

# The F C'S'LE

Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

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*This intrepid group and a few not photographed spent Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> launching the "See Which Won" and the safety boats, building sunfish storage racks and organizing for the upcoming season. It is going to be a GREAT Summer!*

## Race Committee Training Seminar

**Saturday, May 19, 12 N to 3 PM, Spruce Run**

All Race Committee Volunteers and Chairpersons, both novice and experienced should plan to attend this seminar led by Elliot Zimmerman, HSC's Vice Commodore. We will discuss RC techniques and practice running races from the deck of the "See Which One". We will review new requirements for recording and scoring plus procedures for recalls, shortening courses and safety on the water!

**This Seminar will provide you with all the information you need for successfully completing your Race Committee Duty.**

## Volunteer Now to Assist in Sail Training

For our Youth Classes, we need:

**Beach Parents** who will help out logistically on the shore. No sailing experience is necessary.

**Assistant Teachers/Sailors** who can run the safety boats, set marks & help herd stray sailors!

For our Adult Classes, we are looking for:

**Assistant Teachers/Sailors** who can run the safety boats, set marks & help steer beginner sailors out of irons.

**Call Elliot Zimmerman @ 908-227-8582**

**to volunteer. WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## Commodore's Corner

The launching of the "See Which Won" on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April to bright blue skies, warm temperatures and a full reservoir seemed to bode well for the great sailing season that is about to begin. An enormous amount of work on the part of many HSC members will be evident in a wide variety of ways, ranging from the most visible which we all appreciate in the new shed to the less visible, yet equally important work including the by-laws and sailing revisions to appear in the forthcoming handbook.

### Thanks to everyone who has played a part, large or small, in the pre-season preparations!

There is still much to be done on site and behind the scenes, so please step forward if you can spare a few minutes or a few hours.

With more than a dozen new member families, we are anticipating a lot of activity at Spruce Run: more sailors, more kids, more boats and more fun. If you have not already renewed your membership, please do so right away; the handbook is about to go to press, and we want all members to be included.

See you on the water very soon!

~ Bob Orr

# Welcome Aboard!

### HSC is excited to welcome more new members!

- Nancy Averill from Hampton sails a Laser.
- Paul Ford from Belle Mead also sails a Laser.
- Bernie Heer & Jean Zachowicz from Berkeley Heights sail a Buccaneer 18 and a Holder 12.
- John Kupsch & Mary Carpenter from Basking Ridge have a Force 5. Their son Evan will be in the pram training class.
- Michael & Kathleen Mistretta from Bernardsville have enrolled in Learn to Sail and own a Snark.
- Tom & Elise Tague are from Annandale. Tom will be participating in the Learn to Sail program.
- James Trinisewski of Macungie PA has a Thistle.

### We look forward to seeing you all at Spruce Run!

~ Stacey Bachenheimer, Membership  
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## Safety, Safety!



If you are about to purchase a life jacket, I suggest that you get a US Coast Guard approved vest with minimal outside straps. Most lifejackets have a strap for a snug fit, but some have additional straps that can get caught on boat gear which can be dangerous both in and out of the boat. For small boats, the fewer straps the better. I even suggest that you cut the small loop that is used to hang the life jacket. There is, of course, an exception and that is for an infant's lifejacket. For them, you need something easy to grab in the event of an emergency.

I do not recommend dark lifejackets for Spruce Run. For sheltered lake sailing, consider white, yellow, orange, light blue or green.

Wal-Mart, K-Mart and others sell lifejackets and call them flotation vests, etc. Boat stores carry brand name, Coast Guard approved lifejackets. Try "The Sailboat Shop" on Rte 31 north of Spruce Run or West Marine, Boat US, Layline or APS. If the need is not immediate, go to a major regatta such as the Sunfish Worlds (in NJ in August) or the Laser Worlds because they always have dealers present.

~ Nicky Einthoven

TWILIGHT RACE COMMITTEE		
Date	Primary RC	Assistant RC
May 2	Don Esch	Jim Bardwell
9	Ray Buchanan	Chet Ensign
16	Scott Callahan	Nathan Altomere
23	Derek Jackson	Ellen Greenhorn
30	Steve Manson	Lucy Bertocci
June 6	Doug Brown	Susan Mallows
13	Charlie Engler	Stacey Bachenheimer
20	Gordon Sell	Kim
27	Elliott Zimmerman	Caleb Zimmerman
July 4	Rich Bauman	Nils Swyzen
11	Nicky Einthoven	Vim Einthoven
18	Nick Mentessana	Gigi Swyzen
25	Bob Griswold	Mary Deal
Aug 1	Guido Bertocci	Simon Bertocci
8	Mark Kaplan	Kathy
15	Mike Wheeler	Caitlin Orr
22	Susan Mallows	

## Sunfish Fleet News

Last month it was time to shake off the spiders and clean. This month it is time to make sure your boat is in 'Go Fast' mode. The 1<sup>st</sup> thing to do is to find all your parts. Do you know where your mast is? What about your mainsheet and telltales? Can you find all your gear? Was it damp the last time you used it and now in need of a really good cleaning to get rid of the leftover lake smell? Please address this! ☺

Check all lines for chafe spots and replace where appropriate. Clean the deck and hull and wet sand and McLube the hull so that you'll go REALLY fast! Take a look at your sail - is it still hanging right? Are all the grommets in good shape? Are all ties at the correct tension? Check the gooseneck adjuster - is it free or has it frozen up over the winter so that you'll never be able to release it on the water? Do your outhaul and cunningham still run free? Is your hiking strap securely attached or did some mouse eat it? Does your dolly or trailer support the boat or have the bearings collapsed over the winter?

The 1<sup>st</sup> race of the Twilight series is Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday race is May 6<sup>th</sup>. The SANJL # 1 is at HSC on May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you've never been to a SANJL event, this is your chance as it is being brought to you. It's a good opportunity to meet other Sunfishers from other lakes. If you can't race, you're always welcome on Race Committee where you will get a great view of some top notch sailing and learn just by watching the racing.

Check out these local events in May. (O) means that it is an open event to all Sunfish. Also check out the Twilight RC schedule. There have been NO requests for changes, so please take one last look and make sure the dates work for you. See you on the water!

~ Susan Mallows & Scott Callahan

**May 12** SANJL (Day 1) (O) – HSC, Spruce Run, Clinton, NJ; Susan Mallows, 908-638-5201 (H), 908-303-0889 (C), [susanmmallows@yahoo.com](mailto:susanmmallows@yahoo.com)  
8 AM Registration. 10:30 Start.

**May 19** SANJL (Day 2) (O) – Hendershot's Boat Launch, Swartwood Lake, NJ; Jim Bastnick, 201-618-9064, [abigail@nac.net](mailto:abigail@nac.net)

**May 28** Hunterdon Memorial Day Regatta (O) – HSC, Spruce Run, Clinton, NJ; Susan Mallows, 908-638-5201 (H), 908-303-0889 (C), [susanmmallows@yahoo.com](mailto:susanmmallows@yahoo.com)

## Force 5 Flash

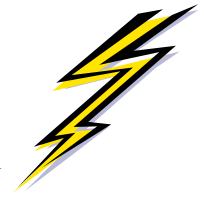
May 6<sup>th</sup> is "Force 5 Sunday".

We hope all owners will help us kick off the season with a crowd on the line. After racing, we'll gather at the Sunset Inn for:

- Food and grog
- Discussion of the day's results
- Scheduling of additional Force 5 Sundays
- Regatta planning
- Ideas to get more participation

If you are unable to race, please join us at the Sunset about 5 PM.

~ Rich Baumann



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