenting the '06 budget at the 2/26 meeting.

Andy has writer's cramp from taking minutes

After years as Editor, Derek Stow has applied for retirement benefits after this January issue of the FO'C'S'LE. Charlie Smith will be taking over the editorship.

A HEARTY ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR DEREK... WELL DONE!!

Ellen Greenhorn, Training Coordinator, has scheduled some new courses...intermediate training and crew training. SHE NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS AS INSTRUCTORS.

Stacey B. will be including the new membership form in the March issue.

We have a job opening if you are interested in being our very first CLUB BOAT MANAGER to organize the maintenance or replacement of the club Sunfish. Please let me know if you want to help, either as Manager or as staff. Rich Baumann and Jim Bardwil have already signed up to help.

Anne Freeman, our new Publicity Director, has hit the ground running and already has commitments from local papers for coverage AND feature articles.

The Flying Scot fleet will be hosting the LBJ picnic, and the Sunfish fleet the annual dinner

AND, probably the biggest news, Kevin Pearce is now the Fleet Captain of the newly established CRUISING FLEET. This new fleet is a revolutionary move for HSC and should open our outlook to include sailors who enjoy and prefer cruising, as is covered in our mission statement. More information is in this issue. Who knows....Burgees may be next!

Charlie Engler

Ladies Fleet Report

The Ladies Fleet had a great year!

Ellen Greenhorn deservedly won the HSC Outstanding Service Award! Ellen sailed a lot, helped out a lot, and made many new members feel welcome at the club. What a way to go Ellen!

Joanna Smith won the Ladies Fleet Trophy! Joanna sailed frequently, and did a lot to help out at the club and at Jet Fleet events. Ellen had won the Ladies Fleet Trophy last year. Lucy Bertocci was runner up for the Ladies Fleet Trophy!!

At the Annual Dinner, the Ladies Fleet sponsored a Draw a Sailboat Contest. There were many good drawings! A very quick review of the drawings and the top 3 were picked: Hito-shi Tanaka, Brent Benson, and Hannah Califano. Hannah's drawing was especially detailed: it shows a sailboat with a happy lady skipper controlling both the tiller and the mainsheet! on a sunny, partly cloudy day with small waves!

Members of the Ladies fleet were present to help launch the RC Boat in the spring, and to help pull the RC Boat out of the water for winter storage, and at many events throughout the year.

A member of the HSC Ladies Fleet (me) got her picture published in the Windward Leg, the newsletter of the International Sunfish Class Association. The caption says "Making an adjustment between races" but I call it "praying to the wind-gods" (even though there is no such thing).

Susan Mallows and Nicky Einthoven traveled to the Delaware Bay and participated in the Sunfish North American Championships, along with several other HSC members! Out of 83 boats, our finishes in the top half of the fleet were 9, 11, 13, 18, 18, 23, 31, 32, 37, ... There were 7 races. Of the 19 or so ladies, Nicky got second place of the ladies in the Sunfish North Americans. And Susan received a special award.

HSC Ladies also traveled to the Jet 14 Nationals, possibly the Force 5 North Americans, and several other away regattas. I believe that Susan was the first HSC Lady on the water this spring.

The Sunfish Fleet's Labor Day Regatta had a phenomenal turnout, which included 30% women! Even the defending champion was a member of the Ladies Fleet: Abi Seifert.

Also, in June and July there were two adult learn to sail programs. One was run by Nicky, and the other by Brent and Barbara Benson.

The HSC Ladies Fleet consists of good sailors, hard workers, and fun people! Join the fun and come sailing next year! We look forward to a great 2006!

Nicky Einthoven

HSC Launches New Cruising Fleet

Have you heard? This year, the Hunterdon Sailing Club is ready to appeal to a new segment of the sailing community. With an eye toward attracting and retaining new members, the executive committee voted in January to form a new Cruising Fleet and add a cruising level of membership. HSC member Kevin Pearce was installed as the Cruising Fleet Captain and will lead the club's exciting new venture.

Through the Cruising Fleet, the HSC hopes to develop a new club outlet for skippers who wish to sail in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere. The goals of the new fleet will be to encourage recreation among the members, foster a feeling of good will and friendship, promote safe boating, and further the art and science of sailing. The fleet will form a community of sailors who have varied boats, skills, and backgrounds, but who share in the realization that, "There is nothing ... half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

The HSC asked Cruising Fleet Captain Kevin Pearce a few questions about things to come for The Cruising Fleet ...

HSC: What are your immediate plans for the new Cruising Fleet, Kevin?

Kevin: For our first season, the Cruising Fleet plans to participate in two major events at Spruce Run Reservoir. The first event will be the Summer Sailstice 2006, which will be held on June 17th. The second major event that the Cruising Fleet will participate in is The 3rd Annual Spruce Run Trailer Sailor Flo-tilla on July 22nd.

HSC: How will people be informed about these and other Cruising Fleet events?

Kevin: We'll keep members updated through future editions of the Focsle and will promote the fleet activities through press releases in area newspapers. In addition, we'll spread the word throughout the season where cruisers will likely gather on an informal basis. I'm looking at activities such as mast raising parties, photo shoots of each other's boats under sail, picnics on Goose Island, etc.

HSC: How do you envision the Cruising Fleet fitting in with the normal Wednesday and Sunday HSC racing activities?

Kevin: When the HSC racing members meet to compete on Wednesdays and Sundays, cruising members have the perfect opportunity to offer a non-competitive social sailing alternatives to HSC members who don't want to race or who aren't ready to enter racing yet.

HSC: Kevin, would you explain the difference between the Open Fleet and the Cruising Fleet?

Kevin: The Open Fleet is for skippers who want to compete in HSC races in sailboats other than a Jet-14, Force 5, Albacore, Flying Scot, Day Sailer, Sunfish, or Laser, using the Portsmouth Handicapping system. The Cruising Fleet is for skippers in any type of boat who simply don't want to race, but who want to participate in club activities and enjoy the social aspects and camaraderie of sailing.

HSC: Thanks, Captain Kevin Pearce, for the insights on the new HSC Cruising Fleet!

The HSC application for membership has been revised so that new and renewing members can now choose between Racing or Cruising Memberships. Both memberships are open to all persons, regardless of boat ownership, who are at least eighteen years of age and who are allowed the use of NJ State Parks. Both Racing and Cruising members will be eligible to vote on club business.

Now, all we need are some Cruising Members! In an attempt to reach out and attract new members, the HSC plans to mail a brochure to all Spruce Run slip holders this spring. You can help, too, by encouraging prospective members that you might know to contact the Membership Coordinator Stacey Bachenheimer.

Interested in cruising? Have an idea for a Cruiser Fleet activity? Email Kevin Pearce at p18sail358@aol.com.

Kevin Pearce

Sunfish Fleet News

It's that time of year to think about rolling out your Sunfish and begin improvements and repairs that you noted as needed last season. Some items to take a look at would be all lines that have chafe points (halyard, mainsheets, cunningham, outhaul, sail ties hmmm are there any that DON'T have chafe points?) and determine if new line may be needed. Also, take a look at the hardware, make sure the blocks still run free, the sail clips are sound and the rudder and centerboard are still fair and true. Check your hiking strap will hold that weight you put on since last summer (only kidding!) Consider wetsanding the hull. Check all your gear too, gloves, smocks, sunglasses and make sure all this stuff is in one place so when the lake thaws you are ready to get out there and start sailing!

This year we will be using a new astrological, alphabetical, reverse-inverse order of winning last year to assign race committee duty so if you have any dates to avoid please let me know so I can make sure to schedule you on those days. (gotcha!)

Susan Mallows

Laser Fleet News

Thanks to our founding Laser Fleet Captain Derek Stow and the enthusiastic response of club members, the new HSC Laser fleet got off to a great start last year. This year looks to be equally exciting, with anticipated growth of the fleet, weekly races on Sunday afternoons, and several special events.

The Laser has been selected as the boat of choice for this year's Bluenose Regatta in September, solidifying our fleet's active participation in the club. HSC will once again host a Laser Invitational Regatta on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, with a special trophy to the individual placing highest in Sunday's Laser regatta and Monday's Sunfish regatta. Also under consideration is a summer series of Thursday evening races, with encouragement to other fleets to join us.

Laser sailors who wish to engage in some advance preparation during the winter months may wish to read *The Laser Book* by Tim Davison or *The Laser Campaign Manual* by Ben Ainslie. For a good introduction to (or review of) racing tactics and rules, try *Getting Started in Sailboat Racing* by Adam Cort and Richard Stearns.

Bob Orr

NJYRA

Last year HSC bid for and got two NJYRA Championship regattas. The Jet 14 Championship was sailed in conjunction with the Gravy Bowl. Doug and Kelly Brown won the regatta and the Championship. The Sunfish Championship was sailed with the SANJL regatta in September. Steve Manson won the regatta and the title.

This year I am hoping we can even bring more NJYRA Championships to HSC. So, Fleet Captains, check your regatta schedules and let me know what regattas and dates we should submit bids for. I have an NJYRA meeting on February 7th and would like to submit the bids at that meeting. Also, we would like to have some participation in the ladder events offered by NJYRA. There are ladder events for Women, Men and Juniors so please let me know if you are interested.

Bob Griswold

Force 5 Fleet News

The HSC Force 5 fleet now has a web site! This web site will have breaking news from the force 5 class as well as all the information for fleet #36 (that's our fleet). Check it out at <http://www.dougbrownspowerskating.com/f5.htm>

Doug Brown

Proposed 2006 HSC Budget

The following is a short summary of the proposed 2006 Hunterdon Sailing Club budget for approval at the next Annual meeting.

Membership: 90 members -- annual dues \$85 with a \$15 late fee (same as last year). The final membership last year was 101. For 2006, the budget assumes HSC will retain most of its current members and provide comparable training programs to draw new members. This year HSC will offer a NEW cruising membership (this will be explained at the annual meeting).

Training: 55 Juniors and Adults enroll in HSC programs --fees same as last year. Over the last few years, HSC trained around 60 students each year. HSC anticipates another very good training year.

Operating Expense Budgets: Budgeted Operating Expenses for most line items are in line with the budget or actual expenses in 2005. The budget was increased in the following areas:

Handbook, Focslsle, Recruiting, Web -- 2005 budget with allowance for postage increases.

Awards/Club Social Events -- Little Brown Jug is now HSC supported. The budget was increased to include Cruising events. In 2006, HSC will purchase burgees for sale to club members at cost. The anticipated costs are included in this line item. Offsetting receipts are in the Misc/Burgee line item.

Insurance -- Our agent recommended a Regatta rider on our liability policy to cover the sponsored racing events. Although this is still under review, the expected premium has been included in the budget.

Operating surplus from 2005 will be used to cover some of the expense increases in 2006.

Capital Expenses: Capital projects are planned to improve the boats, facilities and loaner boat storage. The individual line items are outlined in the budget. HSC has ample financial resources for the proposed projects. .

The proposed 2006 budget will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting. The Rear Commodore and I will be available to answer any questions.

Tom Maier

HSC Budget Summary – 2006 Proposed

	2005 Actual		2006 Proposed Budget		
	#	<u>Recpts/Exp</u>	#	<u>Recpts/Exp</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Receipts					
Membership - \$85 dues with \$15 late fee	101	\$8,318	90	\$7,800	
Cruising Membership	0	\$0	7	\$280	
Training – Same Fee Schedule as 2003	60	3,555	55	3,125	
Annual Dinner	48	846	45	900	
Misc		360		660	
Total Receipts		<u>\$13,079</u>		<u>\$12,765</u>	
Expense & Budget					
Handbook, Focslc, Recruiting, Web		\$1,840		\$2,250	
Club Facilities & Maintenance & Dues		563		1,160	
Club Social Events		1,302		2,290	
Awards		679		1,450	
Insurance		2,554		3,300	
Miscellaneous		150		190	
Training		707		880	
Total Expenses		<u>\$7,794</u>		<u>\$11,520</u>	
Capital Reserve from Dues - \$10 Per member				\$900	
Capital Expense		\$2,148		\$0	
Training Fund - Reserve - \$20 per Student		\$1,200		\$1,100	
2005 Surplus for 2006 Operating Expenses		\$0		\$1,000	
Cash Surplus		\$1,936		\$245	

2005 Capital Budget

Rescue Boat Safety Upgrades	\$1,000	
Trailer Upgrades	\$500	Lights, Tires, Bearings
Sunfish Boat Rack	\$700	
Committee Boat Upgrades	\$1,500	
Committee Boat Moring	\$700	
Race Starting System (50%)	\$500	50% from SF Fleet
Motor Repairs	\$0	\$450 Covered in Maint.
Canopies & Grill	\$700	
Total Capital Expenses	<u>\$5,600</u>	

Account Balances 12/31/05

Operating fund*	\$5,169
Capital Reserve	\$8,314
Al Santoriello Training Fund	2,852

(*) The operating fund includes \$335 held for Friends of Spruce Run, \$371 held for the Sunfish Fleet, and \$150 in a Carl Finne Fund.

Participation Awards Presented at Annual Dinner

Skippers that participate in a minimum of 40% of club races in a Sunday Series and at least 51% of races in the Sunfish Twilight Series qualify for individual club awards. These sailors contribute to the quality of our club by being great athletes, raising the level of competition, playing by the rules, and by tirelessly assisting the rest of us when called upon.

Thirty-three sailors qualified for Participation Awards. The 2005 roster includes: Andy Lindgren, Art Mohan, Blaine Bauer, Brent Benson, Bob Griswold, Byron Hicks, Bob Orr, Charlie Engler, Chet Ensign, Charles Smith, Caleb Zimmerman, Doug Brown, Don Esch, Derek Stow, Ed Feeley, Ellen Greenhorn, Guido Bertocci, Gordon Sell, Hitoshi Tanaka, Jim Bardwil, Kaitlyn Orr, Lucy Bertocci, Mike Wheeler, Nicky Einthoven, Nick Mentasana, Rich Baumann, Rodger Hall,

Robert Mattison, Rick Rainey, Ramon Rosswaag, Scott Callahan, Susan Mallows, and Vim Einthoven with Art Roswell.

Thank you for your participation and contribution during the 2005 season. We all look forward to sailing with you soon. Additionally, the members listed in the table below won Qualification Awards by being the top sailor/crew during their respective series. Congratulations to everyone!

Participation and Qualification Awards were presented at the Annual Dinner in November. If you did not attend the dinner, Elliot Zimmerman has your award. Please contact him at elliotzimmerman@comcast.net to receive it.

Elliot Zimmerman

2005 Series	Fleet	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Spring	Force 5	Byron Hicks		
Spring	Jets	Charlie Engler/ Anita DeMatteo		
Summer	Force 5	Richard Baumann		
Summer	Jets	Guido Bertocci	Charlie Engler/ Anita DeMatteo	
Summer	Lasers	Derek Stow		
Summer	Scot	Chet Ensign		
Summer	Sunfish	Ramon Rosswagg	Michael Wheeler	
Twilight I	Sunfish	Robert Griswold	Scott Callahan	Guido Bertocci
Twilight II	Sunfish	Scott Callahan	Robert Griswold	Donald Esch
Twilight Jr	Sunfish	Caleb Zimmerman		
Fall	Force 5	Doug Brown	Richard Baumann	
Fall	Jets	Brent Benson/ Barbara Benson	Charlie Engler/ Anita DeMatteo	
Fall	Lasers	Derek Stow		
Fall	Sunfish	Lucy Bertocci		

HSC Annual Handbook Photo Contest

Ever wonder where we get those great photos on the cover of the Hunterdon Sailing Club Handbook? From our members! Handbook editor Kevin Pearce is holding the annual HSC handbook cover photo contest. The winner gets their photo published on the cover of the handbook!

Email your photos to Kevin Pearce at p18sail358@aol.com or give him a floppy disk or CD with the files or give him your photographs and he'll scan them for you.

Deadline for submissions is 11:59 PM on February 26th.

Kevin Pearce

Summer Evenings On the Beach

HSC members, families, and guests will have the opportunity on each of several Sunday evenings this summer to gather on the beach at Spruce Run for spaghetti (or perhaps some other gourmet fare) and conversation. Members and friends will have the chance to talk about sailing or just get acquainted; frisbees and other such airborne devices will be available for the kids. All HSC members are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to enjoy the club from a new and different perspective. The tentative Sunday evenings are June 4, June 17, July 16, July 29, August 13, and September 4. Watch for more details in future issues of the Focslle.

Bob Orr

Dinner Impressions

The HSC Annual Banquet was held on Saturday, November 12 at Alfredo's in Scotch Plains. The Jet Fleet made the arrangements. The banquet was a huge success. There were fifty three members in attendance.

The banquet began at 6:30 PM. There were appetizers, then dinner. After the main course, there was a brief business meeting. Commodore Rich Baumann summarized HSC's accomplishments during 2005, and presented the Outstanding Club Service Award to Ellen Greenhorn. The next part of the business meeting was Vice Commodore Elliot Zimmerman presenting the HSC 2005 Trophy Awards. The recipients are listed on the opposite page. Before dessert was served, we were directed to the "swap table". This table contained sailing items that members were not using but that other members might find useful.

After dessert, the business meeting continued with Brent Benson presenting the new slate of officers. The one change was that Charlie Engler became the new Commodore and Rich Baumann became the Past Commodore. The vote for the new slate was unanimous.

After dinner there was entertainment. This year a "Challenge of the Fleets" had been proposed. Each of the fleets was challenged to come up with a skit, or a song, or a joke to entertain the group. The Sunfish, Jet 14, Force 5 and Ladies fleets responded. The winning fleet was the Force 5's.



It should be noted that members from the Albacore and Sunfish fleet supplemented this winning vocal and joke performance. Marge Baumann played guitar for the group as they sang an original song to the tune of "I want a gal just like the gal that married dear, old dad."

It was a great night. Thank you to the Jet Fleet.

Andy Lindgren



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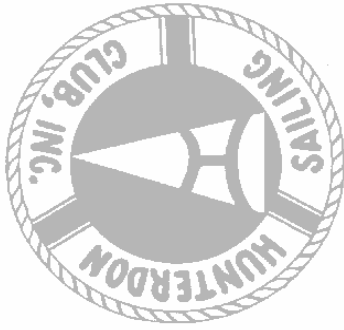
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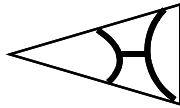


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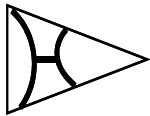


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