

# The Fo'c's'le

Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

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## Fix It Saturday

April 19 at 10 am



Members are invited to come to the lake to set up their boats, and work with other members to make sure we are ready to sail in 2003. We need help in getting the clubhouse, equipment and club boats ready for the season.

Experts will also be on hand to advise you on repairs and rigging of your own boat.

Bring a bag lunch.

## Barry Seip



Barry Seip at the 2002 HSC Dinner with the flag he was awarded to recognize his past service to the club as Commodore. Barry is serving as Rear Commodore in 2003.

## efocsl

Did you know that the HSC newsletters are also available on the HSC website? The electronic copy of the newsletter will normally be posted on the website before you receive your copy via the US Mail and also lets you see the photographs of all our sailing action in full color.

Check out the newsletters at  
<http://www.redkoh.com/hsc/2003%20Focsls.htm>

If you would prefer to access the newsletter via the web and save the club the cost of printing and mailing you a copy each month, please let Barbara Benson know at [SailHSC@hotmail.com](mailto:SailHSC@hotmail.com).

## Join the Club

If you haven't already done so, please send in your 2003 membership form and fee to Barbara Benson as soon as possible.



The membership form was in the March Fo'c's'le and can also be found on the HSC website at

<http://www.redkoh.com/hsc/index.htm>

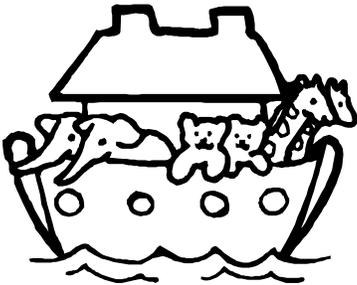
## Commodore's Corner

Our first lake event will be 10am, Saturday April 19, when everyone is invited to come and help get the clubhouse, equipment, and boats ready for the season, and to bring your own boat for inspection and rigging help from the experts. Bring along some resin and glass for club Sunfish repair, and any extra hardware you want to share. Also bring a bag lunch and enjoy a day at the lake. Rain date will be April 26.

So far, Rodger Hall has volunteered to install the new roof on the Committee Boat, and Blaine Bauer will upgrade the skiff trailer to make it useful. Both could use some help, and there are many other jobs for willing hands. Barry Seip has agreed to move from Asst Rear Commodore to Rear Commodore, partly based on additional help that has already been volunteered by Sean DeFusco, Brian Mohan and others.

A very warm week in midMarch quickly melted all the ice at Spruce Run, and now the lake is overfilled (!).

Charlie Engler, Susan Mallows and Doug Brown went out March 22 to move the Committee Boat to its mooring, as it was within inches of floating off the beach. Someone standing on the water end would have raised the beach end sufficiently to float away. Without a means of returning to shore, they opted instead to pull it further



ashore, probably OK unless we have a real flood.

A similar ice melting occurred at Lake Nockamixon, so Barb and I were able to take our first sail of the year, spinnaker testing on our Jet-14. It was great to be on the water again, but we needed to sail conservatively because the water was very cold and only a couple of very distant fishing boats might have helped if we capsized. We did jump briefly onto a plane in a couple of puffs, but took the chute right down when things got a bit scary.

The Strategy, Tactics and Rules discussion, led again by expert Steve Manson on March 9, was a great success. There will be a lot more savvy sailing this year.

As of March 24 Barbara says that we have 40 paid members, Thanks to those who did it early, and I hope the rest of you made the April 1 deadline to avoid the late fee.



Brent Benson

## Force 5 News

The season is fast approaching and we are all anxious to get out on the water. I stopped by the lake last Sunday to see how the melt was coming along and saw several members of the club who had come out for the same reason!

Once the ice is clear we can start setting up practice days, but please don't feel you need to wait for these to take to the water. It would be a good idea though to either sail with a buddy or to have someone on land who could call for help if you get in trouble. The water is very cold and there is an increased risk of hypothermia in the event of a capsized.

The designated 'FORCE 5 SUNDAYS' are listed below. On these days we should all make an effort to get out on the line so there is increased competition, but everyone should get on out there on other Sundays as well if they feel the urge.

May 4 - HSC Opening Day

May 18

June 1 - (F5 regionals - 2 day regatta on May 31 and June 1)

June 22

July 6

August 3

August 17

August 31

September 14 - Millard Filmore

September 21

September 28

October 5

October 26

See you on the water!

Susan Mallows



Ray Buchanan sailing in the Force 5 Midwinters in Key Largo

# Twilight Series Race Officer Guidelines

All members scheduled to serve as race committee on Wednesday nights should become familiar with the following guidelines.

1. Fishermen at Spruce Run have a boring life. All they do is stare at the water. Try to make their life more interesting by setting the start line between some anchored fishing boats. Fishermen love to watch the boats sailing nearby and to chat to the sailors.

2. In light winds, make sure you set very, very long courses. If you don't, you'll only have to run more races making for unnecessary work.

3. Most sailors hate to tack. Try and set the first leg of the course so that they can reach the first mark without tacking.

4. Most sailors find it really hard to work out which is the upwind end of the start line. Help them out by setting a start line so that they have to beat to get to one end. Then it is so much easier for the sailors to identify the favored end.

5. Start sequences can be very boring for the sailors. Try livening things up by stopping a 3-minute sequence at any time and restarting it without warning. Another option is to make the 2-minute and 1-minute signals at some random interval after the 3 minute signal. This keeps the sailors on their toes.

6. Don't bother to call any boats that are over the start line. It's not really your job. Alternatively call out a few sail numbers that are over and add "and those other boats that I can't see". Keeps everyone guessing and that is a lot of fun for everyone.

7. Liven up the first leg by driving the committee boat up to the windward mark, and then when everyone is halfway up the beat and spread out on both side of the course, pick up the mark and move it. This is really exciting for the sailors who guessed wrong about where you were going to drop the mark.

8. Have a good rest while the sailors are racing. You have earned it. Chat to the sailors that showed up late for the race. Don't bother to watch the racers. The first boat will always give you a shout when he or she is about to finish.



9. Set a really long finish line. Don't worry if it is so long that you can't read the sail numbers at the other end of the line. You can always ask the sailors to shout out their numbers when they know they have crossed the line.

10. If you get bored, you can always shorten the course. To do this, drive over to the mark that the sailors are approaching and put it in the committee boat. Let the racers guess how they are supposed to finish. Makes them think - which is good for them.

11. If any guests or potential new fleet members show up to race, remind them that the races are for members only and that they should keep clear of the racecourse. This is especially important if the newcomers are juniors, because kids need to be put in their place.

12. If any of the anchors on the buoys look old or dirty, just untie the line and dump the anchors in the reservoir. The rear commodore will be delighted to supply new ones.

13. Set the course as far away from the club launching area as possible. You can usually rely on the wind to die later in the evening, and the sailors really appreciate the chance to practice their light air skills on a long sail back to the beach in the dark.

14. Remember when you are race officer, you are always right. Do not be distracted by advice and comments from any of the sailors. If a sailor persists in telling you how to do your job, it is OK to teach him or her some new nautical terms that are not in the dictionary.

15. Please make sure that these new race officer procedures are used for all races on or after April 1st 2003.

Happy Sailing!





Some of the large group of HSC sailors that enjoyed the 2002 HSC Dinner last November

## Twilight Series New Rules

The HSC Executive Committee has decided that qualification during the Twilight Series will be according to the following guidelines:

There will be two fleets – a Commodore's Fleet, and a Vice Commodore's Fleet. The Commodore's Fleet is expected to be composed of experienced, accomplished sailors and the Vice Commodore's Fleet is expected to be composed of newer sailors. Participants in the Twilight Series must declare their fleet preference before their first race in each series.

Fleets will start together and be scored together. At the end of each series, the Scorekeeper will separate the two fleets for the purposes of determining awards. Any participant in the Vice Commodore's Fleet who qualifies for an award in the Commodore's Fleet will receive that award. Awards will be given in both fleets, using the Club's guidelines for numbers of awards, based on the number of qualifiers.

To qualify in the Commodore's Fleet, a participant must sail in at least 60% of the races held. To qualify in the Vice Commodore's Fleet, a participant must sail in at least 40% of the races held.

Editors Note: Unlike the guidelines on page 3, the article above is NOT an April Fool's joke.

## Pun Intended

Once again, in a recent correspondence from Commodore Benson, the name of our beloved Committee Boat has been mis-spelled.

In the Spring of 1967 Commodore Roy Volkman invited club members to submit entries for a new name for the recently acquired (from Pines Lake) pontoon boat which had been aptly named BLIND JUSTICE. My entry, SEE WHICH WON, was selected, being the first thing I ever won in the club! I recall making a name plate with plastic stick-on letters but this seemed to disappear in subsequent alterations and re-builds.

On my HUNNY DEW list for 2003 is to make a new 'name tag' for See Which One. Just you WEIGHT AND SEE.

Ramon Rosswaag

## Race Committee

5/4 Brian Mohan Ted Klein John Hollerith  
5/11 Barry Seip Ann Mandel  
5/18 Doug Brown Susan Mallovs  
5/25 Vim Einthoven Art Roswell  
6/1 Sean & Kerrie DeFusco

Please bring at least one extra body for adequate safety, especially with the cold water we expect in May.

Rich Baumann

## For Sale

Sunfish - racing rigged with good sail.

Good beginner's boat. \$400.

Call Grace at (609) 882-0782

## Useful Life Wanted

Wanted: Used Jet spinnaker with some remaining useful life.

Contact Evan Showell at [midgerex@netzero.com](mailto:midgerex@netzero.com)  
or (972) 226-2700 x. 222

## Showell Fleet maxed out

Evan Showell is aware of an old wooden Jet on Shelter Island, N.Y. that is very affordable. Could provide a good low initial cost entry into the class for a wooden boat enthusiast. Needs some work, no trailer, wooden spars. Contact with the owner can be arranged through Evan who is reachable at (908) 876-8526 or [midgerex@netzero.com](mailto:midgerex@netzero.com).

Evan has negotiated a price with the owner but the Showell fleet is currently at maximum permitted size.

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## New Condition

Racing Daggerboard for Sunfish, with case, used 3 times, new condition. \$175.

Call Grace at (609) 882-0782.

## Vanguard Clinic

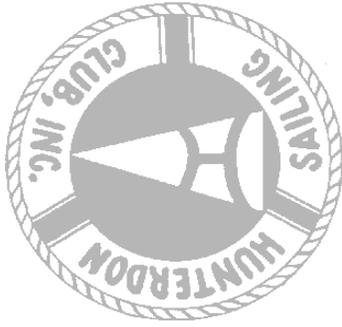
The dates for the Vanguard race training clinic are now confirmed for July 26 and 27. They were issued as tentative in the March Fo'c's'le.

Susan Mallows

## Missing

Lost: one sailing groove. Definitely had it last year. Worked on Lasers and Sunfish. Was wide and fast and guaranteed to operate in all wind conditions. Last seen when racing with Dave Davies at Marsh Creek last September. Recent Laser frostbite results confirm no longer in groove.

Please return to Derek Stow if you find it.

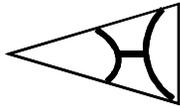


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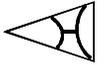
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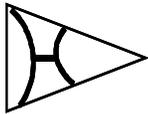
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