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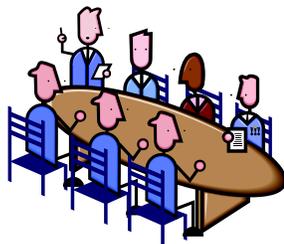
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HSC General Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 27

Come for Lunch at Noon

Meeting Starts at 1:00 pm



2011 Membership Applications will be available at the meeting.



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- 3/27 – Membership Meeting #2
- 4/9 – Spring Work Day
- 4/30 – Twilight Opening Night
- 5/1 – Sunday Opening Day

HSC State Liaison Report

It is my great pleasure to advise you that as of 3/1, the SPRUCE RUN WATER LEVEL has recovered from last fall's minus 16 feet to now being only 2-3 feet below full !!!

This is a big improvement despite less than normal precipitation.

Thanks to Mother Nature and to the NJ Water Supply Authority's minimal water releases.

AND... one plus from having had such low water during the early winter is that we now have a 99% chance of avoiding any summer weed problems.

--Charlie Engler, HSC State Liaison

HOLD THE DATE: Spring Work Day – Saturday, April 9th



Please hold **Saturday, April 9th** (Rain date **Saturday, April 16th**) for our annual HSC Spring Work Day. As usual, we can use as many hands as are available to get the club ready to go for the season! For new members, this is an excellent way to get involved and meet other members.

Our jobs will include launching *See Which Won* (above), cleaning and organizing the shed, and a few other maintenance items. Please feel free to bring: Saw horses for working on boats, any cordless power tools, hand tools, cleaning supplies, and large containers of clean tap water.

The more people who can attend, the faster we can get everything done! Thank you in advance for making time to participate in this important event.

Bill Foster

Race Clinic – Saturday, June 25th

This clinic is targeted for experienced skippers participating in racing at HSC. Topics covered will be strategy and tactics as well as sail and boat trim. The clinic will run a full day with both discussions and on the water practice. Instructors will be Bill Foster; Guido Bertocci; Steve Manson and Doug Brown.

If possible we will try and do on the water skills with the Flying Scot and Jet-14 fleets as well as the Sunfish fleets. It is expected that you will bring your own boat, unless you are coming as crew for a boat in a multi-handed fleet.

Please let me know if you are interested and what topics you would be most interested in so that we can gauge how to best make use of the day.

There is no charge for participation and all food and beverages are BYO.

--*Susan Mallows*

JET-14 (Fleet #51) NEWS



The ice is melting and this is going to be a big year for the JETS! Mark your calendars now for lots of Jet-14 sailing in August:

8/6 & 8/7, Wren Regatta at HSC
8/10-8/13, Jet-14 Nationals at LHYC
8/20, Gravy Bowl Regatta at HSC

Three regattas in NJ, a great opportunity for both novice and seasoned sailors!

Opening Day MAY 1st!!

--*Doug Brown, Fleet Captain*

Sunfish Fleet

The season is almost upon us!

Opening Day for the Twilight series is **April 27th** at 6:00p.

Sunday racing starts on **May 1st** at 1:30p.

Please note that I will be putting together the Race Committee assignments for the Twilight series. If you have any preferences for dates or any that you wish to avoid please let me know so that I can schedule you when you like. Please provide at least a first and second choice of days.



The first SANJL regatta will be held on May 14, there is a fee of \$15 for the day and \$40 for the series for seniors. The Youth entry fee for sailors who will not turn 19 or older by the end of 2010 is \$5 for the day and \$15 for the series. This includes a continental breakfast. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in both the Championship Fleet and the Challenger fleet. It is up to the discretion to the skipper which fleet they sail in. Four races are targeted for the day.

The rest of the series will be held at Swartzwood Lake on May 21 with two more regattas held in the fall, one at Highland Lakes on September 17th and the final one at Green Pond on October 1st. Series trophies will be awarded at the last event. You must have sailed at least 8 races in order to qualify for the series.

This is a great way to get out and meet people from different lakes. It will introduce you to sailing in environments other than at Spruce Run and deepen your ability to sail overall.

Come on out and enjoy the fun!

--Susan Mallows

Flying Scot Fleet #184

There is not much sailing news to report, seeing as it is March in a long, cold winter. Sailing a couple of Fridays ago could have been *really* nice, except for the ice! The snow has finally melted off of FS-5097 though, so that is promising.

More significantly, the Fleet has completed its group parking sign-up up at the Lake, thanks JT and Gordon! We are in the 170's just like last year, close to the shed. We are not quite sure yet, but we may also have a bit of an ugly duckling alongside, but Sunfish are harmless enough.

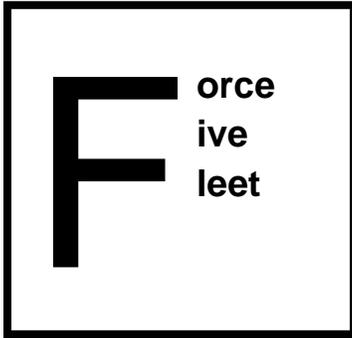
Fleet Captain Gary Nackman and Mike Mandell of NSC have been working out the Challenge of the Lakes for 2011. For those that don't know, Gary is the Father of our Fleet (and the CoL), so it is in good hands. This year the format is being changed to one race at each lake, with NSC coming to Spruce Run in May. Our travel date is still being worked out, but it looks like August or September. September could be nice – there is usually more wind than in August.

Scot Crew U and the Scot Scramble are both slated for July. Everyone - even Jet sailors ☺ - is welcome, so be sure to check it out once the calendar is finalized!

The NSC Scots take a trip to Chesapeake Bay every summer to see the Blue Angels. Now there's talk of our Fleet taking a small road trip for cruising fun, maybe something like setting out from RYC or Atlantic Highlands bound for Sandy Hook. This could be a good first step in preparation for a longer trip for some of us to the Great Waters Beyond the Lake! Sounds a lot more inviting than the Muck of March!

--David Stockwell, for the Flying Scots





Force Five Fleet #36

Rich Baumann and Tom Oryniak are preparing a series of articles covering class legal, inexpensive boat alterations directed at Force 5 owners. The first article in the series appeared in the February Foc's'le. Look for the next article in the series in April, along with more information about clinics available during the season!

Rich will also provide some highlights from his adventures at the Force Five Midwinters!



Important Note for Youth Learn-to-Sail:

In the past we have had some difficulty processing applications for this training program, as a medical waiver is required. This year, we will not process any Youth Learn-to-Sail application that does not include the waiver.

Membership and Training applications were mailed in February and are available on the HSC website. Please arrange to get this completed, as these programs tend to fill up quickly.

New DMV Rules on Trailer Stickers Change Documents Required for Parking Slip Application

The DMV, as of August, will no longer provide a yearly decal for your trailer plate. As a result, the Park is requiring a current trailer registration as part of the storage/parking application.

Due to the short-notice, the Park accepted registrations expiring this month. In return, the Park has asked for everyone to be timely in renewing your trailer registration. If possible, provide the Park Office an updated copy after you renew.



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