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Commodore's Corner (Commodore Gordon Sell that is)

HSC Sailing 2009

With the first snow on the ground over Thanksgiving weekend, I'm sure many HSC members are already eager for Spring. I'm really looking forward to the job of HSC commodore. I just hope I can live up to the high standards set by my many amazing predecessors.

I'd like to thank all the other club officers and fleet captains for volunteering their time and energy to help move this club forward. Over my 12 seasons with HSC, I've never cease to be amazed at the dedication and hard work of so many of the members.

Our goal for 2009 should be to keep moving the club forward. In business terms, we should be employing a process of *continuous improvement*.

We have a great training program, but we can always make it better.

We have a great racing program, but we can always make it better.

We have good facilities and support systems, but we can always improve performance and reliability.

The Suggestion Box is Open.

Over the next few weeks, please share with me your ideas about how we can improve the club. For example, I'd like to hear ideas about how we can fine tune our learn-to-sail programs to improve retention of new members, both juniors and adults?

Send your ideas to <gordon@gspr.com> and please put "HSC Suggestion" in the subject line.



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Coming Events

February Membership Meeting

March Membership Meeting

Boating Safety Course

Work Day(s)

Opening Day

Regattas

Hot Dog Sundays

A Summer of Fun

Dates TBD and Announced in the Next Issue

NJ Boat Operators' Certificate

Speaking of improvement, since 2006 the State of New Jersey has required motor boat operators to pass a test in order drive a power boat of any kind. Every active HSC club member should endeavor to get this certificate this year. As of June 1, 2009 even the old timers like me who have been grandfathered for the past few years, will need to pass the test. Charlie Engler is working with the Regional Power Squadron to arrange a motor boat operator's safety course for HSC members during the Winter. We will have more information for you soon (see p. 2)

Best wishes to all for a great winter and festive holiday season.

**2009 - THE YEAR IN WHICH EVERYONE MUST PASS THE NJ
BOATING SAFETY COURSE. OLD FOLKS NO LONGER EXEMPT
SO
HSC PLANS TO OFFER A BOATING SAFETY COURSE, INCLUDING
THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A NJ SAFE BOATING
CERTIFICATE**

We have contacted Captain Anthony Pisano of the Lackawanna Power Squadron, who has agreed to present the program, tentatively scheduled for late March, hopefully at the stone house at Spruce Run. The course will be on a Saturday from 9 to 3, plus that Sunday morning from 9 to noon. HSC would need at least ten students, and Captain Pisano can accept up to 50. A preliminary survey showed great interest in HSC members.

WHAT WE NEED NOW IS FOR ALL HSC MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING TO email Charlie Engler at: CHE1129@YAHOO.COM so that we can see the degree of interest by HSC members.

This course awards a New Jersey the requirements of the New Jersey enacted January 9, 2006. All power possess a boat safety certificate in

Capt. Anthony J. Pisano of Squadron will teach the NJ approved Upon completion students receive operate a power vessel or personal **possess a certificate on and after** course is \$65.00 per person.



boat safety certificate and satisfies mandatory boater education law vessel operators will be required to 2009.

the Lackawanna Sail & Power safe-boating course **Boat Smart.** the NJ certificate required to watercraft. **All operators must June 1, 2009.** The cost of the

The course is designed for all boaters, power and sail. As boating is often a family activity, all members in a family are encouraged to attend as a group. Subjects include: boat handling under normal conditions; adverse conditions and emergencies; types of boats and boating terminology; required and recommended equipment; boating regulations and navigation rules; lines and knots; aids to navigation; marine radiotelephone usage; trailer boating; personal water craft. The student manual will serve as a reference book in basic boating long after the course work is completed.

The course meets the standards of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and features a proctored examination as required by the State of New Jersey and many insurance companies.

The enthusiastic and experienced instructors are members of the Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (www.lackawanna.org), a unit of the United States Power Squadrons (www.usps.org) in which boating education is a traditional public service. Since 1914 local squadrons such as Lackawanna have presented courses to anyone who wished to attend – to date more than 3 million people nationwide.

JET 14

FLEET 51 PLANNING FOR 2009

A quick survey of Jet 14 sailboats in the HSC area shows an astounding three dozen boats within easy commuting distance of Spruce Run. Contrast this with a small handful on the starting line in recent seasons, and it is easy to see the challenge for 2009. We need to reach the critical mass of five-plus boats on the starting line on a typical Sunday.

The amount of fun grows rapidly as more join in, and interest grows to add still more on subsequent Sundays. What will it take??? Here's a start:

CONTACTING those we don't often see.

EDUCATION in what each boat needs to be competitive.

PRACTICE DAYS to learn improved tactics.

FUN DAYS WITH CHANGING BOATS AND CREWS.

FLEET SOCIAL PROGRAMS to develop a sense of togetherness.

CREW TRAINING AND AVAILABILITY.

READINESS OF EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS to help the newcomers.

MAKE SAILING SUNDAY RACES A HABIT!

INVITE NEW HSC MEMBERS for a trial sail.

FLEET MEMBERS: PLEASE SEND YOUR THOUGHTS, SUGGESTIONS AND DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE TO

Charlie at: che1129@yahoo.com "JET 14...THE ONLY WAY TO FLY"



FLYING SCOTS

Wow, what a year the Scots had! We had great fleet growth, with twelve Scots parked all in a row. A few old hands and some new talent made for great racing and good times, with a climax of hosting the annual dinner on November 15th. Thanks to everybody in the fleet for pitching in, and to our guests - we hope you had a good time!

Work for next season is already upon us! We Scots are planning to keep on doing what has worked well in the past (thanks Chet), and are hoping to grow more and increase participation at the club and class levels.

More specifically, the again park trailers all in bring their checks to a meeting, where we'll be and getting to know better. Spouses, kids, buyers are welcome. us help you find and boat!) Occasional Scot buyers are also invited hscflyingscots Yahoo alive with chatter for the



Scots will once a row. Scots should February organizational discussing our plans each other crew and potential Scot (Interested buyers, let evaluate a crew and potential to join us on our group, which has been better part of a year!

The hscflyingscots Yahoo mailing list learned a few weeks ago that 2009 dates for the successful Challenge of the Lakes series with the Nockamixon Sailing Club are already set! We had some trouble in past years with rainouts and bottom damage due to low water at HSC, so new this year will be sailing the second time at HSC in July when the water is still deep, and pre-determined rain dates to help ensure we get in a full series. We are also planning to renew our efforts on holding a Scot Capsize Day. Only a few of us have had the pleasure of capsizing, and it hasn't always been pretty! There's also talk of having a sail trim session with photography and coaching by North Sails!

The Scot fleet is thrilled to have had twelve boats parked in a row this past year, but capitalizing on that growth via increased participation at the club and class level will be an important goal for next year. Towards that end, new owners and crew are encouraged to get to know the fleet and dip their toes in the waters of racing during our low key Flying Scot Friday evening races, followed by beer and pizza at the Sunset Inn. The beer usually comes first in thought, word and deed; we aim to have a good time! New Scot crew are welcome anytime, but they'll be helped and encouraged at Scot Crew University again next summer! And there's talk of a Scot hardware and trailer clinic to support Scot owners interested in making sure their gear is class-legal and ready to go for Nockamixon and points beyond! The Flying Scot Sailing Association's (FSSA) Wife-Husband Championship at Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA is attracting some attention as well, with perhaps eight boats attending from Nockamixon.

There's great water to sail on out there, and the Flying Scot is just the boat to do it! - Gary

ANNUAL DINNER – NOVEMBER 15

The Hunterdon Sailing Club held its annual dinner at about the same time this year. We had publicity in advance, reminders, dinner, an auction, awards and a couple of speeches. But somehow, it all seemed to run more smoothly than in many prior years. As a dinner regular, your editor thinks that the unusual success had much to do with the skill and hard work of the Flying Scot fleet.

Publicity was done early and well. Regular reminders hit the “Andymail” wire often. The food was excellent (as in past years at the Chalet.) Clearly, much thought was given to organizing the auction, as in ran quickly and smoothly. Chet, the auctioneer, was clearly more in control than last year’s (that would be me.) There was a program (a schedule) and everything happened on schedule. What a nice night for HSC. Thanks to the Scots.

Rich



Flying Scot Fleet Members Chet Ensign and Sharon Stockwell Organizing a Small Army of Auction Assistants



Some Thanksgiving Art Work by the Editor's Step Daughter

HSC 2008 Awards - November 15, 2008

Sunday Fleet Racing

Jet 14
Force 5
Flying Scot
Sunday Sunfish

Spring

Doug Brown
Gordon Sell
1. Steve Manson
2. Alec Manson

Summer

Doug Brown
Bill Foster
1. Steve Manson
2. Susan Mallows

Fall

Guido Bertocci
Rich Baumann
Gordon Sell
1. Simon Bertocci
2. Mike Wheeler

Twilight Sunfish

1
Derek Jackson
Steve Manson
Dave Davies
Nathan Altomare

2
Derek Jackson
Doug Brown
Dave Davies

Juniors

Other Regatta Awards

Bluenose
LBJ
Labor Day
Memorial Day
Rookie Regatta

Steve Manson
Guido Bertocci
Steve Manson
Derek Jackson
David Boulter

Commodore's Cup
Ladies
Sam Nelson
Walter Finne

Charlie Engler
Lucy Bertocci
Simon Bertocci
Simon Bertocci

Club Awards

Outstanding Club
Service

Stacey Bachenheimer Outstanding Fleet Sunday Sunfish



Commodore Bob Orr Awarding the Outstanding Club Service Award to Stacey Bachenheimer

EDITOR'S NOTES

Forecastle, also spelled **fo'c's'le** (pronounced /'fouksəl/), originally meant the upper [deck](#) of a [sailing ship](#), forward of the [foremast](#). The syncope of the word is common among nautical terms due to the nature of their pronunciation during the [age of sail](#) by sailors with strong accents and varying language skills.



Photo of an earlier version of a safety boat from the Nantucket Shipwreck and Lifesaving Museum. Selected to highlight the importance of getting everyone certified to operate our Committee and Safety boats. (see p.2)

Some New Year's Resolution suggestions from your Editor:

- Remember that the submission date for articles, photos, ideas, etc. is the 20th of the month.
- If you're a fleet captain, monthly articles will help build participation. Highlight socials, regattas, hot dog Sundays, special events.
- Articles can be submitted in email, MS Word or just about any format.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FOR SAIL (SALE): Two (2) Gill foul weather suits, ladies (S) and mens (L), with matching boots and gloves. All like new. Call for details: 908/995-4549

Ramon

For Sale: 1983 Force 5 Sail Boat with Trailer. Great shape includes all equipment, sails, rigging, rudder etc. Boat painted in original blue and off white with matching sail. Just polished boat for the winter. Sailed at Spruce Run, NJ. Asking Price is \$700. Negotiable ...but PLEASE no low ball buyers. Contact Mike Martin at 973-635 2893 or mjmartin@comcast.net

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