

# The FOC'S'LE

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## Angel Survives Spring Thaw at Lake Norman



The last weekend in April is traditionally the start of the Jet regatta schedule with the Lake Norman (NC) YC Regatta. This year, we were about two days ahead of beautiful warm weather, and were treated to some wild rides instead, in 15 to 20 knot winds. You will get the idea in the picture above.

On Sunday, even Charlie's Angel, for the first capsizing of her career, succumbed to an off-balance tack, possibly caused by an ill-timed lull, and slowly rolled to windward, and then not so slowly turtled.

To Anita's and my delight, crash boats appeared immediately, having had plenty of practice aiding all the other Jets, except one, during the two days. The water was quite warm (nearby power station) considering the date. Back in the LNYC clubhouse, hot showers, a roaring fire, extra rations of rum and a delicious lunch provided by former HSC member Tom Grace and Paula Pacheco made for a fine trophy ceremony.



In this picture, Charlie's Angel lies there in the distance, patiently awaiting rescue an hour or so later, through the good graces of two wet-suited Jet sailors and a super Race Committee.



In this picture, Barry Saunders and Frank Jablonski demonstrating the true spirit of sailing, have righted our boat and are being towed in.

### Lessons learned

1. Flotation: Recently 2 1/2 more cubic feet of Home Depot's pink styrofoam had been stuffed into the flotation tanks of 1129. I may add some more!!
2. Clothing: I had on 7 layers of various sweatshirts etc etc due to the 40 something degree weather and brisk winds. There is no way either Anita or I could get up on the hull with an extra 50 - 100 pounds of wet clothes. Dry suits may have a customer coming!
3. Centerboard preventer: One Jet had a shockcord arrangement to lessen the chance of the board retracting when capsized, as happened here. I'll be trying it, and maybe transom flaps like a few Jets have.
4. Alternate righting technique: At least one Jet was self-righted by attaching a line to a jib cleat, pulling it over the inverted hull and then slowly pulling on it to right the boat, as catamarans do. We'll try it this summer!
5. 70 - 80 degree sunshine, 8 to 10 knot breezes are great.... but we'll be back next year anyway.

Charlie Engler

## Commodore's Corner

It's the time of year that we've all been waiting for. A bit like Christmas for a kid. Many members have been working hard to get those membership applications in. (Is yours in yet?) The Rear Commodore and company have been hard at work getting the Club's boats in order, with major reconstruction underway on the See Which Won. Fleets have been meeting. Training is being organized. The handbook is on the way to, or back, from the printer. We're ready.

So, on May 1, I plan to be on the water, and hope to see many of you there.

Rich Baumann

## Water Watch Anyone?

In a recent STAR-LEDGER column, boating reporter Charlie Zusman mentioned the Coast Guard's new America's Waterway Watch Program ".....under which boaters are asked to keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Recreational boaters might have a better feel for what is normal activity in their area and are better suited to spot something out of the ordinary, according to CPO Collins, who coordinates the program."

This sounded like such a good idea that I stated in the HSC application for a 2005 State Parks Regatta Permit and also at the April New Jersey Water Supply Authority Commissioner's meeting, our potential interest in our joining with these organizations in maximizing reservoir surveillance.

Superintendent Becky Williams-Ellis, NJWSA Executive Director Henry Patterson and NJDEP Chief of Staff Gary Sondermeyer all expressed immediate interest, and both groups will have their security people consider how to organize such an effort. This could be as simple as providing us with an emergency phone number to call.

Stay tuned for further developments!

Charlie Engler

## Marian Kozianowski

We have sad news from Past Commodore Ren Kotlarek, Marian Kozianowski's brother-in-law.

Marian, a solid Jet-14 crew, with her husband Ron sailed Jet 1015 "Battlewagon" for many years. She passed away last month after a strong battle with cancer.

## New Members



A warm welcome to our new members!

The Jet Fleet welcomes Malcom & Ellen Leslie and Joseph, Mary, Jarrett & Leigh Scherrer.

The Sunfish Fleet welcomes Scott & Joanne Callahan.

The Laser Fleet welcomes Hitoshi Tanaka and Dave Jenkins.

We also welcome –

Harry, Polly, Dylan and Kacey Highland – Dylan will be in youth classes.

Kevin, Joanne, Tara, Conor, and Michela Murphy – Conor will be in youth classes.

Giorgio, Theresa, Giorgio Jr. and Kristen Parise – Giorgio Jr. will be in the youth class.

David, Jean, Chelsea and Tyler Brooks – Tyler will be in youth classes.

Kym Brzezinski & Gordon Smith, Zachary and Jacklyn – Kym will be in the adult class.

David and Andrew Recame will be in the adult class.

Martha Cleaves will be in the adult class.

Joanne Shaver will be in the adult class.

Pat, Dave and Mitchell Revalski.

Mark, Lisa, Abby, and Jonathan Pillon will be sailing their Zuma, and Abby & Jonathan will be in the youth class.

Anne Freeman will be in the adult class.

Andy Wang, Sarah Ho and Curtis and Jennifer – Curtis & Jennifer will be in the youth class and Andy will be in the adult class.

Mark, Sharon, Makenzie and Spencer Holmsborg – Makenzie and Spencer will be in the youth class.

## Why do people join HSC?

In my role as membership coordinator, I often ask people how they heard about the Hunterdon Sailing Club, and it is very interesting to hear the answers. Here's my favorite so far:

"I live about 3/4 miles from Spruce Run Reservoir, and I walk there sometimes. A few summers ago, during the drought when the water was so low, I noticed the sailboats out on the lake and I thought, "Those people really like to sail!"

See, all that low-water sailing really was worth it!!

Ellen Greenhorn

## New Club Event Tuning and Training Days

### Come to the lake and practice

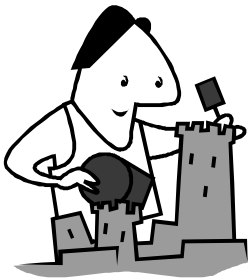
We've added several new events to our calendar to assist sailors of every level. They're called Tuning and Training Days and here's what to expect.

At a minimum, you will find marks out on the water by 10:00AM where you can practice your boat handling skills. Then at 12:30 PM, the race committee will set out and set up the course for our regular Sunday races. We hope that everyone who comes out early will have lunch, socialize on the beach, and head out to the course for a few races.

With enough participation, we will add a short "basic skills" lecture in the morning for beginning sailors. If you would like to attend and benefit from an informal lecture on the beach by one of our more experienced sailors, drop me a line and tell me you'll be at the beach at 10AM.

First and foremost, we want sailors to have fun. The BIG idea is everyone will benefit from having more time on the water; in turn, time on the water will increase your confidence and fun. To that end, we are suggesting sailors of every stripe come out to practice their skills.

Beginning sailors can practice their starts, mark rounding and get comfortable sailing near other boats. Experienced sailors can tune their rigs against other boats in the fleet and mentor a beginning sailor. Either way, I can't think of anything more fun than seeing lots of sailors out enjoying themselves.



If you are a more experienced sailor, I recommend you contact another skipper in your fleet and make plans to meet at the beach. Need crew? Call someone! Many of our members are interested in crewing!

I really want you to put these dates on your calendars.  
June 12, June 26, July 17, July 24, August 7, August 21

Whether you are a beginner or champion, get out on the water and make the most out of these events and our great club. After you read this month's Foc's'le, contact me at [eliotzimmerman@comcast.net](mailto:eliotzimmerman@comcast.net) or call me at 908-227-8582. I'd like to know that you're coming out to the water.

Elliot Zimmerman

## NJYRA News

The North Jersey Yacht Racing Association (NJYRA) Jet 14 Championships will be sailed at HSC on August 27, 2005 as a part of the Gravy Bowl.

The NJYRA Sunfish Championships will be sailed at HSC on September 17, 2005 as a part of the SANJL Day 3 Regatta.

HSC was also considered for the Laser Championships and should have a good chance of getting it in 2006. Also, the Mallory (men's) and the Adams (lady's) Championships for our area will be sailed at Monmouth Boat Club in Flying Scots.

For more information about this people can go to the NJYRA web site at [www.njyra.org](http://www.njyra.org) or contact me.

Bob Griswold

## Thank You



This edition of the Fo'c's'le is the 30th that I have edited and published. And it also marks the 3rd anniversary since I took over the role from Jennisse Peatick. I don't exactly remember how I came to agree to do the job but I do have a hazy recollection that it happened after one too many beers at the Sunset on a Wednesday night.

A very wise friend of mine once told me that nobody should do a voluntary job like this for more than 3 years, otherwise you "become the job". So 2005 will definitely be my last year in this role. But I do want to thank all the HSC members who have contributed articles and pictures over the past 3 years. You have made the job easy and made it a pleasurable experience.

Please keep those articles coming—otherwise I have to think of something every month to fill any blank spaces left over. And it does seem to be the same "usual suspects" that contribute most of the articles. So if you haven't recently sent me anything for the Fo'c's'le please take the time to write an article or find an interesting photo.

Look forward to hearing from you—especially if you have a yen to be the next Fo'c's'le Editor. And thank you again.

Derek Stow

# Lasers, Lasers, Lasers, Lasers, Lasers



A few of the 157 Lasers that entered the Laser US National Championships at Wrightsville Beach NC on April 21-24

## Rick White Sailing Seminar

In mid-April I had the pleasure of attending Rick White's Sailing Seminar in Key Largo. This clinic is run every year and is open to "small single-handed and double-handed monohulls up to 15 feet in length including but not limited to Lasers, Sunfish, Force 5's.....". This year we had 10 Lasers and 8 Sunfish. It is described as "an intensive race-training camp for novice through advanced racers". So if you have raced a year or so at HSC you would certainly be eligible.

Intensive it certainly was. For a week we did at least 5 hours a day of on-water drills designed to work on boat-handling, starts, mark-rounding and tactics with relentless on-water coaching, videos of each session, and lectures in the evening. A great way to get an early season tune up. But make sure you are fit before you go. Phew!

Derek Stow

## Laser US Nationals

85 Lasers, 63 Radials and 9 4.7s made their way to the Carolina Yacht Club in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, for the 2005 Laser US Nationals. I was hoping for some practice in big breeze and big waves –and I certainly got it. Thursday and Friday saw the normal sea breeze, peaking in the upper teens on Thursday and a bit lower on Friday. Saturday saw a passing front ruin the day's racing with strong winds and adverse tide making the opening to the ocean impassable. Sunday's offshore breeze was strong (and brisk!) but more tide friendly and the Radials and 4.7s got in two races, while the Lasers had one. By the time the fleet headed for the shore the gusts were pushing the high twenties making for an epic trip back to the Carolina Yacht Club, especially the final reach down the channel to the launching area. Wow!

Derek Stow

## Laser Regattas

May 14-15	District 11 Championship Rock Hall, MD	On the Chesapeake's picturesque Eastern Shore - a great place to sail with a lot of open water, very limited motor boat chop, easy beach launching and plenty of grass on which to park and rig.
May 21	Cooper River, NJ	If you haven't done a Laser regatta before try this one. Inland club, protected waters, not far to drive and you can still sail your Laser at HSC on Sunday!
May 28	Lavallette, NJ	I sailed my first Laser regatta in the US at this club and I keep going back. With luck we should get to stretch our legs in that Barnegat Bay sea-breeze.
June 4	Orange Coffee Pot Surf City, NJ	Claims to be the oldest Laser regatta in the world. Been sailed every year since 1972. Yes—the perpetual trophy really is an orange coffee pot. But if you get your name on this you will be in great company—Gary Jobson won it back in the 70s.
June 18-19	District 10 Championship Island Heights, NJ	Our home district championship. More great sailing down the Jersey shore.

## Sunfish Fleet

Sunfish Sailors, Wednesday May 4 is the opening day of the Twilight series at HSC. So get your boats prepped and ready to sail! First start is at 6:00 and we'll sail as many races as possible before dark. Afterwards we'll head over to the Sunset for pizza and beer, talk about sailing and catch up with each other.

See you on the water!

Upcoming Sunfish events

May 7 **SANJL (Day 1) (O)** - Highland Lakes CC; Highland Lake NJ

May 21 **SANJL (Day 2) (O)** - Jefferson SC & Lee's Country Park Marina; Lake Hopatcong NJ

May 30 **HSC Memorial Day Regatta (O)** - Hunterdon SC; Spruce Run Reservoir, Clinton NJ;

Support the Sunfish - Join the class! [www.sunfishclass.org](http://www.sunfishclass.org)

Susan Mallows

## Work Day

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Spring projects to prepare our facilities and boats for the new season. Here a cast of thousands is staring at our race committee boat—See Which Won.



Is it my imagination or are a few parts missing?

Derek Stow

## Force 5 Mid-Atlantic Regionals June 4-5 at Spruce Run

That's right. The Mid-Atlantics are back again at Spruce Run and hosted by the Hunterdon Sailing Club. We'll start with a skippers meeting at 10:30 and start racing about 11 o'clock. Then lunch and more racing in the afternoon.

On Sunday we'll start at 10, then lunch and finish up to get in 9 races in total. After 7 races you'll get a throwout.

Last year Doug Brown beat out Hicks, Cullen and Meno. Who will do it this year?

There will be 3 trophies for F5 class members in the Championship Division and one trophy for anyone in the Challenger Division.

There will be coffee plus available each morning. BYO lunch. We'll have ice chests available for your lunches. On Saturday night we will retire to the Sunset Inn for pizza (or else) and beer to hear all your excuses.

Oh, the registration fee will be \$20 plus a small fee to get into the state park.

Ray Buchanan

## Force 5 Regattas

June 4-5 Force 5 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship at HSC

June 25 Small Boat Regatta So. Maryland SC at Solomons, MD

June 26 Combined Regatta at Nockamixon SC

Information: [F5ray@AOL.com](mailto:F5ray@AOL.com)

## Sunfish for Sale

Good condition - ready to race

\$1000

Call Andy Lindgren 973-226-1553  
or e-mail at [lindgrenhsc@aol.com](mailto:lindgrenhsc@aol.com)

## Jet Fleet News

On April 17, 1955, the Jet 14 Class Association was formed, officers elected, specifications established and the class by-laws and constitution distributed at a meeting in Island Heights, NJ. Dues were set at \$2 per year and plans were also made to hold the first Jet-14 National Championship at Lavallette, NJ on September 10-11, 1955.

Fifty years later, Fleet 51 at HSC is now home to the two newest Jets manufactured and some classic "woodys", a manufacturing run almost matching the history of the class. As the Jets return to the lake we're looking forward to a great turnout for the May 1 opening, and tuning up for the annual Pines Lake Regatta – Leg I of the District I Championship to be sailed on May 28.

2004 saw cold and wild conditions at Pines Lake with winds to 20 knots from all directions great the fleet in this early season test. Brian Mohan and Ted Klein reveled in the heavy conditions and won the day by 10 points. This year we're looking for bight skies, fair wind and the usual great competition and camaraderie.

Pines Lake in Wayne, NJ is approximately 1 mile long and 1/2 mile wide covering 158 acres and has a shoreline of close to five miles. The venue provides for exciting short course racing that places an emphasis on good starts and handling the often shifty conditions.

Plan to join us for this exciting event!

Charlie Smith

## Pines Lake Sailing Club Annual Jet 14 Regatta District Championship Leg 1

**Saturday May 28, 2005  
3 to 5 Races**

<b>Skipper's Meeting</b>	9:00 am at North Island (Gate opens at 8:00)
<b>First Race</b>	10:00 am (sharp)
<b>Trophies</b>	First 5 Places—Skipper & Crew
<b>Fee</b>	\$20.00/boat Bring Your Own Lunch (beverages will be provided)
<b>Information</b>	Call Jim Ungemach (973) 839-5197 or email <a href="mailto:jim.ungemach@hilltown.com">jim.ungemach@hilltown.com</a>

Note: This Regatta is sanctioned by the Jet 14 Class Association. Skippers must be year 2005 active members and boats must display the current year sticker.

### HSC Laser Regatta Sunday May 29



Registration	8:30 am
Entry Fee	\$15
Skippers' Meeting	9:30 am
First race as soon as possible after meeting	

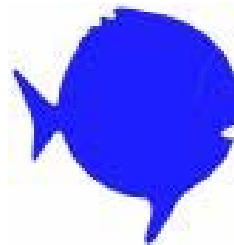
Up to 7 races—1 throwout if 5 or more races

Lunch provided—it's Laser Fleet Hot Dog Sunday

Racing with the club in the afternoon

Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 1st Radial

### HSC Sunfish Regatta Memorial Day - May 30



Skippers meeting - 10:00

First race - as soon as wind  
and weather permit

Races - as many as wind and weather permit - hopefully at least 5. One throwout if 5 races are sailed.

Bring your own lunch

Trophies for the first 3 overall plus top Junior AND the first ever awarding of the \*\*Double Dipper Award\*\* awarded to the top sailor in both the HSC Laser regatta and the HSC Sunfish regatta.

# HSC Calendar

1-May	Sun	Spring	1	
4-May	Wed	Twilight	1	
8-May	Sun	Spring	2	
11-May	Wed	Twilight	2	
15-May	Sun	Spring	3	
18-May	Wed	Twilight	3	
20-May				<i>Deadline for articles for June Fo'c's'le</i>
22-May	Sun	Spring	4	
25-May	Wed	Twilight	4	
29-May	Sun	Spring	5	<b>Laser Regatta</b>
30-May	Mon			<b>Hot Dog Sunday- Laser</b>
				<b>Memorial Day Sunfish</b>
1-Jun	Wed	Twilight	5	
4-Jun	Sat			<b>Force 5 Regional</b>
5-Jun	Sun	Spring	6	<b>Force 5 Regional</b>
8-Jun	Wed	Twilight	6	
11-Jun	Sat			<b>Commodore's Cup</b>
12-Jun	Sun	Spring	7	<b>Tuning and Training</b>
15-Jun	Wed	Twilight	7	
18-Jun	Sat			<b>Sunfish Clinic</b>
19-Jun	Sun	Spring	8	<b>Sunfish Clinic</b>
				<b>Hot Dog Sunday, Force 5</b>
20-Jun				<i>Deadline for articles for July Fo'c's'le</i>
22-Jun	Wed	Twilight	8	
23-Jun	Thur			<b>Adult Learn to Sail PM</b>
24-Jun	Fri			<b>Adult Learn to Sail PM</b>
25-Jun	Sat			<b>Adult Learn to Sail All Day</b>
26-Jun	Sun	Summer	1	<b>Tuning and Training</b>
27-Jun	Mon			<b>Jr. Learn to Sail- Double Handed</b>
28-Jun	Tues			<b>Jr. Learn to Sail- Double Handed</b>
29-Jun	Wed			<b>Jr. Learn to Sail- Double Handed</b>
		Twilight	2	

# Rules Quiz

You are racing a long windward leg. At the start there was an individual recall signaled but nobody went back. You arrive in the vicinity of the windward mark but can't see the mark yet. A race committee boat is anchored nearby and someone on it is blowing a whistle repeatedly. And the boat is flying a flag of a white diagonal cross on a blue background. What has happened and what are you supposed to do? (This really happened to me at the Laser US Nationals last month and I have to confess I had no clue of the answer). Answer next month.

Derek Stow

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## Double Dipper Challenge

**HSC Lasers May 29**

**HSC Sunfish May 30**

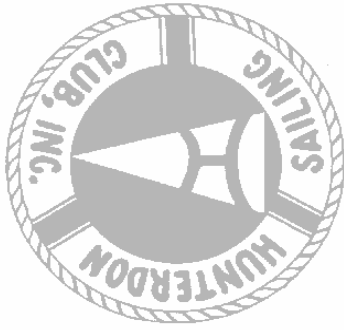
Special award for best score across both regattas

If you own a Laser and a Sunfish then this challenge is for you....

If you only own one of these boats then borrow the other.....

**Can you cross over?**



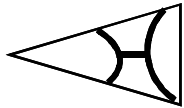


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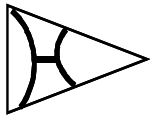
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