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Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

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Upcoming...

Spring Clean Up Day	Sat., April 15
First Sunfish Twilight Regatta	Weds., April 26
First Force 5 Twilight Regatta	Thurs., April 27
First Sunday All Club Regatta	Sun., April 30

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Sign Up for Race Committee!

Always looking for members to help out on
Race Committee!

<http://sailhsc.org/race-committee-signup/>



...Introducing Your 2023 Club Officers and Crew!

During the off-season, a transition of Club volunteer roles occurred. Keeping an entirely volunteer-run organization going and playing by the rules – the US Sailing Association, New Jersey State Park Service, and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority – all on a minimal budget takes many hands and plenty of time.

This year's officers and staff include some familiar faces and others stepping up their volunteer roles.

A big round of thanks and well wishes for a great 2023 season!

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| Commodore | Chet Ensign |
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| Rear Commodore | Eyal Ben-Yoseph |
| Asst. Rear Commodore | Henry Murphy |
| Secretary | Lisa Bogart |
| Treasurer | Tom Tague |
| Past Commodore | Jay Halstead |
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Newsletter Editor | Lisa Bogart |
| Facebook Manager | Ted Janulis and Jay Halsted |
| Park Liaison | Rich Baumann |
| Protest Chair | Bill Foster |
| Scorekeeper | Angelo Lovisa |
| Training Coordinators | Erica Voorhees, Susan Mallows,
Lisa Bogart, Valerie Wheatley |



Ofer Ouriel



Mike Wheeler



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Henry Murphy



Susan Mallows



Ted & Jenise Janulis



Lisa Bogart



Jay Halstead

Spring Clean-Up Day

Every spring and fall, HSC holds a clean-up day to reorganize our shed, take stock of our fleet, and prepare to set sail or winterize our holdings. There is work that everyone can contribute to. The shed itself always needs a cleanout. The Sea Which Won, our Sunday regatta crew pontoon boat, needs to be looked over, cleaned, set up for racing, launched, and set on its summer moorings.

Plus, there are two motorized safety boats to be readied and checked over, a lawn mower check-up, over a dozen Sunfish hulls to be checked for repairs and cleaned, plus all the Sunfish rigging cleaned, assessed, repaired, and put in place.

Yes, it is work. It is also very fun! We catch up with one another, learn something about the equipment and, at least for the spring, get excited about being back on the water.

This year's spring clean-up day is set for **Saturday, April 15**, at 9 am. The rain date is Saturday, April 22. See you at the shed at Spruce Run!



Sailing Season!!

And we're launched...or will be very soon!

Below is the beginning part of the sailing season to get you excited about hoisting your sails! The entire season's calendar can be found [here](#).

26-Apr Wed Twilight Opening Sunfish Race Series

27-Apr Thu Force 5 Twilight Race Series

30-Apr Sun Spring Opening Spring Series

3-May Wed Sunfish Twilight

4-May Thu Force 5 Twilight

6-May Sat SANJL Race

7-May Sun Spring Fleet Races

10-May Wed Sunfish Twilight

11-May Thu Force 5 Twilight

14-May Sun Spring Fleet Races

17-May Wed Sunfish Twilight

18-May Thu Force 5 Twilight

21-May Sun Spring Fleet Races

Learn to Crew (FS)

24-May Wed Sunfish Twilight

25-May Thu Force 5 Twilight

28-May Sun Spring Fleet Races

Race Clinic (AM)

29-May Sunfish Memorial Day Regatta

31-May Wed Sunfish Twilight

1-Jun Thu Force 5 Twilight

3-Jun Sat Annual Commodore's Cup

4-Jun Sun Spring Fleet Races

Force 5 Spring Spectacular



It's Now Easier to Buy New Sunfish Sails, Spars and Masts

Synopsis from March 10, 2023, the International Sunfish Class Association [ISCA]
<https://www.sunfishclass.org/breakingnews20230309>)

The International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) recently announced a change in rules making it easier to buy sails, spars and masts should you need them. Ongoing supply issues had made it difficult to find the parts at boating stores and marina shops. The parts are sourced by Laser Performance, the Sunfish's manufacturer.

These parts are now considered class legal. If you choose to compete in ISCA-sanctioned events, these parts will be necessary to replace any worn out sails, spars and masts.

Otherwise, as most of us at HSC do not compete at these levels, you will not need to worry about purchasing the newly allowed "class legal parts." You may purchase replacements wherever you would normally do so. **For more information,** contact HSC member Susan Mallows at [ssmallows@gmail.com](mailto:smallows@gmail.com)

Editor's Note: I did contact ISCA for a list of designated vendors. The list is below. The closest shops are Colie Sails in Point Pleasant, NJ, M and M Sailing in Lumberton, NJ and The Dinghy Shop on the South Shore of Long Island. There are additional marinas, boating stores and online sites that carry Sunfish sails, spars and masts. At my level of sailing, it is not necessary for me to buy replacement parts that are designated class legal. What is important is to purchase quality equipment that will allow me to continue to sail safely and continue to have fun.

ISCA Vendor List	Website
Vela Sailing Supply	www.velasailingsupply.com/
M&M Sailing	www.mandmsailing.com
Sunfish Direct	https://sunfishdirect.com/
Colie Sails	https://coliesail.com/
Boat Locker	www.boatlocker.com
The Dinghy Shop	http://www.dinghyshop.com/
Tackle Shack'	https://shop.tackleshack.com/
Shoreline Sailboats	https://shoreslinesailboats.com/
Simmons Boatworks	https://simmonsbw.com/
Sail Action	https://www.sailaction.com



LEGO Sunfish and Marina courtesy of LEGO Ideas:

<https://ideas.lego.com/projects/b31dfc0a-24f3-45bc-81ed-660bfc7e314a>

Last Day of Sailing: 2022

The last day of the 2022 HSC Sunday regattas was Sunday, October 9. On a slightly chilly day, we had a small but enthusiastic group. The wind continued in its strange swirly pattern, with the depth of the reservoir having continued to drop. It's always sad to de-rig the boats one last time for an official HSC event. A special shout out to all who continued to sail throughout the latter part of the season as we experienced a drop of more than 20" on the reservoir and it indeed became a battle with gluey, thick mud to launch and then pull boats out of the water. And soon enough, we will be back on water!



2022 Annual HSC Awards Banquet

On Saturday, November 14, about 45 members and guests of the Club met up to celebrate the 2022 season at the Fox Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg. The annual event is always a fun evening to enjoy each other's company, discuss our triumphs and teachable moments, receive some much-appreciated HSC logo swag, and help the club's finances by bidding on some auction items.

The table decorations consisted of colorful Sunfish replicas several feet tall. Thanks to Ted and Jenise Janulis for these very creative and festive additions.

We heard from Hank Halsted, Jay's brother, about some of his adventures during his career as a yacht broker. Hank has been able to sail worldwide, work with fascinating people, make a living doing so, and in his words, "never work a day in his life."

All club sailors who qualified for the summer and fall sailing series received beautiful aqua-blue HSC logo caps. Everyone who attended the dinner also received an attractive canvas bag in blue and green. It will be very handy for toting around all those important sailing day essentials: water shoes, socks, seltzer, sun-screen, chapstick, hair ties, sailing gloves, extra tees, jackets, sweatshirts, etc.

Club recognition for different members' achievements was a highlight of the evening. Valerie Wheatly was recognized with the Ladies' Perpetual Trophy for her overall club support and willingness to be a great volunteer. Ted Janulis was recognized for his Outstanding Club Service. Jim Wang received the Rookie Regatta award.

Jay Halsted was thanked for his leadership as the 2022 Club Commodore and his role as publicity manager. Other 2022 officers to receive recognition included vice commodore Ofer Ouriel, assistant vice commodore Ted Janulis, rear commodore Eyal Ben-Yoseph, assistant rear commodore Henry Murphy, secretary Chet Ensign, treasurer and park liaison Rich Baumann, assistant treasurer Tom Tague and past commodore Andrew Gilmartin.

Additional volunteers recognized included communications lead and water authority lead Gordon Sell, membership coordinator Mike Wheeler, Facebook managers Ted Janulis and Jay Halsted, newsletter editor Lisa Bogart, protest chair Bill Foster, scorekeeper and handbook editor Angelo Lovisa, training coordinator Ray Berthelson, and webmaster Linda Howard. Fleet captains in 2022 included Sunfish twilight Susan Mallows, Sunfish Sunday Ted Janulis, Force 5 twilight Linda Howard, Flying Scott Tom Tague, and ladies' fleet Erica Voorhees.

2022 Clinton Christmas Parade

The Town of Clinton, NJ hosts an annual holiday parade on the first Friday in December. Entirely run by volunteers, the short parade route has spectators packed six and seven people (and children) deep. It is everything a small-town parade is meant to be: local businesses, marching bands, popular children's characters, civic organizations, and of course, the Hunterdon Sailing Club.

A decorated and twinkle-lit sailboat filled with kids, a banner identifying the group, club members, and the dancing dinghies make their way down Main Street.

Wait. Dancing dinghies? Yes. The ladies' fleet created these wearable, decorated sailboats to dance, shimmer, sway, dip, and navigate rough surf (potholes), all while waving (pun intended) as a crowd favorite. A special shout-out goes to Ted and Jenise Janulis for hosting this year's build-a-thon, which added four new dancing dinghies to the fleet.

No true HSC event would be complete without capping it off with a visit for food, fun, and lots of sailing yarns (and other types) at Riley & Jake's, a local restaurant. The parade debriefing was a fitting way to end a good year of sailing, camaraderie, and memories.

For those interested in seeing the dancing dinghies (and HSC members) in action, you can view the parade at <https://youtu.be/7CgbwYRwzMo>



Bucket List Field Trip!

Trade Winds Transatlantic Voyage

By Past Commodore **Jay Halsted**

When a bucket list opportunity comes along, jump at it! I had the good fortune to start the new year with an adventure - sailing transatlantic with my good friend David Bangsberg and brother-in-law Bill Bowers! David is a highly accomplished sailor who has sailed extensively in the US and Canada. David took possession of this brand-new Boreal 47.2 sailboat in Treguier, France in September of 2022, christening her "Bubbles." (Check out boreal-yachts.com)

Bubbles is a new Boreal design which, by definition, means there were a number of design and fine-tuning issues to work out before seriously going to sea. It took several shake-down cruises across the English Channel and returns to Boreal in France for fixes before Bubbles was prepped and provisioned to begin her journey to the States. Instead of hiring a professional crew, David appealed to family and sailing friends he had known over the years, some novice sailors, some highly proficient, but all were there for fun and adventure. In October through December, Bubbles left Portsmouth, England, to cross through the notorious Bay of Biscay to Spain, then down the coast of Portugal, followed by an offshore leap to the Canaries, to arrive mid-December in the town of Mindelo on the island of Sao Vicente in the Cape Verde Islands. With the holidays approaching, David secured Bubbles in the Mindelo marina and flew home to San Francisco for family time.

David, Bill, and I arrived in Mindelo in early January to provision for our hop across the Atlantic. Mindelo's open market offered lots of fresh produce and fish straight from the sea. Tuna steaks, about the size of a shoe box, were the equivalent of \$5 USD. Did I mention that David is a gourmet cook who has mastered preparing and freezing meals? Between the fresh fish, produce, and David's meals, we ate quite well at sea.

Casting off from Mindelo, Cape Verde Islands



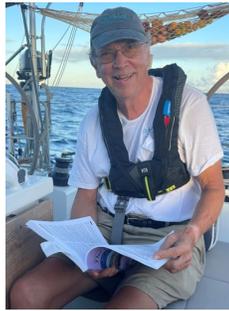
Our destination was Nelson's Dockyard in Antigua, approximately 2,200 miles due West. "Trade Wind Sailing," the clockwise rotation of winds and currents in the North Atlantic, has been known to sailors for hundreds of years. The southern end of this rotation goes from Africa westward to the Lesser Antilles / Leeward Islands. When you look at the hurricane chart, that's the path of the trade winds. January is well beyond hurricane season, and with no significant disturbances forecast, we had a consistent 18 to 35 knots of wind behind us for the entire trip. We set sail on January 6th with a double headsail rigged wing and wing and kept them filled with the quartering breezes for the duration of the trip. This was a sailor's dream.

"Watches" among the three of us were divided into four-hour shifts during the day, and three-hour watches at night.

This rotation ensured that no one had the same watch day over day. The two crew members off duty were "on call" should any issues arise.



Jay, Bill and David on watch.



We had a few surprise situations – three issues with the boat and one physical injury. Unexpected stuff happens when you are sailing offshore. Much like Forrest Gump’s “Box of Chocolates,” you never know what you’re going to get. Preparation for the voyage and contingency planning is key, but sometimes you’ve just got to figure it out. Your choices are to fix the problem or to create a workaround so you can live with the problem. There is no AAA, Coast Guard, or Medivac when you’re that far offshore. Our issues were the failure of the freshwater system, severe leakage of the prop shaft, a halyard break leading to a torn sail which became a sea anchor, and a crushed foot. Fortunately, we were able to do MacGyver fixes for all.

We were genuinely impressed with the immensity of the ocean as one day led to the next. In our 14-day journey, we had several remote radar contacts as we left the islands off Africa and had visual contact with only one boat the day before land-fall in Antigua. It was either a 150’ square-rigger with 42 Brazilian women on board, or we all had a mass hallucination. LOL.



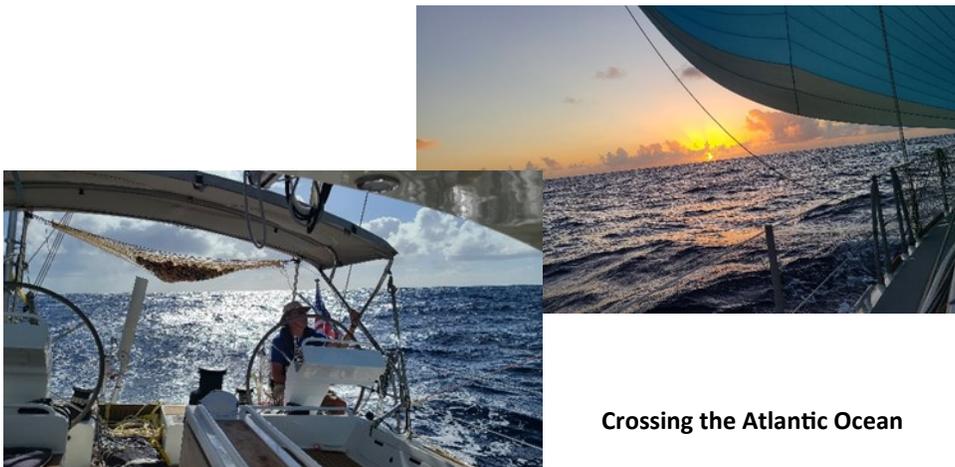
Arriving at Nelson’s Dockyard was a celebration of many things! First was our high-five of a successful Atlantic crossing. In accomplishing that, we positioned David to island-hop up the chain to the British Virgin Islands, the US Virgin Islands, Dominica, the Bahamas, and home to the USA. We also welcomed Erica Voorhees and Linda to our crew for a week of cruising neighboring islands to the Northwest.

Lastly, we were part of a much larger celebration in Antigua, the finish line of the “Atlantic Challenge”, a Rowing Regatta from the Canary Islands, across the

Atlantic, to Antigua. The participants rowed in two, three, or four-person boats across the ocean, spending a grueling 30 to 45 days at sea. Our 14-day downwind sail clearly paled compared to these supreme athletes' physical and mental accomplishments.

In our remaining days on Bubbles, we visited the islands of St. Barts, Anguilla, and Sint Maarten, each with a unique charm. Interestingly, each island is a different nationality, so we had to clear customs and immigration. We departed from Sint Maarten on flights directly back to the States just as David’s next crew arrived to sail Bubbles farther to the North and West towards home. As of this writing, Bubbles arrived in Lighthouse Point, Florida, on March 20th.

I think one of the most important takeaways for HSC members is that the sport of sailing is a learning curve. In our crossing of the Atlantic, we used the same basic sailing principles and practices we use out on Spruce Run Reservoir. It’s all about the wind, the water, your boat, and how you manage it successfully to get where you’re going.



Crossing the Atlantic Ocean

Sunfish for Sail (Sale)!

We have a 2001 Vanguard Sunfish for sale. The owner reports it is a very dry boat with no cracks or repairs and a smooth bottom. The boat comes with a racing sail, composite dagger, an additional sail, ruder and tiller. The dagger and tiller come with special protective bags. The boat has a top quality cover that will keep it dry when left outdoors.

The Sunfish comes with a trailer and dolly. Also included are two ratchet blocks and a wind vane plus other accessories.

Everything is registered. Ready to sail and race.

The boat is Located in Morristown, NJ

Asking price is **\$4000**

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