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Holiday Greetings from the Hunterdon Sailing Club!

Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or perhaps Festivus, we hope you are having a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

2011 was another successful year for HSC, and members gathered to celebrate and recognize this season's award winners at the Annual Dinner and Funfest. A full account of the festivities and awards can be found starting on page 2.

HSC members stayed busy after the season ended by preparing HSC's first ever entry into the Clinton Township Christmas Parade! It was great publicity, and a lot of fun – pictures on page 4.

The days are getting longer (really, they are...) and the 2012 sailing season at Spruce Run is just around the corner. We hope to see you on the water after it thaws!

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Upcoming Events

Spring Membership Meeting – Date TBA



2011 Annual Dinner and Funfest

The 2011 Annual Dinner and Funfest was held on November 12th at the Clinton Firehouse. A big thank you to Rich Baumann and the Force 5 Fleet for organizing this year's dinner.



The dinner featured good food, good conversation, the annual awards presentations, and a return of the sailing auction. Here are a few photos from the festivities:



Photos:

(Top) The return of the sailing / nautical auction

(Above) Dinner!

(Right) Commodore-Elect Jay Halsted presents an appreciation award to outgoing Commodore Mike Wheeler

--Photos courtesy of Rich Baumann

2011 Awards Celebrated at Annual Dinner

It is always good when you can come to the end of the year and say with conviction "I learned something." And at the end of my first year as HSC's vice commodore, I can say with conviction that I learned something... and that something is: "Always schedule rain dates." Between too much wind, not enough wind, rain, rain and again rain, most of our major regattas this year didn't happen.

So for 2012, look for lots of rain dates all over the calendar!

Nonetheless, the club awarded 17 trophies and 12 participation awards at the Annual Dinner. Congratulations to the 2011 award winners and next year, we'll have some regattas to celebrate as well!

--Chet Ensign

2011 Award Winners:

Jet Fleet

Doug Brown, 1st place, Spring Series
Charlie Engler, 1st place, Summer Series

Force 5 Fleet

Rich Baumann, 1st place, Spring & Summer Series
Jay Halsted, 2nd place, Fall Series

Flying Scot Fleet

Bill Foster, 1st place, Spring & Summer Series
Gordon Sell, 2nd place, Summer Series
David Stockwell, 1st place, Fall Series

Sunfish Fleet

Susan, Mallows, 1st place, Spring Series
Mike Wheeler, 1st place, Summer Series
Nick Mentesana, 1st place, Fall Series

Twilight Series (Sunfish)

Simon Bertocci, 1st place, Twilight Series 1
Nicky Einthoven, 2nd place, Twilight Series 1
Susan Mallows, 1st place, Twilight Series 2
Steve Manson, 2nd place, Twilight Series 2
Bill Foster, 3rd place, Twilight Series 2

Little Brown Jug Regatta

Doug Brown and Susan Mallows

Outstanding Fleet Awards

Flying Scot Fleet (Fleet Captain Gary Nackman)

Clinton Christmas Parade



With the sailing season over, a handful of HSC sailors busied themselves by preparing HSC's first ever entry in the Clinton Christmas Parade! For those that are unfamiliar, Clinton Township (which contains part of Spruce Run) hosts an annual Christmas parade that attracts dozens of floats and spectators from miles around. This was a great opportunity to get some publicity for the Club, and it was a lot of fun, too!

Commodore-Elect Jay Halsted offered up his Precision sailboat as the foundation of HSC's "boat float." Doug Brown constructed a mast and standing

rigging that would clear the trees and wires on Main Street. The float-building team (which included Jay Halsted, Doug Brown, Susan Mallows, Charlie Engler, and Dave Petersen) decorated the entire boat with over 2,000 lights, along with garlands, wreaths, and bows!





The day of the parade brought out over a dozen members to help set-up the float and lead the march down Main Street, with others watching from the sidewalks and snapping some great pictures!



Riding aboard the float and braving the cold weather were Junior Sailors Jade, Hope, Liam and Gavin.



The event was a great success, and the decorations and custom rigging have been stowed away in anticipation of a repeat appearance in 2012!

(Photos by Gordon, Charlie, Gail, Dave, and others!)



2011 Haul-Out Day

Thank you to everyone that turned out to lend a hand with the annual Haul-Out Day. See *Which Won* was brought ashore and secured for the winter, and the club boats and equipment were cleaned, straightened, and stowed in the shed.

--Photos by Jeff Titman



Removing the motor from *See Which One*



Lining everything up just right...



How to deflate marker buoys.



Thanks for the tow, Bill!



Ready for the spring...



2011 Highlights





**Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2011
Clinton Firehouse**

Commodore Mike Wheeler called the meeting to order after the readout of racing results and awards presentations. The first order of business - Reports from each club officer and fleet captain, as follows:

Vice Commodore - Chet Ensign: The racing year was well attended with increasing participation throughout the year. There were a few regattas that had to be abandoned due to weather, including the 2011 Bluenose. The Bluenose will be conducted at the beginning of the 2012 season (May 2012). Chet will work with the Bluenose participants to determine a make-up date.

Rear Commodore - Bill Foster – Delivered by Mike Wheeler: All club assets are in good working order. The engine that was partially submerged in Spruce Run has been restored to service. Other club assets are in good condition with the exception of the Club Sunfish, which will need repairs following sail training.

Treasurer - Calvin Clowes: The club is in good financial condition. We had good participation in the Learn to Sail programs and appropriate allotments have been made between the checking and capital accounts.

Secretary - Jay Halsted: Received and paid bill for rental of PO Box 187 in Lebanon, NJ for 12 months at \$42.00 and submitted \$140 to the club treasury for HSC T-shirt Sales over and above Learn to Sail.

Flying Scot Fleet - Gary Nackman: Strong season. Gary will continue as Fleet captain.

Jet 14 Fleet - Doug Brown: Announced the new fleet co-captains: Guido Bertocci and Charlie Engler.

Force 5 Fleet - Rich Baumann: A successful season with increasing participation throughout the year. Rich will continue as the Force 5 fleet captain for 2012.

Sunfish Fleet - Susan Malloys: A good season with many new participants in the Wednesday and Sunday races from the Learn to Sail program.

Outstanding Club Member Award: Mike presented this award to Doug Brown for his excellent support of the Youth Learn To Sail Program and his sponsorship of the Junior Sailing Program.

2012 Club Officers: Mike called for nominations of Club Officers for Commodore, Treasurer and Secretary. The Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Assistant Vice Commodore positions will remain the same as last year. Nominations were accepted for Commodore - Jay Halsted, Treasurer - Ted Janulis, Secretary - David Stockwell. A motion was made to accept these nominations and seconded. Mike Confirmed the 2012 Officers:

Commodore - Jay Halsted
Vice Commodore - Chet Ensign
Rear Commodore - Bill Foster
Assistant Vice Commodore - Nick Mentasana
Treasurer - Ted Janulis
Secretary - David Stockwell
Past Commodore - Mike Wheeler

Mike passed the gavel to the new commodore who presented Mike with a framed Hunterdon Sailing Club Commodore's Flag and thanked him on behalf of all club members for his leadership for the past two years. Mike has been present at almost every club event and has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure club operations were seamless for all members. Mike now becomes Past Commodore and will be an active member of the executive committee.

Jay inquired if there was any new business.

A motion was made to investigate Club sponsorship of an Opti Fleet. The Motion was seconded and Gary Nackman will investigate the cost and viability of the idea.

The meeting was adjourned with special thanks to Rich Baumann for organizing the Annual Dinner at the new venue and at such a reasonable cost.

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Job well done!