

The F^M O^M C'S'LE

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Editorial – NJ Parks



The Editor is mad as hell, and he isn't taking it anymore! I have consistently voted for bond issues to acquire our parks and other undeveloped land. Now I find that I can't use that which has been set aside for my use, even though I'm still paying taxes to pay down the bonds.

It's easy to blame our current governor, but the state has a long history of lousy financial management, leading to this stunt to get our attention. It has succeeded. Please look at Commodore Bob's first paragraph on page 4 to begin to understand how this may affect our use of Spruce Run. Then read on (and use the latest "andymail") to learn how to make things change.

On page 6, take note of a way in which we can help our own beleaguered park staff deal with the problems of too much work for too few people.

Please, do not assume that the folks in Trenton will come to their senses without hearing from you, the voters and taxpayers.

Rich

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NJ Boating Safety Certification Needed to Operate Club Safety Boats

Anyone born in 1949 or later must have completed an approved safe boating course by June 1, 2008 in order to operate in order to operate a power vessel. By June 1, 2009, anyone wishing to operate a power vessel must have completed such a course. The minimum age for operating a power boat in New Jersey is 13. For information on Boating Safety courses:

www.cgaux.org
www.usps.org
www.BOATUS.com.

THE SEASON IS NOW! HSC CALENDAR THROUGH JULY 20 INCLUDING ALL RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

RC Chair Responsibility Before Assigned Date: Contact RC crew to confirm availability.

RC Crew Responsibility Before Assigned Date : If unavailable on assigned date, swap dates with another member and notify RC Chair.

Date	Day	Series	Day	Event	RC Chair	RC Crew
30-Apr	Wed	Tw1 1	1		Don Esch	Jim Bardwil
4-May	Sun	Spring	1		Gordon Sell	Mike Incantalupo C. Clowes & Wm. Craig
7-May	Wed	Tw1 1	2		Ellen Greenhorn	Sean Mezkat
10-May	Sat			SANJL Spruce Run		
11-May	Sun	Spring	2		N. Einthoven	Hitoshi Tanaka N. Duveneck & R. Landon
14-May	Wed	Tw1 1	3		Dave Davies	Bill Shannon
17-May	Sat					
18-May	Sun	Spring	3	Scot Challenge of the Lakes Scot Hot Dog Sunday	Ray Buchanan	Sean Mezkat Mary Deal & John Halstead
21-May	Wed	Tw1 1	4		Ray Buchanan	Bob Slaughter
24-May	Sat					
25-May	Sun	Spring	4		Charlie Engler	Anita DeMatteo Ken Lareau & Tricia Harris
26-May	Mon			Memorial Day Sunfish		
28-May	Wed	Tw1 1	5		Steve Manson	Lucy Bertocci
30-May	Fri			Flying Scot Friday		
1-Jun	Sun	Spring	5		Mike Ambrose	Dave & Sharon Stockwell
4-Jun	Wed	Tw1 1	6	Sailing Lecture	Charlie Engler	Stacey Bachenheimer
7-Jun	Sat			Force 5 Spring Spectacular	Guido Bertocci	Skip Leslie Greg Fazekas
8-Jun	Sun	Spring	6	Force 5 Spring Spectacular	Guido Bertocci	Gigi Swyzen Paul Klemchalk
11-Jun	Wed	Tw1 1	7		Doug Brown	Susan Mallows
14-Jun	Sat			Commodore's Cup	Commodore Orr	
15-Jun	Sun	Spring	7	Force 5 Hot Dog Sunday	Art Mohan	Bill & Sally Foster Ann Freeman
18-Jun	Wed	Tw1 1	8		Gordon Sell	Fred Lackland
19-Jun	Thurs			Adult Sail Training A		
20-Jun	Fri			Adult Sail Training A		
21-Jun	Sat			Adult Sail Training A		
22-Jun	Sun	Spring	8		Brent & Barbara Benson	Chris Fisher Lyn Kanaby
23-Jun	Mon			Youth Sail Training 1		
24-Jun	Tues			Youth Sail Training 1		
25-Jun	Wed	Tw1 2	1	Youth Sail Training 1	Andy Lindgren	Nathan Altomare
26-Jun	Thurs			Youth Sail Training 2		
27-Jun	Fri			Youth Sail Training 2 Flying Scot Friday		
28-Jun	Sat			Youth Sail Training 2		
29-Jun	Sun	Summer	1		Nick Mentasana	Dione & Greg Francis Paul Nahodyl
2-Jul	Wed	Tw1 2	2	Jr. Race Team	Rich Baumann	Nils Swyzen
4-Jul	Fri			LBJ	R. Baumann	Kimberly Gold
5-Jul	Sat			HSC Fun Day		
6-Jul	Sun	Summer	2		Vim Einthoven	Art Roswell Steve VanDam & Vlodek Olczak
9-Jul	Wed	Tw1 2	3	Jr. Race Team/Supervised Practice	Nicky & Vim Einthoven	
10-Jul	Thurs			Adult Sail Training B		
11-Jul	Fri			Adult Sail Training B		
12-Jul	Sat			Adult Sail Training B		
13-Jul	Sun	Summer	3	Scot "Adopt a Junior"	Jim Bardwil	Lynne Christopher
16-Jul	Wed	Tw1 2	4	Supervised Practice	Nick Mentasana	Gigi Swyzen
19-Jul	Sat			Scot Crew U.		
20-Jul	Sun	Summer	4	Sunfish Hot Dog Sunday	Andy Lindgren	Todd Green Bob Slaughter & Maria Pellicari



Sunfish Fleet 156

By the time you receive this issue of the FOCSLE the start of the season will be just DAYS away! The first race of the year will be at 6:00PM on Wednesday, April 30th. The second will be very shortly after - so let's have everyone out on the starting line for the opening day of the season! If you don't have a Sunfish - the club has loaners so grab one and come on out - We'll follow up the racing with our opening night at the Sunset Inn where we will have recaps of our winter doings, tall tales about racing and a generally good time.



The first Sunfish regatta of the season will be SANJL #1 on May 10. Registration will open at 8:00 AM with the first warning signal starting promptly at 10:27. Four races are scheduled. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. Awards for the Championship and Challenger fleets will follow the racing. Even if you consider yourself to be new to racing or unsure of your skills, please join us for the day. It's a great way to meet other people in the class and to pick up tips from people who will be racing. If you would like to be on Race Committee to get a close up view of the racing please contact me at 908-303-0889.

The second SANJL event is May 17 at Swartswood Lake. This is a club that is just getting back into racing and can use all the support it can get - so if you can, please come out and join us for the day.

The next HSC regatta after that is the

Memorial Day Open regatta. This will be on May 26. Registration will start at 9:00, skippers meeting around 10:30 or so, racing as soon as possible thereafter. This is a great way to enjoy the day and still get home in time for those family barbecues.

The Sunfish Regatta schedule for 2008 is now posted on the web at www.sunfishclass.org. The dates for local events, the NA's, the World's and next year's midwinter events are posted so that you can make your vacation plans now.

The schedule should also be arriving on your doorstep soon if you are a class member. You can join the class by downloading a membership application from the website and mailing it in, or you can contact Terry Beadle or Peg Beadle at (248) 673-2750 or by email at sunfishoff@aol.com. Please don't forget to put numbers on your sail for the season. These can also be obtained from the class office.

See you on the water!

Susan Mallows

Derek Jackson executing a roll tack.



Commodore's Corner



As many may know from news reports, Governor Corzine has proposed the closing of a large number of New Jersey state parks as a part of his ongoing effort to tighten the budget. While we are fortunate that Spruce Run is not on the list, the closing of Round Valley and other local parks will undoubtedly have an effect on Spruce Run and the Hunterdon Sailing Club. Many boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts from Round Valley will find Spruce Run to be an attractive alternative, putting tremendous pressure on an already busy and heavily used park. This does not seem wise for the health of the park, and it could cause a dramatic increase in the number of boaters on the lake and in the launch area. This could affect our ability to access the boat storage and launch area, while creating hazards for all boaters during our training, cruising, and racing activities. If you share these concerns, please express them in writing as soon as possible to Governor Corzine and to your state

legislators. You will find easy access to names and mailing addresses of your local, state, and national legislators by visiting www.congress.org. Simply type in your zip code and you will find an up-to-date list of names, addresses, and background information.

Thanks to Gordon Sell and to all who were able to join him for a very productive Sunfish Work Day on April 6. Thanks also to Brent Benson, who has put new, larger windows in a number of our Sunfish sails and helped us to obtain Sunfish parts that will make our boats more user-friendly. The next work day is Saturday, April 19, when we will launch the See Which Won and prepare for the season opening. We will need lots of help, so please contact Gordon Sell if you are able to join us.

The weather on April 12 turned out to be terrific for a barbecue at the Bertocci home for Sunfish and Jet sailors. Thanks to all the members of the Bertocci family for the great food and lively conversation, and a chance for some of our junior sailors to get reacquainted. The sunshine and warm breeze were undoubtedly harbingers of things to come.

As this edition of the Focsle goes to press, so too does the 2008 HSC Handbook. Congratulations to Rich Baumann and Kim Gold for an outstanding job! We need to know how many to print and to whom they should be distributed, so if you have not already done so, please print a membership application form from the HSC website (www.sailhsc.org) and send it to Stacey Bachenheimer right away.

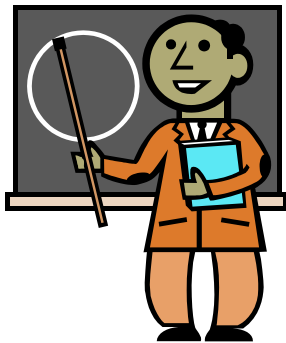
Sailing season starts in just a couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing you on the water either Wednesday, April 30 (opening of the Sunfish series) or Sunday, May 4 (opening day for the club), or both.

Bob Orr

2008 HSC TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE

Classes are filling rapidly. Youth Learn to Sail 2 is sold out. Other classes are still currently available, but don't wait!

Swim check dates are 4/19, 5/10 and 6/7, 1pm at the HCYMCA pool at Deer Path Park. This is a prerequisite for taking any class. For a reservation contact gigiswyzen@hotmail.com



Brent and Barbara Benson will be presenting an INTRODUCTION TO SAILING PROGRAM on Wednesday evening, June 4, at 6:30 pm. The location (hopefully the Clinton Library) will be announced. This program will be of special interest to newer members, both adult and youth, who are learning about sailing and HSC. No reservation is needed, and the presentation is free to all members.

WE CAN USE A FEW MORE INSTRUCTORS FOR THE TRAINING COURSES!

Rich, Gordon, Doug, Nicky, Sharon, Dave, Gigi, Art, Caleb, Charlie, Nils, Guido, Lucy, Simon and Nathan have already signed on. Instructor vacancies still exist in both adult and youth courses. Please contact Charlie at che1129@yahoo.com or 908-464-5564 if you would like to help in this vital program, even if for only one day or evening.

6 SUPERVISED SUNFISH PRACTICE SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS STARTING IN JULY!

On Wednesday evenings from July 9 through August 13, HSC members, who don't quite feel ready for the regular Twilight races, are invited to join in the Supervised Practice Sunfish Sessions, starting at 6 pm. Club sunfish will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no fee, and reservations are not required.

PRACTICE INSTRUCTORS NEEDED for these 6 evenings...we would like 6 volunteers to each provide one evening's supervision and training assistance to those attending. If you can assist in this relatively new, and very important, program for intermediate sailors, please contact Charlie che1129@yahoo.com

HSC JUNIOR RACE TEAM IS ORGANIZING for their Wednesday afternoon training sessions! Contact Coach Doug Brown jetracer14@netscape.net for information. Contact Stacey at sailhsc@hotmail.com to register.

Could This be Your Last Foc's'le?

Membership applications and dues are now past due. However, we continue to send the newsletter to all who were members last year until, well, now.

Go to <http://www.sailhsc.org/join.php> to get an application. Mail it in before May 20 to avoid missing out on your next issue. Better yet, send it in before April 30 to avoid the \$15 surcharge for late renewal.

Then drop a note to force5@verizon.net and ask for Foc's'le by email.

FORCE FIVES

The season is here; The Fleet is ready; The Club boat is available as a loaner; The events are scheduled. Here they are:

Spring Spectacular Saturday – Sunday - June 7-8

Register at 11:00 AM on Saturday. Skipper's meeting at 11:30. Bring your own lunch. Four races are planned for Saturday. The Sunday schedule will be finalized at the skippers meeting.

F5 Sundays

These are days selected by the fleet on which sailors in more than one class bring out their Force 5. The schedule for the Spring Series is May 25, June 8, 15 and 22. For some every day is a Force 5 day.

Force 5 for sale

2003 - 30th anniversary edition, Seitech dolly, new bottom cover, barely used. Fast competitive boat-\$1,750. Call Mike Incantalupo 908-788-8980. It is #8044 in photo below.



FLYING SCOTS

What is that long row of battleships moored in row 2 this year? It is HSC's Flying Scot fleet #184, now 12 strong and looking forward to getting our bottom's wet in the weeks ahead.

We'll be kicking off the season with a tune-up day (or maybe two) to make sure everyone has their rig tuned to spec and their boats ready for the water. Then, on the 18th, it is the first Challenge of the Lakes, with the Nockamixon fleet coming over to meet us on our home waters. This is the 6th year for the Challenge of the Lakes and both fleets have new members coming to the party. That will be followed in short order by the first Flying Scot Friday - a new racing opportunity for us all.

It is going to be a great season & we look forward to seeing you all on the water!

HELP THE PARK!

Get out your leather work gloves, pruning shears and reading glasses - the HSC Volunteer Day for Spruce Run is coming!

By now, it should be no surprise that our N.J. state parks are under cost-cutting pressure. In fact, for park superintendent Becky Williams-Ellis the pressure has been ratcheting up for a few years. Becky manages 3 parks and has not had staff openings filled for some time. To help keep Spruce Run spruced up, and to show our appreciation for all she and her staff do for the club, the executive committee is organizing an HSC Volunteer Day (date to be announced) to do help Becky with some of the chores needed around the park. She assures us that there will be work suited to every ability, from clearing trails, trimming shrubs or putting in plants, to helping with office chores. You won't need to bring anything beyond work clothes, gloves, a bag lunch and a desire to do good work.

So look for an announcement from the committee soon. We expect the work day to be a Saturday in May depending on the weather. We'll post a list of target projects in the announcement so that you can pick what appeals to your volun-prenurial spirit!

-Chet-

Jet Sailors,

Sailing season is here! It is time to clean up your Jet and make sure that it still floats. Remember the basics, pointy end goes forward and the long stick should point towards the sky. Anything else can be fun, but is probably slow. The first day of Sunday racing is May 4th. The water is still cold so make sure that you are properly dressed. Wetsuits will keep you safe and warm.

Local regattas include:

- Saturday, May 24 at Pine Lake – First part of district championship
- Saturday and Sunday, July 26,27 Wren regatta at HSC
- Saturday, August 23, Gravy Bowl at HSC – NJYRA Jet 14 championship and 2nd part of our districts
- Saturday, October 11, at Lake Packanack, 3rd part of our districts

If you need help in setting up your boat give me a call or send an email. We can arrange a day to meet at HSC and help people get ready. See you soon.

Guido



Sunfish Progress Report

Sunfish Work Day Thanks

On a cold and cloudy Sunday April 7, 18 enthusiastic volunteers turned out for an HSC Sunfish work day. With the helps of an air pump and soapy water, all 10 boats were surveyed for leaks, visible damage, and broken parts....bows were patched, gunnels repaired, rudder fittings installed, and boats were weighed. There's still more work to do on these boats, but it was a great start. Special thanks to Brent & Barbara Benson, Guido and Simon Bertocci, Nathan Altomare, Calvin Clowes, Charlie Engler, Jay Halstead, Mike Incantalupo, Alexander & Maria Khutoretsky, Michael Manley, Nick Montesana, Andrew Peterson, Gigi & Nils Swyzen-Bruggeman and Mike Wheeler.

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TWILIGHT SUNFISH STARTING APRIL 30

