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COMING EVENTS

JULY 4 – LBJ

SUPERVISED PRACTICE

SUNDAYS 1-4

WEDNESDAYS 6-DUSK

LADIES FUN DAY

JULY 29

2017 "Little Brown Jug" Regatta

Tuesday, July 4th, 11AM Skipper's Meeting, 12PM Start Picnic: Immediately after the race!

The Sailing Part of the Day On Monday July 4th, club members will be sailing the LBJ (not named for the past president) for the honor of having the largest perpetual trophy in the club, the Little Brown Jug, gracing your home. All fleets race together with a staggered start based on Portsmouth ratings. The race committee will announce the starting sequence and timing at the skipper's meeting. The first boat to reach the finish line wins regardless of when she started. The course will encompass the whole lake and will last approximately 100 minutes. The race has one prize for first place and a best in fleet for those fleets represented by 3 or more boats.

The Picnic Part of the Day You do not need to race to come to the picnic! Burgers, condiments and drinks will be provided by the club. Please bring something to share: last names A-M please bring a side dish; N-Z please bring a dessert. ***See you all there on Wednesday, July 4th!***

July 4th ADVICE

Some advice for coming to the park: Do not try to beat the crowd. July 4th is the busiest day of the year at Spruce Run, and there will be a line forming early in the morning, with the park closing the beach area as soon as the parking lots are full. If you arrive at 10:00 or later and tell the park staff that you are going to the boating area for a sailing club regatta and picnic, you should have no problem.

The park superintendent suggests bringing something "boat like", such as an oar, PFD or even a canoe or kayak on the roof, or a boat on a trailer. Bring your boat storage tag, if you have one. Make it clear that you are a HSC member. Be patient with the park staff. They will be having a busy day!



1964-2017 – 53 Year Partnership

Spruce Run Recreation Area Hunterdon Sailing Club



A primer for new members and a reminder for the rest of us.

For 53 years, we've had a mutually beneficial partnership (the only kind) with a part of our New Jersey Government. We've been their best customers, the ones who offer to help clean up the park, the ones who have started a tree planting program and frequently rescue boaters in need. They allow us to keep our shed on the property, make a building available for training lectures and keep on hiring Park Superintendents who listen to our concerns and work closely with us so that we all succeed. For the past several years, as HSC's liaison with the park staff, I've had the privilege of working with Joe, Becky, Jenny and Jason. They have all been the best of what we hope for in public workers. I and other club members also work with the several state law enforcement staff assigned to our park.

Like any partnership, we need to understand each other's needs and concerns and work to address them. The park staff holds up their side of that deal. So once in awhile I like to write about the park's concerns so that we can all be a part of the partnership.

Part of the role of the law enforcement folks is to maintain safety and some sense of order in the boat storage/rigging/parking areas and the road leading in. Here are some issues that I often hear of from them: 1. Observe the stop signs 2. Observe the speed limit on the road to the launch area – we share that space with walkers, runners, cyclists and lots of animals.

The boat parking area is for boats, the car parking area is for cars. Your car may be in the boat parking area only while loading, unloading, rigging and launching. If you leave your car there while having lunch at the shed, walking to the rest rooms, etc., you are risking a ticket. One of the park officers expressed particular concern about the crowd of cars in the "loop" on busy race days, as they make it difficult for anyone to drive through the area. And please don't leave your car sitting in the middle of the launch area.

Have a good summer, and address your concerns with the park to me please.

Spruce Run Liaison
Rich Baumann

SUNFISH NEWS

Sunfish Regattas

SANJL

The first Sunfish regatta of the season was the SANJL event on May 21st. Two races were held in the morning followed by an outstanding lunch provided by the Force 5 fleet. This was greatly appreciated by the skippers as the usual option for SANJL is lunch on the water. The remaining races were sailed in the afternoon with the club races.

Doug Brown took first place for the Championship Division and Nick Reyes took first for the Challenger division.

The outstanding Race Committee was chaired by Robert Reyes who sacrificed sailing the regatta to support his fellow sailors and was awarded the 'I Sailed' award in recognition of his support.

Memorial Day

The day dawned bright and clear, with good wind and great Race Committee, Andrew Gilmartin and Linda Zarnett set excellent courses.

Competition was tight and racing fast with Doug Brown ultimately placing first and taking home the trophy. Susan was very happy as she won it last year and now gets to look at her name on the trophy for a second year.

Sunfish Fleet

The first Twilight series was completed on June 14th with 27 skippers participating and 9 qualifying for the series. The second Twilight series got off to a great start celebrating the summer solstice with 5 races in good wind. The Twilight series is a great way to take a break in the middle of the week and get out and enjoy beautiful Spruce Run and the camaraderie of the best sailing club in the world. All ages and abilities are encouraged as this is casual racing at its best.

Supervised practice on Wednesdays and Sundays is also starting up. This is a great way to sharpen up your skills if you are not quite ready or interested in racing. The area for sailing is within the cove off the club beach up to about the boat rental ramps. On Sundays this runs on the water from 1-4 and on Wednesdays from 6 to dusk. Sailboats can only launch once the safety boat is on the water. Skippers must be off the water once the safety boat comes in. Skippers are responsible for signing out the boat, as well as rigging the boat and returning all parts to the shed once the sail is over.

Sunfish – LBJ Hosts

The Sunfish fleet is the largest fleet in the club and this year is responsible for hosting the July 4th LBJ picnic. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

Any and all help is welcome! Make your favorite dish – flip a burger – hang up bunting it's all warmly appreciated by your fellow sailors in the club.



Sail Training

2017 HSC Training Program Off to a Great Start

With the water level in the reservoir eluding us in early spring it has been exciting to watch it fill in as well as the class rosters. We have held a Learn to Race class, an Adult Learn to Sail Class and both Youth Learn to Sail Classes so far, which have all had some great sailing and fun on and off the water. For the Adults in the club, if your kids took the Youth Learn to Sail Class and you don't want them to have all the fun, or if it is something you've always wanted to try, you still have a chance to join in with several classes remaining.

2017 HSC Learn to Sail Schedule:

6/30-7/2 Adult Learn to Sail B – space available

7/7-9 Adult Learn to Sail C - space available

7/22 Learn to Race – space available

Once you learn the basics in one of our classes you can take advantage of our coached practices being held on:

Sundays 6/25-8/13 from 1-4pm

Wednesday 7/5-8/9 from 6pm-dusk

This program is made possible because of the dedication of so many members and their love for sailing. A special thanks to all of you who have, and continue to volunteer your time to make this program such a big success. This includes those that keep our boats afloat, maintain the safety equipment, instruct the classes, assist the instructors, and the "Beach Parents" that support our Youth Learn to Sail Classes.

Youth Learn to Sail
Boats Ready



Youth Learn to Sail Staff



Commodore's Corner

Our season is off to a good start.

After lots of concern about water level, amazingly, the water is now way up. At this point we are only a few feet down from full. We can launch again from the beach without being lost in the mud, and the ramps are usable on the other side.

Adult and Junior sail classes are well under way. Thanks to all of our instructors for all of the work they put in to make these classes happen.

Our first newly acquired Sunfish has joined the fleet and was spotted racing this past Sunday. Thanks to Jay Halstead for purchasing and making the needed repairs.

We are still looking for additional boats, so let us know if you see something interesting.

Sunday supervised practice sessions have begun, and Wed start July 5. Please read the recent club email concerning club boat use.



Commodore's Cup

Saturday June 3d marked the day of the annual Commodore's Cup.

The race is sailed under a handicap system so that all classes of boat may compete together.

Rain in the morning may have kept some at home, but those who believed the forecast for improving conditions were rewarded with a nice sunny day and steady 10 plus knot winds for a great day of sailing.



6 racers showed up this year including 4 Sunfish and 2 Force 5s. The competition was very close, with many finishes featuring groups of boats all finishing within seconds of each other.



In the end, it was Dave Peterson taking top honors in his Sunfish.

The engraved cup will be presented at our annual dinner in November.

Congrats to Dave and thanks to all who came out to race.

Lady's Fleet More Fun Sailing Day

Mark your calendars for July 29th, and join the Lady's Fleet for some fun on the water inspired by Past Ladies Fleet Captain "Charleen" Engler. It's a chance to show your Style in our on the water antics but the real fun is in the party to follow at the Shed. Water blasters will be out in full force. Bring your own boat or jump on one that has some room to spare. Let's see if we get another guest appearance from the Rare Brown Booby.

HSC Force 5 Spring Spectacular

A fun day with perfect bullets..!

We had a great turnout for the Force 5 Spring Spectacular on Sunday, May 29th. We had 8 sailors participating in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Captains included: Andrew Gilmartin, Rainer Dehe, Nick Reyes, Scott Eigner, Doug Brown, Jeff Titman, Susan Mallows and Dave Rawstrom. Race Committee included Nicky Einthoven (chair), Linda Zarnett and Jay Halsted. With fair winds out of the SSE, we conducted 6 races: 3 in the morning and another 3 in the afternoon with the Sunday Regatta fleet.

The morning session was dominated by Doug Brown with 3 first place finishes and he was closely challenged by Nick Reyes sailing a loaned Force 5, and by Andrew Gilmartin close behind. Nick demonstrated considerable skill as this was his second time sailing in the Force 5. Susan, Dave, Scott and Jeff all sailed well in the light breezes and challenged the leaders to up their game.

The breeze increased in the afternoon session, with some changes in participation. Susan and Nick retired from the race and Rainer joined the fleet. There was some aggressive sailing as fleet spent the afternoon looking at Doug Brown's transom while he continued his string of first place finishes. Andrew Gilmartin challenged Doug's lead and was close in his wake with a string of seconds, followed closely by Rainer, Jeff, Scott and Dave.

The overall Spectacular win of the day went to Doug Brown with 1st place for a consistent string of first place bullets. Even as we scored the regatta based on the best 5 out of 6 races Doug couldn't be caught. Andrew Gilmartin earned a Spectacular 2nd place, with Jeff Titman close behind with a Spectacular 3rd overall for the Force 5 Spring Spectacular.

Thanks to all Force 5'ers who came out to compete in a Spectacular day for racing. And a special thanks to Nicky and Linda who donated their entire day as Race Committee.

Jay Halsted

