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HSC Junior RC Day



HSC's first Junior RC Day, July 17th, was a great success! RC Chairman Simon Bertocci (left rear), with the assistance of Michael Hopkins (right rear), and Andrew Stockwell (foreground) setting up and managing a full set of Sunday races. With winds shifting back and forth over 90 degrees, the Race Committee split the difference perfectly for an optimal windward leg given the shifts.

"The courses were right on the money. The races started on time and they didn't run on too long. We were fortunate that some of our junior sailors have obtained NJ Safe Boating Certificates so they can legally drive the club motor boats. We should encourage more of our younger sailors to take the safety course so we can repeat this event again next year," said Past Commodore, Gordon Sell, who was on hand as the 'designated adult.'

Photo by Gordon Sell

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- 8/6 & 8/7 – Jet-14 Wren Regatta
- 8/20 – Jet-14 Gravy Bowl
- 8/27 – HSC Fun Day & Women's Regatta
- 9/5 – Labor Day Sunfish Regatta



Simon Bertocci competing in the Sunfish Junior North Americans – Full Sunfish NAC re-cap and more pictures inside!

HSC Fun Day & Women's Regatta



The HSC Fun Day / Women's Regatta will be on **Saturday, August 27th**. All HSC members and their boats are welcome to attend. Will a kayak fleet show up, or only sailboats? Historically this event has been in Sunfish, but this year all fleets are welcome, as are all genders and sailing pets, too!



The Stockwells trying out new crew at the LBJ (Photos by Anne Freeman)

We plan to have the Poker Race, "When Tom Reaches the Windward Mark," and other old favorites. A few volunteers to help on Race Committee would also be appreciated. I hope to see you on the water!

Nicky, Ladies Fleet Captain

HSC in... Bermuda?

The HSC Burgee was flying high over Bermuda last month, as HSC members participated in the Marion – Bermuda Race.

Gordon Sell, Chet Ensign, John Thomas, and Nevitt Duveneck (along with other crew) raced aboard Flying Scot Fleet Captain Gary Nackman's *Blue Note*. They covered the roughly 650 mile course in 139 hours and 16 minutes – a tad shy of 6 days.



The race started in heavy weather, with a squall line bringing the racers gusts over 30 mph during the start! The winds tore apart the boat's 110 Genoa before the team could set the storm jib. Nine boats retired from the race amid the storms.

Blue Note finished last its class, but 39th overall out of 41 finishers and 50 total entrants – not bad for the first time!

Follow the link to a great photo of the start:

<http://spectrumphotofg.ifp3.com/2/ced2b/#/gallery/mbr2011-class-b-start/classb-7025/>

Chet Ensign

Sunfish North American Championship Re-Cap

Sunfish Junior North Americans

On Tuesday, July 19, 2011 the Junior North Americans began in Barrington Rhode Island. The first day was just registration and the practice race, but there was little wind so they didn't send us out. My friends and I went out anyway and sailed around the bay; we saw a really cool lighthouse that had a bunch of interesting birds on it. On Wednesday the racing started. Winds started out around 11 knots and slowly built to over 20 knots. Wind is definitely better than glassy water! The waves were really intense.



There were some swells that were about 3 feet tall. It is a little different than Spruce Run! The last day we had the same conditions; starting around 12 knots and building to around 20 knots. The waves were getting pretty big; it took a while but we eventually learned how to work our way through them. The days were long and tiring with each race being about 1 hour.

Both Andrew Daniels from Mountain Lakes and I did very well and represented Team SANJL proudly. Andrew finished 4th overall and I finished 3rd, losing 2nd on a tie breaker to a sailor from Bermuda.



Full Results: http://barringtonyc.com/files/2011/07/2011_sunfish_na_resultsyouthfinal_noc.pdf

More Photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/barringtonyc/sets/72157627255156486/show/>

Article by Simon Bertocci

Photos by Nicky Einthoven

Sunfish North Americans

The Sunfish North American Championships were held on the tidal waters at Barrington, Rhode Island. HSC sailors Mike Wheeler, Dave Davies, Guido Bertocci, Simon Bertocci, Susan Mallows, Doug Brown, and me (Nicky Einthoven) were there and participated. There were 100 boats and skippers.



The second race on Sunday was race # 6. The wind was what is commonly called "Nicky Conditions" – somewhere between 10 and 15 with some shifts. My start was not great, but it was my best so far. I passed lots of boats, and upon approaching the windward mark I noticed that I may be in the lead! I reached the windward mark and was definitely in the lead. I rounded in first place, about 15 to 20 boat lengths ahead of the second place boat -- Yeah!

I finished that race in 5th.
Nicky Einthoven

Full Results:

http://barringtonyc.com/files/2010/05/2011_sunfish_na_resultsunday2.pdf

Top Right: Commodore Mike Wheeler

Above: Dave Davies

Right: Lots of Sunfish!

Photos by Nicky Einthoven



Sunfish Fleet Report

Ever wonder what makes a Sunfish a Sunfish?

Well it's easy enough to say that there is one mast, one boom, one sail, a rudder, a tiller, a main sheet, a hull and a Sunfish logo on the sail! But then again every sailboat has all of these characteristics more or less.

In recent weeks I have been sailing on a Morgan 43, a Force 5, as well as an O'Day Daysailer. I have found three striking elements in making comparisons from boat to boat that give the Sunfish its genuine nature. These three are a very stable hull, a flat deck and the simplicity of the rigging.

First, the stable hull comes from the shape which is akin to a sandwich and cut out like the little wooden toy boat that my son floats in the tub or the ones sailing schools use to demonstrate the points of sailing. The close proximity of the deck and the hull give the secure feeling that there is almost a double deck underneath where I am sitting on the boat. It is almost as if there is a double thickness of fiberglass.



Secondly, the flat deck which is a characteristic of the Sunfish makes it so easy to sit on, to walk around on and even to hike out from. Most boats have some curvature at some points along the deck and therefore are less flat than the Sunfish in design. From the bow to the stern of the Sunfish, a nearly completely flat deck is present.

Thirdly, the simplicity of the rigging is found in the one halyard, one main sheet with downhaul, outhaul, and vang. The high performance sunfish may have more bells and whistles on it, but your basic Sunfish can easily be adjusted, trimmed and righted in almost any weather.

Combining these three elements of stable hull, flat deck, and simple rigging makes for a boat that is a winner in the category of safety for beginners as well as intermediate sailors. Sailing the Sunfish gives confidence to the sailor to progress and seek out more opportunities to sail.

Pia Lord, Sunday Sunfish Fleet Captain

Force Five Fleet #36



Fleet 36 Activity

Late June and early July has brought out more Force 5's, giving us our own start for all but one Sunday (the one with no wind and only one race). We've also had Pia Lord testing out the club boat and new member Werner Heck seeking repairs for a boat that he uses in Harriman State Park. Finally, we have acquired a second club-owned Force 5 that can be purchased at a quite low price. Contact Commodore Mike to close the deal. It is the boat formerly sailed by Ray Buchanan, who has hung up his sailing gloves after earning the title of "oldest person to ever compete in a National Force 5 event." The actual age is safe with me, and I have no plans to break that record.

Force 5 North American Championships

Held in New London, CT on July 14-16. I was unable to attend, as my wife was off doing her banjo thing in OK, while I cared for 3 grandchildren. Shane Oryniak (son of Tom) did attend, taking a 10th overall in a fleet of 25 on the strength of a first place in one of the 14 races sailed. First place went to perennial winner Bobby Cullen and fifth place went to former HSC Commodore Courtney Young. Rumor has it that Courtney will host next year's event on Albemarle Sound in NC.

Force 5 Class News

The Class has elected Brian Hampton of Georgia as its new President. Brian has been active for many years and is a regular at the Midwinters in Key Largo. He has also hosted regattas on his home waters at Lake Hartwell, SC. Brian makes his living as a brewmeister, the ideal profession for a sailor.

Coming Events

Sunday racing for 11 more weeks and the infamous Millard Fillmore Memorial Regatta scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18.

Rich Baumann

Force 5 Fleet Captain

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Flying Scot Fleet #184 (Mis?)Adventures at the Flying Scot NACs

The 2011 Flying Scot North American Championship was held July 9th – 15th in nearby Westport, CT, with 74 Flying Scots competing. Novice Flying Scot Skipper Dave Petersen represented the HSC fleet, sailing *Reservoir Dog* on her maiden saltwater voyage. As the guy that asks other people for Foc's'le articles, Dave felt obligated to write one himself:



While we knew that the competition would be fierce, I wanted the learning experience of sailing on open water, and decided the best time to try it is with lots of safety boats following you around! I recruited my friend Adam to crew, and we set out for Connecticut with a simple goal: “not last!”

The hosts of the NACs, Cedar Point and Sprite Island Yacht Clubs, did a great job organizing the event. We measured in on Sunday, but could not sail in the qualifying races. While there was no doubt we would be in the “Challenger” Fleet, missing the qualifiers also meant no practice time on the course, and a missed chance to find any problems – we realized this quickly as we readied for the first race!

Day 1 - “I think the rudder is falling off.”

Gusty winds had us tacking hard to navigate the narrow channel (*pictured at right*) out to the course. As we neared the RC boat, I realized that one of the two rudder brackets had removed itself from the rudder! A brief discussion ensued about whether we should head back in for repair or stay out. After rationalizing that “all the safety boats are out here, there’s none over there” (it made sense at the time...) we decided to pretend everything was okay and keep sailing.



There were 37 Scots in our division, and seeing that many Scots on the line was intimidating, as was using a different start sequence. We started the first race in traffic and on the wrong side of the course. It was hard to keep up, and the “sail it flat” mantra was not working. In the strong winds, we slowly realized that the best approach was to “sail so it *would* be flat if you had a third person on the rail!” Alas, we broke our only rule and finished last in race #1, 37 of 37.

The rudder hadn't fallen off yet, so for race #2 we were more focused and got what felt like a great start. The downwind legs were still difficult as we figured out the spinnaker, but we held off a few boats to place 32nd – not last! We limped back to the dock to assess the rudder damage, hoping our week was not ending early. The Flying Scots have a great builder in Harry Carpenter, and he was quick to help us with our rudder and even lent us all of the tools to make the repairs – thanks Harry!

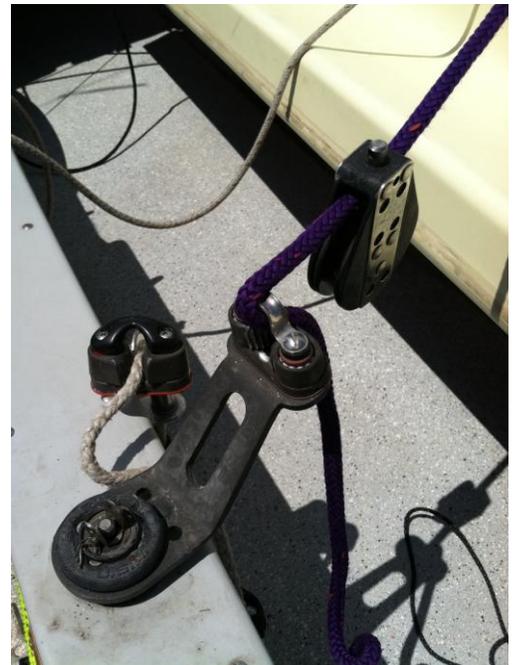


Reservoir Dog (#3551) approaching the shortened course mark after heavy winds put all of the safety boats to work on Day #2.

Day 2 – “I heard something rip.”

Day Two had heavy and choppy conditions, with winds consistently 10 -15 knots and gusts above 20 that capsized several boats and broke at least two booms! It was a fun and wild ride, and we kept the boat up, although our spinnaker was a casualty of one of the gusts with a tear putting it out of commission for the day. We struggled to keep position downwind without a spinnaker, but mustered 30th and 28th finishes on the day.

Ashore, we found the spinnaker damage to be minor, and Mike Noone from Nockamixon came to our aid to help mend the sail. Always reputed to be prepared for anything and everything, when asked if he had any sail tape, Mike Noone did not say “yes,” he said “**which color?**”!!!



Day 3 – “Does this wheel attach to something?”

The third and final day of the regatta was our best showing, although the equipment scares continued! As we rounded the mark after the first windward leg, the mainsheet block fell apart –literally – springs and pins went flying onto the floor (*pictured at right*). We couldn't cleat the mainsheet for the rest of the race, and perhaps that helped us stay well trimmed – we ended the week with our best finish so far, 25th.

That brought us up to 30th place overall, which was “not last” – mission accomplished!

Full Results: <http://www.fssa.com/ht/race/race-results-nac-11.htm>

Dave Petersen



After the final race we discovered that the CPYC safety boat converts to a beer distribution boat!

SANJL Youth Regattas

Junior Sunfish sailing on our lakes is strong. Many North Jersey clubs have active junior programs where kids are learning to sail and race. The highlight of our local junior season continues to be our SANJL youth regattas. Started in 1978, these events help young sailors progress into being experienced, self-confident racers. They offer new racers the challenge of competing on different lakes against other sailors. This year the tradition continues with two junior regattas. The first was an open event hosted by the **Hunterdon Sailing Club on July 30th**. The second is the **SANJL Youth Championship, at the Smoke Rise Sailing Club on August 20th**. The winners at the Smoke Rise event are awarded the perpetual SANJL Youth Trophies (Junior and Midget divisions).

Both Hunterdon Sailing Club and the Smoke Rise Sailing Club have very active Sunfish fleets. There are a few excellent loaner boats available. These boats must be reserved in advance. If you would like to reserve a one, please call Steve Manson at 973-366-1448. Multiple races will be sailed each day. If four races are completed, one throw-out will be used to calculate the standings for the day. To compete as a Midget sailor, an individual must not have reached his or her 14th birthday by the end of 2011. For Midget Doubles, both skipper and crew must be Midgets. To compete as a Junior sailor, an individual must not have reached his or her 19th birthday by the end of 2011.

Both regattas are a great opportunities for young sailors to improve their racing skills and make new friends. To enhance this experience, at each event there will be a SANJL regatta coach who will provide rigging and sailing advice to all interested kids and also give a quick debrief and feedback on the day's racing before the awards ceremony.

All sailors must wear USCG approved life jackets at all times when on the water. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call. -Steve Manson 973-366-1448

Regatta Schedule

~~July 30, 2011~~ ~~Hunterdon Sailing Club / Spruce Run~~
August 20, 2011 **Smoke Rise Sailing Club**

Race Day Schedule

8:30-9:45	Registration
10:00	Skipper's Meeting
10:30	First Warning Signal

No race shall start after 4:00

Please bring your own lunch. The lunch may be on the water. Coffee and donuts will be provided at registration.

Individual race day entry fees are \$15. Please make checks payable to SANJL.

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August Calendar of Events



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Week #</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>RC - Chair</u>	<u>RC - Crew</u>	<u>RC - Crew</u>
Aug-6	Sat			Jet 14 Wren Regatta	Gordon Sell	Rich Baumann	
Aug-7	Sun	Summer	7	Jet 14 Wren Regatta	Blaine & Jeanene Bauer	Yushan Wang	Kathleen & David Duke
Aug-10	Wed	Twilight 2	8	Twilight Sunfish; Junior Race Team; Coached Practice #6	Mark Holmsborg	Spencer Holmsborg	
Aug-14	Sun	Summer	8	Sunday Racing; Force 5 Hot Dog Sunday	Ellen Greenhorn	Gigi Swyzen	Andy Peterson
Aug-17	Wed	Twilight 2	Make-up	Twilight Sunfish Make-up date; Junior Race Team			
Aug-20	Sat			Jet-14 Gravy Bowl			
Aug-21	Sun	Fall	1	Sunday Racing	Doug Brown	Susan Mallows	Nicole Hepburn, Calvin Clowes
Aug-24	Wed			Junior Race Team			
Aug-27	Sat			HSC Fun Day / Ladies Regatta	Nicky Einthoven		
Aug-28	Sun	Fall	2	Sunday Racing	Rich Baumann	Tom & Elise Tague, Bill Foster	Joanne & Paul Fabiano

Membership Report

As of July 29th, we have reached 100 member families for 2011. Adult and Youth Learn to Sail classes were almost all filled -- another good year! The feedback that I've heard about Learn to Sail classes has all been positive. Thanks and congratulations to Doug and Susan, and to Don and Nicky for their leadership in the training efforts. And a big thank you to Jay Halstead for his many, many trips to the pool to make sure that everyone had a chance for a swim test.

*Rich Baumann,
Membership Coordinator*

FOR "SAIL"

Flying Scot #3386

Built in 1979 by Douglass. This boat is ready to race. Gus Sails racing jib and main are **new** as of May 2011. The boat has a spinnaker and pole; two sets of older sails (and bags) are included. The boat has the class required bow floatation bag and transom port. The boat also has a motor mounting bracket, folding swim ladder, mast floatation device, boat cover, extra rudder, four PFDs, an anchor, extra spinnaker pole, and some spare parts. Trailer with spare tire is included.

There is a clear NJ DMV title and registration for both the boat and the trailer. Asking \$4500.

Contact Andy Lindgren directly for more information at (973)226-1553 or (201)704-3730 or alindgren58@comcast.net.

2005 Race Sunfish with Trailer

Boat registered until March 2012. It is ready to race. Boat storage at Spruce Run until October 31, 2011.

Trailer is light so can be used as a hand dolly. Asking \$3,000.

Please contact Yuka Ichijo by e-mail yukaichijo@yahoo.co.jp or call after 6pm (609)751-8781.

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Members of the Open Fleet competing in last month's LBJ Regatta (Photo by Anne Freeman)