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HSC Annual Dinner

It was a full house at Vincenzo's Ristorante in Middlesex, NJ for the 2012 HSC Annual Dinner! The food was excellent, and by all accounts a good time was had by all. Kudos to the Flying Scot Fleet for putting together another excellent event! Lots of folks contributed to make this year's event another success, but extra special thanks is due to David and Sharon Stockwell for pulling everything together – well done everyone!



In between the food courses, there were lots of awards to be presented, check out Chet Ensign's re-cap of the season's award winners on Page 2!

And there was also some official business to be attended to – the Business Meeting minutes are included on Page 10.

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Upcoming Events

Spring Membership Meetings – Dates TBA!



Hurricane Sandy hit our region hard, and Spruce Run Recreation Area was no exception. Damage reports and more photos starting on Page 7.

HSC Award Winners for 2012

The 2012 sailing season at HSC is over and the trophies have been awarded. For those of you who were not at the annual dinner to see the results, here is your recap of the season.

Participation awards are given each year to all sailors who sail in a minimum of 40% of club races in a Sunday series or 51% of a Twilight series. This year's thirty three participation award winners took home an HSC trivet. The winners were:

Mike Ambrose	Blaine Bauer	Rich Baumann
Brent & Barbara Benson	Guido Bertocci	Simon Bertocci
Doug Brown	Charlie Engler	Chet Ensign
Nicky Einthoven	Bill Foster	Mario Gedzior
Ellen Greenhorn	Jay Halsted	Mark Holmsberg
Cali Janulis	Ted Janulis	Mark & Ronit Kaplan
Alexander Khutoretsky	Elena Khutoretsky	Susan Mallows
Alec Manson	Steve Manson	Robert Mattison
Nick Mentessana	Dave Petersen	N. Reyes
Ramon Rosswaag	Bill Seiple	Gordon Sell
Hitoshi Tanaka	Jeffery Titman	Mike Wheeler

HSC runs five race series over the sailing season: the spring, summer and fall Sunday series and the Wednesday night Sunfish Twilight I and II series. In order to have awards for a fleet series, at least two skippers must qualify for series participation. This year's fleet series award winners were:

Spring Sunday Series

- Sunfish
 - 1st place – Steve Manson
 - 2nd place – Mike Wheeler

Summer Sunday Series

- Flying Scot
 - 1st place – Mario Gedzior
- Jet 14
 - 1st place – Brent & Barbara Benson
- Sunfish
 - 1st place – Steve Manson
 - 2nd place – Alec Manson

Sunfish Wednesday Twilight I series

- 1st place – Doug Brown
- 2nd place – Simon Bertocci
- 3rd place – Nicky Einthoven

Fall Sunday Series

- Flying Scot
 - 1st place – Mark & Ronit Kaplan
 - 2nd place – Dave & Kristin Petersen
- Force 5
 - 1st place – Rich Baumann
 - 2nd place – Jay Halsted
- Jet 14
 - 1st place – Brent & Barbara Benson
- Sunfish
 - 1st place – Jeff Titman
 - 2nd place – Mike Wheeler

Sunfish Wednesday Twilight II series

- 1st place – Simon Bertocci
- 2nd place – Guido Bertocci
- 3rd place – Nicky Einthoven

With the top score among the junior fleet sailors for the last ten weeks of the Twilight series, **Simon Bertocci** is also this year's Junior Twilight Series champion.

HSC awards a number of perpetual trophies each year.

The year starts off in June with the Commodore's Cup. Established in 1969, the regatta pits all skippers against one another, boat on boat, in a Portsmouth handicapped race that is run by the club Commodore. This year's winner was **Rich Baumann**.

Next up is the Little Brown Jug, the annual 4th of July race. Established in 1967, the LBJ is a pursuit race around the lake, using staggered starts with the highest rated boats starting first and the lowest rated starting last and all boats sailing a course to a corrected time of 100 minutes. The race is run by the Vice Commodore. This year's winners were **Doug Brown and Susan Mallows**.

The Rookie Regatta is open to all new skippers. Established in 2000, the regatta is a low key event that introduces new sailors to racing. This year's winner was **Bill Seiple**.

The Sam Nelson Regatta and the Walter C. Finne trophy recognize the junior sailors at HSC. Started in 1969, the Sam Nelson trophy was established in memory of Samuel Gordon Nelson. It was supplemented in 1978 with an award to recognize long-time member Walter C. Finne and commemorate his efforts to promote junior sailing. The Sam Nelson is awarded to the junior sailor with the best score and the Walter C. Finne is awarded to the best scoring junior under 15 years of age. This year's Sam Nelson winner was **Alec Manson**. The Walter C. Finne winner was **Ethan Stanley**.

The year ends with the Bluenose Challenge, the sail-off between the top scoring skippers in each fleet. The race rotates each year though the different fleet boats. This year's Bluenose was sailed in Sunfish. The winner was **Doug Brown**.

Two other trophies are awarded to members who make significant contributions to the club during the year.

The Ladies Fleet trophy is awarded each year by the members of the Ladies fleet. This year's winner is **Mary Deal**.

The Outstanding Club Service Award is awarded by the club member that the executive committee deems to have made the largest contribution to supporting the club during the year. This year the committee chose **Rich Baumann** to receive the award.

2012 was a great year for sailing as these awards attest. The clock starts all over with the start of the 2013 season. Look forward to seeing you all on the beach this coming year.

--Chet Ensign, HSC vice commodore

2012 Outstanding Club Service Award

The magic of our club is that our momentum and achievements over the past 48 years have been driven by our passion for sailing and our desire to share that interest with others in the community. Every one of our programs is sponsored by club members who volunteer their time and have some fun along the way. Many of our club members volunteer for leadership positions, such as Fleet Captain, or Newsletter Editor, Training Director, Web Master, or a number of other staff and leadership positions that are critical to the success of our club. Once a year, the Officers of the Hunterdon Sailing Club take the opportunity to recognize someone who has gone above and beyond in helping to fulfill the mission of the club. According to our by-laws, the OCS Award participant cannot be an officer of the club and, further, the OCS does not have to be awarded if there is not a qualified recipient.

This year we recognize **Rich Baumann**, who has led the Force 5's as the Fleet Captain for many years. As Fleet Captain, Rich coordinates with the national Force 5 organization and regularly shares his racing tactics in coaching clinics. These sessions have helped many of us to inch a little closer to Rich's transom during Sunday races. Rich is also the liaison for the Spruce Run State Park, responsible for maintaining positive relations and fulfilling our HSC stewardship as a resident of the NJ State Park System.



Beyond those duties, most of you know that Rich is our Membership Director, which is a labor-intensive and detail-oriented staff position for the club. Rich takes every paper form that is submitted and manually populates the club spreadsheet with names, addresses, email IDs, and payments, plus coordinates the completion of the required paperwork for the Learn to Sail Program. He is currently making arrangements for an automated system which we will use in 2013. If all that is not enough (and it's a lot!), Rich also volunteered to teach one of the Adult Learn To Sail sessions last summer when we came up short on instructors. All of this is truly outstanding from the perspective of the Commodore and other Officers of the Hunterdon Sailing Club.

Please help me in recognizing Rich Baumann for his many contributions to our club. Congratulations to Rich as our Outstanding Club Service Award recipient for 2012!

--Jay Halsted, Commodore

The Best of 2012

(Editor's Note: A big thank you to the Race Committees and club members for supplying great pictures! Want to see more? Extra photos that could not fit in the Fo'c's'le are posted on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SailHSC!>)





Hurricane Sandy Hits Spruce Run



Hurricane Sandy took a swipe at Spruce Run when she rolled over the state on October 29th, pitching boats in the parking area into one another, breaking a few masts, flying a loose Hobie Cat into the middle of the turn-around in front of the clubhouse and sending three of the Flying Scots over onto their starboard sides.

The Flying Scots of members Chet Ensign, Mario Gedizor and Gary Nackman were fortunate to have empty parking spaces around them so little damage was done. Chet, Mario and Gary along with Gary's son Ian, Dave Petersen, Gordon Sell and David Stockwell gathered the



following Saturday to right the boats. They removed the trailers and set them flat, then rolled the boats back up and winched them onto the trailers. Gary's and Chet's boats suffered some minor damage, including a broken forestay and a slightly bent mast, but it could have been much worse.



The *See Which Won*, HSC's committee boat, didn't get off quite as easy. High winds tore the roof off the boat and twisted up the superstructure. A quick inspection showed nothing major done to the hulls or the deck, but we will be rebuilding the frame and putting a new roof on come the spring.

The miracle boat award for the storm may go to club member Gary Nackman's big boat, *Blue Note*. The Bristol 43, that Gary (with members Chet Ensign, Gordon Sell and John Thomas) raced to Bermuda in the 2011 Marion-Bermuda race, had just gone into winter storage at Lockwood's Boat Yard in South Amboy a week before Sandy struck. Like many marinas, yacht clubs and boat yards up and down the Jersey coast, Lockwood's yard was devastated by the storm, with a storm surge over ten feet, tossing boats in the lower yard into one another and flooding the yard's main buildings.



Gary initially thought the *Blue Note* was lost. But late Tuesday, he received a cell phone photo from a friend who got to the yard. With its full-length keel and shallower draft, *Blue Note* floated off her jack-stands before the boats around her and the water pushed her into the marsh just beyond where she was caught by some shrub trees and held in place. While the carnage was happening in the yard, *Blue Note* kept out of harm's way, and when the water receded, was set down in the marsh, perfectly upright. The construction crane Lockwoods brought in to clear the debris was able to hook it into a sling and put it back in place in the yard the following week.

Sadly, club member Dave Weir was not so fortunate. His big boat *Last Resort*, a Hunter 25.5, was in the yard at the Raritan Yacht Club in Perth Amboy at the western end of Raritan Bay. RYC endured a twelve-foot storm surge with waves in the yard. Almost every boat there was destroyed. *Last Resort* was a total loss, the hull broken in multiple places and the keel broken completely off the hull.

Here's hoping that all of you are recovering well from the storm. We are fortunate to have a good club, good friends, and tough boats. We'll all be back come 2013.

--Chet Ensign, Vice Commodore

Jet 14 2012 Wrap-up

The two big items during the year were the Wren "Wregatta", and the venerable Gravy Bowl Regatta and Cookout. MUCH FUN!

By a unanimous vote of fleet members, Nicky Einthoven was elected Jet Fleet Captain for 2013 -- Congratulations Nicky!

Next year's Jet 14 Nationals will be held at the Lake Norman Yacht Club, which is north of Charlotte, North Carolina, a great place to sail. The dates for Nationals are August 7th – 10th, 2013. See you there!

--Charlie Engler

Flying Scot Fleet # 184 News

The Flying Scot fleet would like to thank David and Sharon Stockwell for leading the efforts for this year's annual dinner. Lots of fleet members stepped forward to help out, and David and Sharon brought everything together for a wonderful event – job well done!

Mark Kaplan has graciously volunteered to be Flying Scot Fleet Captain for 2013 – thank you and congrats, Mark!

The Flying Scot fleet expanded in 2012 with several new Scot sailors joining HSC; we are excited to see our new fleet members out on the water again in the spring!



Everyone at the Club,

Let it Snow,
Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

We hope you and your families
have a great happy + healthy
holiday season!

Best wishes for 2013!

Sincerely,
the staff of Spruce Run
Voorhees + Hochleban

HSC Annual Dinner - November 10, 2012
Vincenzo's, Middlesex, NJ

Commodore Jay Halsted called the meeting to order after awards presentation. Jay reported that the state of the club is good. A special effort this year on communications has paid off well with the spring meetings at Riley and Jake's basement room filled to capacity, largely with people from the general public checking out the club for the first time. Jay thanked the publicity committee (Ellen Greenhorn, Gordon Sell, Bill Foster) for setting up a new club email template, a new template for press releases, and then getting lots of announcements out to the local press.

Officer and fleet reports:

Vice Commodore - Chet Ensign: Good season from a participation standpoint. Completed almost all regattas and planned events, weather permitting.

Rear Commodore - Bill Foster was not able to be present and wishes to retire. David Petersen agreed to serve as Rear Commodore with Angelo Lovisa as Assistant Rear Commodore. Motions were made, seconded, followed by a unanimous vote to pass the nominations. It was also noted that the superstructure above the deck on the See Which One was destroyed during hurricane Sandy. Virtues of both rebuilding SWW and purchasing a new RC boat were discussed and will be addressed by the 2013 Executive Team.

Treasurer - Ted Janulis reported that the club's funds are healthy, citing the balances of cash on hand and in the capital fund. Ted was recognized for an outstanding job of organizing the club's finances and insurance. Our Not-for-Profit status and HSC Registration is now up to date with the State of NJ. The IRS has our application under review and pending approval for reinstatement.

Annual Dinner: By email Ted later reported that the cost of the dinner for 39 people (\$1745) and raffle (\$250) were paid for by \$1064 of dinner income and \$910 contribution from club funds. The dinner budget was \$750. We lost money on the raffle, for which the breakeven point was about \$5 per head. For future reference, it is reasonable to expect at most \$10 per household in most cases, not per person. The per plate charge was \$44, tax and tip included. The dinner was hosted by the Scot fleet.

Flying Scot Fleet - Gary Nackman: Good growth this year. Mark Kaplan will serve as fleet captain next year.

Jet 14 Fleet - No report. Nicky will be Fleet captain.

Sunfish Fleet - Susan Mallows: Lots of participation this year.

Fleet Master - Mike Wheeler reported that we have a full fleet of Sunfish, retiring and replacing 4 "leakers" this year. Registrations have been completed for currently registered boats and trailers, including the Sea Which Won, Safety boats, Force 5s, and some Sunfish. The registration and title paperwork is complete for the remaining Sunfish, awaiting inspection by the State Police.

YLTS - Doug and Susan wish to teach this class again, if the junior fleet can assist them as they did this year.

2012 Club Officers: Rear Commodore of David Petersen and Assistant Rear Commodore of Angelo Lovisa were approved. Ladies Fleet Captain will be Pia Lord. Other positions will remain the same as last year.

Commodore - Jay Halsted
Vice Commodore - Chet Ensign
Rear Commodore - David Petersen
Assistant Vice Commodore - Angelo Lovisa
Treasurer - Ted Janulis
Secretary - David Stockwell
Past Commodore - Mike Wheeler

No old business was reviewed. Jay inquired if there was any new business. Gary Nackman asked if the club could make an insurance claim on the destruction of the SWW. This will be investigated by Ted. Jay also reminded the members present that the Christmas parade is upcoming on December 7th and asked for volunteers interested in that activity.

The business meeting was then closed.

Winter Storage Reminders

Winter weather can take its toll on unsuspecting sailboats! The biggest danger is water freezing and thawing; the expanding ice can weaken the hull and cause cracks that will leak when the boat is back in the water. Here are some tips and reminders to keep your boat safe over the winter months:

- Before stowing your boat for the season, remove sails, lines, life vests, and other "soft" items – these items are the most susceptible to damage from mice and other critters looking for a warm place.
- Keeping your sailboat inside a garage or barn is ideal, but is not an option for most. A well-maintained cover or tarp (or both) helps shield your boat from rain and snow. Check zippers, Velcro and seams – small repairs to your cover can spare you big repairs on your boat!
- Check inspection ports and drain plugs, and get any water out of the boat.
- Don't leave inspection port covers off completely – this provides an easy entrance for critters!
- For small boats (i.e. Sunfish) kept outside, consider placing them upside down to prevent water from collecting inside.
- For bigger boats (i.e. Flying Scots), place a saw horse or other brace under the trailer tongue – the goal is to raise the bow high enough for any water to drain out of the transom.
- This is also a great time to check your sails, lines, and trailer for items in need of repair or replacement – take advantage of off-season sales and be ready for the spring!

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<http://www.SailHSC.org>

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Force 5	Rich Baumann
Flying Scot	Gary Nackman
Albacore	Art Mohan
Jet 14	Charlie Engler
Jet 14 co-captain	Guido Bertocci
Open and Cruising	Gordon Sell
Junior	Cali Janulis
Ladies	Nicky Einthoven

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