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LBJ Regatta

Wednesday July 4, 2007 ... what a great day! Sailors from the Sunfish, Jet14, Albacore, Daysailor and Flying Scot fleets were all represented. The wind was a gift as it came in at 8 AM from the South and didn't shift more than 10-20 degrees all day.

At 11, the skippers assembled to learn about the course and their fleet's handicap. The starting line was just south of the parking area and the 1st race began with 2 double-handed Sunfish leaving the line at 12:21 PM. All the fleets were off the line in 11



minutes with 4 Flying Scots in hot pursuit.

The course led everyone straight upwind to the dam and then off on a broad reach to the Tower building. Spinnakers were flying as the wind held steady from the South on the longest, straight leg of the course. The next leg took the fleet upwind to just east of the power lines. Once around the mark, they headed back down to the Tower and headed east on a tight reach back to the dam. The leaders worked the wind to their advantage, edging up slightly in the puffs and managed to make the next mark without a single tack. The wind was blowing 8-10 and the race leaders finished the first part of the course in 40 minutes.

The remainder of the race was twice around a long windward-leeward course. Derek Jackson wasn't giv-



On the last the windward leg, with the wind blowing just under 7, the RC rushed to set up a downwind finish, just before Doug Brown and Susan Mallows in Jet 1150 won in 103 minutes. Derek Jackson in his Sunfish was only 20 seconds behind.

Congratulations to those who finished just behind the leaders. Steve & Alec Manson, Ramon Rosswaag with Rachel Morris, Alex Khutoretsky, Charlie Engler & Stacey Bachenheimer, Brian Whigham, Gordon Sell & Gigi Swygen plus the Kaplan family.

Kudos also to recent Junior graduates, Mackenzie and Spencer Holmsborg, Cailey Silbert, Karlin Yeh & Rachel Morris plus the great RC – John Crombie, Bob Orr, Mary Deal, Mark & Sharon Holmsborg.

Thank You!

As Charles said, "HSC has been our Sunday Summer Family for 4 years now." It is bittersweet, but we leave with memories of great times, good people and special friends. We appreciate that so many of you came to say goodbye in the stormy weather and we were really surprised! The cake was terrific (thanks to the Bensons) and I just know that Charles will find a West Marine in California very soon. We will fly our HSC burgees proudly! Thanks to all!

Commodore's Corner

With this issue of the FO'C'S'LE, we bid farewell to editor Charlie Smith and his wife Joanna with our sincere thanks for their many efforts on behalf of HSC. Charlie and Joanna have been active participants through their excellent work in editing and publishing the Focsle, leadership of the Jet 14 fleet, organizing regattas and sailing their own Jet. We wish them well in their transition to California!

Thanks to the efforts of Chet Ensign and David Orr, the HSC website has recently been expanded and updated. You will now find a front page listing of "Upcoming Events" along with contact information, as well as other new features such as photo stories, links to other useful websites and a weather link. If you have any suggestions, contact me at my new email address rv-orr@comcast.net

Many training classes have taken place this past month. Through the efforts of club members, we have taught 30+ teens and pre-teens, two dozen or more adults, 8 kids in the 7-10 range and numerous others through Chet Ensign's crew training, Scott Callahan's Sunday Sunfish sessions, Doug Brown's Thursday afternoon Junior Sail Team and Elliot Zimmerman's Wednesday Adult Practice classes. Thanks to all who are conducting and assisting in these programs. For further information, please contact the person in charge via email addresses which are on the website. If you or your child missed the opportunity to join a class and would still like to learn to sail, please let me know.

Summer sailing at Spruce Run has been excellent. If you have not yet joined us for Wednesday or Sunday racing, please do so ... and bring the kids!

Windless Wren Wregatta

The Saturday Junior/Novice races were held in "barely a zephyr" on Saturday, August 28th. Guests from Mayfield Yacht Club Sean Lehane and Chris Whalen and their dads Dan Lehane and Dean Whalen took to the water with Caleb Zimmerman and Nathan Altomare along with the team of Lucy and Simon Bertocci for a heated competition.

Word is that the combined crew weight of the Junior Lehane/Whalen boat was a definite advantage in the light conditions. This event is used as a training session for our junior and novice sailors. RC Guido Bertocci and Elliot Zimmerman did a great job working with these young sailors who are all looking forward to the Jet 14 Nationals.

Sunday brought other Jets to the lake for the Open portion of the Wren along with the rain and thunder which didn't dampen anyone's spirit. Guido Bertocci and Simon Bertocci prevailed in the scoring. They entered the last of three races in a tight contest with Team Benson (2nd) and the Senior Crew from Mayfield, Dan and Dean (3rd) who were sailing a Jet formerly owned by Commodore Bob Orr.

It was great to see Rick Rainey and his son Travis on the water as well as to welcome Guy Irving back to HSC.

Sail Training Reaches New Low *in age, that is!*

New HSC sailors ranging in age from 7 to 10 attended Commodore Orr's pram training class. The kids were on the water within the 1st hour, reaching between teams of anxious and proud



dads plus a grandfather. By week 2, our youngest were sailing between shore and a mark about 100 feet beyond. Based on the success of our other training programs, the Bertocci clan and friends had better be watching their sterns!

Thanks Commodore!

Junior Sunfish Champs

On the weekend of July 21st the Bertocci/Altomare kids sailed in the 2007 Sunfish Junior North American Championships in Southold, Long Island. It was the first time any of us had sailed on salt water and the experience was a bit terrifying. During the practice races, the wind was between 15-20 knots with higher gusts. Even with a Jens rig and the cunningham and outhaul pulled as hard as possible, we couldn't keep the boats flat. After Simon flipped 6 times circling in the starting area, he decided to call it a day. Lucy and Nathan called it quits after the 1st race since we wanted to have our boats intact for the actual regatta. We were in a bit over our heads; nevertheless, just going out and sailing in that kind of wind was a great learning experience.

On Saturday the wind had calmed down considerably. It was blowing 10-15 and we all had to work to keep flat. It took all of us a few races to start to understand the starting line. With 37 boats there was much jostling and shouting and not much room to maneuver. The race committee boat had a mark floating off the transom to keep the boats from getting too close which made it very easy to get stuck barging. You had to start below and come up underneath to start legally. Chop was also a new concept that had to be factored in. Pinching is not an option when a large wave can wash over the bow of your boat and park you. The first day of the regatta finished with everyone feeling good about their scores. Lucy was 9th, Nathan was 10th and Simon was the 1st Midget and 21st overall. There had been only one large mistake - Nathan managed to hook another sailor's life vest with his boom and capsized at the start. This led to a rather poor finish but was made up for by his 1st race of the day where he placed 3rd.

Sunday began with wind around 13 knots and diminished throughout the day until it was about 5 knots. As the wind died it became clear that the chop was going to pose a larger problem. Light air however is not something new to us. The more the wind died the better we did. Nathan and Lucy had been scoring in the 9-14 range but in the last three races managed a 7-4-5 and a 6-5-6. We also managed to score within one point of each other in most of



Unlike smooth water on a lake, Simon learned that you can't point high in a chop. In the last race, he sailed low and fast. Even though he started last, he worked his way through the fleet and ended up 18th, his second best finish. At the end of the day, Nathan placed 7th and Lucy was 9th. Simon was 22nd overall, easily winning the midget North American championship by 39 points over the 2nd place midget.

~ Nathan, Lucy & Simon

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“Learn to Sail” Program

Jet 14 Gravy Bowl Saturday, August 25

Established in 1958 at the Monmouth Boat Club and later transferred to HSC, the Gravy Bowl remains a popular, late-season regatta.

As in the past, the 2007 Gravy Bowl Regatta will also be Leg 2 of the District I Championship. Leg 1 was held in May at Pines Lake and Leg 3 will be at Packanack Lake on Saturday, October 6th. While all Jets are welcome to sail in the Gravy Bowl itself, to be eligible for the District Championship, Class Membership is required. Scoring for the Districts (only) is based on best finishes in 2 of the 3 Legs.

Trophies for the Gravy Bowl will be five (5) deep for skippers and crews. In addition, the winning team will get to keep the unique perpetual trophies on their mantels for an entire year! For more info about this fun day, email che1129@yahoo.com

~ Charlie Engler



Force Five Fleet News

Big news! Long missing Tom Oryniak was seen and caught on digital sensor on July 22nd. Unfortunately, he did not follow the Force 5 Sunday schedule and was sailing alone for all of one race, so he couldn't check out the rust on his skills. Tom has been off raising a family for several years, but is now back on rare occasion with one or more of his children.

Mark your calendars for additional Force 5 Sailing!

- NAC's, Aug 15-18, New London, CT
- Aug 5, 12, 19, Sept 2, 16 *Millard Filmore*, 30

~ Rich Baumann

Quick Start for Jr Team

HSC Juniors finished 1, 2 & 3 at the SANJL Junior Championship Round 1. Lucy Bertocci was 1st, Simon Bertocci was 2nd & Alec Manson was 3rd.

Simon also won the Midget Sunfish North American Championship at Southhold Yacht Club on Long Island. Nathan Altomare finished 7th and Lucy Bertocci was 9th out of 37 in the Junior Sunfish North America Championship.

Our Junior Team now has 10! Come out and sail with us on Thursdays from 2-5 PM.

~ Doug Brown

Sunfish News

The Howard Griswold Regatta was held July 7 and 8 in Green Pond, New Jersey. The wind was blowing off the cliffs the 1st day and slightly more on the 2nd day. It was tricky, but great lake sailing. Hunterdon Fleet 156 members took home all the hardware. Derek Jackson was 1st, followed by Steve Manson, Bob Griswold and Doug Brown.

The SANJL Junior series also had a strong showing from HSC. 12 skippers participated with Lucy Bertocci taking 1st followed by Simon Bertocci and Alec Manson. Nils Swyzen finished 7th in his first away regatta. Congrats to all!

Wednesday nights have been having great turnouts with 16 skippers already qualified for the summer series and over 20 more participating. Sunday Sunfish Sailing has also seen increasing participation with 14 skippers on the water. Scott's "Tips and Tactics" have been helping to improve everyone's skill level. Congratulations to Ellen Greenhorn for taking 1st place at the Commodore's Cup Regatta! And kudos to everyone else for their wins and perseverance!

~ Susan Mallows

August	Race Committee
1	Guido Bertocci Simon Bertocci
8	Mark Kaplan Kathy
15	Mike Wheeler Bob Orr
22	Make-Up Day Susan Mallows

August Calendar

Thurs, Aug 2	Junior Sail Team
Sun, Aug 5	HSC Junior Series 1, 10 AM – 12 Noon- Pram Training Session, 10 AM-12 Noon
Wed, Aug 8	Adult Supervised Practice
Sun, Aug 12	HSC Junior Series 2, 10 AM Start Pram Training Session, 10 AM-12 Noon
Wed, Aug 15	Adult Supervised Practice
Thurs, Aug 16	Junior Sail Team
Sun, Aug 19	HSC Junior Series 3, 10 AM Start Pram Training Session, 10 AM-12 Noon
Wed, Aug 22	Adult Supervised Practice
Thurs, Aug 23	Junior Sail Team
Sat, Aug 25	Jet 14 Gravy Bowl
Wed, Aug 29	Adult Supervised Practice
Thurs, Aug 30	Junior Sail Team

New Members Sail

Six new-to-HSC sailors along with Chet Ensign and Gordon Sell were out on the water on Sat, July 21st under blue skies and companionable winds. Most had recently completed the 'Learn to Sail' program and one had just returned from grinding a Genoa on 'True North' at St. Marten's "12-Meter Challenge". We considered him experienced - and lucky!

Class started with discussions about the important role of the crew. In addition to the simple mechanics of working the sails and tending to other controls, we stressed the importance of keeping a watchful eye all around the boat and communicating with the skipper. "The best rule-of-thumb is to assume your skipper does not see something," Chet advised. "I would rather say 'Got it - thank you' 50 times than miss hearing about the one item I didn't see."

Then we were off to sail in the "companionable" winds which had escalated to challenging. Fortunately with four crew, a Flying Scot is a very stable platform and even the few 20 MPH gusts that arrived with white caps did not rattle the boats or crews.

We dropped 2 temporary marks and spent the next few hours tacking, jibing and rounding marks. We rotated students through crew positions and the training became a multi-purpose exercise in sail trimming

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