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Past Commodore Ted Janulis (left) Giving
Commodore's Flag to Retiring Commodore
Mark Kaplan



Angelo Lovisa Gets the Gavel and Hat



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Membership Meetings –
Feb.25 & April 8

Opening Sunday
April 29

Opening Wednesday
May 2

Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year to all and I hope everyone had a great holiday season. As the temperature approaches zero and the lake freezes over it is time to think about sailing and the 2018 season. As I write this, the ice is floating about seven feet higher than this time last year and as we saw in May couple good rains bring the level up rapidly so let's hope for a rainy spring. The Farmer's Almanac predicts a snowier than usual winter so that should help.



This year HSC is again hosting the Force 5 Summer Nationals in July. The club hosted them a few years ago and it was a great time for all. We need people to run the races as well as help with other logistics. As it gets closer we'll reach out to the membership to make this event even more successful than last time.

HSC attended the Clinton Christmas Parade and I wish to thank our "Parade Coordinator for Life" – Jay - for his efforts. Big Red (my truck) pulled a boat from Sue & Doug's fleet loaded with kids and presents. Even though it was a nippy night everyone had a great time and the special "post parade" meeting at Riley and Jakes warmed everyone up.

As mentioned in the last commodore corner by Mark, we had the Sunfish "Cutting Up Party" and it was great fun, the Sawzalls® made very quick work of them and a trip to the dump took care of the dead boats.

The executive team will convene this month to finalize the calendar and budget for 2018. The general meetings will be set up at Riley & Jakes to kick off the upcoming season. Have a great rest of the winter!

Angelo Lovisa

Past Commodore's Reflections:

Two years have gone by quickly and it has been a pleasure serving as Commodore.

One thing that I learned from "the inside" is how smoothly this club runs, almost as if on autopilot. Everybody knows what needs to be done, and it happens. It is really a remarkably dedicated and competent group of people.

We are in good hands with Angelo taking over as Commodore. Let's hope he brings some water with him

Mark Kaplan

Rear Commodore's Report

Messing About in Boats

In Kenneth Grahame's classic children's book, *Wind in the Willows*, Rat says to Mole: "Believe me, my young friend; there is nothing--absolutely nothing--half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."



HSC's messing about in boats will begin in April with our usual Spring clean-up and boat launching. We will also have some new projects to improve the long-term viability of our learn-to-sail and racing programs.

First, we have been discussing the addition of a new Sunfish storage rack on the back of the shed. Angelo and Ted had proposed plans for either wood or steel frame racks. Assistant Rear Commodore Rainer, has suggested we find a better way to align the boats on the racks. We will discuss these options at the executive committee meetings before the start of the season.

Second, many of the club's older leaky Sunfish need repairs. We have been trying to buy newer, post 1995 used boats, but there just aren't that many on the market. We need to pressure test the hulls to find leaks, seal the leaks, make repairs, and take steps to dry out some of the heaviest hulls. Some of this can be done on the Spring work day, but may require an additional work day.

Third, over the years I've noticed that learn-to-sail students, instructors, and twilight borrowers often have difficulty identifying boats for repair or as favorites. I propose that we name each club Sunfish for easier identification; perhaps after famous racing yachts. Names like Running Tide, Courageous, Salty Goose, or Merlin would be easier to remember than HSC 3, 8, or "the blue one with no number." We could order vinyl labels enhance the look of the boats.

Finally, if any club members would like to join in our "messing about in boats," or have other ideas for improvements or repairs, please contact the Rear Commodore.

Gordon Sell <rearcommodore@sailhsc.org>

HSC Officers for 2018

From Left to Right:
Gordon Sell, Rear
Commodore
Andrew Gilmartin, Vice
Commodore
Angelo Lovisa,
Commodore
Scott Eigner, Secretary
Rainer Dehe, Assistant
Rear Commodore

Not in picture, Albert
Boeckh, Treasurer



2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

Club finances remain solid, despite a budget overspend in 2017.



	2017 Budget (approved)	2017 Actual (year end)
TOTAL INCOME	23,350	17,927
TOTAL EXPENSE	23,260	23,811
Net Cash Flow	90	-5,884

Substantial deviation from budget was seen within some cost categories. These are summarized below:

INCOME:

Income was lower than the expected. Membership decreased this year to 110 members, which was 10 members lower (\$1,250) than what we projected in the budget for this year. Similarly, there was a decrease in income associated with training. When combining youth, adult and learn to race, the income was \$2,641, approximately 40% of the planned amount of \$6,800.

Overall, the club's total income in 2017 was \$ 5,423 (23%) lower than the planned \$23,350 defined in our budget.

EXPENSES:

Club expenses were on target with the 2017 plan. Planned expenses were \$23,260 and total expense was \$23,810, a 2.3% variance.

Expenses included the purchase of 2 sunfish, with boat cost being \$1,250 lower than budgeted. Savings of approximately \$700 were also realized in maintenance and improvements of shed, SWW and engines. A lower number of social events associated with regattas throughout the season also contributed to savings of approximately \$800. Smaller contributions to savings included lower cost of office expenses, communication, T-shirts, training books and handbook production, for a total savings of approximately \$1,200.

Conversely, spend was significantly higher than planned for the annual banquet and year-end awards, approximately \$1,700 over planned budget.

Adding to the expenses this year was 50% of the insurance premium (\$1,740) which would normally have been paid in the prior year – December 2016. This portion of insurance was only billed in January 2017. This payment, in addition to the usual full annual premium payment of \$3,628 – made in December for the subsequent year – accounted for higher than normal expense this year. This will normalize in the future as invoices are now consolidated.

Overall, the club continues in solid financial shape, ending the year with a cash balance of \$20,202 and no debt.

Albert Boeckh

2017 FLYING SCOT FLEET REPORT

The Flying Scot fleet had a good year, which was a welcome change from 2016 when not only the weather and water was not cooperative, but also some skippers moved away and took their boats. Our lake maintained good water levels for most of the season, and we seemed not to have many Sundays without wind. The fleet is clearly getting better overall, making races more challenging and competitive. On an average Sunday, we had 4 to 5 boats on the starting line, making for some good competition. Additionally, the fleet better overall, making our races more challenging and competitive for everyone.

The fleet also had one addition late in the season - Todd Murphy – who we look forward to seeing him on the race course. We also were encouraged by a couple of new boats that were spotted on the lake this fall and that we pitched the benefits of joining our club. Let's see if something comes of it.

Finally, as we prepare for the Spring, I look forward to hearing from everyone with ideas and initiatives to make the 2018 season even better.

Best wishes for a great 2018 to everyone.

Albert Boeckh

Here's what goes on when we're not sailing.

Photo taken by Albert while strolling on the ice.



[Copy this Link for Information on Yachting Jargon - Provided by Jay Halsted](#)
[Yachting Jargon Explained >> Scuttlebutt Sailing News](#)

Sunfish Fleet

The weather outlook is FRIGHTFUL, inside we dream of sailing, so if there's no place to go let us think of what's to come, what's to come.

Well I may not be a great singer or songwriter and maybe a little cabin crazy – but sailing is certainly one of things that it's always fun to think about. Over the winter it's good to take stock of what happened last season, what you'd like to change, whether it's hardware on the boat or your understanding of the racing rules and spend some time on that.

One of the things that have not been so fun is the ongoing discussion between Laser Performance (LP) and the International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA). We in the United States are a National Sunfish Class Association – USSCA. There is a Board of Directors in the US and a board at the ISCA level who manage the class internationally. Our President is Rich Chapman; he sits on the board of ISCA. Rich also sails Force 5 and came to our last NA's at HSC.

Recently there has been a lot of news about a conflict between the builder (LP) and ISCA. This has been reported in several publications including Scuttlebutt and Sailing Anarchy and threads on this are all over the internet and social media. The basic crux is that LP is trying to gather up, as it were, all of their IP and control it to the point that use of the Sunfish name and Logo would only be allowed to those who hold a license with LP. They have sent requests to the NSCA's asking them to sign license agreements which has not been well received primarily due to the strictures of the agreements. Also, apparently under certain articles of IP law (fair use), anyone can use the term 'Sunfish' in connection with regattas so it is not necessary to have a license in order to run them. In addition, LP has expressed no interest in pursuing licensing agreements beyond the NSCA level so this doesn't really affect us.

Also, World Sailing, formerly known as ISAF, is involved as a mediator and has acknowledged ISCA to be the sole class who can run World Championships, in effect supporting the class in terms of control of regattas.

Laser Performance, the builder, has started a 'fake class' called ISCO which purports to be the replacement for ISCA. They have copied over the names of the officers of the NSCA, the regional reps in the US and much information on the ISCA website. They have made some changes to the constitution and despite repeatedly being asked by the officers of the NSCAs and the US reps have not taken their names off of the site. They have no authority to run Worlds Championships or to supersede ISCA in the view of World Sailing (ISAF).

There has been a lot of correspondence between LP and ISCA, but the two have not been able to reach a mutually agreeable solution. Recently I attended a 1 day meeting in NYC with LP, World Sailing and ISCA as I am the USSCA secretary. The meeting was congenial and discussions are continuing.

In the meantime please do be aware that 'ISCO' is not the Sunfish Class and the information on the website is misleading in terms of their role as the Sunfish Class. The three paragraphs on the face of the website are patently untrue, they are not the new Sunfish Class, there is no agreement for support, and the 'efforts of the class' are adulterated. Much of the information on the secondary pages is distorted and also untrue. You will notice there is no regatta schedule.

The ISCA website is www.sunfishclass.org which is where information about what is actually happening in the class resides.

If you have any questions I am happy to address them.

Susan

2017 Hunterdon Sailing Club Perpetual Awards

Commodore's Cup – Dave Petersen

Outstanding Club Service Award- 2017 Katie Kiernan



- Bluenose Challenge Trophy- Doug Brown
- Walter C. Finne Trophy- Nick Reyes
- Rookie Regatta- 2017 Nick Cicciari
- Memorial Day Sunfish Regatta- 2017 Doug Brown
- Labor Day Sunfish Regatta, 2017 Bill Foster
- Outstanding Fleet Award- Sunday Sunfish

Series Awards

- 1) Andrew Gilmartin
 - 1st Place Spring Force 5
 - 2nd Place Summer Force 5
- 2) Richard Baumann
 - 1st Place Summer Force 5
- 3) Jay Halstead
 - 3rd Place Summer Force 5
 - 1st Place Fall Force 5
- 4) Scott Einger
 - 2nd Place Fall Force 5
- 5) Albert Boeckh
 - 1st Place Spring Flying Scot
 - 1st Place Fall Flying Scot
- 6) Mark Kaplan
 - 1st Place Summer Flying Scot
- 7) Nick Reyes
 - 1st Place Spring Sunfish
 - 2nd Place Twilight I Championship Fleet
- 8) David Peterson
 - 2nd Place Spring Sunfish
 - 2nd Place Summer Sunfish
- 9) Mike Wheeler
 - 3rd Place Summer Sunfish
 - 1st Place Fall Sunfish
- 10) Alex Khutoretsky
 - 1st Place Summer Sunfish
- 11) Ted Janulis
 - 2nd Place Fall Sunfish
 - 1st Place Twilight II Challenger Fleet
- 12) Doug Brown
 - 1st Place Twilight I Championship Fleet
 - 1st Place Twilight II Championship Fleet
- 13) Luis Mendez
 - 1st Place Twilight I Challenger Fleet
- 14) Ray Berthelson
 - 2nd Place Twilight II Challenger Fleet
- 15) Susan Mallows
 - 2nd Place Twilight II Championship Fleet

Happy New Year to the Ladies of HSC!



All are welcome to attend a woman's event on Saturday, February 3rd at 1pm at Jenise Janulis' home at 5 Beaver Dam Road in Randolph.

The plan is to have some female camaraderie to work on a project and casually discuss ways to strengthen women's involvement in sailing. Our project is to improve on our existing design and fabricate Christmas Parade Dancing Dingy costumes. No skills or supplies necessary, just a desire to enjoy the company of others while snacking on treats and sipping on drinks.

**We look forward to your presence
and to an enjoyable time for all.**

Please RSVP by January 25th

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