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Editor's Notes



- Could this be your last Foc's'le?
- Did you get the Foc's'le in the format you wanted?
- Are you seeing what you want in this newsletter?

Dues are now past due. The May issue will be your last unless you are paid up by May 20. If you were paid by April 15, you now have the HSC 2009 Handbook in hand. By the way, the late fee for dues has been waived by the club's officers.

This year, our membership application asked for your preference for email or paper delivery of the newsletter. Very few people opted for paper, and that saves the club some money. If you hoped for paper and received it by email, please contact me at force5@verizon.net.

If there is something else that you'd like to see in the newsletter, let me know, or better yet, send it in to the address shown above.

Rich

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Coming Events

- Planned Arrival of 2009 Handbook in Your Mailbox, Paid Up Members Only – 4/28
- Opening Day – Sunday – 5/3
- HSC Hosts SANJL Regatta – 5/9
- Memorial Day Sunfish Regatta – 5/25 – See below
- Jet Day 5/31
- Force 5 Spring Spectacular – 6/6 & 7
- Scot NJYRA Championship – 6/7

Memorial Day Sunfish Regatta Details

- Registration opens at 9:00 AM. Coffee and doughnuts for breakfast.
- 10:30 first start, wind permitting.
- \$15 entry fee,
- If more than 5 races are completed one throw out will be allowed.
- Awards for Top 3 and Top Junior.
- Bring your own lunch.



JET 14 FLEET HAPPENINGS FOR MAY

Saturday evening, May 16, is the Jet Fleet meeting/party on Panorama Place where it meets Spruce Run's South Shore, scene of the April 1 tsunami. All Jetters, crews, friends and anyone who wished they had a Jet 14, or is a party person, and can spell "JET" are welcome if they have RSVP'd to che1129@yahoo.com Details to follow.

Saturday, May 23 PINES LAKE ANNUAL JET 14 REGATTA
Pines Lake Sailing Club, Wayne, NJ
Leg I of the District I Championship
You will be receiving the Regatta Announcement.

The Districts leg 2 is the HSC Gravy Bowl on August 22 and leg 3 is the Packanack Lake YC Regatta in October, also in Wayne, on Columbus Day Saturday, and is the NJYRA Championship. To qualify for a Districts win (and chevrons) you need to sail in 2 of 3.

These three are fun, local one-day regattas, and close by...let's do it!

SUNDAY, May 31, will be the first of several JET SUNDAYS, so make a special effort to be there on the starting line, get together for lunch, and stay a fun supper after racing at The Sunset Inn.

A very limited number of Jet 14's are currently available to enjoy this season. Call Charlie at 908-735-5564 for information



Letter from a former editor and Jet sailor

Charlie, (Engler, that is)

I enjoyed the FOCSL article covering the dam collapse at Spruce Run. Hope the Jet party was worth it. Can't wait to see the Tiki Bar

We are sailing as much as we can. Our Thursday night racing begins May 7 - six races a night in the Marina Del Rey harbor

We have an away regatta in San Diego May 16-17 - as I recall you gave Dennis Conner a sailing lesson there once. I'll send him your regards.

Charlie (Smith, that is)

Force 5 Spring Spectacular!!!! **June 6 and 7, 2009**

The Force 5 Spring Spectacular will be a great event this year! This is a perfect opportunity to prepare for the North American Force 5 Nationals to be held at Spruce Run July 9-11. Warm up; test the winds at Spruce Run; plan the best location to give your gracious acceptance speech when you win the trophy!

Skippers' Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6, at 12:00. We will decide at that time on the number of races to be held, and we will adjust the Sunday race schedule depending on the travel arrangements of participants. This is democracy in action.

Enjoy the competitive sailing and comradeship, and ensure your historical legacy.
Bob Mattison



Force 5 North American Championships **July 9, 10 & 11**

As noted by Bob above, Spring Spectacular will be a good warm-up for North American Championships. And, here's a personal note to all F5 owners in the club: You should be planning to sail in both events OR you should be telling Doug Brown or me that you're ready to loan out your boat for both events. There are, by my count 17 F5 owners in the club, and I know of many coming from other places for the July event. Bob Cullen tells me that Fred Meno (Midwinters winner) has ordered a new sail just to visit us from Texas. No reason not to expect 25-30+ boats on the line on July 9. It's decision time folks!

Ollie Sounds Off at Twilight Opener

With a cool and amazingly steady 6-8 knot breeze from the right end of the dam, ten HSC Sunfish sailors plus "Ollie," the club's new automated starting machine, turned out for the opening round of the Wednesday evening Twilight Series. In its Spruce Run debut, Ollie was found to be very easy to use by race committee Gordon Sell and Ellen Greenhorn, although they did put a towel over the trumpets to quiet the sound appropriate to the park conditions. "While I kind of miss the ritual of timing the start," said Sell, the "Ollie" is very easy to use, and it frees you up to pay attention to what the racers are doing.



Despite the relatively long courses, all the races were finished in very tight groups with the last place boats finishing quite close to the front. Doug Brown won two races, while Steve Manson and Derek Jackson took one each, with those three plus Alec Manson and Guido Bertocci scoring most of the first three places in each race. Don Esch won the consistency award finishing 4th in all four races. Close behind were Ray Buchanan, Simon Bertocci, Susan Mallows, and Mike Wheeler.

HSC Holds Annual Work Day



Photo by Anne Freeman of "some" of the workers. Not all were there for the photo.

Beautiful weather prevailed for the spring club work day on Saturday April 18. The See Which Won was easily launched thanks to the many willing workers who showed up, and also to the fact that the water level in the lake is way up.

Besides re-outfitting the committee boat for the season, many other tasks were accomplished. For example the racing buoy anchor lines were overhauled. Many challenging knots were removed, initiating some sailors with the use of marline spikes.

By early afternoon the club boats and clubhouse were shipshape and ready for another season. The Rear Commodore wishes to thank everyone who showed up. It was particularly gratifying to see everyone pitch in and take up tasks according to their interests and abilities. Your efforts are much appreciated. You have prepared us for a great sailing season.

John Thomas



Ed. note: Photo at left by editor shows Commodore Sell and Rear Commodore Thomas resting on RC boat after the crowd above carried it into the water.



The Mohans After 50 Years

50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 18. Joan is reported to have said that Art will agree to do anything to get out of the HSC Spring Clean-up. Art was reported to have feigned surprise at Joan's comment ...

Anne Freeman

Ed. note: The Mohans, I believe hold the record for taking home the club's Outstanding Club Service Award. We all celebrate their fifty years together, and thank them again for their many contributions to the club.

RB



The HSC will staff an information table at the South Branch Watershed Association's "Treasures of the South Branch" event to be held on June 13 at the Red Mill in Clinton, NJ. The event is free and will include recreational, environmental and historical events. Anyone interested in helping to staff the HSC table should contact NAME/PHONE/E-MAIL. For more information about the event, visit <http://www.sbwa.org>. It should be a great day!

Anne Freeman/908-246-1411 sailingannie@aol.com

The Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (LSPS) will offer the ***America's Boating Course*** starting May 18, 2009 at the Montville Township Public Library; **registration closes May 13**. This course satisfies the requirements for the New Jersey mandatory boater education law enacted January 9, 2006. LSPS is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 educational organization.

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Anne Freeman

Club Boat Use

For several years, the club has owned, and made available to club members, a small number of Sunfish and one Force 5. Over the past year, we have noted several issues that have generated some concern among the club officers. As a result, the policy for the use of the boats has been revised in some important ways. The following, excerpted from the 2009 Handbook, contains some important restrictions and should be read carefully by all members.

*The Hunterdon Sailing Club currently has several Sunfish and one Force 5 sailboat that are available for use by club members. **The Club boats may be signed out by the member and sailed only during the time that Club Sanctioned events are scheduled.** Use of the boats is confined to the “cove”, (the area adjacent to the HSC shed) or to the race course if an HSC committee boat or safety boat is present on the course. Boats may be used by sailor’s aged 18 and over; under 18 requires the signature of a parent or delegate taking full responsibility. Any member who uses a club boat assumes full responsibility for his or her safety while using the boat.*

Members may sail a club boat by signing out the boat on the record sheet in the shed. Members using a Club boat are responsible to ensure the boat is rigged properly; and take responsibility for having the appropriate skill level to operate the boat safely. If a member has a question about rigging a boat, their skill level or the weather conditions these should be discussed with a club officer or fleet captains before leaving shore.

However, discussion with club members or fleet captains does not supersede the individual decision of any member to sail or crew any boat at any time.

Members using a Club boat are also responsible to ensure that all occupants wear appropriate U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices at all times. The PFD’s shall be completely fastened while occupants are using the club boat. Any person who uses a Club boat is responsible for damage incurred to the boat and rigging and is required to return and properly store all equipment when they are finished using it.



Elliot Sighted in NJ

We couldn't make it to the Spring Cleanup Day and the launching of the See Which One due to a conflict with a Bar Mitzvah in Scotch Plains for one of Andrew's buddies. Little did we know that we would still be making our sailing contacts that day.

It started when we noticed a guy at the service who looked a lot like Elliot Zimmerman. But it could not be him since he had moved to LA; but wasn't he the one that was from Scotch Plains? Maybe not. You know it is not polite to stare. And why would he know the Rushes?

Well we just had to go over and say hello later during the reception, and sure enough it was Elliot, back to visit family. We spoke with him briefly where he gloated just a bit about the long sailing season out there. But he did ask that we say hello for him to everybody back at the club and that he hopes everybody is doing well.

For those of you who don't know Elliot, he was the Vice Commodore a couple of years back, and he devoted endless hour teaching and coaching sailing to our newest members. He is sorely missed!

David and Sharon Stockwell

Trading Post

Jet 1150 Jibe-Tech 2004. Ready to race. Aluminum board, DM-1 mast, all internal halyards. Top and bottom covers, North main and jib; Benson spinnaker. White hull and deck/gray floor. Excellent condition. Location: Spruce Run, NJ - \$6000 Contact Doug Brown at 201-394-1866 or jetracer14@netscape.net

For Sale: Jet 14 #1106, Aleph Builder 1976. In decent condition. New spin, Main and Jib are in fair condition. 2 year old Seitech dolly can be purchased separately. Trailer included. Call Doug Graiver at 609-397-5971

May SANJL Schedule

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SANJL Day 1 (O), Hunterdon SC, Spruce Run Reservoir, Clinton, NJ; Susan Mallows, 5 Michael Lane Annandale, NJ 08801, 908-638-5201(H), 908-303-0889 (C), susanmallows@yahoo.com

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SANJL Day 2 (O), Hendershot's Boat Launch, Swartswood Lake, NJ; Jim Bastnick, 666 Franklin Ave, Nutley, NJ 07110, 201-618-9064 (M), abigail@nac.net.

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Photo taken by editor as he enjoyed the sunset in Key Largo on his birthday.