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Commodore's Corner

As I write, a hawk is soaring above the trees outside my window on a crystal-clear day in early spring. The light breeze, blue sky, and bright sunshine make me realize how much I am looking forward to the start of our sailing season, just about 5 weeks away. Fortunately for all of us who are anxious for the sailing to begin, there are lots of HSC members who are hard at work on a variety of projects that will make this a great season. A sampling, along with some requests for action:

Stacey Bachenheimer is processing applications for club membership and sailing classes, and has recently notified us that one class is already filled. This is very early for us to have received so many applications for classes, so if you are contemplating taking a class, please fill out the forms (available at www.sailhsc.org) right away. It may be possible for us to expand our course offerings, but we won't know that for awhile. If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal form, you may print it from the website and send it to Stacey (right away, please!) Stacey also reports that many new members are joining HSC. Please welcome them and help them to get oriented and involved. For this influx of new members, credit certainly goes to Anne Freeman for placing articles about HSC in numerous publications.

Thanks to Anne and Ellen Greenhorn, HSC has had a beautiful display this month at the Hunterdon County Library, Clinton Branch. On April 1, that display moves to Bernards Township library, 32 S. Maple Ave in Basking Ridge. (Tel 908.204.3031) Doug Brown and Susan Mallows will be presenting an introduction to HSC at the library in Clinton on Saturday, April 26 from 1 to 3 PM (and congratulations and best wishes to Susan and Doug on their recently announced marriage plans!).

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NJ Boating Safety Certification

Here's a personal question from Vice Commodore Rich Baumann:

Were you born before 1949? If the answer is yes, I'm glad, because you can serve on Race Committee without permission from the State of New Jersey.

If however, you are younger, then as of June 1, 2008, you must have successfully completed a New Jersey Boating Safety program.

Step one for everyone is to go to this website:
<http://www.nj.gov/njsp/maritime/faq.html>.

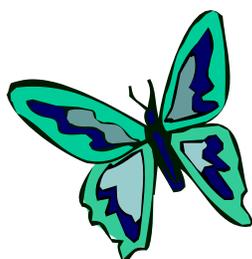
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THE SEASON IS NEARER!

5-Apr	Sat			Club Sunfish Work Day	RC Chair	RC Members
12-Apr	Sat	Party		Jets & Junior Sunfish	Guido & Lucy	
19-Apr	Sat			Pre-Season Work Day		
30-Apr	Wed	Tw1	1		Check Mike Wheeler's email	
4-May	Sun	Spring	1		Gordon Sell	Mike Incantalupo
7-May	Wed	Tw1	2		Check Mike Wheeler's email	
10-May	Sat			SANJL Spruce Run		
11-May	Sun	Spring	2		Nicky Einthoven	Hitosi Tanaka
14-May	Wed	Tw1	3		Check Mike Wheeler's email	
17-May	Sat					
18-May	Sun	Spring	3	Scot Challenge of the Lakes Scot Hot Dog Sunday	Ray Buchanan	Sean Mezkat
21-May	Wed	Tw1	4		Check Mike Wheeler's email	
25-May	Sun	Spring	4		Charlie Engler	Anita DeMatteo
26-May	Mon			Memorial Day Sunfish		
28-May	Wed	Tw1	5		Check Mike Wheeler's email	
30-May	Fri			Flying Scot Friday		
1-Jun	Sun	Spring	5		Mike Ambrose	Dave & Sharon Stockwell
4-Jun	Wed	Tw1	6			
7-Jun	Sat			Force 5 Spring Spectacular	Guido Bertocci	Skip Leslie
8-Jun	Sun	Spring	6	Force 5 Spring Spectacular	Guido Bertocci	Gigi Swyzen

Steps to take in the next month:

1. Show up for work days
2. Clean up boat, check trailer
3. Attach current stickers and registrations
4. Sail at April 30 and May 4 Openers



INTERVIEW WITH HSC'S GUIDO BERTOCCI

Winner of the 2007 Blue Nose Challenge with Crew Lucy and Simon Bertocci

Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC): Hello, Guido. Welcome to the Fo'c's'le. The HSC history now includes "Guido Bertocci with Crew Lucy and Simon Bertocci, 2007 First Place – "Blue Nose Challenge." Congratulations! Guido, what is the Blue Nose Challenge, and what appeals to you about this race?

Guido: The Blue Nose is the club championship regatta for winners of the various classes and series throughout the year. Last year it was held in Flying Scots, which made it particularly interesting since I could race with my kids, Lucy and Simon.

HSC: Please tell us a little bit about the boat you sailed for your win.

Guido: The Flying Scot is a 19-foot daysailer that is sailed and raced by many around the country. Compared to the Jet 14, which is what we usually sail, the Scot has a large cockpit and is very stable, which makes it a good class for novices and experienced sailors alike.

HSC: Who had what job on the boat and how was that determined?

Guido: Simon and Lucy decided to have Simon trim the jib, which meant that Lucy had to do everything else. Being a very blustery day, she helped Simon trim the jib the last few inches after tacks, particularly on jibs that only had a 1:1 purchase. She was responsible for pulling the centerboard up and down. Lucy trimmed the mainsail when rounding the leeward mark and gibing. She was also the assistant tactician, keeping me informed on the positions of the other boats, marks, and wind gusts or shifts as we went around the race course.

HSC: Tell us about your winning moment, and how early in the race did you realize that you were going to win?

Guido: As this was our first time in a Flying

Scot we weren't quite sure what to expect. We knew the competition would be tough. Coming from the Scot fleet, Gordon had an inside edge. Scott Callahan can step in any boat and go fast. With his previous experience in Scots, we expected him to be near the front. Bob Griswold was accustomed to two person boats from racing Comets and Dave Davies has many years of experience.

It was a day of continuous improvement. In the first race we were competitive but not particularly fast. In each subsequent race we focused on doing a better job of anticipating puffs and keeping the boat flatter. Simon and Lucy's boat handling was excellent, which gave us flexibility on tactics and maneuvers. In the second race, with wind gusts increasing over 20 knots, we seemed to have a slight speed edge which allowed us to keep the strategy simple - get a good clean start, get out front and keep a loose cover on Scott who was also fast.

Going into the last race, we had the points lead, but with strong winds and lake sailing, anything could have happened. Simon and Lucy continued their stellar crew work. We won the start and slowly increased our lead around the course. Only after crossing the finish line, were we sure that we had won.

HSC: Congrats again, Guido Bertocci with Crew Lucy and Simon Bertocci, for your First Place – 2007 Blue Nose Challenge win. Can we expect to see you on the lake in 2008?

Guido: Our many thanks to the Flying Scot fleet for lending their boats. My thanks to Lucy and Simon for racing with me. Combined with fantastic sailing conditions, stiff competition and race committee work, we had a great time. We will certainly be out there again this year.

HSC: Thanks, Guido – see you on the lake!

(Interview by Ann Freeman)



Commodore's Corner (Continued)

At the library display, new flyers that were created by Gordon Sell have been available. Gordon has created a printable version, which you may already have received via email. Please print some copies and hand them out to friends or place them at appropriate locations. The flyer may also be seen on the HSC website, which is very current with news, information, and printable forms thanks to the ongoing efforts of webmaster David Orr and to Chet Ensign for keeping him informed.

Chet continues to lead an exceptionally active and involved Flying Scot fleet. With enthusiastic sailors and some new boats in the fleet, this promises to be a great summer for the Scots. Happily, other fleets are gearing up for the season, too. Guido Bertocci and daughter Lucy are planning a Jet 14 and Junior Sunfish party for Saturday, April 12. And Mike Wheeler already has his race committee assignments established for the Wednesday evening races. Check his email, sent via our chief of correspondence Andy Lindgren, for names and dates.

Gordon Sell and Mike Incantalupo are planning a couple of important work days in April: a Sunfish work day on Saturday, April 5 to prepare our club Sunfish for sailing and training, and the Spring Workday on Saturday, April 19 to launch the See Which Won and prepare for the start of the season. See the article elsewhere in this Focsle and please contact Gordon (gordon@gspr.com) about volunteering for either one (or both!) of these vitally important activities. We are also working on a date for a Spruce Run work day, during which we will help Becky Williams-Ellis and her crew with park tasks. This will be a new activity, which we hope will be lots of fun and especially rewarding in view of this year's state budget cuts.

Charlie Engler and Gigi Bruggeman are coordinating the adult and youth training programs, including the swim checks for all adults and children who will be taking HSC classes and who did not get a swim check last year. The swim check dates are all on Saturdays: April 26, May 10, and June 7. Gigi is the primary contact for swim checks: gigiswyzen@hotmail.com. I am also happy to report that Caleb Zimmerman will be the lead instructor this year for both of our youth learn-to-sail courses in late June. And thanks to the efforts of Charlie Engler and Rich Baumann, the supervised Sunfish practice sessions on Wednesday evenings in July and August will be free of charge!

Rich is now distributing the Focsle by email to all who sign up with him (force5@verizon.net). If you have not yet done so, I highly recommend it as a great way to save paper, Rich's folding time, and postage costs. You will receive your Focsle quickly and in beautiful living color! Rich and Kim Gold are also hard at work on the handbook, which will be available in time for all to use throughout the season.

Move-in weekend at Spruce Run is April 5 and 6 (or anytime thereafter). It will be great to see old and new friends bringing in their boats, so please join the fun. With good weather and warm clothing, perhaps a few of us will shake off the cobwebs and set sail.

Congratulations to the Bertoccis and Nicky Einthoven (see articles in this Focsle). I sincerely thank all who have been busy during the winter on behalf of HSC, and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Remember: the Sunfish start the season on Wednesday, April 30 and opening day is Sunday, May 4!

Bob

Boating Safety Certification – Continued

Then read the FAQs and follow the links in Answer #11 to find places to earn your certification. Many sites are available and the time investment is small. Also, note that people born before 1949 may "test out" of the program by studying the downloadable manual and taking the test. If you are serving as a Race Committee Chair, please contact your RC to determine who is certified and manage your crew accordingly.

Gearing up for HSC 2008

The Hunterdon Sailing Club will have two big work days in April.

SUNFISH WORK DAY

Saturday, April 5th starting at 10 AM (rain date Sunday 4/6)

The goal is to thoroughly inspect and repair club's 10 Sunfish and to prepare the boats for the season.

1. Survey boats for damage and deficiencies, including pressure testing the hulls for leaks.
2. Fiberglass Repairs -- Several of the boats need some fiberglass surgery, which will be performed under the expert supervision of Doctor Doug Brown. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to perform fiberglass repairs on your own boat.
3. Cleaning the topsides. Sand, fill, and smooth the bottoms.
4. Survey sails, spars, rudders, and centerboards.
5. Assign a full set of equipment for each boat and label the parts. I.E. HSC-1, HSC-2, HSC-3, etc.

Hardware Needs: Saw horses for working on boats. Generator and/or inverters for AC power tools. Orbital sanders, jig saws, cordless power tools, hand tools, cleaning supplies, and large containers of clean tap water for soapy water for pressure testing.

Please sign up!! Send email to Gordon Sell <gordon@gspr.com>



HSC SPRING WORK DAY

Saturday, April 19th starting at 10 AM (rain date Sunday 4/20)

Get the club area and equipment ship shape for another season of sailing.

1. Launch the See Which Won pontoon boat and install the motor, deck boxes, flag rigging, etc. (it takes about 16-20 people to lift it into the water)
2. Clean up and prepare the two safety boats and trailers for operation.
3. Test-drive all three boats.
4. Clean up, inflate, and check ground tackle on race moorings.
5. Clean out the shed and organize contents logically, and create signs and labels.
6. Make shed upgrades and improvements (your suggestions encouraged)
7. Remove weeds, including poison ivy, and willow stumps between the shed and lake. No herbicides allowed.
8. Spread several tons of gravel mulch around the shed area
9. Move SWW mooring to Summer location.

Hardware Needs: Shovels, rakes, hoes, chain saws, pry bars, etc. Cordless power tools — Drills, saws, sanders, jig saws, hand tools, cleaning supplies, and large containers of clean tap water for cleaning.

Please sign up!! Send email to Gordon Sell <gordon@gspr.com>

INTERVIEW WITH HSC'S NICKY EINTHOVEN

Winner of the 2007 Labor Day Sunfish Classic

Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC): Hello, Nicky. Welcome to the Fo'c's'le. The HSC history now includes "Nicky Einthoven, 2007 First Place – "Labor Day Sunfish Classic." Congratulations!

Nicky Einthoven: Hi Anne! Thank you! It was a fun regatta.

HSC: Nicky, tell us a little about the Labor Day Sunfish Classic, and how did you prepare to compete for the race?

Nicky: Preparation was easy. I made sure my boat was in good shape, that everything worked, that the hull was smooth, and I had sailed a lot before the regatta. Racing in the Sunfish World Championships a few weeks before the Labor Day regatta helped, too. My starts and mark roundings had improved during the Worlds, and that showed on Labor Day, except for that last race. LOL. I got to the regatta a little early, talked with friends, replaced the missing or worn telltales in the sail, adjusted the halyard location on the gaf, adjusted the gooseneck location, and set the outhauls. On the way out to the racecourse, I did my best to figure out the wind pattern.

HSC: Please tell us a little bit about the boat you sailed for your win.

Nicky: This was my boat. I bought it brand new in the fall of 2001. The sail is about 2 years old. It is, of course, race rigged. The mainsheet is made of material with minimal stretch under loads and does not readily absorb water. We don't need the extra weight! The mainsheet and halyard are extra long. I like a ratchet block for the mainsheet. I tie a vang, even in light air. I am particular about where the telltales go, except on the port side where I'm still trying to work out the best place for the lower telltales.

HSC: Tell us about your winning moment, and how early in the race did you realize that you were going to win?

Nicky: I did not know that I was going to win. I mean, after the first race it was possible that I could win. After the 3rd race, it was mostly between me and Steve Manson. I thought he was probably going to win because he is a better sailor than I am, but I was going to give him a really hard time for the overall lead during that last race. Then when I goofed up the start of that last race, I thought I had donated the win to Steve! But I still tried to catch up and get back into the running — I had second or third place to save. I struggled to get clean air and took a little bit of a flier. At the first mark of the last race, I was somewhere around 6th, just behind Nate Altomare. It looked like Steve was in the lead, and I had a lot of ground to cover until I figured out that Rich Baumann was in the lead! Their sail numbers are somewhat similar and I was way behind Rich. I looked around for Steve, and could not find him. I also could not find Steve's son, Alec, sailing under the same sail number as Steve. There were no boats in trouble on or off the racecourse, nor between here and shore, and I noticed that there were several fewer boats than in the first race. I was going to finish the race as best I could. At the second rounding of the windward mark, there were only three boats ahead of me and I could clearly see that none of them was Steve, so I felt confident that I would win the regatta! On the downwind leg I passed them, and took the lead away from Rich.

HSC: Nicky, what inspires you about racing?

Nicky: I like the company. The sailors at Spruce Run are an excellent group of people! It is great to have them around. I like to be outside in the fresh air and near the water. Sailing is good exercise. ...And I like to win. But I love to be with friends between races, before races, and after races.

HSC: Congrats again, Nicky Einthoven, for your First Place – 2007 Labor Day Sunfish Classic win. Can we expect to see you on the lake in 2008?

Nicky: Yes!

(Interview by Ann Freeman)

Jet 14 and Junior Sunfish Fleets Update

Preseason party at the Bertocci's - Saturday, April 12, start at 1:00 PM. Food and drink will be provided.

This is an excuse to get Jet and junior Sunfish sailors together to have some fun, meet other sailors, and maybe learn something.

You should come if you meet any one of the following criteria:

- You have a Jet; have sailed on a Jet, would like to sail on a Jet, or you are able to spell Jet.
- You are junior Sunfish sailor, or would like to be a junior Sunfish sailor, or just want to meet some of the other kids at HSC.
- You are a family member of one of the above
- You have nothing better to do on a Saturday than hang out with Jet 14 and Sunfish sailors

We will have a Jet 14 and a Sunfish rigged. For new sailors this will be a good opportunity to ask questions. We will share our opinion on what equipment you should consider, ranging from mandatory to nice-to-have. We'll share our favorite places to shop, what to look for if you are looking to buy a boat, and anything else you would like to know. This will also be a good opportunity for kids to get to know each other and Jet sailors might even be able to find crew.

We look forward to seeing you, rain or shine. Please RSVP as we get closer to April 12.

We live very close to exit 12 on I-78 near Spruce Run.

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Florida Report from Courtney Young

Anyone who went to Pensacola said that the club was nice but the weather was ugly. Too much wind, temperature too cold, water was way too cold, etc. Ray (Buchanan) had a miserable sailing experience.

Panama City was too cold and windy on the final day, way too cold on the second day. The team races were fun, sunny day with good wind.

And what can we say about Key Largo? Sunny with temperatures 85-90. Three days of great wind, good food and fellowship. Water temperatures in the 70's. Never noticed being in the water.

I did capsize going upwind on starboard when my tiller extension pulled off whilst fully hiked out, vanged hard and sheeted hard with traveler down... do you know how fast a five can tack itself ??? I ate the boom and have the scars to prove it... COURT

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The Season Will Start Soon