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Springtime

On a Friday evening in mid-March, my son and I were enjoying our last ski of the season, with some of the best spring skiing conditions in recent memory: warm temperatures, soft and loose snow, no crowds. Just two weeks later, late on a Sunday afternoon still in the month of March, my daughter and I slipped our Laser into the icy waters of Spruce Run and drifted across the lake with a warm gentle breeze and a golden sunset. It occurred to me how very fortunate we are to enjoy the conjunction of winter and summer sports in the New Jersey springtime. Since that late March day, I have experienced frequent – and usually wonderful – sails on Spruce Run throughout the month of April, generally in the evening hours and generally to excellent winds and spectacular sunsets.

This year marks the earliest I have ventured onto the water since leaving California seven years ago... albeit with some trepidation due to an intense desire not to dump myself – or anyone else for whom I am responsible – into the exceedingly cold water. Nevertheless, the experience has been well worth the effort, and I am now “hooked” on early spring sailing. I revel in the peace and quiet of being the only boater on the lake. I love the smells of spring that drift across the water, as the earth warms and releases a virtual symphony of fragrances. I am enchanted by the contrast of the white sail against the crystal clear deep blue sky. And I am reminded that warmer temperatures are just around the corner as I listen to the loud and boisterous call of the cicadas, heralding the arrival of summer.

As an avid fan of sailboat racing, I find it easy to forget sometimes that there is so much more to sailing than the hours of tuning for boat speed, the horns and starting guns, the urgent calls for starboard tack right of way, and the palm-sweating, heart-thumping beats to the finish line. Oh, I am indeed looking forward to the start of another racing season... but in the meantime, I've discovered the profound rewards of off-season sailing in the beauty and serenity of our local club waters.

- Bob Orr



Training Update

See page 6 of this issue for information on the HSC Racing Training course being offered in May, and Crew Training and Find a Crew clinics in July.

Sign Up now!

A Bit of HSC History

My long-time friend, former HSC member and Rear Commodore Jim McCrea was cleaning out some storage shelves and found a large notebook of "official" HSC and Jet Fleet 51 documents. They will be going to the HSC Historian Nicole Einthoven, but before they go, here are a few excerpts...

1973:

- Jet Fleet roster shows 27 boats.

1975:

- Sunset Inn Motel rates: 1 bed \$14, 2 beds \$16, pool and Television.
- 7 of 10 top finishers in the Jet Nationals were from HSC.

1976:

- July 4th, 50 adults @\$5, and 9 kids @\$3, attended the LBJ catered picnic at The Chicken Coop in Pittstown.

1977:

- Jet Fleet roster shows 38 boats.

1978:

- 30th Surf City Annual Invitation Regatta included Jet 14's, Jr. & Sr. Sunfish, Lasers, Comets, Lightnings and Mariners.
- Raritan YC Red Grant Regatta one-designs included Jet 14, Force 5, Celebrity and Phantom.
- July 1 Jet 14 Crew Race at HSC: "The intent of this race is for skipper and crew to change places for one day. To be eligible, they must have sailed as a team for part of this or last year's season, and crews who have already co-skippered are excluded."

1982:

- HSC membership: 97, dues \$35 plus \$10 initiation.

1983:

- HSC membership meeting was held Jan 20th at the Pattenburg VFW starting at 8:15 PM.
- Lasers became a recognized fleet and "they will have their own start."
- Force 5 Fleet Capt. Mark Adams reported that they will be having team racing, morning racing on Sundays and a Laser/Force 5 shootout.

And the original charter of Jet 14 Fleet 51, May 1966. A beautiful thing to behold!

- Charlie Engler

Commodore's Corner

Welcome to the Spring Series!

Following our eagerness to search for novel concepts this year, here are some observations, new and old, borrowed and blue, and offered, not as policy or rules, but based on personal experience.

HELPFUL HINTS TO HSC RACE COMMITTEES

1. The RC Chair of the day should make sure, in advance, that the RC crew will be present, and that the RC will total, ideally, FOUR. DO NOT assume they will have read the schedule.
2. Things I like to take out on RC include: binoculars, cell phone, life jacket, a weather radio.
3. Make every attempt to start on time, and minimize the time between races. In light air, DO NOT strive for the perfect starting line, just get the race going, the "wind" will shift in a few minutes anyway.
4. DO NOT interfere with anchored fishermen when you set the starting line. It is their lake too, so stay well clear. The fishing editor of the HC Democrat still remembers the time when a Wednesday night RC set up much too close to him until Susan read them the riot act!
5. We DO NOT always need to race in the same area. Don't be afraid to try, for example, what was once known as TOPL (The Other Part of the Lake). A start line could be placed near the gap, with the course up toward the swimming beach. Let's have a little variety!
6. So what if the wind shifts and produces a downwind finish? It's practice for away regattas!
7. During races, STAY ALERT. I remember a hot, light air Sunday, when a non-swimmer somehow slipped off his Sunfish without his life preserver, and the boat drifted out of his reach. Fortunately, we saw him in the distance, waving for help. So MONITOR and keep track of the boats!
8. It's a good idea to send the skiff out during the races, particularly in brisk winds.
9. If you need outside help in a life-threatening emergency: don't hesitate to call 911. The High Bridge Emergency Squad, the "First-Responders" are equipped with rescue boats. They are NOT there to help you right a capsized boat, however!
10. To call the Park Police, call the Park office at 908-638-8572. This number is written inside the equipment box lid on the RC boat.
11. Be concerned for the safety of the sailors, not their boats.
12. And my personal favorite as the HSC "Chicken of the Sea", any thunder signals the end of the race, and use the closest shore if you have a problem.
13. AND being on RC is FUN, don't miss the opportunity!

- Charlie Engler

Safety Boat Duties

- The safety boat should be on the water to assist the fleet during races. It should be positioned for the following tasks.
- At the start of a race. Position the safety boat well outside the pin end of the start line and in-line with the starting line. Via radio, quietly report to the RC if a boat seems to be OCS, let the RC communicate with the fleet.
- During the race, follow the fleet, position the boat in case sailors encounter difficulties. Be prepared to intervene, but do not attempt to assist a sailor unless the sailor specifically requests assistance. Do not communicate with competitors.
- Drive the boat at a speed that will ensure your wake will not disturb the fleet, unless responding to an emergency.
- In between races, be prepared to reset marks. Follow instructions provided by the RC.
- At the end of the day, follow the last boat of the last race and retrieve marks as instructed by the RC.

- Elliot Zimmerman



HSC Commodores Circle the Globe!

Cathy Rosswaag sent this milestone update from former HSC Commodores Steve and Barbara Seide.

About 9 years ago they took early retirement, sold their house and most possessions, and bought a beautiful yacht to see the world!

Now, 8^{1/2} years later, they have completed a circumnavigation of the world.

Our best wishes to them both!

From the Seides:

Yippee!

On 20 April, at 03:34:38 hrs UTC we crossed our path from Las Palmas to St. Lucia. By crossing our path, we have now completed our first circumnavigation. It was NLat 21deg 31.4min, WLon 27deg 30.6min. We celebrated with chocolate nut brownies, chocolate mint ice cream, and Fox's Ubet chocolate sauce

The trip took from November 30, 1997 which is about 8^{1/2} years. In July of this year we will celebrate at the true beginning our travels on "Sidereal Time" at Göteborg, Sweden. That celebration will have a great deal of libations because we will be at a dock and not close hauled.

There is still much to see in our water-filled world and we are not finished yet

Here is wishing all the best on each of you on your own travels on this globe

- Steve & Barbara

Laser Fleet News

As I have noted in a related article in this edition of the Fo'c's'le, I have enjoyed some spectacular spring Laser sailing on Spruce Run, though the water temperature is not for the faint of heart. Please give me a call at 908-832-7553 if you would like to join me for some informal match racing or practice sailing on any weekend. Based on personal experience, I encourage all Laser sailors to start the boat tune-up process as soon as possible. I've discovered a few new leaks in my own boats that will take some time to fix. Meanwhile, for the rainy days of spring when sailing is not the best option, I've ordered the Laser Coach 2000 CD-ROM. It is available from Annapolis Performance Sailing (www.apsltd.com). I've heard good reports about it, but haven't yet tried it.

Memorial Day is rapidly approaching, and with it comes the HSC annual Double Dipper Regatta for Sunfish and Lasers. The Lasers race on Sunday, May 28 and the Sunfish race on Monday, May 29. As noted in last month's Laser notes, if you are unable to race your Laser please try to make it available to Sunfish sailors who may wish to use it. There are other events in the near future for which we bear some responsibility: on Sunday, May 7, we are responsible for hot dogs at the first "racing Sunday" of the season. Volunteers are needed! And on Sunday, June 4, the Laser fleet is providing the first of a series of "spaghetti dinners" to follow the afternoon races. Again, volunteers are needed! I hope to see our fleet of Lasers on the water soon.

- Bob Orr

Thursday Night Racing

Much like the Wednesday night Sunfish racing, the Force 5 and Laser fleet's are interested in weekday evening racing. We are now looking to see how much interest there is to get this started. The format is quite open and we would like to hear any suggestions that would help get this on the water.

If you're interested contact either of us:

Doug Brown 201-394-1866 jetracer14@netscape.net

Bob Orr 908-832-7553

Attention Juniors

The HSC Junior sailing team is about to start its 3rd season. Come join the fun! We have had a lot of success for such a new team and this year looks to be just as good.

If you can sail upwind and have a Sunfish you can use, come out and sail with us. First practice is Wednesday July 5th.

For the sailors returning from last year's team, we have good boat speed and now it's time to get our tacks, jibes and mark rounding (boat handling) so good that it's automatic.

Questions? Call Doug Brown 201-394-1866

Sunfish Twilight Fleet

May 3 - Come on out for the opening day for the Twilight fleet! Don't miss the start of another great series on Wednesday night.

May 7 is opening day for the Sunday Sunfish - let's all try to get out on the line for our very first Sunday!

On May 13 we will be hosting SANJL - Skipper's meeting at 10:00, first race at 10:30. Race committee for the day will be Barbara and Brent Benson ably assisted by Charlie Smith, if you would like to volunteer to help out with this event let me know. We can always use a couple extra pairs of hands.

May 29 is the Memorial Day regatta, this is held as the second day of the Double Dipper regatta. The first day is sailed in Laser's on May 28. You do not have to participate in the Laser regatta to come to the Memorial Day Sunfish regatta and win the day.

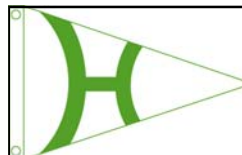
On Memorial Day the skipper's meeting will be at 10:00, first race by 10:30, wind permitting. We'll try and get at least 5 races in so there can be a throw-out. Bring lunch and drinks - breakfast will be supplied. As this is an Open event there will be a nominal fee of \$5.00 to cover costs of trophies and breakfast. I hope everyone turns out for this fun event!

Just remember, when you are sailing, - the big white thing goes up in the air, not the little white thing - your boat should not look like this when you sail - it is VERY slow ☺

- Susan Mallows 908-303-0889



This is NOT what Jim Bardwil was discussing in last month's "Bottoms Up" article!



HSC Burgee Sale!

Made of all-weather nylon, beautifully sewn and finished, green stylized "H" on white background, complete with brass grommets, 10 X 15 inches.

Mail your check for \$15 payable to:

Hunterdon Sailing Club

P.O.Box 612, New Providence, NJ 07974

Meet Your Fleet Captain

In a series of interviews to run in the next few issues of The FO'C'S'LE, HSC's Publicity Chair, Anne Freeman, spoke with the Fleet Captains of each of the HSC Fleets. If you're interested in getting involved with any of the fleets, these are the folks to speak with.

Editor

Doug Brown Captain of Force 5 Fleet 36

Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC): Doug, what is the official name of your fleet?

Doug Brown (Doug): The Force 5 Fleet #36.

HSC: Would you give us a brief description of the Force 5 Fleet #36?

Doug: We have a lot of fun sailing. There is more chatter back and forth during a race than in any of the other classes. If you don't feel like talking, you can always just listen to Byron. We don't take winning trophies very seriously, but that's because we can't remember who won them last year so we don't know where they are!

HSC: What is your goal for your fleet?

Doug: To get more sailors into Force 5's so they can help us remember where our stuff is.

HSC: Doug, when does your fleet meet?

Doug: We meet on Sunday at 1:00 PM for fleet racing - and at the Sunset Inn after racing. That we remember!

HSC: Do you have any major events planned for 2006?

Doug: Yes, the North American Championships will be held once again at the Buffalo Canoe Club. The date is August 2nd - 5th. This is a must do race! And as a reminder, we'll have the Force 5 Tune-up Day on May 6th at 12:00 noon.

HSC: Do you have a sailing motto or fleet motto?

Doug: You know, we use to have one but I can't remember it ... I just remembered: "We are the class you can age into."



HSC: How long you have been sailing?

Doug: Not as long as some. I didn't start sailing until I was 28 years old.

HSC: How many years have you been a member of the HSC?

Doug: Four or five years, I think ... again, the memory thing ...

HSC: Doug, would you share some of your accomplishments as a sailor with us?

Doug: I have won a lot of races in a lot of different boats, but teaching and coaching sailing is the most rewarding.

HSC: Do you belong to any other sailing-related clubs or organizations?

Doug: The list is too long and too boring, plus I forget most of them until the renewal comes in the mail.

HSC: Is there any other sailing-related information about yourself that you'd like to share with the HSC members and prospective Force 5 sailors, Doug?

Doug: I can usually remember which way to go on the course, but sometimes forget how many laps. That's where the chatting thing comes in helpful.

HSC: What is the best way for prospective sailors to contact you?

Doug: Doug Brown at 201-394-1866 or jetracer14@netscape.net.



HSC Events in May

May 13: SANJL- Sunfish OPEN

May 21: Flying Scot Challenge of the Lakes

May 28: Laser Invitational—Double Dipper Day 1

May 29: Memorial Day Sunfish Open—Double Dipper Day 2

Regatta Notice

HSC F5 Spring Spectacular

June 3rd & 4th

Come and enjoy some great lake sailing at one of the best state parks in New Jersey. Spruce Run has a nice camp ground and there are some nearby hotels.

Two days of racing and a backyard cook out Saturday night. This will be a fun weekend! For more information go to:

<http://www.dougbrownspowerskating.com/f5.htm>

- Doug Brown @ 201-394-1866

Jim Bardwil Captain Sunday Sunfish Fleet

Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC): Jim, what is the official name of your fleet?

Jim Bardwil (Jim): The Sunday Sunfish Fleet.

HSC: Please give us a brief description of The Sunday Sunfish Fleet.

Jim: We are a group of fun people who like to race on Sundays. We welcome all new and returning members. Please come join us! Our group has some pretty good competition, and we represent all age groups, from juniors to "seniors."

HSC: Jim, what are your goals for The Sunday Sunfish Fleet?

Jim: To promote the love of sailing through the Sunfish fleet.

HSC: When do you meet and race?

Jim: We begin racing at 1:00 PM on Sundays, and Susan Malloys, who is the captain of the HSC Sunfish Fleet, heads up the Wednesday twilight races, which begin on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM.

HSC: Jim, how long you have been sailing?

Jim: I've been sailing for 31 years.

HSC: How many years you have been a member of the HSC?

Jim: I joined last year, so it's been one year.

HSC: Would you share your accomplishments as a sailor?

Jim: I sailed for Boston University

HSC: What would be the best way for prospective Sunday Sunfish sailors to get in touch with you?

Jim: Folks can call me at 908-889-9329.

HSC: Thanks, Jim – and we'll see all the Sunday Sunfish Fleet members at the special events that you and Susan Malloys have planned this year!

Bring A Buddy Boating Week!

The NJ Department of Transportation, Office of Maritime Resources is promoting a "Bring A Buddy Boating" campaign to be held July 10-16, 2006. Boaters are invited to bring their non-boating "buddies" to special events, open houses and boating activities at marinas and out on the water during "Bring A Buddy Boating" Week.

Why not take this opportunity to introduce a friend to boating and HSC?

Visit www.mtanj.org for up to date information

- Nicky Einthoven

A Sailor's Rescue

By Mel Wade

When down in the dumps, folks start crying
When down in the dumps, some even go buying

But I believe what's better than wailing
Is go to the dumps and --come out sailing.

Let me explain before psychoanalysis
Puts an end to my poemal synthesis:

I went to da dump, to da dump dump dump.
But after dumping developed a lump

In my throat as I looked at discarded treasures
And daydreamed of long past vacationing pleasures,

Afforded by a bed, a pier, or a bike
A boat, a stove, a stroller and the like.

A scavenger hunt at a Northwood's site
Soon makes you feel just about right.

As I stood by my empty trailer
Feeling deprived I spied--a sailor!

The hull of a sailboat of plastic and foam!
I couldn't resist just dragging it home.

It sat by my cottage for a year looking sad
Till a trip to the dump had me feeling so glad

That perhaps I did what you might think rash
I brought home--a **Sunfish!** Complete with a gash.

As I sail my "new" "Dumpster" I still feel a lump
Of guilt for returning my first boat to the dump.

Alas, this poor vessel had suffered the worst
For it had the distinction of being the first

To ever be dragged to a sanitary site
Not once, but twice. It just doesn't seem right.



Spray Beach Yacht Club Spray Beach, LBI, New Jersey

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Crew Training

Would you prefer to sail as a crew member rather than solo, but need to find a skipper with a boat? Or perhaps right now you don't have your own boat but want to be out sailing.

Mark your calendar now for HSC's Crew Training on Saturday, July 15, 8:30 - noon at Spruce Run. You'll learn and practice the hands-on skills for the jib and spinnaker, the role of the crew (that's you) on a two or three-person boat like a Flying Scot or Jet 14 or Day Sailer.

First, you'll do some great on-land, hands-on practice with the sails (wondering how we do this - come & see!!). Then you'll have some sailing time to practice on the water. Bring your life jacket & a pair of gloves. Registration starts in June so watch the June Focsls for details. We ask for registration to be sure you can get some on-water sailing time (on-land portion is open to any number of people).

Looking for Crew?

Looking for crew for your Flying Scot, Jet 14, Day Sailer or another boat?

Mark your calendar now for HSC's Crew Training on Saturday, July 15, 8:30 - noon at Spruce Run. Bring your boat so you can sail with HSC members interested in crewing - maybe you'll strike up a partnership & have many more days of sailing this summer!

Crew students will learn and practice the hands-on skills for the jib and spinnaker, on land under the leadership of Chet Ensign (come & see this!), and then with you on the water.

This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge, help newer sailors enjoy the sport, and maybe meet a good sailing partner!

If you're interested, please let us know now so we can be

Interested or want to learn more about Crew Training or Finding a Crew Member?
Please contact training coordinator Ellen Greenhorn at egreenhorn@hotmail.com or 908 713 9346.

Jump-Start Your Racing Season! Racing Training on May 23 & 25

Have you been racing and now you're looking to improve your skills? Come to the racing clinic led by Nicky Einthoven in May. Sailors who will benefit from this clinic will have been racing (for example, have qualified in at least one HSC series in previous years), be familiar with racing courses & basic rules and be ready for drills and pointers to improve starting, mark rounding, reading the wind, and racing tactics. The course will generally progress backwards through a race covering the finish first, and the start last. On Thursday, Nicky will answer questions about the previous evening's Twilight races. Weather permitting, all clinic days will have some lecture and on-the-water practice.

Dates:	Tuesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 25
Time:	6 - 9 PM
Boat type:	Any boat; please let us know what to expect (see registration)
Location:	Spruce Run State Park boat launch area
Membership:	Racing members
Fee:	\$25.00

Please register - class size limited to 12

For questions, contact Ellen Greenhorn, HSC training coordinator, at 908 713 9346 or by email at egreenhorn@hotmail.com.
Or ask Nicky Einthoven at the lake!

Registration

Racing clinic, May 23 & 25, 2006

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Boat I will use: Please circle:

Sunfish	Laser	Force 5	Jet 14	Flying Scot
Albacore	Day Sailer	Other boat (list) _____		

Registration fee: \$25.00 by check, please, made payable to Hunterdon Sailing Club

Mail by May 15 to:
Ellen Greenhorn
HSC Training Coordinator
60 Augusta Drive
Annandale, NJ 08801

Sunfish Marketplace

Sunfish Parts

Racing Sail (white with window) - \$150 - won the HSC Memorial Day Regatta in 2004 and was not used at all in 2005.
 Racing Daggerboard (plastic) - \$90
 Boom Set - upper and lower spars and gooseneck - \$100
 Mast - \$40
 Spar Bag - \$10

Contact Derek Stow at derekstow@gmail.com
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 Stephan Nash at snash@sailboatshop.com



Part of the HSC Work Crew poses under the new "pop-up" canopies.

Jet 14 Fleet News

The 2006 season has finally arrived which means that Leg 1 of the District Championships is just around the corner. This year we anticipate returning to a 3-leg format, so make your plans now to be at the first leg at Pines Lake. See you there!

- Charlie Smith

Pines Lake Sailing Club Annual Jet 14 Regatta District Championship Leg 1 Saturday May 27, 2006 3 to 5 Races!

Skippers Meeting: 9 AM at North Island
 (Gate opens at 8:00)

First Race: 10 AM (sharp)

Trophies: First 5 Places. Skipper & Crew

Fee: \$20/boat
 Bring Your Own Lunch
 (beverages will be provided)

Information : Call or email Jim Ungemach
 (973) 839-5197
jim.ungemach@hilltown.com

Note: This Regatta is sanctioned by the
 Jet 14 Class Association

Hunterdon Sailing Club

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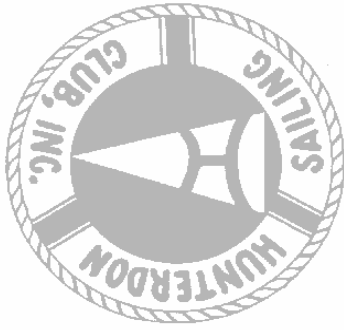
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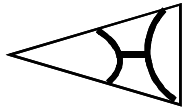


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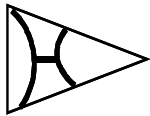
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