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Juniors and Rookies

The future of any sailing club depends on a steady supply of new sailors of all ages. The excellent showing by HSC Juniors and Rookies at their regattas on 3rd September suggests that HSC can look forward to a very healthy future indeed.

Five kids showed up to race for the Sam Nelson Regatta in the morning. Maybe not a huge number but what they lacked in quantity they made up for in quality. This group has been training and racing together all season, and it showed.

We ran six short races during the morning in a shifty NW wind. Caleb Zimmerman and Teddy Wells, fresh from their successes at the Sunfish North Americans, must have been asleep or overconfident because in the first few races the other three kids, all rookies, were showing them up. Nathan Altomare won the first two races, then Simon and Lucy Bertocci scored a couple of bullets.

After four races, only two points separated first and last boats. After five races, only one point separated the first three boats. And everyone had won at least one race -- except for Caleb. In the final race Caleb and Teddy finally got their act together and did well enough to win their respective age groups and win the Sam Nelson and Walter C. Finne awards.

In the afternoon, ten boats and twelve sailors competed in the Rookie Regatta. We ran three races and every boat completed all the races (apart from one which had a gear failure). If all these rookies become active racing members of the club, look out for some crowded start lines in the coming years. Congratulations to all the sailors!

Results of Rookie Regatta

1. Nathan Altomare
2. Lucy Bertocci
3. Simon Bertocci
4. Trevor von Kaenel and his friend Paul
5. Ted and Tom Janulis
6. Mike Incantalupo
7. Ty Brooks
8. Giorgio Parise
9. Maryalice Smarsh
10. Mary Deal

Derek Stow

Labor Day Regatta



Labor Day this year was a picture perfect day that, mixed with light winds, left the RC plenty of time to take pictures as the sailors drifted slowly around the course.

Elliot Zimmerman

Hunterdon Sailing Club Annual Dinner

Saturday, November 12
6:30 pm
Alfredo's in Scotch Plains

Make your reservations now for the yachting
world's premier social event of the year

Full details on page 7

One Design Racing

Recently a question was raised in the HSC Laser Fleet as to whether it is allowed to use equipment not authorized in the International Laser Class rules for "friendly fleet racing" at HSC. The commodore of HSC informed us that this was a "fleet issue". So, after some discussion among the fleet captains of most of the active racing fleets at HSC the following statement was agreed to clarify our policy...

The concept of one-design racing is the basis for most of the classes that participate in racing and is the underlying tenet of racing at HSC. This concept purports that if all the boats in a class are similar then the differences in racing results are due to the skippers' and crews' skill at racing. This makes sailing more a game of skill than a game of technology and ensures a level playing field.

To this end each class holds its own design specifications which commonly allow some latitude to a degree. At the advanced levels of racing boats are measured and non-conformities are not allowed. So if you show up at a major event and you have equipment out of specification you may not use that equipment in the regatta. These specifications can cover many aspects of boat design ranging from hull shape and minimum weight, to centerboard and rudder shape, sail shape and manufacturer.

All of the classes at HSC have specifications of this nature and it is noted in the handbook that class rules should be followed when racing at HSC.

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| Ray Buchanan | Force 5 Fleet Captain |
| Derek Stow | Laser Fleet Captain |
| Chet Ensign | Flying Scot Fleet Captain |
| Charles Smith | Jet 14 Fleet Captain |
| Charlie Engler | Jet 14 Fleet Captain |

If you have any questions about your class's rules or how to interpret them you should consult your fleet captain.

Derek Stow

Do You Get It?

Have you been receiving the club email messages?

Club email messages are sent several times a month, including racing scores, event information, etc. When you join, the email address(es) you give on the membership form are included in the club email address list. But if you haven't been receiving messages over the past months, here are a few ideas.

First, please check your email system's Spam or Junk mail

filters. Since the address list for these messages is very long, some email systems automatically put them in Junk or Spam boxes. You would need to go into that area, look for messages (subject line normally includes 'HSC') and mark the sender (Andy Lindgren, our secretary) as acceptable and then the messages should come to your main mailbox. For example, I needed to do this with a hotmail account.

Second, if that doesn't help, please send an email to SaiIHSC@hotmail.com from your mailbox so we can check if your address is correct in the list, and make sure you are included.

Thank you!

Ellen Greenhorn
Membership Coordinator

2005 Gravy Bowl NJYRA Championship

Saturday, August 27, turned out to be an interesting day to sail at Spruce Run....with plenty of wind for races 1 and 3, and a breather for race 2. Racing was very competitive with 3 boats tied for first on point totals. As has become his style, Doug Brown won with a tie-breaking first in the final race, and will be awarded the NJYRA Jet 14 State Championship.

10 Jets participated, including a Pines Lake contingent of Chris Adams sailing with Greg Thomas, and Scott and Bob Higgins. Nicky nominated Scott and Bob for well-deserved Strivers Awards. And all were pleased to sail with HSC's rising star Guido Bertocci with crew Simon who tied for first and took second place trophies. Brent and Barbara Benson, also tied in first place points, took third....their turn to win a tie-breaker comes up next!

The race committee, headed by PRO Bill Waggoner, was thanked for their square lines and good courses under shifty conditions. Assisting Bill were Nancy Waggoner, Edna Lehota, Ramon and Cathy Rosswaag (Cathy volunteering as a last-minute replacement), Jim Bardwil, and Terry and Teddy Wells.....our thanks to you all!

- 1 1011 Doug/Kelly Brown 2 4 1 7
- 2 1150 Guido/Simon Bertocci 1 3 3 7
- 3 1007 Brent/Barbara Benson 3 2 2 7
- 4 1129 Charlie Engler/Anita DeMatteo 4 1 5 10
- 5 1151 Charlie/Joanna Smith 5 6 4 15
- 6 1116 Nicky Einthoven/Stehanie Wells 6 5 7 18
- 7 458 Chris Adams/Greg Thomas 8 7 6 21
- 8 1107 Caleb/Elliot Zimmerman 9 8 8 25
- 9 1001 Art Roswell/Vim Einthoven 7 10 9 26
- 10 1027 Scott/Bob Higgins 10 9 10 29

Charlie Engler

Laser Fleet

After a summer sailing at Spruce Run I decided it was time to hit the road and headed up to Newport RI for the New England Laser Masters on the second weekend of September. (Masters regattas in the Laser class are for sailors over 35. I qualify.)

Hurricane Ophelia was skirting the coast and the forecast for Saturday morning wasn't good. Rain with winds 40 to 50 mph gusting 60 -- yikes. Yet 48 sailors came from all over New England plus New Jersey, New York and Toronto to Third Beach, Newport. By 9 a.m. on Saturday it was "only" blowing 20-25 from the NW with huge and fast-moving swells coming South up the bay from the Atlantic. It was an eerie sight to see the wind blowing the tops of the swells out in the middle of the bay, like breakers on a reef where there was no reef.

Racing started on a twice-around windward-leeward course. The upwind swells created an unusual situation. Down in the bottom of the swells there was hardly any wind and you would be hunched up on the deck. Then you rode over the top of the swell and the sail would find the wind again and you had to hike like crazy. You could actually catch a ride going upwind. Magic! *We're not in Hunterdon County any more Toto.*

The wind moderated as the day progressed and I did manage to keep the big floppy white thing over the blue plastic thing and the cold wet stuff all day. The regatta dinner on Saturday night featured lots of wholesome food and some embarrassing singing and musical performances by various sailors.

With Ophelia being history, the second day presented itself with blue skies and brilliant sunshine. The first race was sailed in a squirrely NW wind but once the expected sea breeze came in, races two and three were sailed in a strengthening SW 10-15 bringing the regatta to a crowning end. My results...well, nothing worth writing about but it was fun to play in the big waves for a change and meet up with many old friends from the Masters circuit.

Two weeks later at Annapolis for the Laser Masters US Nationals conditions couldn't have been more different. A warm sunny weekend with temps in the 80s and light winds. 80 Master sailors showed up including 10 female masters. Well, I've written Fo'c's'le articles this year promoting the Laser for almost every demographic including one on Lasers for families; I guess I have to write one now on "Lasers for Old Ladies".

Seyvern Sailing Association put on a terrific regatta with great food and drinks, free music from the club next door, and plenty of free goodies. (I now have 3 new hats.) Lynne and I made a long weekend of it and enjoyed dining out on oysters and crab cakes and other Maryland delicacies. With relatively flat water this weekend, sailing on Chesapeake Bay was just like racing on a bigger version of Spruce Run ... if you can imagine Spruce Run with tide.

Laser Masters events do attract some big names occasionally. One of the biggest thrills for me was coming into the leeward mark of race 1 in about 10th place and meeting Ed Adams doing a gybe just on (or maybe just outside) the two boatlength zone and then calling for water on me. Hmmm, former Star World Champion, Snipe NA Champion and Laser US Champion... maybe I'd better not push my luck. I gave him room.

The conditions suited me and I managed to make the top 20 overall in the 80 boat fleet. Great way to end the season. And talking of next season, the HSC Laser Fleet has elected Bob Orr as our 2006 Laser Fleet Captain. I'm sure he'll do a great job of promoting the fleet and wish him every success.

Derek Stow



Two HSC Jet 14 Fleet members relax after racing
Vim Einthoven and Art Roswell

Jet 14 District 1 Championship Results

The Gravy Bowl was also Leg Two of the District I Championship. Those who had participated at Pines Lake were eligible. Doug Brown, who sailed with Emily for a second at Pines Lake, and a first with Kelly at HSC, easily took the trophies and red chevrons for the District Championship. Brent and Barbara Benson with two thirds, captured second, followed by Charlie Engler who, with Angel crews Amy Gilbert and Anita DeMatteo, tied with Charlie and Joanna Smith on (revised *) points. After the tie-breaking calculation, 1151 was able to, once again, dodge the Chevron bullet, and remain ensconced in the B fleet.

| | PL | HSC | Total |
|-------------------------------|----|-----|-------|
| 1011 Doug/Emily/Kelly Brown | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 1007 Brent/Barbara Benson | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 1129 Charlie Engler/Amy/Anita | 9 | 4 | 13 |
| 1151 Charlie/Joanna Smith | 8* | 5 | 13 |
| 458 Chris and T. Adams/Thomas | 7* | 7 | 14 |
| 1027 Scott/Bob Higgins | 10 | 10 | 20 |

Charlie Engler

Jet 14 Nationals

The Jet 14 Junior, Women's and Senior Nationals were sailed at Saratoga Lake Sailing Club August 17 – 20. HSC sent five boats to the event. Brent and Barbara Benson, Charlie Engler and Anita DeMatteo, Charles and Joanna Smith, Courtney Young and Nicky Einthoven, and Caleb and Elliott Zimmerman.

Caleb and Elliot Zimmerman at the Jet Nationals



On Wednesday the 17th, Caleb teamed with Teddy Wells in the Junior Nationals to tie for first and claim second on the tie-breaker. Great Job.

For the 34 boats in attendance, the Senior event began with a very light air day where only one race was completed on a shortened course. The Bensons found the right combination of wind and weed avoidance to place 8th.

Day two dawned with the wind filling from the south. By the start of Race 2, the wind was up to a good 15 knots. The Smith's were able to get moving in the heavier breeze and finished 10th. Unfortunately the Benson's were forced to retire with equipment problems and this spelled the end of their on-the-water regatta, although they did enjoy the remaining shore side activities. The second race of the day saw three HSC boats cross the line in order with the team of Courtney Young and Nicky Einthoven edging out the Smiths and Charlie Engler and Anita DeMatteo in "Charlie's Angel". In the final race of the day the "Charlie's Angel" team put together a complete race and finished 8th.

As we prepared for day three we were all hoping to get in two races so that a throw-out would kick in. Race 5 started in 12 to 15 knots, and ended with some gusts just over 20. At the starting line, the Smiths picked up a huge clump of weed on their centerboard and dragged it around the course – not a

very fast technique. The Engler/DeMatteo Young/Einthoven teams battled around the course finishing 16 and 17 respectively.

As the wind was now a consistent 20 knots and gusting higher, and at least one Jet capsized, additional races were cancelled and the 2005 Nationals were history.

In the final analysis the Engler/DeMatteo team placed 13th, Young/Eithoven 20th, the Smiths 21st, Zimmermans 29th and Bensons 33rd. But it's not only about the racing. There was plenty going on on-shore to keep us busy as well from volleyball and badminton, croquet, the occasional blender drink and the opportunity to simply chat with new and old friends in the class. We all look forward to next year's event.

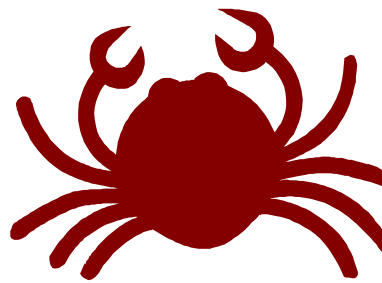
Charles Smith

Konigsberg Memorial

The Annual Jet 14 Konigsberg Memorial Regatta was held September 17 – 18 at West River Sailing Club in Galesville, MD. Three HSC boats made the trip for the two day six race event. Over the course of the summer, an HSC based Jet 14 has crossed the finish line 99 times at an away venue. Way to go!

Sailing out of SSA and Jet Fleet 61, Dirk, Stephanie and Connor Schwenk continued their winning ways from the Wren Regatta and took top honors with 5 bullets. Charlie Engler and ace crew Anita DeMatteo won a hard fought battle for second by winning the final race of the series to earn the spot by 1 point. Charles and Joanna Smith placed 4th and first in the "B" fleet 2 points out of third.

This marks the third regatta this year at West River that the Smiths have placed 4th. Nicky Einthoven picked up a local crew and placed 5th in the 10-boat field. All of the races at West River finished downwind, and on more than one occasion the final positions were not decided until the last puff.



The highlight of the event for the HSC travelers was a Maryland Crab Boil dinner on Saturday night. Outside, under the evening sky lit by the Northern Lights and serenaded by the throaty purr of the local cigarette boats, it really made us

appreciate the silence of our wind driven Jets. It was a great weekend, and we look forward to next year's event.

Charles Smith

Force 5 Millard Fillmore Classic

The annual Classic was held on Sunday, Sept. 18. The wind was strong enough, actually sometimes more than we needed, but then again there were times and places where it was absent or moved from left to right. Somewhat frustrating. Well, for me anyway.

Doug Brown winning the first four races obviously took first. Then Rich Baumann and Courtney Young each won one. Going into that last race Courtney was tied in points with Byron Hicks. That first put Court in second and Byron in third. The other medal winner was Blaine Bauer who won the Challenger trophy and the biography of Fillmore which he will have to bring back next year and read a passage to the group.

Now for the Millard Fillmore Mediocrity award. In an eight man fleet the award should go to the fourth place finisher. But some air-head blew off that a sailor who wins a race could not be mediocre. That made Rich raise his hands, clap and make all sort of noises.

That left it to the fifth place finisher to take the award home and hide it. That's me, with the award under a table in my den.

Hey, where were all the guys who didn't show? We've got at least 17 5's in the club. Only six showed up. Hey, it's a fun time...even if I have to say that reluctantly.

Oh, by the way, the only one of the six who came away with nutton but memories was
.....Rich.....todahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh.

Ray Buchanan

Surf City.....Wow

Well, once again at Surf City it was a great weekend...the first one after Labor Day. Blue cloudless skies, pleasant temperatures and enough wind to need hiking out. If you sat at home, all I can say is get your priorities in order. Even swimming in the ocean was great.

Four HSCers did well in the Sunfish fleet of 16 with 3 in the top 6 and four in the top 10. Courtney Young medaled in third place, Rich Baumann in fourth, me, tied in points for fifth ended up sixth and Mike Wheeler in tenth. Dick Saunders, a local Long Beach Islander, beat me out of fifth place with three fifth place finishes against my two fifths.

I didn't help my cause with two dunkings at the finish line. That's AT the finish line. First, I came in on port and Rich came in on starboard. I had to tack under him and found I couldn't fetch the pin end. So I leaned out to starboard, hoping my momentum would carry me across and I slid off the deck.

The second time was different. Learning my lesson I came in on starboard. Another bum came in on port and despite my yelling starboard he kept coming. Hoping he would cross me so I could cross the line before he could tack I kept coming and hit him near the stern. His sail capsized me. He did a 720 and beat me across. As Rich said, " Sometimes a 720 isn't enough."

It was a great weekend even if I had to take some ribbing. Come on down next year, same time, same place. We had Optis galore, Sunfish, Lasers and Radials, Snipes, Mariners and maybe another fleet on the West course. The goings-on on shore were as good as on the water.

Ray Buchanan

HSC Commodore Rich Baumann in his Force 5 at HSC



For Sale Jet 14 #1045

Solid hull, nice condition. White deck, red bottom, excellent paint job on both. Sails: one good set for racing plus an older set. Includes older spinnaker with new pole. Repainted trailer is solid. Ready to race.
\$1600 or offer.

Also available: Capri 22 with trailer.

Bob Orr: 908-832-7553

Nockamixon Regatta

We had beautiful cloudless skies, moderate temperatures, and wind of all speeds from every direction. Nockamixon is the other home club for the Bensons, where they race a Thistle or Lightning. Some of us participated in an informal rules seminar hosted by the Thistle fleet.

The Jets opted to take the third start, letting the Thistles go first and the other big boats, Flying Scots, Impulse-21s, Lightning, go second. We still ended up overtaking some in the other fleets.

With great winds before the first start, the course was set for a TWW. Then the breeze died at the Jet start. The RC shortened the race in differing amounts for the different fleets, and ended up finishing boats from both directions on the same line at the same time. Interesting but well done. The Bensons got off the line a little quicker than the others and sailed away to the first mark. Then they went into a wind hole and were passed by everyone else at the start of the reach leg. They dropped their chute first on a big header, and sailed back past the bunch, and on to the win. Caleb Zimmermann picked the right side on the next windward leg, and finished a comfortable second.

The wind did a 180 shift and back during the second race start sequence, and the Jets were almost sent off in the opposite direction from the other fleets. We ended up going the same way, but with the committee boat end highly favored. The Bensons squeezed in at the favored end and sailed away from the fleet. Charlie Engler came off second and ended up in that position after considerable close interaction during the race. The wind died as he neared the finish line, letting Charlie Smith almost catch him. Caleb couldn't come back from penalty turns caused by drifting into another boat at a mark rounding.

The third race had considerably more wind, but it was across the narrow direction of the lake. The windward mark near the marina had all sorts of strange wind shifts causing five or six quick tacks all three times we were there on the TTW course. The Bensons were first, stretching it out on one of the infrequent spinnaker runs. Charlie Engler was again second, assuring second place in the regatta. The third for Charlie Smith pulled him into a third place tie with Caleb, but Caleb held the tie-breaker.

Brent and Barbara Benson 1 1 1 (3)
 Charlie Engler, Anita DeMatteo 3 2 2 (7)
 Caleb and Elliot Zimmerman 2 4 4 (10)
 Charlie and Joanna Smith 4 3 3 (10)

Brent Benson

Quote of the Month

“You haven't won the race, if in winning you've lost the respect of your competition.”

Paul Elvstrom

Hunterdon Sailing Club

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Saturday, November 12, 2005, 6:30 pm

Alfredo's (formerly Hershey's), Lower Level, 1800 E. 2nd St., Scotch Plains, NJ

Featuring.....

- Delicious Buffet Dinner (byob)
- Swap Table (bring the good stuff you no longer need, take home something you do need.)
- All kinds of awards for HSC 2005 events
- Election of officers
- Not too many speeches

And the event of the year.....the fleet entertainment challenge !

The Jet 14 Fleet hereby challenges all other fleets (that have the nerve), to provide some form of entertainment. Ten minutes maximum.
Judges will award trophies to the winning fleet

Cost: \$18.00 for adults, \$9.00 for children ...
Plus \$5 for reservations received after November 5

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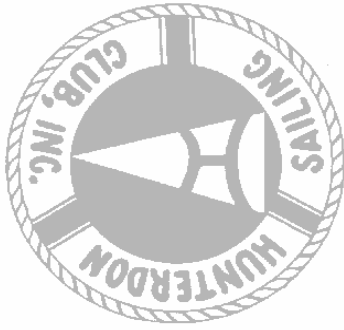
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Adults (@ \$18) _____ **# Children (@ \$9)** _____

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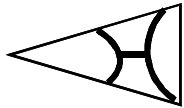


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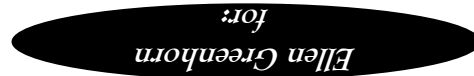
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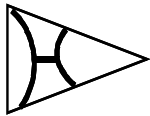
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