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Pirates Enter Volvo

Johnny Depp at the helm? Mickey Mouse navigating?

When all else failed to attract a viable American entry to this year's Volvo Ocean Race, Disney stepped up last month to sponsor a "Pirates of the Caribbean" boat in the around-the-world event that begins in Spain in November, as part of its promotion of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie sequel.



List Weaknesses

What do a J/105, Beneteau 36.7, J/35, Tartan Ten, Shields, Interlake, and Jet 14 have in common? Well at first look, not a lot. However, in December 2004 owners of each of these boats entered the Sailing World "Win Free Coaching Next Season" contest. To enter, all that was required was to list goals for next year, strengths, weaknesses, and how a coach can help your team. The contest winner would receive two days of on-the-water training from Olympic coach and America's Cup sailor Tony Rey, and be the subject of upcoming Sailing World articles tracking their progress.

As new Jet 14 owners Joanna and I entered the contest with a long list of weaknesses, among them roll-tacking, effective mark rounding, efficient spinnaker handling and rig tuning. And as our major strength, a real desire to figure out how to sail this dinghy we've gotten involved with. Much to our surprise, we learned in February that from the fifty entries received, along with the boats listed above, we were selected as finalists! With visions of unlocking the key to success on the racecourse and some national publicity for the Jet 14 class and HSC, we anxiously awaited the final selection.

Alas, it was not to be. We lost out to the Tartan Ten, but just the exercise of thinking about strengths and weaknesses has helped us to set priorities and focus on the upcoming season.

I would encourage everyone to go through the exercise of listing areas for improvement. Include both "hardware" and "software" in the list. If your sheets aren't running freely, figure out why and replace the blocks, sheets or both. If you lose boats every time you tack, have somebody watch you on the water and then plan some training time to incorporate their suggestions. Speak with the race committee before they leave the shore and ask them to keep an eye on you during the race. They're in a perfect position to make observations of your performance relative to other boats on the racecourse.

Once you have your personal list in hand, determine where you can make the biggest gains and get to work on it. A picture is worth a thousand words, so get some digital pictures taken on the water and then get together on shore with your fleet frontrunners and talk about what you see. The folks at the top of your fleet are your best resource.

Charlie Smith

Commodore's Corner

April – The “Get Ready” Month

Its just about April 1st. We're all looking ahead to the first Sunday in May, HSC's opening day. Some have had their boats out already for Florida regattas or frostbiting. The rest will be cleaning things up, checking for loose hardware, measuring tire pressure and looking for their wetsuits.

The Club has to get ready too. We need to check our outboards, we may do some major repairs to the Race Committee boat, and we need to be sure everything is ready. This is the time of year to expect an email or phone call from the Rear Commodore about something called “work days.” If you get one of these calls, I hope the answer is “yes.”

Rich Baumann

Spring Projects

HSC's 2005 opening day is just around the corner. In 2005 we are planning many improvements to the club facilities that will make HSC an even better place to learn and sail. To realize these improvements Gordon & I need your help. We are planning several workdays to accomplish these goals.

The Dates:

Work Day 1 – Sunday April 17, 2005: 12:00pm (Noon) – 4pm

Work Day 2 – Sunday April 24, 2005: 12:00pm (Noon) – 4pm

The Projects:

Shed Ramps: Replace the ramps on each of the storage sheds. The new ramps will be constructed using pressure treated 2x10 planking over a 2x6 frame. Skills needed: carpentry & excavation. Sailors needed: 4.

Shed Repairs: Replace rotted wood on the storage sheds. Some of the trim pieces of the sheds are getting soft; the job will be to repair these areas. Skills needed: carpentry & painting. Sailors needed: 2.

Mooring replacement: Replace the ageing See Which mooring with a new mushroom anchor & tackle. The plan will be to remove as much of the old mooring as possible. Skills needed: strength, creativity, and innovation. Sailors needed: 8.

New Boat Racks: Construct a double-sided boat rack capable of holding 6 board type boats (Sunfish, Force 5, Laser). The new rack will be located next to the Rutgers shed. Skills needed: carpentry, engineering, painting. Sailors needed: 4.

Grounds Cleanup: General ground keeping work, cut back last year's tree & bush growth. Prepare space for the new boat rack. Skills needed: landscaping & excavation. Sailors needed: 4.

Bulletin Board: Maintain, paint and organize the club bulletin board. Skills needed: painting and organization. Sailors needed: 2.

Flagpole: Erect the generously donated Jet 14 mast as the new HSC flagstaff. Skills needed: creativity and innovation. Sailors needed: 2.

Outboard Maintenance: The clubs two-cycle outboards need to be serviced and prepped for the 2005 season. Skills needed: outboard motor repair. Sailor needed: 1.

Skiff Commissioning: Get our rescue boats ready for the water, install some upgrades and make sure all equipment is present and in proper operating order. Skills needed: boat maintenance & memory of where things go. Sailors needed: 2

See Which Commissioning: Get our race committee boat (current or replacement) in the water and ready for opening day raced. Skills needed: boat maintenance & memory of where things go. Sailors needed: 4

* Total Sailors needed: 33

Action Required:

- 1) Reserve these dates on you calendar; many hands make for light work.
- 2) Contact me (Mark Califano: 973-219-0968 or macalifa@optonline.net) with your skills and project preferences. I'd like to have the sailor to project assignments worked out ahead of time.

We plan to have all materials and a rented generator on hand. We encourage you to bring your own power tools and hand tools, but please keep them under your control at all times. We cannot be responsible for loss, breakage, or wear.

Mark Califano

Special Request

The efficiency of the club's outboard motors depends on the regular maintenance and cleaning of their propellers. Sadly, we have noticed that the propellers on two of the motors are now seriously discolored and corroded. But we have been unable to locate the club's supplies of the cleaning fluid used to renovate propellers in prior years. So, if you have any *Prop Wash* hidden away at home (it comes in 2 gallon pink plastic containers) please contact the Rear Commodore immediately.

Rule 42 (Illegal Propulsion) Revisited After 38 Years

While we were disappointed that the Rule 42 presentation at the March HSC meeting was canceled due to mechanical difficulties, here is a related BLAST FROM THE PAST.....found by chance.

In looking through Past Commodore Bill Morgan's ancient file of old HSC Newsletters, the August 9, 1967 issue Number 8 (!) notes that NAYRU Rule 60 states:

"RULE 60 SAYS A BOAT MAY BE PROPELLED ONLY BY THE NATURAL ACTION OF THE WIND ON SAILS, SPARS AND HULL. THIS MEANS THAT "PUMPING", ROCKING", "OOCHING", "FANNING" AND "SCULLING" ARE ILLEGAL. "SCULLING" IS PROPELLING A BOAT BY MOVING THE RUDDER IN A CONTINUOUS MOTION FROM SIDE TO SIDE. OF COURSE, YOU MAY STEER YOUR BOAT IN ANY DIRECTION THAT DOESN'T VIOLATE ANY OF THE OTHER RIGHT-OF-WAY RULES, BUT BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RUDDER STOP IN THE CENTER POSITION BEFORE SWEEPING IT ACROSS."

Isn't it too bad that such rules are still even necessary?

Charlie Engler

Fair Sailing

I recently had the pleasure to re-read Paul Hochs' book on sailing ethics and rules. The following extract from Dr Hochs' book speaks precisely to Charlie's comment above....

"The ethical sailor does more than just observe the letter of the rules. He demonstrates strict adherence to the spirit of the rules both as an example to others and to ensure that no shred of blame can be attached to himself. As an example, the ethical sailor will establish that he is never guilty of sculling by returning his tiller to the central position after every steering maneuver and holding the tiller in this position while loudly hailing to nearby boats, 'One Mississippi, Two Mississippi, Three Mississippi' to establish his adherence to the rule. This is especially important after heavy weather gybes where certain sailors have been known to attempt to steer an S-shaped course in clear violation of the no-sculling rule."

From 'Understanding the Racing Rules in the Age of Rock and Roll' by Paul Hochs - 1966 - Harlequin Books.

Derek Stow

Wanted Inexperienced Sailors

Next to time in your boat, the best way to learn to sail is to watch a more experienced sailor in their boat. Not just as they pass you, but to actually watch them sail a race as it unfolds. At Spruce Run, the best place to watch the races is from the Sea Witch Won, our luxurious committee boat. As a Race Committee assistant, you'll be able to watch the races, ask questions, learn the start sequence, and most importantly watch how sailors start in front and stay ahead of the fleet.

As you know, the work of the race committee happens in fits and starts. At the beginning and end of the races, you will be asked to hoist flags on cue, take notes, and pull marks, but you'll have the best seat in the house. So if you want to be a better sailor, start by volunteering on several race committee dates. It will improve your knowledge of racing.

Even if you're not interested in racing, Race Committee is a great way to enjoy the day and have fun with your family. If your spouse or kids are sailing, come out on the committee boat, you will be able to watch the races up close and share quick visits between races. So, don't say goodbye at the beach, volunteer! You'll soon agree, next to being in your own boat, the best place at Spruce Run is on the Sea Witch Won. Volunteer, learn from the experts, and don't forget to bring a camera!

Elliot Zimmerman

Tuning Tip

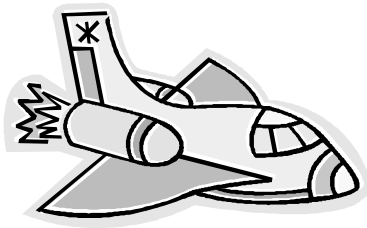
We all know that drag in the air is detrimental, and twist does no good to the lift/drag ratio of a sail. So if you want to go really fast, use negative mast bend to eliminate twist from the sail. Make the mast follow the curve of the sail leech and you will separate from the fleet faster than you can imagine.

French-Canadian sailor Avril Poisson demonstrates high speed sailing with negative mast bend



Jet 14 Fleet

Fourteen eager-for-summer Jet 14 fleet members gathered at the Sunset Inn on March 2, for a successful Spring Thaw get together. Over refreshments we identified a number of likely additions to this summer's starting lines, IN ADDITION to last year's regulars!! We expect to see 199 Skip Leslie, 686 Jim Green, 756 Joe and Jarrett Scherrer, 875 Al Liebel, 1015 Jianming and Ben Maio, 1029 Nate and Tom Maier, 1033 Rodger and Mira Hall, 1107 Elliot and Caleb Zimmerman, and 1123 Ted Klein. WOW! Additionally, we hope to have our fleet boat ready for use this season, so if you've always wanted to give a Jet a try, we'll do everything we can to get you out on the water.



The local and national schedules looks promising as well with District I Championship Regattas at Pines Lake on May 28 and on our home waters at the Gravy Bowl on August 27.

In July we're looking forward to successful Junior and Open competition in the Wren Regatta at Spruce Run. In August, the Atlantic Coast Championship will be contested in Newport, RI and the National Championship in Saratoga, NY. And in September we'll spend a Saturday on nearby Lake Nockamixon in PA, spreading the good word about Jet 14 racing. Check out the national web site for a complete schedule. <http://www.sailingsource.com/jet14/index.html>

Charlie Smith

Jet Regattas

April

23-24 Spring Thaw Regatta, SAYRA Champ. Leg 1
Lake Norman YC, Lake Norman NC

23-24 Collegiate Regatta, Severn Sailing Association,
Annapolis, MD

May

14-15 SSA Spring Series Regatta
Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis, MD

21 Crystal Bowl Regatta,
West River SC, Galesville, MD

28 Pines Lake Regatta, District I Champ.
Leg 1 Pines Lake SC, Wayne, NJ

Florida Report

This was a new Florida for me. It was moteling and tenting after years of RVing. It made a difference. It was cold...certainly in the nighttime and early morning. Tenting I used a 6" air mattress, a sleeping bag, a doubled over summer and a doubled over winter blanket and slept for 9 or 10 hours. To me it was the coolest of the last 17 years.

Ah...the sailing. Courtney, Rich and Susan had races to brag about; I attended. We had 82 boats at Sarasota for the Sunfish Masters event on the first weekend in March with Courtney having a 12th and 19th to end up 22nd while Rich had a 15th and despite having a DNS ended up in the middle of the pack. Lack of wind kept us from getting in 7 races and we lost gaining a throw-out.

The second Sarasota Sailing Squadron event was the International Midwinters with 89 boats from Canada to South America. Thursday and Friday the wind was decent but on Saturday we had to sit around and wait for the sea breeze to fill in. Here Courtney had a 16th and ended up in the top 1/3rd, Susan showed up and had a 17th in her first race and ended up close to the middle of the fleet.

In the next to last race I came close to quitting sailboat racing. With 89 boats the starting line is loooong. I saw a mid line sag develop, raced into it and got the best start of my life. I crossed every boat below me but one...actually most of the fleet...then gave up every one for my worst finish. The last race wasn't as bad so maybe there's hope.

I've lost my notes on the first event...the Force 5 Midwinters in Key Largo...but I think Courtney took 5th and Rich 8th in the 15 boat fleet. I still say that it's the best place for a regatta...good wind, small waves, no current that I can find and great club members.

Come on down next year.

Ray Buchanan

Tentative Force 5 Fleet Meeting

Wednesday April 20
7:30– 9:30 pm
Sunset Inn

Watch for emails to confirm meeting from
Fleet Captain Ray Buchanan

Sunfish Fleet News

Its time to tune those Sunfish and get ready for the season ahead! At HSC the Sunfish fleet races two days a week for 16 weeks of the sailing season. The Sunday fleet enjoys three 8 week series that start May 1 at 1:30, while the Twilight fleet enjoys two 8 week series starting May 4 at 6:00. Both are excellent venues to practice and enjoy racing.



Nate Maier at a SANJL Junior event in 2004

Sunfish Racing Clinic

HSC has asked some of its own top sailors to share their knowledge. These are the guys that know the shifty lakes and the tactics that work on them. You'll be getting real lake sailors talking about racing on lakes. (No discussions on current or compass bearings here). This is the stuff that works here in our own backyards.

Collectively our instructors' lists of accomplishments are very impressive. They include: Regional and District Champions, National and North American Champions, top 5 finishers in World and International Championships, and experience in many classes. There is even a guy with an Olympic campaign to talk about. Obviously this group has plenty to offer! The cost for the weekend is \$40. However family/junior rates are available. Once registered, sailors may attend either or both days.

This will be a bring your own boat event. You may reserve one of the club boats if you do not have a boat of your own. There will be both on water and on shore instruction. Contact Susan Mallows @ 908-303-0889 or smallows@prdus.jnj.com for information.

Susan Mallows

Sunfish Regattas

May 7 SANJL (Day 1) (O) - Highland Lakes CC; Highland Lake NJ;

Mark Buruchian, 2212 Lakeside Dr W, Highland Lakes NJ 07422, 973-764-7420(H), 4burufam@warwick.net.

May 21 SANJL (Day 2) (O) - Jefferson SC & Lee's Country Park Marina; Lake Hopatcong NJ;

Derek Jackson, 2109 Broadway Apt 16-69, NY, NY 10023 917-623-8577, derekcjackson@hotmail.com.

May 28 Spring Regatta (O) Lavalette YC, Swan Point Road, Lavalette, N.J. 08735 Joe Farfalla 15 Bond Avenue,

Lavalette, NJ 08735
732-830-8269 (H) Judy AKF@aol.com

May 30 HSC Memorial Day Regatta (O) - Hunterdon SC; Spruce Run Reservoir, Clinton NJ;

Susan Mallows 5 Michael Lane, Annandale, NJ 08801 908-638-5201 (H), 908-303-0889 (C) smallows@prdus.jnj.com

June 11-12 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship (W) - Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Brick, NJ

Todd Pearce 732-321-1027 toddpearce99@yahoo.com
www.metedeconkriveryc.org

2005 USSCA MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED

Twilight Series RC

	Primary RC	Assistant RC
May		
4 Opening Day	Steve Manson	Stacey Bachenheimer
11	Bob Griswold	Ellen Greenhorn
18	Nick Mentessana	Anita Demateo
25	Derek Stow	Chet Ensign
June		
1	Don Esch	Vim Einthoven
8	Susan Mallows	Abi Seifert
15	Charlie Engler	Andy Lindgren
22	Gordon Sell	Johnathan Kinkel
29 Twilight II	Mike Wheeler	Elliott Zimmerman
July		
6	Mark Califano	Art Roswell
13	Ramon Rosswaag	Nicky Einthoven
20	Doug Brown	JianMing Miao
27	Ray Buchanan	Larry Kelley
August		
3	Nate Maier	Chris Fischer
10	Rich Baumann	Ian & Liam Morrissey
17	Dave Davies	Teddy Wells

LASER

Other boats are just practice

"LASER. Other boats are just practice". So said the bumper sticker that came with my 2005 Laser class renewal. I had to smile when it fell out of the envelope, as it captured my sentiments entirely. I bought my first Laser as soon as I learned to sail and I have always owned at least one Laser since then. I have sailed numerous other classes....420, 470, J24, 12 meter, Rhodes 19, Atlantic, Tech Dinghy, Force 5, Sunfish and various Hobie cats. But I always come back to the Laser because it is just plain more fun than any other class. Other boats *are* just practice. At least for me.

But for some folk, sailing a Laser can be great practice for other classes. Some of the top sailors in the world started their sailing careers in Lasers. Any young sailor should consider an apprenticeship in what is proving to be the greatest training ground for racing sailors - the Laser class. Master the Olympic singlehander and the world is your oyster, seems to be the fashionable thinking, at least at the America's Cup level.

One of the most famous names in sailing, Gary Jobson, started his career as a hot-shot teenage Laser sailor from the Jersey shore. In a 2000 article interview with Bob Fisher, Jobson, recalled the occasion when he went to the St. Francis YC in San Francisco, back in 1973, to give a Laser coaching seminar. Tom Blackaller, already a legend, took Jobson on one side and pointed out a 14-year old sailing a Laser off the club in the shadow of the Golden Gate bridge, and said, 'There's a sailor to watch.' Prophetic words indeed - it was a young Paul Cayard. Fourteen years later, he was sailing with Blackaller, as his tactician, aboard the 12-Metre, USA, in Fremantle and his career rocketed in the America's Cup as skipper of Il Moro di Venezia, for Italy, in 1992 and as helmsman for Dennis Conner on Stars & Stripes in 1995.

Another America's Cup veteran, John Kostecki, now part of the afterguard of BMW Oracle's challenge for the 2007 America's Cup, used to race Lasers against Cayard at the St. Francis YC. And in an effort to recapture the Cup in 2007, Team New Zealand have hired one of the most outstanding Laser sailors of recent years—two time Olympic medal winner in the Laser class, Ben Ainslie.



But if Kostecki or Ainslie do get to face off against Alinghi for the "Auld Mug" at Valencia, they will have to beat yet another great Laser sailor..... Ed Baird, the 1980 Laser World Champion, recently hired by the current Cup holders, Alinghi.

So, there seems little doubt that, however lofty your sailing ambitions, an apprenticeship in the Laser is time well spent. But be careful, you could get hooked—and then other boats will just be practice.

My new bumper sticker will be perfect on my Sunfish trailer.

Derek Stow

Bass Strait in a Laser

Bass Strait is the 140 miles of waterway between Tasmania and the Australian mainland and is normally only attempted by substantial craft such as this 60ft yacht.



Located at a latitude of roughly 40 degrees south, the strait leaves sailors unprotected against the howling winds of the Roaring Forties.

In March 2005, an Australian Laser sailor, Michael Blackburn, looking for excitement in big waves, decided to attempt to sail across the Bass Strait in his Laser. As Blackburn said before the attempt, with typical Aussie understatement, "Sailing for 18 hours at the helm of a small dinghy including up to 6 hours in darkness and winds up to 30 knots with a swell of 2 to 4 metres will not be easy".

On Wednesday March 19, Blackburn successfully crossed the Bass Strait in his Laser. He made it in 13 hours and recorded a maximum boatspeed of 19.7 knots down the face of a huge roller.

What a guy! And what a boat! Other boats are just practice.

Derek Stow

Laser Regattas

April

- 3 Philadelphia Laser Championship
Marsh Creek SC, Downingtown, PA
- 21-24 US Nationals, Wrightsville Beach, NC

May

- 14-15 District 11 Grand Prix Championship
Rock Hall YC, Rock Hall, MD
- 21 Cooper River Spring Laser Regatta
Collingswood, NJ
- 28 Spring Laser Regatta
Lavallette YC, Lavallette, NJ

HSC Calendar

April

- 17 HSC Work Day 1
- 20 Tentative Force 5 Fleet Meeting
- 24 HSC Work Day 2
- 25 Deadline for articles for May Fo'c's'le

May

- 1 Spring 1
- 4 Twilight I,1
- 8 Spring 2
- 11 Twilight I,2
- 15 Spring 3
- 18 Twilight I,3
- 20 Deadline for articles for June Fo'c's'le
- 22 Spring 4
- 25 Twilight I,4
- 29 Spring 5
First Annual HSC Laser Regatta
Hot Dog Sunday - Laser Fleet
- 30 Memorial Day Sunfish Open

Notice of Regatta

On May 30 HSC will host the Memorial Day Open for Sunfish. Skippers meeting will be at 10:00 AM with the first race scheduled to start at 10:27. We will target 7 races, 3 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, weather and wind permitting. Entry fee - \$10.00. Trophies for 1, 2, 3rd and first Junior. BYO Lunch.

ALSO, this regatta will be scored with the HSC Laser Open regatta on May 29 and the overall winner of both regattas will be awarded the DOUBLE-DIPPER AWARD.

Sailboat Shop

Stephan Nash, the new owner of the Sailboat Shop in Glen Gardner is pleased to announce the addition of two new lines of sailboats to their line-up—Vanguard Sailboats (the makers of the Sunfish and Lasers) and Hunter Marine (makers of a complete line of family sailboats).

They are also offering HSC members a 10% discount good on everything from boats to motors to trailers and accessories (up to \$1000 discount).

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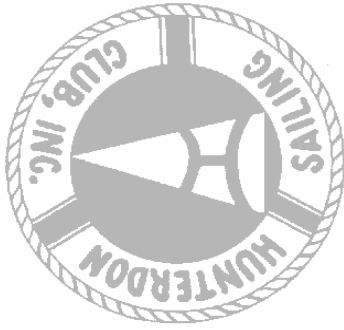
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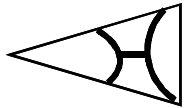


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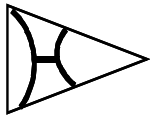
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