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The photo above shows club's Outstanding Club Service Award, given annually to a member who has provided exceptional service to the club. In our last issue, we listed the many awards for participation and good sailing. We missed announcing this award.

It went to Dave Petersen (who also won awards for good sailing in his Scot and Sunfish.) He won the award above for many reasons, but mostly for his excellence in improving our newsletter over several years. More pictures and more content, more often!



Thanks Dave

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 4/3
- WORK DAY 4/16 (OR 4/23)
- OPENING DAY TWILIGHT 4/27
- OPENING DAY SUNDAY 5/1
- DEADLINE FOR RENEWED MEMBERSHIP – NOW
- COMPLETE RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – 4/10

Commodore's Corner – Mark Kaplan

Welcome to the 2016 sailing season! The weather is warming and the lake is filling.

A special welcome to our new members and training class attendees.

The beginning of sailing season is one of my favorite times of the year. Perhaps it will become one of yours as well.

All of the staff positions are filled and we are getting ready for opening day. The executive committee did make some changes this year. In case you did not read about them already, here are the highlights.

After years of grilling hotdogs and find fewer and fewer takers, we are moving forward! We have changed "Hot Dog Sunday" to "Picnic Sunday". The host fleet will be responsible for a main course (on the grill is still fine if you like, but not required) and the remaining fleets will be responsible for providing appetizers, deserts, and drinks pot luck style. We have also aligned the Picnic dates with the Adult Learn to Sail classes to encourage increased socialization between new and long term members.

To further provide sailing opportunities to our new sailors we are hoping to expand our supervised sailing program to include Sunday afternoon usage of the club-owned fleet from 1:30pm to 5:30pm, for 10 weeks during the mid-season. The plan is to recruit a sailing coordinator to support this expansion of our program. We have searching for staff, but as of now have been unable to find anybody that is interested. If you know of anybody that might be interested, please contact Doug Brown. Staff should have level 1 instructor certification. The position will be for 10 sequential Sundays, and will pay about \$600. What better place for a college sailor to be but out on the water?

I would like to thank everybody who responded to our online survey regarding the newsletter. The take away is that we will continue with the pdf format that we currently provide, but will possibly cut down the frequency a bit, with perhaps an issue every other month during the sailing season.

We will begin a program to rejuvenate our aging Sunfish fleet, and hope to purchase a few newer boats on a yearly basis. This should be an improvement for club members using the boats for racing and for our sail training attendees. Our trainers will be happy as well to spend less time draining water out of leaky boats.

I hope to see you all out on the water.

Vice Commodore – Rich Baumann

One of this month's priorities is to fill all Race Committee slots. We have one opening for an RC Chair on September 4. Experience counts, so please call if you are ready and available. Other slots have been filling through the use of "Signup Genius." It is working fairly well, but we have a ways to go. I will be sending a follow up email soon, and then just filling in names.

We are also working to get the annual handbook done. The missing pieces are members who haven't renewed for the member roster to be complete, the boat registry that we will be updating and some offers of cover photos.

I'm looking forward to the season.

HSC 2016 Learn To Sail Program

Preparations are underway for another great year of sailing classes at HSC, with something for all ages and sailing abilities. This year we will add an additional Adult Learn to Sail Class in August making classes available throughout June, July and August. Schedule changes have been made to the adult class in hopes of making them more convenient for those attending. They will now be held Friday evening, all day Saturday and half day Sunday which will also allow participants to join in the club activities on Sunday afternoon if they choose.

The HSC 2016 Learn to Sail Program includes the following events:

	<u>Status as of 3/29</u>
6/14 Learn to Sail Lecture	Open
5/28 Learn to Race	Has 10 with 2 spots open
6/24 - 6/26 Adult Learn to Sail A	Has 11 with 1 spot open
6/27 -6/29 Youth Learn to Sail 1	Has 17 with 7 spots open
6/30 -7/2 Youth Learn to Sail 2	Has 10 with 2 spots open
7/7 – 7/9 Adult Learn to Sail B	Has 8 with 4 spots open
8/5 – 8/7 Adult Learn to Sail C	Has 12 spots open

These classes are run by experienced club members with the support of volunteers to assist participants both on and off the water. If you have basic sailing experience, and can rig a Sunfish please consider volunteering to help in one of our Adult Classes and share your love of sailing with those starting out on their journey. To volunteer please go to our Sign up Genius page and choose a class that fits your schedule, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094FAFAA2BA6FF2-adult>. For more information on participating in these classes see the "join us" section on our website www.sailhsc.org.

Training Coordinator Katie Kiernan with status from Mike Wheeler

To contact Mike about training registrations, call 973-262-4928



Flying Scot Fleet

Once again Spring is upon us and along with the warming weather we hope to be able to get sailing soon.

Our Flying Scot fleet at HSC, Fleet #184, is comprised of 11 boats some more active some less active, but most importantly a friendly and competitive group of people that make Sunday afternoon racing a lot of fun. Sadly, we are starting this Season with the loss of one of our active fleet members, Mike Ambrose - FS4508, who is moving and selling his boat.

For the newcomers to HSC, we look forward to seeing you out there.

Albert Boeckh, Fleet Captain

Boat for Sale

Flying Scot 4508 for sale. Douglas built in 1988.

Super clean and solid boat, very good condition. White hull blue stripe, polished gel coat bottom. Standard racing rig. 2 sets of North Sails (one set is 2 years old and lightly used), 2 spinnakers, galvanized trailer with spare.

Lots of upgrades including swim ladder, new mooring cover, North trailering cover, centerboard faired and new gasket in 2013, under seat spin sheets, self storing spin halyard, under deck downhaul, new mainsheet 2014, extra set of spin sheets, spare set of shrouds, anchor, stainless lifting bridle and more.

\$6900.

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Ladies Fleet

This year will be another great opportunity to see the ladies of the club racing in each of the individual fleets of HSC, as both skipper and crew, and showing their depth of skill. There is much to learn by watching them in action and I look forward to seeing all they achieve this year. The ladies fleet is excited about hosting the August 27 "More Fun Sailing Day", one of the club days focused on getting everyone out to enjoy a day of sailing (with the possibility for silliness) and each other's company. So save the date and bring the family out to enjoy what makes HSC so great, its members.

Katie Kiernan, Fleet Captain

The Poop Deck

News from the Rear Commodore

As the 2016 season approaches we need members to come and pitch in for work day on April 16 (rain date April 23)



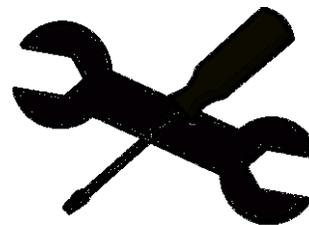
Equipment to drill through some SWWT metal struts to attach the bumper clips. We need someone with radio mounting experience, please reach out to me at rearcommodore@sailhsc.org to discuss how to mount the antennae on the safety boats.

Some larger work day projects include:

1. Drill holes and mount clips for the SWWT bumpers to protect the pontoons.
2. Mount the SWWT aluminum engine mount
3. Mount an antenna atop the See Which One Two mast
4. Test the VHF radios currently in the in the shed
5. Attach bumpers to Sunfish bows
6. Check out and repair the Sunfish fleet

During the summer we'll have a special work day to build the sunfish racks for the back rear of the building as well as strengthening the existing ones.

Happy sailing
Angelo



Jet 14 April 2016 Fleet Report

The first of two regattas for the Jet 14 fleet is the Wren Regatta on June 5th. There will be two races in the morning and the three club races in the afternoon. Wondering how the regatta got its name. In the spirit of the America's Cup, many years ago a group of Jet 14 sailors had a no name regatta with the plan to name the regatta after the boat that won. The winner was Wren, Jet 717, which is still sailed competitively today in North Carolina.

If you are interested in purchasing a Jet 14, 1148 is for sale in the Spruce Run area. There are also Jets available in the Maryland/Virginia area. Owner contact information and boat descriptions can be found at Jet14.com in the classified section. If you are interested in checking out a Jet 14, contact David Veno at jetsail1150@aol.com.



Editor's Note:

I have offered to step in as our "interim" newsletter editor for awhile and to try to maintain the level set by Dave Petersen. As I have done this in the past, for 3 years, I am hoping that someone else will step up soon. If there is anyone who would like to work with me with the intention of taking over in the near future, please let me know. In the meantime, I thank those who have contributed to this issue.

Articles are always welcome from all members.

Rich Baumann force5@verizon.net

TWILIGHT SERIES

Spring is upon us and it's time to dust off those Sunfish and get them ready for the opening day for HSC.

The first Twilight evening is April 27th so come out and join the fun! First race is at 6:00 on April 27th followed by our first pizza of the series. You're not late unless you miss the pizza!

It's early in the season, although it has been a fairly warm winter the water is still cold so please do dress appropriately. It's also a good idea to check your sail to make sure no mice have gotten to it over the winter. Another good check is to look at those things you said all last summer 'I'll fix it over the winter' – time is running out!

But best of all the wind is warming and the sun is bright and it looks like we will have a great season in front of us.

In the meantime we need to get the business of the fleet together. As you may remember, in order to qualify for a Twilight series you must do Race Committee at least once during either Twilight 1 or 2. A Race Committee sign up request is circulating by email, please get back to me as soon as you can as by the time you read this people will have already started to sign up.

Also, we have two fleets, Championship and Challenger, for the Twilight Series. If you won the Challenger division last year – Congratulations you are a Champion! The handbook has a complete description of the fleets and eligibility, if you would like to switch fleets please take a look at the handbook and let me or the scorekeeper know which fleet you would like to be in BEFORE the first race on April 27th. If this is your first year or you are taking sailing lessons for the first time you will default into the Challenger series unless you tell me you want to be in the Championship series.

See you on the water!

Susan
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Sunday Sunfish

The opening day for the Sunfish Sunday series is May 1st ! Another reason to dust off the Sunfish, check your 'fix-it' list and get the boat in the water.

See you on the water!

SANJL

The Sailing Association of North Jersey Lakes hosts a series of four regattas in Sunfish over the course of the season. Two are held in the Spring and 2 in the Fall. Many sailors from surrounding lakes show up to sail these and it is great way to get out and make new friends and catch up with old ones (not that we're Old mind you!) The first event is being held on May 7th and it would be great to have many people from HSC join the fun.

SANJL awards both the individual daily regattas and the series so if you come out for the one day on May 7th there will be awards for the Championship and the Challenger fleet that day. You can also pick which fleet you sail in, it does not have to follow the HSC fleet assignment.

Registration for the event starts at 8:30 AM, Skippers meeting at 10 AM with the first start at 10:30 or as soon as possible. A continental breakfast is provided. Four races are targeted based on weather, with no throw-outs for the day. There is a fee of \$20 for the day.

If you would like to participate but not sail we have plenty of room on race committee and welcome volunteers.

Susan
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Women in Sailing



Many women find sailing just a little bit intimidating. It is definitely a skill you have to work at, but the feeling of sailing is well worth the effort as it's the closest you can come to flying without an airplane. It gets you outside, exercising without even realizing it and opens up a whole new circle of friends. Even if you don't want to sail but are dragged along by a member of your family or a friend it is still a great way to meet people with many non-sailing areas to participate in both off and on the water.

When you get to racing it can look like a complicated game on what seems to be a moving football field with a bunch of guys who yell at each other, but on the whole they are pretty nice and will help you out with anything and you can just yell right back at them. Don't feel like you are in the way or be afraid to get up on the line; experience, or time in the boat is the fastest way to learn.

Sailing is one of those sports you can do all your life and in many classes women are just as able as men; this is particularly true in the Sunfish which is a great boat for all ages and sizes and a great place to start if are new to sailing. We have training courses in the Sunfish and there are club boats available for use after the courses when there is a safety boat on the water.

If you have questions or would just like to talk sailing please feel free to reach out to me.

Susan
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Force 5

The Force 5 Fleet is looking forward to a fun and active year on Spruce Run! Our first Sunday Regatta is only a month away on May 1st, which will give us just 3 weeks of practice before the Force 5 Spring Spectacular on May 29th. The 'Spectacular' will be a full day event which will be hosted by HSC and open to all Force 5 Class Association members near and far. We'll plan for a robust day of sailing.

Our Force 5 fleet has grown over the past few years and several sailors have been diligent in improving their skills. As Rich Bauman says; "It's time in the cockpit" that develops the proficiency and nuance required to sail a Force 5 well. Several of our fleet members placed well in the North American Championship last summer amongst a field of experienced sailors from across the country. In this spirit I would like to make a special call-out to Linda Howard as the only representative from Hunterdon Sailing Club to make the 3,000 mile round trip trek to participate in the Force 5 Mid-Winters in Key Largo in February. That's dedication to the art. Thanks Linda!

As a heads-up to our Force 5 sailors, the 2016 North American Championship is scheduled for July 27 - 30 at North Cape Yacht Club in La Salle, Michigan. Sign-ups and information are available now at the following website: **2016 Force 5 NAC Event Web Site:** <https://force5nac2016.wordpress.com>

Happy sailing everyone - See you on the water!

Fleet Captain Jay Halsted



Force 5 Midwinter Race Week 2016 in Key Largo, Florida

Linda Howard March 2, 2016

Force 5 Midwinters 2016

Having never ventured far (or at all) from my home pond at Spruce Run State Park, I really wasn't sure what to expect when I decided to drive to Key Largo, FL for the 2016 midwinter regatta. I was on the fence about attempting such a long drive, then January 23rd the blizzard hit, with my town (Morris Plains) racking up the record for New Jersey of 33 inches of snow. This was followed mid-February by an arctic blast of record low temperatures of -3. That sealed the deal and I excavated my trailer from its icy tomb (tires were frozen to the pavement) and headed for Florida. Two days later and it's 72, sunny, and WINDY.

So far so good, but usually the problem at my home pond is not enough wind. Never in my life have I attempted to sail in winds as were forecast for the event-up to 19 Thursday, 23-30 Friday, and 17-25 Saturday.. Small craft advisory. Friday's forecast really gave me a panic attack-30 knots? Was that even possible? Would I be blown out to sea and never seen again? There is no motor on the force 5 after all. Most likely I was in way over my head but I wasn't going to drive over 1300 miles and not at least try it. So out I went Thursday morning for a test sail in the short rig (hurray for the shortie) on beautiful Buttonwood Bay. Where the Upper Keys Sailing Club holds their races is a lovely spot on Buttonwood Bay somewhat protected by an archipelago of small islands offshore. The water is clear and only about 6 feet deep so turtleing and getting the mast stuck in mud is one less thing to worry about, and I started to lose my fear of being lost at sea. With the short rig it was a bumpy ride with the waves but manageable.

I started to get excited about the racing and let me tell you if you've never sailed in strong winds it's not only possible but great fun! There are long rolling waves on the downwind legs that pick you up and carry you like you're on a surfboard. The windward legs require full fingered gloves if you don't want to get rope burns (I don't use a jam cleat) and the reach to the offset mark was unbelievably screaming fast. I felt like I was in a Ferrari with the accelerator floored.

Buying a Sailboat

With the passing of the Spring solstice, we are now well in the sailboat buying season. Demand for good used boats is high, but people who want to get top dollar for their boats are now eager to strike a deal.

At last report, Spruce Run still has Summer boat storage spaces available. Check with the park office at (908) 638-8572.

Here are a few things to consider:

- Do you mostly want to race, day sail or both?
- For racing, you are best off picking a one-design class that is already popular at HSC; in other words a Sunfish, Force 5, Jet 14, or Flying Scot.

While the latest Sailing World magazine may have rated the Godzilla 18 as the world's best racing dinghy, it is not much fun if there are no other Godzilla 18s to race against!

- Do you want a single-handed boat? Sunfish or Force 5 are generally considered single-handed for racing purposes, but they are also great fun to day sail with two or even three small people aboard. The Force 5 is a fun, high-performance boat with an active fleet at HSC. The Sunfish is probably the easiest boat to sail, but it is demanding at the highest levels of completion. The Sunfish is very popular at HSC because you can race in the Wednesday after work Twilight series in addition to Sunday races.
- Do you have one regular crew? A Jet 14 is a fast, fun and very responsive boat with mainsail, jib, and spinnaker for two aboard, and sometimes three small people. The Flying Scot can also be raced with two aboard.
- Do you sometimes want to be able to take two or more people for a race or a day sail? A Flying Scot is fun to race or day-sail with two, three, four (or more!). One talented HSC member has regularly topped the fleet with a spouse and four kids aboard. It is a fast, roomy, and stable boat for day sailing. Like the Jet 14, it has a mainsail, jib and spinnaker to spice up the action.
- Do you only want to day sail? Almost any sailboat will do, but set your sights higher than some of those cheap foam 'toy boats' (I won't be Snarky about any specific brand.) Be sure to pick a trailer boat that fits the park rules -- Maximum length 25 ft, maximum mast height 30 ft above waterline. I had a Catalina 22 here for many years and learned a lot from it -- reefing, launching, docking under power, and sometimes anchoring out overnight with my son. But, other than the few handicap events, I mainly just followed along in the races for fun. While winning the open fleet trophy by default was okay, I eventually traded over to a Flying Scot to race in a one-design fleet.

Once you decide what you want, it is not always that easy to find the specific boat you want. Here are some places to look.

Class Associations: If you are planning to buy a one-design boat for racing (Force 5, Jet 14, Sunfish, Flying Scot), the class associations' web sites can be a great resource for buyer advice and boat listings.

Flying Scot Sailing Association:

<http://www.fssa.com> "Caveat Emptor" page:

<http://www.fssa.com/for-sale>

Jet 14 Association: <http://www.jet14.com>

Classifieds: <http://www.jet14.com/classifieds.html>

Force 5: <http://force5.us/main/>

They link straight to: <http://force5.us/main/craigslist.org> Force 5 sailboat

International Sunfish Class Association: <http://sunfishclass.org/>

Boat Dealers:

Whether you are interested in a new or used boat, visiting a boat dealer is a great way to see several types of sailboats in one location. Most dealers specialize in a few types of sailboats, so if you already have a particular type of boat in mind, the manufacturer's website will provide links to dealers in our region. Used boat inventories will vary, so you should call ahead and ask what is currently available.

Sunset Sailboats, in Lake Hopatcong new & used -- <http://www.sunsetsailboats.com/>

South Shore Marina, Greenwood lake -- <http://www.southshoremarina.com/>

Colie Sails, in Point Pleasant, sells new and a few used boats <http://coliesail.com/>

The Boatlocker, in Bridgeport, CT <http://boatlocker.com/>

E-Classifieds:

Online classified sites often have the most current listings, and cast the widest net – this means you may need to weed through lots of ads to find that special boat. Always inspect a boat in person before discussing price, and don't hesitate to ask other HSC members for help! Contact the fleet captain for guidance and help reaching out to other fleet members.

Craigslist <http://newjersy.craigslist.org/>

E-Bay:

http://motors.shop.ebay.com/Sailboats/63728/i.html?_catref=1&_fln=1&_trksid=p4506.c0.m282&_vxp=mtr

Sailing Texas (despite the name, it has national listings, I found my Flying Scot in CT on this site) <http://www.sailingtexas.com/cboats.html>

The Sailing Forum is a good resource for Sunfish and other classes:

<http://sailingforums.com/>

--Gordon Sell

HSC Calendar – April through Early June

16-Apr	Sat			Launch and Work Day/Race Committee Orientation
23-Apr	Sat.			Launch and Work Day/Race Committee Orientation - Rain Date
27-Apr	Wed	Twilight 1	1	Opening Wednesday Twilight Series
30-Apr	Sat			
1-May	Sun	Spring	1	Opening Sunday Spring Series
4-May	Wed	Twilight 1	2	
7-May	Sat			SANJL
8-May	Sun	Spring	2	
11-May	Wed	Twilight 1	3	
14-May	Sat			
15-May	Sun	Spring	3	
18-May	Wed	Twilight 1	4	
21-May	Sat			
22-May	Sun	Spring	4	Picnic Sunday
25-May	Wed	Twilight 1	5	
28-May	Sat			Learn to Race
29-May	Sun	Spring	5	Spring Spectacular
30-May				Memorial Day Sunfish
1-Jun	Wed	Twilight 1	6	
4-Jun	Sat			Annual Commodore's Cup
5-Jun	Sun	Spring	6	Jet Wren Regatta