

The F C'S'LE

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Help Needed April 9th – Spring Work Day

The days are getting longer, the ice has melted, and Spruce Run is very full – it must be time for our annual Spring HSC Work Day! Please join us at **10:00 AM on Saturday, April 9** (Rain date Saturday, April 16), as we need all the hands we can get in order to get the club ready to go for the summer. If you are a new member, this is an excellent way to meet other members and get involved.



Aside from launching *See Which Won* and the usual clean-up, we have a few additional items to focus on this year:

- Installing mounting bars each of the safety boats; these will stabilize the ladders when used to rescue capsized sailors;
- Rigging our new race marks and rodes;
- Repairing the flat tires on one of our hand carts;
- Assorted smaller projects.

In addition, we will survey, inspect and repair the club sunfish and rigging as necessary.

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Upcoming Events

- 4/9 – Spring Work Day
- 4/16 – Park Service Day
- 4/27 – Twilight Opening Night
- 5/1 – Sunday Opening Day

Please feel free to bring:

- Saw horses for working on boats;
- any cordless power tools,
- hand tools,
- cleaning supplies,
- and large containers of clean tap water.

If anyone has a generator and/or inverter for AC power tools, that would be a huge help.

Thank you in advance for making the time to participate in this important event. The more people who can attend, the faster we can get everything done!

Questions? Please contact Bill Foster.

F Force Five Fleet #36

So, here's my car in NJ on December 27th:



Here it is in Key Largo on February 21st:



And, here it is back in NJ on March 24th:



But this isn't about cars; it's about the **Force 5 Midwinter Championships** in Key Largo, FL on February 24-26. We had no snow!

Temperatures were in the high 70's, quite steady wind and 30 sailors.

7 sailors were trying out the new "short rig" to test our preliminary handicap, while the other 23 (including me) were sailing with the full rig. Check the back page of the Foc's'le for a photo of my best finish.

To see all of the pictures from the event, click on this link:

http://force5.us/main/index.php?option=com_joomgalery&func=viewcategory&catid=38&startpage=1&Itemid=91#category

For full results and more pictures, click:

http://force5.us/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=118:2011-midwinter-championship-results&catid=58:results&Itemid=87

Lesson learned at the Force 5 Midwinters: I couldn't help noting the difference in my finishes after races with bad starts (12, 11, 10 & 14) and those in which I had good starts (5, 2, 4 & 5.) The fluky winds on North Jersey lakes can save a bad start or destroy a good one, but the fairly steady winds at Key Largo, combined with the quality of the competition left little room for error on the starting line.

I'm looking forward to crowds on our starting line beginning on May 1 at 1:30. And hold June 4-5 open for the **Mid Atlantic Championships at Spruce Run**. I have commitments from at least 2 sailors from Ohio and I'm working on more. How about you?

Rich Baumann

Sunfish Fleet - Wednesday Twilight Series

Opening Day is almost here! – Let's hope the weather and water warm up before April 27th. Below is a draft for RC assignments for the Twilight series. This basically reflects last year's assignments and adds in people who have become regulars and were not on last year's list. Please note that RC duty on Wednesday is only required for people who race on Wednesday nights, it does not apply to the Sunday series, if you participate in that you must do RC on a Sunday as well.

If you are not happy with the day assigned to you please let me know so that I can make changes before the season starts.

Susan Mallows

Wednesday Sunfish Fleet Captain

Date	Series	Day	RC Chair	RC Crew
27-Apr-11	Twilight 1	1	<i>Bill Foster</i>	<i>TBD</i>
4-May-11	Twilight 1	2	<i>Mike Wheeler</i>	<i>John Tellefsen</i>
11-May-11	Twilight 1	3	<i>Dave Davies</i>	<i>Ted Janulis</i>
18-May-11	Twilight 1	4	<i>Ellen Greenhorn</i>	<i>Calvin Clowes</i>
25-May-11	Twilight 1	5	<i>Don Esch</i>	<i>Yuka Ichigo</i>
1-Jun-11	Twilight 1	6	<i>Alexander Khutoretsky</i>	<i>Elena Khutoretsky</i>
8-Jun-11	Twilight 1	7	<i>David Stockwell</i>	<i>Ray Buchanan</i>
15-Jun-11	Twilight 1	8	<i>Charlie Engler</i>	<i>Stacey Bachenheimer</i>
22-Jun-11	Twilight 2	1	<i>Doug Brown</i>	<i>Susan Mallows</i>
29-Jun-11	Twilight 2	2	<i>Gordon Sell</i>	<i>Jay Halsted</i>
6-Jul-11	Twilight 2	3	<i>Steve Manson</i>	<i>Alec Manson</i>
13-Jul-11	Twilight 2	4	<i>Nicky Einthoven</i>	<i>Andrew Stockwell</i>
20-Jul-11	Twilight 2	5	<i>Nick Mentosana</i>	<i>Ramon Rosswagg</i>
27-Jul-11	Twilight 2	6	<i>Guido Bertocci</i>	<i>Simon Bertocci</i>
3-Aug-11	Twilight 2	7	<i>Rich Baumann</i>	<i>Andy Lindgren</i>
10-Aug-11	Twilight 2	8	<i>Mark Holmsborg</i>	<i>Spencer Holmsborg</i>
17-Aug-11	Twilight 2 Make-up day		<i>This day is scheduled in the event that any Twilight 2 evening is missed due to weather. RC TBD</i>	

JET-14 (Fleet #51) NEWS

Did you mark your calendars after reading the March edition of the Foc's'le?

Save the dates for lots of great Jet-14 sailing in August:

8/6 & 8/7, Wren Regatta at HSC
8/10-8/13, Jet-14 Nationals at LHYC
8/20, Gravy Bowl Regatta at HSC

Opening Day MAY 1st!!

Doug Brown
Jet 14 Fleet Captain



Photo by Doug Brown. Skipper Yuka Ichijo with Susan Mallovs as crew, racing in Jet-14 #1148

HSC State Liaison Report

Spruce Run Reservoir has recovered wonderfully from last fall's dry spell – the ice has melted and the reservoir has been SPILLING OVER for the past week!

Let's go sailing!

Charlie Engler, HSC State Liaison



Sunfish Fleet - Regattas (Save the Dates!)

The first SANJL regatta will be held on May 14th, there is a fee of \$15 for the day and \$40 for the series for seniors. The Youth entry fee for sailors who will not turn 19 or older by the end of 2010 is \$5 for the day and \$15 for the series. This includes a continental breakfast. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in both the Championship Fleet and the Challenger fleet. It is up to the discretion to the skipper which fleet they sail in. Four races are targeted for the day.

The rest of the series will be held at Swartzwood Lake on May 21st with 2 more regattas held in the fall, one at Highland Lakes on September 17th and the final one at Green Pond on October 1st. Series trophies will be awarded at the last event. You must have sailed at least 8 races in order to qualify for the series.



On May 30th the club will host the Memorial Day Regatta, the skipper's meeting will be at 10:00, there will be \$10 entry fee to cover a continental breakfast and trophies. This is an open regatta so both club members and non-club members can participate.

The full schedule for the Sunfish class will be posted shortly on the class website at www.sunfishclass.org. Highlights for this region are the Howard Griswold Regatta at Green Pond on July 9th and 10th and the three regional events: June 25-26 at Lewes YC; August 6-7 in Gloucester Virginia and August 20-21 at Avalon YC. In addition there is a regatta at Brandt Beach on June 11th and the Nationals at Barrington YC on July 20-24.

See you on the water!

Susan Mallows
Wednesday Sunfish Fleet Captain

Flying Scot Fleet #184

The Fleet is continuing preparations for a great season of Scot sailing! Fleet Captain Gary Nackman is finalizing plans for the 2011 edition of the Challenge of the Lakes with Flying Scot Fleet #163 at Nockamixon Sail Club. July will bring the 2nd Annual Scot Scramble, as well as Scot Crew U.

HSC had the privilege of gracing the cover of *Scots 'n Water*, the official newsletter of the Flying Scot Sailing Association. The picture, which appears below, was featured on the cover of the Winter edition. Doug Brown snapped this shot of the leaders rounding the mark during club racing last summer (That's John Thomas leading the pack in #4744, with the Kaplan's and Stockwell's in close pursuit!)

Looking forward to a full fleet of Scots on the starting line May 1st!

David Stockwell, for the Flying Scots



Photo by Doug Brown.

Sunfish Fleet - Sunday Series

As the new Sunday Sunfish Fleet captain, I thought it would be fun to give you a little of my sailing background. I started sailing at Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, MD when I was about 9. Every summer for 8 weeks, my brothers and I went to the SSA club house and sailed the Turtles and 420's. This lasted for about five years. At the time, and still today, SSA was a small boat racer's haven and heaven. I progressed through the levels Seaman, Mate I, Mate II, Skipper 1, and Skipper 2. There was one more level, Racing Skipper. Racing was an integral part of the program from the level of Seaman on. I think my parents got tired of sending us and thus I ended up missing the last year, Racing Skipper. One year I was awarded Most Improved Girl and still have an engraved plaque to show for it.

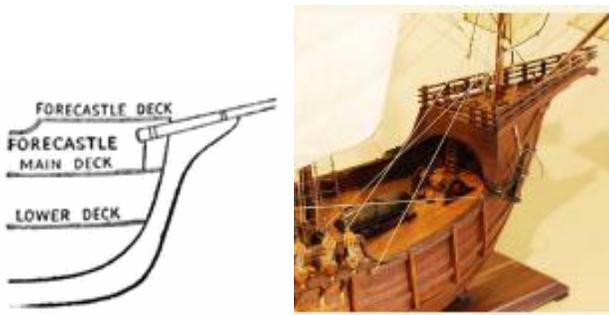
After five years of training I went to Annapolis Sailing School and taught adults and families on the boats, including the Cal 25 which they used at the time. My father had bought us Lanavier 420's and a Sunfish when I was in the SSA program. He unfortunately sold these boats so I currently have no boat! I sailed the race equipped 420 mainly at SSA. But we also had a nice Sunfish at home which I would sail from the house on the Chesapeake Bay. I think my father had it when I took the Sunfish with my boyfriend one day, sailed over to Dobbins Island (in the Magothy River), got caught in a storm, sailed over to his other boat at the marina in Deep Creek and broke the lock on the hatch to get in out of the storm. My sailing adventures have taken me to the Port of La Guaira, Venezuela and Bonaire, Netherland Antilles when I skippered a 50 foot steel hulled ketch in the Caribbean Sea north of South America, seeing the Southern Cross in the night sky. Sailing is a wonderful part of my life and I hope it continues to be.

I also decided that I would try to write an article on some aspect of the Sunfish every month. I may cover the history, new technologies on the rigging, and the fleet activities on national or international levels just to see what's going on. If you want to see an article on some aspect of sailing the Sunfish (recreational or racing) you can send me an email at pialord@gmail.com. I hope you will follow the articles and enjoy reading about the boat and fleet that so many of us know and love. I am looking forward to a lot of fun in the upcoming season.

*Best,
Pia Lord
Sunday Sunfish Fleet Captain*

How Do You Pronounce *Foc's'le*?

The name of HSC's newsletter, *The Foc's'le*, is sometimes mispronounced even by some long-time club members. *The Foc's'le* takes its name as an abbreviated version of the word 'forecastle,' which on old sailing ships was the raised structure in the bow where the crew lived and no doubt shared tales, rumors, and scuttlebutt.



The dictionary says to pronounce it: *fōk-səl*

However, for those of us who have yet to master formal dictionary pronunciation symbols, here are two possibilities.

Version 1. Start with a clear and assertive 'foe' -- as in friend or foe--- followed without pause, by a tiny 'k' sound on the end of that syllable. The second syllable is pronounced like 'sull' but try to rhyme it with 'bull' and not 'hull.'

Version 2. Another way to think of it is to say the word 'folk,' but making sure the silent 'L' is really silent, followed by 'stle' as in castle, this time making sure the silent 'T' also remains silent.

Gordon Sell

Find us on Facebook!

This is not an April Fool's joke, Hunterdon Sailing Club now has a Facebook page to help spread the word about our Club, and keep members up-to-date on Club activities. (*Hat tip to Gordon Sell for the suggestion!*)

Check it out and become a "fan" of HSC at:

<http://www.facebook.com/SailHSC>

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