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Round the Lake Sailing Rally

HSC kicked off a new type of cruising and racing event on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The inaugural *Spruce Run Runaround* was a combination sailing rally and poker run sailed to destinations around the reservoir, and with a beach start and finish. The goal was to encourage novice and experienced sailors and their families out for an organized cruise mixed with a little bit of fun racing and a great picnic.

Despite an unfounded forecast of rain, 21 sailors showed up with eight boats and a lot of junior sailors. The contest started on foot along the



LeMans Start

road, with sailors running to launch beached and anchored boats. The goal was to sail to check points around the course. For each check point sailors were awarded playing cards toward a poker hand at the end. To add to the 'destination' nature of the course, various buoys were named after famous cruising destinations ... Barbados, Maldives, Nantucket and Fiji.

Due to relatively light winds at the start, the RC

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decided to forego the high tension wires at the far end of the lake, but sailors had interesting challenges rounding Goose Island in shifting conditions. Winds picked up after the start sufficient that juniors Emily and Sara Evans earned an extra card for recovering their capsized Sunfish near Fiji, while RC Mike Wheeler and Ellen Greenhorn stood by in the HSC Skiff.

Overall victory was in the cards for Jay Halstead with crew Chet Ensign, Emma Ensign, and Mennu Menon, who scored a the



Jay and Crew

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maximum eight cards and drew a full-house at the awards picnic. Four other skippers finished the full course to draw 8 cards.

Bill and Sally Foster, with daughter Claire,



The Fosters

Molly and Jane, performed some impressive spinnaker handling to finish first in their Flying Scot, but trailed a minute behind Brent and



The Bensons

Barbara Benson's Jet 14 on corrected time. They were followed by Halstead's Precision 185, Charlie Engler and Susan Michaelson in the other Jet; Ted, Jenise and daughter Cali



The Janulis Family

Janulis in a Catalina 165; and junior



Caroline Foster

Caroline Foster in a Sunfish; Emily and



Emily & Sarah Evans

Sara Evans double-handing a club Sunfish, and Allyson and Wyatt Evans in their Day Sailer.

With Open Fleet Captain Ted Janulis on the grill and lots of food to go around, the picnic and awards ceremony kept humming was a lively affair. In addition to the poker and corrected time awards, there were take-away awards for Class wins and many fun categories.

"I'd call this a success," said RC chairman Gordon Sell. "Everyone seemed to enjoy it and some participants have suggested we do this several time per year. It was a little disappointing that so few new members showed up but that may be a problem of (continued on p. 3)

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marketing and publicity for this event.

Destination race-cruising seems to get family crews more involved in finding way-points and routes, and it is quite a different experience from racing around buoys oriented to the wind. We should do this again."



Awards Photo



Charlie Engler & Susan Michaelson

Ed. Note: My thanks to Past Commodore Gordon Sell for this article and the photos, but especially for organizing this fine event.

Commodore's Cup Saturday, June 12

The Commodore's Cup, established in 1969, is a

regatta created to find the outstanding skipper in the HSC. It is sailed in June by the combined fleets under the prevailing handicap system. All boats must adhere to class regulations. The regatta will consist of three races, and the course will be a modified Olympic (TW). One race can constitute the regatta. The skippers meeting will be at 11:00 AM and the first race will commence around 12:00 PM. (Quoted from the club handbook.)

Little Brown Jug Regatta and Picnic: Monday, July 5

Save the date for this scenic, around-the-lake regatta for all boats, followed by a picnic back on shore. All fleets race together with a staggered start based on Portsmouth ratings. The first boat to reach the finish line wins the Little Brown Jug perpetual trophy. The skipper's meeting will be at 11 am, with the first start at noon. You'll get a tour of the entire lake with the race lasting about 100 minutes. The picnic will follow the race, and you don't have to sail the race to picnic! Burgers, condiments and drinks are provided by the club. Please bring something to share: last names starting with A-M please bring a side dish and N-Z please bring a dessert.

What a great way to celebrate the holiday!
Ellen Greenhorn

Force 5 Mid-Atlantic Championship Regatta

June 5-6. Registration Saturday 10:30-11:30. Skippers meeting 11:45. Races on Sat. & Sun. The club Force 5 is available right now.

Rich

Sunfish Fleet News

The season has started off with some great sailing on both Wednesday's and Sunday's. On opening day of the Twilight series 11 skipper's sailed the races, the following week 19 turned out to enjoy the evening. The post race meeting's at the Sunset Inn are also off to a great start with just about everyone who was racing coming for pizza.

Sundays' have also had a good turnout, the wind has mostly been heavy and or variable. 10 skipper's started on opening day.

In area regatta's both of the Spring SANJL races have been held with strong finishes from HSC members.

Day 1 at Highland Lakes - a thunderstorm rolled through during the skippers meeting, after it passed it looked as though the wind would lighten up a little, but the forecast was for heavy winds early afternoon. And it got really heavy. After a couple of races it was really survival sailing and by the last leg of the last race gusts had built to 30 mph with a micro-burst of some sort taking out most of the fleet. Most of the fleet used a Jens, even that not compensating entirely for the heavy wind

Congratulations to Steve Manson, Derek Jackson and Doug Brown for their 1st 2nd and 3rd finishes respectively.

Day 2 at Swartswood Lake was marginally lighter. Most of the fleet prepared for the worst with a Jens rig on almost every boat. However this day was much more fluky with winds changing directions and velocity puffs and weird shifts that left you hanging sometimes underwater. Congratulations to Steve Manson, Derek Jackson for 1st and 2nd and to Guido Bertocci and Doug Brown for 4th and 5th respectively. And congratulations to Simon Bertocci for literally hanging his head underwater while sailing upwind. It was a strange day.

The next round of fun starts down the shore at Brant Beach followed by the first Mid-Atlantic regional in Cape May and the Upstate regional in New York.

Jet Racing off to a Good Start

We have averaged 4 boat on the line over the last 3 weeks and the racing has been very good. Team Bertocci has been dominating the action wining the last 6 races! One of our new fleet members John just bought Jet # 1083 and we are looking forward to seeing him on the water soon.

Sad news is Pines Lake Annual Regatta at Pines Lake has been canceled. Coming in July is the Wren Regatta at HSC on Saturday July 17 is the "Rookie/Novice" racing. Sunday the 18 is the "Open Regatta". Skippers meetings at 10:30 both days.

If you want to sail a Jet 14 come and talk to me!

Doug Brown

Check the Calendar for your Race Committee Dates

Please check the calendar for your race committee dates on Sundays and Wednesdays (be sure the calendar says 2010 at the top). If you have a NJ boating license, please bring it when you come for RC.

Need to change dates? Swap dates in advance by reaching out to find another member who will change with you. Then please notify the RC chairperson for both dates and the vice commodore. Use the handbook for contact information. Thank you!

RC Chairperson – please contact your crew members well in advance to confirm the date and let them know what to bring and when to meet. On your race day, please take a few minutes to water the new tree we planted, the last one next to the beach launch near the restrooms.

RC Crew – please check the calendar and make note of your dates.

New to sailing, racing or race committee? We need you – no previous experience is required! Your RC chair will let you know what to do and there are roles for everyone. Race Committee is a fun day – you'll see the boats and racing up close, learn how races are run and meet other club members.

Ellen Greenhorn (VC)

Date	Day	Series		Event	RC Chair	RC	RC
2-Jun-10	Wed	Twi. 1	6		Ray Buchanan	B & L Korn	
5-Jun-10	Sat	Regatta		MidAtlantic Championship	Guido Bertocci	Nathan Altomare	Simon & Lucy Bertocci
6-Jun-10	Sun	Spring	6	MidAtlantic Championship	Guido Bertocci	Nathan Altomare	Simon & Lucy Bertocci
9-Jun-10	Wed	Twi. 1	7		Charlie Engler	Stacy Bachenheimer	
12-Jun-10	Sat	Regatta		Commodore's Cup	Mike Wheeler		
13-Jun-10	Sun	Spring	7		Charlie Engler	Anita DeMatteo	Ken Lareau & Tricia Harris, Rick McGough & Susan Estes
16-Jun-10	Wed	Twi. 1	8		Steve Manson	Alec Manson	
17, 18, 19 Jun				Adult Sail Training A			
20-Jun-10	Sun	Spring	8		Nick Mentesana	D & G Francis	Linda McCarthy, Greg LaLevee
23-Jun-10	Wed	Twi. 2	1		Derek Jackson	George Jackson	
26-Jun-10	Sun	Summer	1		B & B Benson	Chris Fischer	Paul Nahodyl, Michael Mistretta
28, 29, 30 Jun 1, 2, 3 July				Youth Sail Training 1 Youth Sail Training 2			
30-Jun-10	Wed	Twi. 2	2		Gordon Sell	Sean Mezkat	
4-Jul-10	Sun	Summer	2		Brian Wigham	Art Roswell	Steve & Alec Manson

Flying Scot Challenge of the Lakes

Four boats travelled from HSC with 12 sailors to join nine boats from NSC with 19 sailors on Sunday May 16th, in what was a great start to the 8th annual Flying Scot Challenge of the Lakes racing series. Special thanks to the Flying Scot Fleet # 163 at Nockamixon Sailing Club for making the event so much fun!

NSC's Rob and Lois Wilkinson set the stage for the event with coffee and bagels before racing, and Fleet Captain Mike Mandell provided his special sauerkraut, brats, and hot dogs for the picnic afterwards. A generous supply of beverages was also provided by Len Evelev and George Balas. The social side of Fleet 163 was in good form for the event! NSC is promising an even better event for June 5th, which will be a tall order indeed.

The forecast was for winds of only 6 knots, but they were even more variable than usual: out of all points of the compass and anywhere from zero to 17 knots! That's even more diabolical than the usual for Lake Nockamixon! We experienced everything from frustration to elation, depending on where you happened to be on the water! Bill Foster, sailing with two of his daughters as crew, showed how the conditions could be mastered with some great sailing and fine spinnaker handling. Bill and the girls led the fleet for much of the day and carried the puffs downwind as some of us fell out of the puffs and into the holes! Others caught the puffs just right and passed many boats -- only to be overtaken as the next group of boats found them selves "in the right places."



In the first race, Bill led from wire to wire, but the NSC Fleet was well represented by Greg Morrison, who sailed all day without touching the spinnaker - great move! Greg and Judy won the second race, and narrowly trailed Bill in the other races. Mike and Brenda Noone tried hard to catch the Foster's but found themselves trying to go to windward with spinnaker raised after a 180 degree shift! Many of the other boats had similar disasters! It is clear that the Scot does not go upwind very well with that big colorful sail draped over the jib. ;-)

Other HSC Fleet representatives included our newest members, David and Kristin Petersen, who sailed # 3551 "Reservoir Dog" in good form. Mario Gedzior, with two fine young ladies as crew, and the Stockwells were also in attendance. Other HSC boats that typically would travel unfortunately had overriding outside commitments.

Bill Foster of HSC won the day, but the next six boats were all from NSC. The "Tough Luck" award for the day must go to Rob and Lois Wilkinson who twice were able to get close to the leaders by riding some great downwind puffs, but suffered from a strong attraction between # 4516 and the leeward mark!

Mike Noone (NSC), with a few words from David Stockwell

THE ALCORT SUNFISH STORY

Alex "Al" Bryant and Cortland "Cort" Heyinger had been friends since kindergarten and started out in business together as homebuilders. Being production oriented and with a penchant for fun, they used their design and woodworking skills on several projects...including a glider that didn't fly! While in school they built some ice sailboats. Their ice boats would fall into the C-Skeeter class with 75 s.f. of sail. Most Skeeters are one man boats, so the partners designed a two person, one design boat called the "Yankee", which they built and sold before WW2. The Yankee could sail over frozen waters at speeds of over four times that of the true wind. (*In the winter of 1994 an ice yacht regatta was held on Spruce Run Reservoir that included C-Skeeters and Yankees*)



After the war the partners continued building ice boats and began to dabble in some new projects. They were approached by the Red Cross with plans to produce a water rescue paddle board. When their cost estimate proved to be too high, they built one anyway, added a canoe sail and called it a "Sailboard". They produced several dozen of these and changed the name to "Sailfish" after noticing a sailfish trophy on the wall in the office of their new marketing person.

As the story goes, the Sailfish evolved into the Sunfish when Al's wife became pregnant and needed a place to put her feet while sailing. In 1952 Al and Cort redesigned the hull to include a cockpit and the Sunfish was born! The wooden Sunfish was manufactured as a kit that could be assembled in about thirty hours. In 1960 fiberglass production began with an aft storage well added in 1980. The Sunfish became the largest fiberglass, one

design class in the world.

As the manufacturer, Alcorn maintained and controlled the uniformity of design as changes in hull, sail, rudder and dagger board evolved. The Sunfish was promoted as a family boat and so racing began as doubles, but soon became popular for individual competition. In 1985 the International Sunfish Class Association assumed Class management from the manufacturer. In 2001, with over 300,000 boats worldwide, Sunfish celebrated its 50th anniversary. An out of the box Sunfish was sailed at the regatta to the finish line!

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