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BUSY MONTH FOR JET 14 FLEET 51

Gravy Bowl Regatta....See article on p. 3.

Early HSC Dinner planning...See announcement on p. 2 and all are asked to save up useable nautical items for THE raffle and auction.

JET !4 NATIONALS Doug and Susan brought home the FOURTH PLACE TROPHY from Mayfield Yacht Club in the Adirondacks.... CONGRATULATIONS! Doug says the winds were no different there than HSC....LIGHT!

Jet 14 ANNUAL CRUISE NIGHT was also held in August, and opened to anyone one with a boat (of any kind!) It was a beautiful evening. 2 Jets, 2 Daysailers, 2 Flying Scots, a Precision, and a Sunfish rafted up at Goose Island at 7, and enjoyed Marge Baumann's Ukelele singalong.....THANKS MARGE!

Charlie



On the left is Jay Halsted in his debut appearance on the washboard.

To the right is Marge on the "uke" along with the editor's grandsons Danny and Josh.

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Coming Events

9/5 – Rookie Regatta & Junior Regatta
9/7 – Labor Day Sunfish Regatta
9/20 – Millard Fillmore Force 5 Regatta
9/26 – Bluenose Challenge



Hunterdon Sailing Club Annual Dinner and Funfest								
STATISTICS CONTRACTOR								
Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.								
Saturday, November 14, 2008, 6pm to 10pm Mountain View Chalet Exit 11, Route 78, Pattenburg, New Jersey								
Dinner Buffet								
Prices: \$22 per adult; \$14 for children 12 and under. Features: Club Awards, elections, "nautical" auction, kids table, tall tales and FUN!								
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Names of Attendees: Fleet:								
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JET 14 GRAVY BOWL REGATTA

The history of the "Gravy Bowl" goes back many decades, in fact it was originally sailed at Shrewsbury YC (I think), and later moved to HSC (minus the original trophy) many years ago. Earlier regattas were sailed late in the fall, approaching Thanksgiving, hence the name.

Over the past 10-15 years we have gradually moved the date up to the more hospitable late August....partially based on uncomfortable late-year sailing, like the year Don Esch and Brent and Barbara can tell you about over at Round Valley in heavy winds.

This year, despite Hurricane Bill's threats, we enjoyed a delightful first three (4 knot, easterly) races and watched the 4rth race decline to zero. A really great Race Committee under the direction of Ellen Greenhorn, and assisted by Calvin Clowes, Jay Halstead, and Bob Lipman handled the winds vagaries beautifully.



Six Jet 14's participated in very competitive sailing with quite equally talented sailors.....which equaled MUCH FUN! While Doug Brown and Susan Mallows in 747 won each race, and Brent and Barbara Benson in 1007 took all seconds with Caleb Zimmerman and Tom Woodford, in 1148, Charlie Engler and Anita DeMatteo in 1129, Rick and Travis Rainey in 699, and Jim and Kieran Ungemach in 1142 (Pines Lake SC) following. This was Kieran's first time in a Jet, and he was great. Many race finishes were within seconds and the fleet tended to stay bunched until well into each race. Interestingly, Caleb provided a day-long running commentary, teaching Tom the vagaries of Jet sailing.

The Gravy Bowl was also leg 2 of the District 1 Championship, and all are looking forward to the wrap-up Leg 3 at Packanack YC on October 10.

Charlie Engler, Capt, Jet14 Fleet 51

The Foc's'le

Flying Scot Challenge of the Lakes.

Nockamixon sailors arrived early and enthusiastic on August 16th, but soon there was talk about not setting up, since The only good thing was that the water level was high. The Stockwells had been out the previous day with friends however, with the same weather pattern, and a gentle breeze had kicked in after lunch. Thanks to the Wind Gods, a good breeze with just a few lulls developed for the afternoon racing, just like the day before, and the same way it had last time for the CoL at HSC.

A highlight of the day was that we had two new CoL competitors: Mario Gedzior and family from HSC and Rich and Betsy Baucom from NSC. It is great to have new sailors on board since our new members are the future of our Fleet!

Unlike the last CoL, which was also the NJYRA Scot championship, we ran the traditional 3 minute HSC sequence for the Scot starts. There was some confusion in the first race with one NSC boat starting at the 3 minute warning horn, since NSC and the rest of the world run the Rule 26 (five minute) sequence. The RC did a great job straightening everybody out, but as an aside, this is another hint that we should think about updating our racing instructions to Rule 26. The rest of the start was a competitive, but with Mike Noone of NSC notably recovering from a difficult initial position at the rear to finish 2nd. HSC's Bill and Sally Foster started well and held on to win the first race.

Skipper	Club	Sail #	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Score	Rank
Foster	HSC	4085	1	3	1	5	1
Wesley	NSC	3834	6	1	2	9	2
Noone	NSC	5850	2	2	6	10	3
Nackman	HSC	4478	3	7	4	14	4
Sell	HSC	2225	5	5	5	15	5
Baucom	NSC	5862	10	4	3	17	6
Mandell	NSC	5010	4	6	10	20	7
Stockwell	HSC	5097	8	8	7	23	8
Cohen	NSC	520	7	10	9	26	9
Gedzior	HSC	3869	9	DNS	8	27	10
Balas	NSC	1892	11	9	11	31	11



Race 2 got off to a clean start with NSC's Glenn Wesley - sailing solo in light air - showing great speed and tactics to take an early lead that he never gave up. The Fosters and the Noones battled back and forth for second place, but according to Mike's excellent play-by-play newsletter, they were well behind Glenn. Great job Glenn!

Things got a little crazy in the third race when the wind shifted dramatically. Not all of us recognized it, and at least in our case, we recall yelling out "you sly dog you, George!" to George Balas, the NSC Fleet Captain who had initially seemed to be well behind us on the first leg. The wind had shifted yet again, or so we thought, and we found ourselves overshooting the mark by 15 yards whereas George was now fetching it nicely. Watching George smile is fine, but it is more fun to do it yourself!



The final scores reveal that the HSC and NSC Fleets are well matched, with HSC and NSC boats alternating back and forth in the overall standings. The average fleet rankings are both about 6, so there is good competition between the fleets at all levels.

After racing the fleets enjoyed some cold sodas, watermelon and snacks. It was great to spend some more time chatting with our friends from Lake Nockamixon! Both fleets are now looking forward to the fourth and final Challenge of the Lakes on August 26th at NSC. The forecast is questionable with a threat of thunderstorms, but the main concern is the diabolical wind shifts. It is not unheard of for your rival to suddenly pop up the chute at the starting line at Lake Nockamixon!

The Foc's'le

After Sunset at the Sunset – Post Season



The "serious" Wednesday series is done, but fun continues. The first official post season evening came on Aug. 26. All of the ingredients were More than 10 rabbit start there: racers, several practice sailors along with John Brzesinski in a safety boat maintaining some semblance of order to the event. That appearance of order ended at the Sunset Inn as we settled in for food and grog.

There are no scores to report.



The evening's highlight started with the award of a "Charlies Angel" tee shirt to our favorite Sunset Inn employee, Carla. Your editor then inquired (that's his job) about the issue of whether there had ever been a male angel in Charlie's Jet. The answer came



right back: Yes, there have been 2 such lucky males. One was Kathleen Ronan's son Brendan who crewed this year. Digging into the memory bank also brought out recollection of Andy Lindgren, who crewed with Charlie some time ago. Your editor then inquired of Andy: Did you ever get a tee shirt? The answer was -NO! I had no idea what an issue that would become, but Charlie returned to his car and came back with a shirt (how many does he carry around, and for what purpose, I inquire?) Charlie got a thank you kiss from Carla and

from Andy. Blame shutter lag for my failure to capture the moment. The photo to the right seems to suggest that they both enjoyed the moment.



Upcoming Sunfish Regattas (Lots to choose from)

Sunfish Labor Day Regatta

The Sunfish fleet will host the annual Sunfish Labor Day regatta on September 7. Skipper's meeting will be at 10:00 AM with the first start as soon as possible thereafter. The number of races and throw-outs will be decided at the skipper's meeting. Bring your own lunch, the decision if it will be taken on the water will be at the skipper's meeting. Last start time will be decided at the skipper's meeting. Awards will be for the top 3 and 1st junior, and will not be decided at the skipper's meeting.

All volunteers for race Committee are welcome.

Hope to see you at 10:00!

Sunfish Regatta Schedule /SANJL

The next away regatta is the fabulous Surf City Regatta on the weekend after Labor Day. This is a fun event with many HSC skippers attending.

September 12-13 61st Annual Regatta – Surf City YC, 9th Street & Bay, Surf City, NJ, www.scyc-nj.org Bill D'Autrechy: 609-494-3016 or work 609-706-8649

The final SANJL events are scheduled for September 19 and October 3rd. many HSC skippers travel to these events. If you would like help in getting your boat to either event please let Susan Mallows know.

September 19 SANJL Day 3 - Highland Lakes CC; Highland Lakes, NJ, <u>www.hlcc.org</u> Mark Buruchian: 2212 Lakeside Dr W, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422, 973-764- 7420(H), <u>4burufam@warwick.net</u>. Skippers Meeting at 10:00, first race at 10:30

October 3 SANJL (Day 4) Green Pond YC, Green Pond, NJ;

www.greenpondyachtclub.com

Eric Darling, 39 Lake End Road, Green Pond, NJ 07435, 917-686-4235(C),

wally212@msn.com Hulls will be steam cleaned before launching.

Skippers Meeting at 10:00, first race at 10:30

A fun regatta is scheduled for September at the Smoke Rise SC, this is a very small lake and a lot of fun to sail

September 20 Triangle & North Jersey Fleets Open Regatta, Smoke Rise SC; Smoke Rise, Kinnelon, NJ 07405; www.smokerisesailingclub.com Klaus Mordhorst, (H) 973-878-3017,(W) 973-492-9472, (F) 973-482-1456, klausm@lefflerchartering.com No charge. BBQ & soda provided..

The US Master's championship is scheduled for September 26-27 in Lewes, this is a great place to sail with sandy beaches and a beautiful club.

September26-27

US Masters Championship (W) Lewes Yacht Club, 2701 Cedar St., Lewes, DE 19958, USA, <u>www.lewesyc.com</u> Connie Miller, 346 Pilottown Rd., Lewes, Delaware, (302)-645-8239, <u>constmill@comcast.net</u> 2009 USSCA MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED

All of these events will be attended by HSC members, so come on out and join the fun!

Junior Sail Team

We want to thank everyone who participated this year. We got a chance to see a number of new sailors make big steps forward. We had great participation and results at the junior SANJL regatta this past Saturday at Mountain Lakes. HSC sailors took 8 out of the first 9 places in the juniors. Full results at:

http://www.sunfishclass.org/sanjl/scores/200 9SANJLJrDay2Results.pdf

The Wednesday practices and evening races, not to mention the pizza at the Sunset Inn, must be working. $\textcircled{\sc op}$

Regards, Guido Bertocci and Rich Baumann

Millard Fillmore Regatta Sunday, September 20

In their annual bow to mediocrity, Force 5 Fleet 36 celebrate a President's Day of sorts. Skipper's meeting at 10:00 am, followed by 2 morning races and 3 races with the club in the afternoon.

Awards will be given for 1st (the GW, 2nd (the JA) and 3rd (the TJ) will be followed by the renowned and usually avoided Millard Fillmore for the sailor in the middle of the fleet

It is an open regatta so tell your friends in other clubs, or borrow one of the under used Force 5s in HSC and join us on the 20th. More information is available from Rich Baumann at: force5@verizon.net.



News from the Netherlands

I raced a borrowed Sunfish for the regatta on Alkmaardermeer in the Netherlands on Aug 15 and 16, 2009. The wind was too strong so I only finished four of the races. They had 3 races on Saturday mornig that they call Sprints, which consist of one long windward leg each. I like them.

My brother borrowed a canal boat for Friday Aug 14. Both brothers, my parents, my niece, nephew, sister-in-law, and I motored on a canal named the Vecht, went through a hand powered lock, went onto a lake, had lunch on a nice Island with a swimming

beach, and motored back through a different lock.

One day we all had dinner on the Pancake Boat, which is a nice large boat and they serve all you can eat pancakes for dinner while cruising the Amstel River. We had other meals on houseboats converted to restaurants. Yes. they were very well tied to the canal walls.

This coming Friday I will race a borrowed Sunfish in the Dutch Twilight Series. Since I am turning in the rental car, this trip will involve a train, a tram, walking, and possibly a bus, unless I park my bike at the train station before l go.

Enjoy! Nicky

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