

# The F 'C'S'LE

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## Burning of the Socks



On March 26th the Hunterdon Sailing Club officially recognized the onset of spring and the upcoming sailing season by observing the "Burning of the Socks" ceremony.

Prior to the General Membership Meeting at the Sunset Inn in Clinton, the members gathered on the back deck and offered their winter socks to the fires to signify that from this date forward the official nautical dress is boat shoes WITHOUT socks. The following proclamation was offered by Derek Stow, official toastmaster for the ceremony.

### OYEZ OYEZ, OYEZ

All ye citizens be aware that Charles Engler, Commodore of the Hunterdon Sailing Club, by virtue of the authority vested in him by the Constitution and Bylaws of said club, and in order to celebrate the arrival of spring, does hereby proclaim March 26th 2006, as ...

### First Annual "Burning of the Socks Day"

It is decreed by Commodore Engler that, from this day forth until the end of the sailing season, the official dress for all members of Hunterdon Sailing Club while engaged in the activities of the club, will be white shirt, khaki pants or shorts, and boat shoes WITHOUT SOCKS.

The Commodore calls upon all members of the Hunterdon Sailing Club to observe this auspicious day by attending a Burning of the Socks Ceremony at the Sunset Inn, Clinton, in the great State of New Jersey. Appropriate, respectful and solemn ceremonies will be held to celebrate the arrival of spring and will require the removal and casting off of socks, and the incendiary destruction of said socks.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please raise your glasses and join me in a toast ...

### To the Commodore.



## Force 5 Fleet News

HSC Force 5 sailors traveled to Florida to sail in the Force 5 mid winters! Yes we had three of our own sailing their hearts out down in Florida.

Rich Baumann was the top HSC finisher in 6th place. Just one point back in 7th place was Courtney Young. Ray Buchanan finished 13th over all and 1st in the masters division! Congratulations to all three sailors for a fine effort! For complete results and more photos of the event, visit the Force 5 Class web site: <http://www.force5.us/>

## Update

After spending the winter in our house getting some work done on it, the HSC Force 5 fleet boat is ready to race! This boat is in excellent shape and will be very competitive. If you were thinking of trying a Force 5 this would be a great boat to do so in. Call me if you are interested!

- Doug Brown 201-394-1866



Rich Baumann at the Force 5 Mid Winters  
Photo: Courtesy of the Force 5 Class Association

## Commodore's Corner

At this writing, March is STILL coming in like a lion. IT CAN'T go on this way. Spring WILL be here soon!

So get that boat out and dust it off, BUT first, send your 2006 dues in to Stacey, if you haven't already. In a week or so, you will be running the risk of not appearing in the 2006 HSC Handbook, and possibly incurring a late charge. If you've lost the application form, it is available at [www.sailhsc.org](http://www.sailhsc.org)

Speaking of Stacey B, she and Barry B. will be giving First Aid and CPR courses in a few weeks - watch for Elliot's schedule.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find Elliot's Race Committee assignments for May.

And, as Spring settles in on Spruce Run, our valiant Rear Commodores, Mark Califano and Gordon Sell, will be hosting Club work days later in April (see schedule in this issue). YOUR help is needed, and it's a fun day anyway.

And, by the time you read this, Chet Ensign's newly updated HSC Web-site will be on-line at [www.sailhsc.org](http://www.sailhsc.org) There will be more room for boats and equipment for sale (or wanted) and many other changes.

Our captive Publicist, Anne Freeman, has completed a 2006 HSC flyer extolling the virtues of membership in such a fast moving group! Copies are available, and will be used to recruit new members.

Our ball-of-fire Cruising/Open Fleet Captain, Kevin Pearce, has branched out into offering HSC clothing. You will hear more about this, but meanwhile, he's putting together the 2006 HSC Handbook!

ALL Fleet Captains: Please contact your members, get things organized, plan a party, a tuning session, whatever!

Our first order of HSC Burgees is just arriving. They will be like the center of the HSC logo, a simple stylized green "H" appliquéd to a white 10" X 15" Burgee and nicely finished, a bargain at \$15. If you are interested, contact me at [che1129@yahoo.com](mailto:che1129@yahoo.com)

The Training Class Schedule is in good shape. Ellen Greenhorn could use a few more instructor volunteers, don't hesitate to contact her.

And, lastly, all members need to look into securing a Safe Boating Certificate to be able to operate powered boats in NJ non-tidal waters INCLUDING HSC CLUB BOATS. The deadline depends on your year of birth (I have a few years yet). There is a "Test-Out" option for those with at least 100 hours experience. Otherwise, you will need to take a course. For complete details, go to [www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org)

### HSC OPENING DAYS

**Wednesday, May 3 and Sunday, May 7.**

**See you there!**

Charlie Engler, Commodore

## Sunfish Bottoms Up!

Welcome Aboard! I hope this article finds all of you well!

Most of us want to go faster in our Sunfish. We focus on gooseneck position, sail shape, our position in the boat, body weight, and how smooth the bottom of the hull is.

All of these things matter, however, maintaining the, "stiffness" in the hull of the Sunfish is equally important. Our boats fit naturally right side up on our trailers. However, if you transport the Sunfish, "right side up" the foam blocks on the port and starboard sides can become dislodged. When the blocks are dislodged, the boat loses its stiffness which leads to a slower boat, especially in moderate to heavy air.

In order to avoid this from happening to your Sunfish, transport the boat upside down or "bottoms-up".

If you suspect your boat has loose foam blocks, with two people, one at the bow and the other at the stern, place the boat on its side and give the boat a slight wiggle. If you hear a rattle chances are you may have a loose foam block.

A loose foam block is easy to repair. Typically, inspection ports are installed in Sunfish primarily for this reason.

At the end of this past season, I learned that two thirds of the port and one third of the starboard foam blocks were loose on my 1976 Sunfish. I repaired both sides by cutting inspection ports into the deck and used foam spray to reattach them to the hull.

So if you want to avoid repairs such as these, transport your Sunfish upside down or bottoms up. If you are too late in doing so, please let me know and I will be glad to assist you with your repairs!

- Jim Bardwil



2006 Sunfish Midwinter Regatta

Sunfish Midwinter's photos courtesy of Sherry Beckett.  
See more regatta photos at: <http://www.sail-race.com/>

# Sunfish Sailors on the Southern Circuit

Congratulations to the HSC members who attended the Sunfish International Masters at Davis Island March 10-12. There was a field of 67 skippers.

Overall results for HSC members were:

Courtney Young	15
Rich Bauman	36
Don Esch	38
Ray Buchanan	50

In the age subgroups Courtney took 4th in his group and Ray was 1st in his subgroup.

Three from this intrepid group continued on to the Sunfish Midwinter's held at Melbourne YC, March 16-19!

HSC member results:

Courtney Young	19
Don Esch	43
Ray Buchanan	62

Also, Congratulations to Derek Jackson who placed 2nd at the midwinter's. Many of you may remember Derek from the HSC Sunfish clinic last year. He spent two days with us teaching us rigging, fitness and coached the on-the water drills. He also usually sails with us 3 times on Wednesday evenings during the course of the season.

Let's all follow the example of these members and get ready for the season start! Since they have been practicing they'll have an advantage at the beginning of the season, but we can all get out and try to beat them.

I am republishing the RC assignments for Wednesday night - several changes were requested. Please recheck and make sure your dates are okay.

- Susan Mallows



## Twilight RC - 2006

Day	Primary RC	Assistant RC
May		
3 Opening Day	Don Esch	Jim Bardwell
10	Bob Griswold	Ellen Greenhorn
17	Derek Stow	Anita Demateo
24	Scott Callahan	Chet Ensign
31	Steve Manson	Lucy Bertocci
June		
7	Doug Brown	Susan Mallows
14	Charlie Engler	Stacey Bachenheimer
21	Gordon Sell	Mike Wheeler
28 Twilight II	Elliott Zimmerman	Caleb Zimmerman
July		
5	Mark Califano	Joanne Califano
12	Nicky Einthoven	Vim Einthoven
19	Nick Mentesana	Nathan Altomere
26	Ray Buchanan	Abi Seifert
August		
2	Guido Bertocci	Simon Bertocci
9	Rich Bauman	Andy Lindgren
16	Dave Davies	Teddy Wells

## NEWS FLASH

### SANJL Regatta #1 - May 13 at HSC

Skippers meeting 10:00 AM

Registration 8:30

First start 10:30

Fees:

Daily Fees: \$15 for Seniors, \$5 for Juniors

Series Fees: \$40 for Seniors, \$15 for Juniors

Juniors are sailors who are under age 18 on May 13, 2006

Four races will be held with daily trophies for both Championship and Challenger fleets. Continued participation in the series provides eligibility for series trophies.

Our own Steve Manson won last year's SANJL series.

Information on SANJL is available at [www.sunfishclass.org/midatlantic/sanj](http://www.sunfishclass.org/midatlantic/sanj)

## Meet Your Fleet Captain

In a series of interviews to run in the next few issues of The FO'C'S'LE, HSC's Publicity Chair, Anne Freeman, spoke with the Fleet Captains of each of the HSC Fleets. If you're interested in getting involved with any of the fleets, these are the folks to speak with.

Editor

## Charles Smith Captain of Jet-14 Fleet 51

**Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC):** Charles, would you give us a brief description of the Jet-14?

**Charles Smith (Charles):** The Jet 14 is a high performance, quick planing, two-person sloop with a spinnaker and active fleets throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. More than 1,150 Jets have been built over the 50-year history, with old and new boats equally competitive. The design and balance of the boat make it possible for sailors of all ages to be competitive at any level

**HSC:** What are your goals for the Jet-14 Fleet #51?

**Charles:** My goals for the fleet are to increase participation, to foster skills improvement of our fleet members, and to have lots of fun!

**HSC:** What is Fleet #51's regular meeting schedule?

**Charles:** We meet on Sunday's at 1PM as part of the Hunterdon Sailing Club's regular race schedule at Spruce Run.

**HSC:** What major events do you have planned for Fleet #51 in 2006?

**Charles:** We have a lot going on in 2006. There is the "Wren Wregatta," which is a two-day event. The first day of the "Wren Wregatta" is for Junior and Novice Skippers. The second day is an open event as well as the New Jersey Yacht Racing Association's (NJYRA) Jet-14 Championship. That is an exciting day. Fleet #51 also hosts the "Gravy Bowl," which is a one-day event and also leg 2 of the Jet-14 District I Championship. We have events scheduled at Pines Lake and Packanack Lake in New Jersey, and Lake Nockamixon in Pennsylvania. There is also a very active National Schedule of events including events in Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Ohio and North Carolina.

**HSC:** Charles, do you have a personal sailing motto or a fleet motto?

**Charles:** "Look at Charlie Engler! Where did he come from?"

**HSC:** How long you have been sailing?

**Charles:** 44 years. I learned to sail at a sailing camp on Cape Cod. We sailed 18 foot gaff rigged centerboard sloops called Baybirds. They had 145 square feet of sail and almost all of it was in the main. They were great boats for learning and teaching in as they could easily seat 3 campers and a counselor. Their only drawback was that when they capsized, and we did on occasion, there was a lot of water to bail.

**HSC:** How long have you been a member of the HSC?

**Charles:** This is my third season as a member of HSC.

**HSC:** Would you share with us your accomplishments as a sailor?

**Charles:** None. Joanna and I enjoy racing and some day we'll make it out of the "B" Fleet! Actually as a 13 year-old I won the camp sailing trophy. Haven't been at the top of the fleet since.

**HSC:** Do you belong to any other sailing-related clubs or organizations?

**Charles:** Yes, the Jet-14 Class Association and US Sailing.

**HSC:** Charles, what is the best way for prospective Jet-14 sailors to contact you about participating in Fleet #51 events?

**Charles:** Come by and say hello at a Hunterdon Sailing Club event or contact me by email at [cwsmith1124@comcast.net](mailto:cwsmith1124@comcast.net).

**HSC:** Thank you, Charles, and we hope that Fleet #51 has a very exciting season!



Baybirds still sail the waters of Cape Cod  
Note the "handkerchief" jib

## Susan Mallows Captain of the Sunfish Fleet

**Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC):** Susan, what is the official name of your fleet?

**Susan Mallows (Susan):** It is the Sunfish Class Fleet 156, but it is also known as the Twilight fleet and the Sunday Sunfish.

**HSC:** Please give us a brief description of the Sunfish Class Fleet 156.

**Susan:** We really have two fleets at the HSC as the Sunfish is the most popular boat at the club. Virtually everyone either sails a Sunfish as their primary boat or has one as a secondary boat. It is also the trainer of choice for the club, so many new sailors start in the Sunfish, as well.

The Twilight fleet races every Wednesday during the season starting at 6:00 PM. We try to do five short course races each night, but sometimes the wind and the sun do not cooperate with this goal. This fleet has a great depth of ability and is known as being one of the most competitive Sunfish fleets in North Jersey. However, it is also a great training ground for the less experienced sailor as there are many people willing to help and there is a lot of exposure to top notch sailors.

The Sunday Sunfish fleet races with the club on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 PM. The courses are longer and many Sunfish sailors are sailing their 'other' boat, so the attendance is lower. However, Jim Bardwil, who is the fleet captain for the Sunday fleet, has great enthusiasm for growing this fleet and I expect we will see more and more sailors participating.

Both fleets have a good number of Juniors racing, as well. It is great to see them out there beating the more experienced sailors.

**HSC:** Susan, what is your goal for the Sunfish Fleet 156?

**Susan:** The goal for the fleet is to have fun and go home happy. There is a lot of camaraderie in the fleet that is typical of the Sunfish Class as a whole, and my goal is to have everyone enjoy sailing and the people they sail with.

**HSC:** Do you have any major events planned for 2006?

**Susan:** The first event planned is a SANJL regatta on May 13. SANJL is an association of sailing clubs across the North Jersey area, and a series of races is held over the course of the season at various clubs. This year the first regatta of the series is at the HSC.

We also have an Open event on May 29th this year. Anyone in the Sunfish Class can participate in this event. We also have a club members only event on Labor Day.

**HSC:** Do you have a personal sailing motto or fleet motto?

**Susan:** My personal motto when sailing? Keep it flat(ish)-point at the mark, stay in the wind - which sometimes all devolve to WHAT is Steve doing and how come I can't do that too? But then, a lot of us say that :). The fleet motto - Have fun!



**The Fleet Captain rounds in the lead**

**HSC:** Susan, how long you have been sailing?

**Susan:** Not long enough!

**HSC:** How many years have you been a member of the HSC?

**Susan:** I'd have to say not long enough to this one, too - the HSC is a great club and I have made many friends through the club. We're all having fun together.

**HSC:** Would you share with us your accomplishments as a sailor?

**Susan:** I used to think the boat should be sailed with the big white thing in the water, but I have learned that it actually goes up in the air and the little white thing goes in the water. This was a big accomplishment for me. I occasionally beat people who are much, much better sailors than me (probably because they happen to be tanking that race). I get a big head about that for about half a race then they spank me next time around.

**HSC:** Are you a member of any other sailing related clubs or organizations?

**Susan:** I think I have membership in too many classes of boats, I have at least one boat for each class I belong to. I say I have too many because recently the town zoning officer came to my home and complained about all the boats in the yard and that I shouldn't be running a business. I don't think he believed that I (and Doug) actually sail all those boats.

**HSC:** Is there any other sailing-related information about yourself you'd like to share with the HSC membership and potential Sunfish fleet members?

**Susan:** I love to sail and grow in the sport. I also love to see other people having fun with it and growing in the same way. When I can help them out, it gives me great satisfaction.

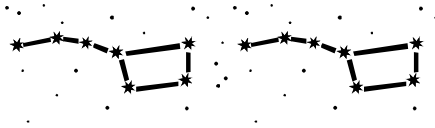
**HSC:** Susan, what is the best way for prospective Sunfish sailors to contact you?

**Susan:** Susan Mallows - Cell 908-303-0889; home 908-638-5201 - if a teenage boy answers, either call back and leave a message or make sure he writes down you called, otherwise I will never find out.

**HSC:** Thanks, Susan! See you on the lake!

## Laser News

We are once again considering Thursday evening races, formal or informal, for interested Laser sailors. If you think you might wish to participate, please email me at [rv-orr@earthlink.net](mailto:rv-orr@earthlink.net). If there is sufficient interest, we'll try to put something together. Other fleets are welcome to join in!



It's time to plan for the annual Double Dipper over Memorial Day weekend. Lasers race on Sun-

day and Sunfish race on Monday. There will be special trophies for the highest finishers in both races. Laser sailors, please plan to sail or make your boat available to Sunfish sailors. The Jet fleet is planning lunch and a "crazy hat" competition on Sunday. It should be a great weekend!

- Bob Orr

## Question of the Month

Is it true that after frostbiting (sailing in very cold weather), if you put your wet clothes outside and let them freeze, they will dry faster?

Hint: The answer is simply sublime...

Submitted by Nicky Einthoven

## Last Call for 2006 HSC Dues

April 15 is the deadline for 2006 HSC membership dues. After that date your name may not appear in the Regatta Program Handbook, and renewals may require a late fee.

**Don't tempt fate....RENEW NOW.**

If you have misplaced your membership application form, it is available on our website [www.sailhsc.org](http://www.sailhsc.org)

Questions may be forwarded to Membership Chair Stacey Bachenheimer at: [sailhsc@hotmail.com](mailto:sailhsc@hotmail.com)

## HSC Burgees

We now have a limited supply of the new HSC Burgees.

Made of all-weather nylon, beautifully sewn and finished, green stylized "H" on white background, complete with brass grommets, 10 X 15 inches.

Mail your check for \$15 payable to:

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New Providence, NJ 07974



## HSC APRIL – MAY RC and Work Schedule

Date	Day	Event	RC/ Crew
23-Apr	Sun	First Spring Clean up Day at Spruce Run Come One! Come All! 2 to 5 PM	
29-Apr	Sat	Second Spring Clean up at Spruce Run Come One! Come All! 10 AM to 2 PM	
30-Apr	Sun	Spring Clean up, Last Chance / Rain Date 1 to 5 PM	
30-Apr	Sun	CPR TRAINING in West Orange	
<b>MAY</b>			
7-May	Sun	Hot Dog Sunday- Laser Fleet	M Califano/ H Tanaka
13-May	Sat	SANJL- Sunfish OPEN	
14-May	Sun		Roswell/ Einthoven
21-May	Sun	Flying Scot Challenge of the Lakes	B. Griswold/J Bardwil
23-May	Tues	Back of Fleet Clinic- 6 PM Day 1	N Einthoven
25-May	Thur	Back of Fleet Clinic- 6 PM Day 2	N Einthoven
28-May	Sun	Laser Invitational – Double Dipper Crazy Hat Competition & Lunch - Jets	A. Lindgren/C Ensign
29 May	Mon	Memorial Day Sunfish Open	E Zimmerman/S Bachenheimer M Incatalupo

# Jet-14 News

Fleet 51 has added a new boat to its inventory. Guido Bertocci, who last season raced often in Doug Brown's and Susan Mallovs' 1150, recently took delivery of Jet-14 number 1148.

I asked Guido "why a Jet-14, and why this particular Jet-14?"

His response echoes what racing a Jet is all about.

### Why a Jet

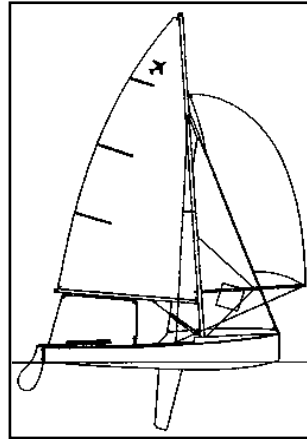
- 1) There is an active, competitive fleet at Spruce Run
- 2) The Jet-14 has a spinnaker, which is good for the kids, they need to learn how to fly one.
- 3) Locally and nationally it's a fun group of sailors
- 4) And perhaps most important, the boom is high enough that I can tack without whacking my head every time.

### Why this Jet

- 1) It was available now
- 2) It is a newer Jibe Tech model
- 3) It is fully rigged, including trailer, covers, and sails
- 3) The seller was willing to bring it to my house saving me an enormous hassle.

Well said Guido! We're looking forward to seeing you, the kids and 1148 on the line this season!

- Charlie Smith



## Join in the Fun! For Sale Jet 14 #1045

Solid hull, nice condition. White deck, red bottom. Excellent paint job on both. Sails: one good set for racing plus an older set. Includes older spinnaker with new pole. Repainted trailer is solid. Ready to race.

\$1600 or offer.

Bob Orr: 908-832-7553

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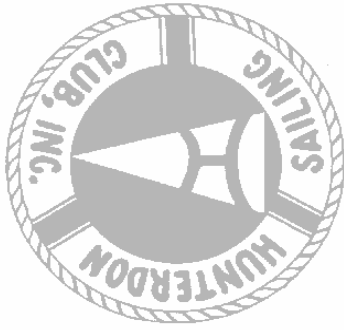
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Flying Scot	Chet Ensign	973-378-3472
Albacore	Ed Feeley	908-889-0929
Jet 14	Charles Smith	201-435-3694
Open and Cruising	Kevin Pearce	908-400-6930
Junior	Caleb Zimmerman	908-889-0858
Ladies	Nicky Einthoven	609-882-3392



1148 may have an Ohio registration, but she's a Jersey Girl now!

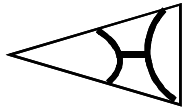


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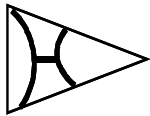
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