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## HSC ANNUAL DINNER



In what is believed to be an HSC first, Guido, Lucy and Simon become first threesome to win the Bluenose. That they are all related makes the event all the more memorable. It's a great accomplishment for the family. Add to that a National Sunfish Midget Championship for Simon and several other fine regattas for the clan and call it a great year.



## PHOTO CONTEST

Each year in early January, we ask for photos to be submitted so that the Vice Commodore and Fleet Captains can select one for the cover of the Yearbook. The best photos usually are taken during races or training sessions, and include more than one boat, frequently in interesting situations. If you took a picture during 2007 and would like to submit it for consideration, please email or mail it to Rich Baumann by January 15. ([force5@verizon.net](mailto:force5@verizon.net) or 29 Plymouth Rd., Nutley, NJ 07110

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# **AWARDS**

## **Club Awards**

### **Sunfish Memorial Day Open**

First Place  
Derek Jackson

### **Commodore's Cup**

First Place  
Ellen Greenhorn

### **Little Brown Jug- Jet 14**

First Place  
Doug Brown  
Crew Susan Mallows

### **Blue Nose Challenge - Flying Scot**

First Place  
Guido Bertocci  
Crew: Lucy and Simon Bertocci

### **Labor Day Sunfish Classic**

First Place  
Nicky Einthoven

### **Sam Nelson Regatta**

First Place  
Nathan Altomare

### **Walter C Finne Trophy**

Simon Bertocci

### **Rookie Regatta**

Shane Oryniak

### **Outstanding Club Service**

Rich Baumann

### **Outstanding Fleet Award**

Sunday Sunfish

## **Series Racing**

### **Jet 14**

#### **Spring**

First Place  
Guido Bertocci

#### **Fall**

First Place  
Brent Benson  
Crew Barbara Benson

### **Sunfish**

#### **Spring**

First Place  
Scott Callahan

Second Place  
Susan Mallows

Forth Place  
Scott Callahan

#### **Summer**

First Place  
Scott Callahan

Second Place  
Nick Mentasana

Third Place  
Ramon Rosswaag

#### **Fall**

First Place  
Scott Callahan

Second Place  
Susan Mallows

#### **Summer Force 5**

First Place  
Rich Baumann

### **Flying Scots**

#### **Summer**

First Place  
Gordon Sell  
Crew: Gigi Swyzen

Second Place  
Mark Kaplan

#### **Fall**

First Place  
Gordon Sell

### **Twilight I**

First Place  
Steve Manson

Second Place  
Dave Davies

Third Place  
Bob Griswold

Forth Place  
Scott Callahan

Fifth Place  
Doug Brown

### **Twilight II**

First Place  
Derek Jackson

Second Place  
Guido Bertocci

Third Place  
Dave Davies

Forth Place  
Doug Brown

Fifth Place  
Scott Callahan

Sixth Place  
Bob Griswold

### **Junior Twilight Series**

First Place  
Nathan Altomare

### **Total Number of Qualifiers**

**40**



Ed. Note – Sending a photo of editor with his wife and oldest grandchildren guarantees publication.

## **Some Thoughts on Fleet Development** (Borrowed from...)

### **Thistle Class - Growth and Promotion** **By Keith Graham**

I have read with some dismay, the concern, panic and anger associated with folks who are into one-design sailing and are seeing their fleet base eroding.

I can understand the concern when a fleet that used to have 20 boats in it now has only 8, but one suggestion that I have seen a number of times is to force companies to stop killing old classes by making new ones.

You want boat manufactures to stop making boats? Stop making money? Volunteer to go out of business? Really?

If you truly want to grow your fleet you must ask yourself why did the fleet go from 20 to 8? What can I do to grow the fleet from 8 to 20?

If the fleet is shrinking, the first step is easy. Ask the folks who left why they left. Then correct those problems! Not enough dock space? Then do something about it! Two-day regattas are too long? Then shorten them! Not enough boats to sail against? Buy (or borrow) some used ones and charter them out! Not enough experienced crew pool members? Train them!

The next step is even easier, albeit more expensive. Advertise! Why do you think boat manufactures are able to sell boats? Because they build them, and keep them behind locked gates and tell no one that they are there? Not on your life! However, that's what all local sailboat fleets do. Our marina is locked, The races take place in the evenings a mile out into the water. How's anyone supposed to know who's out there and what they are doing?

We doubled the size of the Seattle Thistle Fleet in one year (18 to 36 boats) by merely putting a poster on the marina gate that showed pictures of Thistles, boat specs, and a local contact phone number. Cost \$10.00. Effort? One hour.

Next came a flyer-sized version of the same poster, placed in realtor "Take One" boxes placed at sailing venues around the city. Cost \$100.00 Effort? Ten hours.

Next we invited the public at large to a demo day. We had new and used boats on trailers and we rigged them over and over again. We let people sit in them in the parking lot. We took 18 people out for rides and let them take the tiller. We had handouts available that listed sailing schedules, fleet members, available boats, new and used, a brochure from the Thistle Class Association and the latest copy of The Thistle Class Magazine the "Bagpipe." Everyone who came got a free ride, got to meet some fleet members and a boat owners and 25 pounds of advertising material. Just like being at a car dealership. Cost? \$250.00 and ten people's Saturday.

So for less than \$400.00 and 80 hours of time, we "sold" 18 Thistles. To do that same trick, boat manufactures would have to place very expensive ads in very expensive (and dwindling) sailing magazines. They could offer no demo rides, no personal contact with enthusiastic fleet members, and no rides on race night. Nothing but the opportunity to buy a brand new boat.

Spend some time, spend some money, and sell "the experience" that comes with your fleet. That's far a more powerful hook than a glossy picture anytime.

(Additional fleet development ideas are being emailed to fleet captains. – ed)

## Flying Scots Challenge Each Other for the Fifth Year

A great way to build excitement in your fleet is to partner with fleets from other locations for joint events. The Flying Scots have enjoyed a special relationship with Fleet 163 at Lake Nockamixon and together we just wrapped up the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the "Challenge of the Lakes."

The ground rules are simple: we sail two race days at Pennsylvania's Lake Nockamixon; they sail two days at HSC. The 3 lowest scores for each sailor are throw outs, so competitors must sail at least 1 race day on the other lake in order to qualify.

The Challenge of the Lakes series has successfully gotten more Flying Scots out on the water competing together. This year, the Challenge brought out a total of 19 racing teams over the season with a best race day of 12 boats on the water.

The Challenge started in 2002 when NSC Fleet Captain Mike Noone contacted HSC Captain Gary Nackman and pitched the idea of a joint series. As we are an hour's drive from each other, travel was not a barrier and the opportunity to meet more Scot sailors and enjoy sailing in another locale seemed a great way to add another fun event to our schedule.

2007 was both the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flying Scot and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great inter-club event. On the final race day, four HSC teams traveled to Nockamixon for perfect "Flying Scot" winds in the 13 - 15 mph range – with the occasional burst of 20 to keep things interesting! The Stockwell family in toto (Dave, Sharon, Andrew, and Caroline) sailed their first full-family sortie on Nockamixon along with the Kaplans (Mark, Ronit and Daniel), Gordon Sell and Lynn Kanaby, and Dave Wier and John Thomas, winners of this year's "Mark Spitz Olympic Gold" award for excellence in capsized event.



### Gordon and Lynn in Orange Crush lead the competition

The competition in the Challenge has always been good. Lake sailing is challenging and each lake has its quirks and nuances. As we learn each others' venues, each fleet gets better and the finish results get closer. This year, HSC sailors took final positions 3 through 6 (Kaplan, Weir, Nackman, and Sell) and combined top 3 fleet scores for each club were equally close. We could see some very close sailing in 2008!

The Challenge of the Lakes has proved a great event for both clubs. There are more boats out on the water to compete and plenty of camaraderie ashore after. We look forward to another Challenging year in 2008!

By Chet Ensign, Fleet Captain, Flying Scot Fleet #184

What Are the Gelatinous Blobs at the Lake's Edge?

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A number of us have noticed large gelatinous blobs at the water's edge as the level of the lake has gotten low. Most folks I've spoken to figure that these must be some kind of jellyfish or coral-like organisms. Actually, what we see is not at all closely related to jelly fish or corals. We are seeing another kind of animal life that belongs to a totally different phylum: freshwater bryozoans, Phylum Ectoprocta, genus and species, *Pectinatella magnifica*.

Upon close examination with the naked eye, you can see little rosettes which are arrays of individual zooids (individual organisms).

These zooids possess extendible lophophores with tentacles and cilia that are used to filter microscopic food from the water. Their body form is quite like many other complex animals in that it possesses a digestive tract with mouth, stomach, and anus. Though corals and jellyfish have tentacles for feeding, their body form is much simpler. There is a central cavity where food can enter cells but there are no organs such as stomach and intestine.

Follow these links to see some pictures and a bit more information:

<http://www.bio.umass.edu/biology/conn.river/bryozoa.html>

<http://www.bio.umass.edu/biology/conn.river/corals.html>

Barbara Benson (Ret. Biology Professor)

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TRAVEL TIPS

Just back from a trip to Lake Hartwell, near Anderson, SC. in the NW corner of the state and near to GA border. Learned something new.

Going down I took my usual route going to FL. That's 78 down to Trenton, the interstate to the Delaware bridge, 301 to 95 north of Richmond. Then, of course, 85 over to Hartwell. A total of 850 miles, 16 hours and \$10.50 in tolls. I couldn't believe it...on two bridges \$1 for my car and \$2 for my little trailer.

At Hartwell they said try 85 to 77 north to 81 then east to 78. All interstates. No lights and little traffic. It only saved me two hours about 50 miles and joy to my Scotch heart \$10.50 in tolls. I'd do it just for the toll savings. I had thought that I-81 was too far west to be any good. Now I'll have to think about it for my trip to FL this winter.

Gas prices, from best to worst...\$2.54 to \$2.80...Clinton, MD, VA, home,VA, SC and NC. Don't ask about the total. You don't want to know.

Question of the day: How do you replace a bow handle on a Force 5. The track on my trailer that I run the bow up on when loading broke and the handle broke off. The screws or bolts that attach it do not turn???

HBWT (Have boats, will travel - aka Ray Buchanan)

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JET BRIEF

In February we will be contacting members to organize a winter get together for March. In particular we want to meet with our new members to see how the fleet can help them get ready for the coming season. If anyone has any questions they should feel free to call, 908 735 0010, or email me at [wbertocci@aol.com](mailto:wbertocci@aol.com).

Guido

## Reporting from the Western Carolina Sailing Club:

There are connections to our sailing clubs up North. Eighty four boats sailed in the Hospice regatta last weekend, raising \$26k for the cause. With parties Friday and Saturday nights, and a picnic on Sunday afternoon, we got to see a lot of folks.

Three of our friends from HSC came down and took the top 3 places in the Force-5 fleet. Rich Baumann 1, Byron Hicks 2, Ray Buchanan 3.



The Flying Scot winner was Tom Lawton 5 pts, followed by Brent and Barbara Benson with 11 pts, Eric Aschffenburg 13 pts, Bill Ross 20 pts. You Scot folks may know the other three as they travel to a lot of regattas from their base at Lake Norman. They tell me that Tom is the hottest current racer there. Bill Ross is a former Scot class president, and father of Mike Ross, an excellent Thistle sailor.

Third in its fleet was Ultimate-20 #17 sailed by Jerry Lane from GA. #17 was first owned by Mike Noone and sailed at Nockamixon, and then by someone in Indiana. First and second in that fleet were Doug Kessler in a Melges-24, and Don Corey in Ultimate-20

#111. Don was U-20 class president for awhile.

The Buccaneer-18 had the largest fleet with 17 boats, even without NSC's Jim Flynn who came last year. Folks asked about him.

We may sail in the Turkey Shoot regatta at nearby Lake Keowee next weekend.

The famous Thistle Bloody Mary Regatta is Nov 2-3. We have sailed in it for the last 6 years, and it is the reason we found our SC house next to the WCSC. Thistlers are cordially invited to come down, and possibly stay at our house unless the beds are already taken by our friends from other clubs.

Brent Benson



Ed. – The Benson's are swell hosts.

**Boy Scout Sailing Merit Badge**

HSC member John Thomas is an approved counselor by the Boy Scouts of America for SMALL BOAT SAILING merit badge. Although it is too late to complete the requirements this season, please spread the word to Boy Scouts that the opportunity exists next season. The only prerequisite is that the scout has completed the "BSA swimmer test".

The requirements for earning this merit badge emphasize boating safety and preparation prior to leaving shore, along with basic sailing skill competency, and some seamanship and boat care. Several hours are spent on shore and on the water, covering the basics in a practical fashion, salted with the instructor's sea stories from several years of ocean cruising, including a trans-Atlantic. The instructor is also willing to travel to tropical islands, providing expenses are paid by parties wishing to complete the merit badge this winter.

Scouts who are interested should contact John Thomas at work: 908-782-4747 ext. 607, or home: 908-788-9102.

**Some Suggestions From Ramon**

In response to Rich Baumann's request via e-mail let me offer these suggestions for 'improvements'. Since I am not available for Winter Meetings consider these as 'I make a motion' items.

- (1.) Revival, or return, of former club policy of awarding FIRST IN FLEET AWARD to those participating in the LBJ Regatta. Might boost turnout a bit.
- (2.) Employ the START/FINISH line rule to Sunday racing. We do it for others but not for ourselves. For example, finishing Sunfish on port tack do not relish yielding to spinnaker-flying boats on starboard tack barreling through the start/finish line.

(3.) Make those over 70 exempt from mandatory Race Committee duty...unless they really want to. Give us a break; than anchor gets a little heavier with each passing year!

(4.) Sunfish sail numbers are in complete disarray. We have taped Xs, ones, elevens, blanks, and one-sided single digits. This places undue burden on Race Committees. Class rules are quite clear on this matter. Let me know if you need sail numbers. I will order insignia cloth and cut them out for you at no charge. Then perhaps some spring 2008 morning I will chair a PROPER ATTACHMENT SEMINAR for a group of needy sails.

(5.) Required viewing for port tackers; the movie WIND!  
Ramon (14300)

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**Aerial photo of Flying Scots at Nockamixon on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007**