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Commodore's Corner

The Spring is flying by and our sailing season is just around the corner.

April 18th is our Spring work day, when we get all the equipment, shed, Sunfish, and safety boats ready for the new season. There is a lot to do and we need all hands on deck.

This Summer will be running our youth learn-to-sail course on June 25-27 and 29-July1, and adult training June 18-20 and July 9-11. These are ambitious programs, and Sharon Stockwell is doing an outstanding job coordinating the planning. We need experienced sailors and novices on the ground and on the water to help insure these programs are a success. Please reach out to Sharon if you would like to volunteer, even if only for a few hours.

Finally, we don't want anyone in the club to get a \$500 ticket for failing to have their NJ Safe Boating certificate and drivers license available during a police inspection. The State Park Police have given us permission to carry photo copies of these documents on the water. It is suggested that you photocopy both documents on one sheet of paper and then laminate it. It is also recommended that you make a second photocopy that we can keep in folder aboard the *See Which Won*.

You do not need these items when operating a sailing boat unless you use an auxiliary outboard ... which might also earn you a protest on the starting line. The State Park Police are also planning to check boat and trailer registrations for boats kept at Spruce Run over the Summer. Make sure all your registrations are up to date before you park for the season.

Have a great season.

Gordon

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Coming Events

- Late Membership Penalty Date – 4/15 – see more info on Membership, Foc's'le and Handbook on page 7
- Work Day – 4/18
- Due Date for May Foc's'le Articles – 4/20
- Planned Arrival of 2009 Handbook in Your Mailbox, Paid Up Members Only – 4/28
- Opening Day – Twilight – 4/29
- Opening Day – Sunday – 5/3

Calendar Notes for Page 2

The calendar on the next page shows all club activities from now until June 24, including all Race Committee assignments. Ellen Greenhorn has worked with fleet captains and Stacey to ensure that we have capable and available committees. If you are listed and not available, please find a replacement and inform the RC chair for the day. RC chairs should remind their committee members that a Boating Safety Certificate is required of anyone who will be operating a motor boat during their committee duty.

RB

See Calendar Notes on Page 1

18-Apr	Sat			Work Day			
29-Apr	Wed	Twi 1	1		Gordon Sell	Ellen Greenhorn	
3-May	Sun	Spring	1		John Thomas	Mike Incantalupo, Rick Rainey	Wm. Craig
6-May	Wed	Twi 1	2		Mike Wheeler	Sean Mezkat	
9-May	Sat			SANJL Spruce Run			
10-May	Sun	Spring	2		N. Einthoven	Hitoshi Tanaka	Robert Landon
13-May	Wed	Twi 1	3		Dave Davies	Nathan Altomare	
16-May	Sat						
17-May	Sun	Spring	3	Force 5 Hot Dog Sunday	Ray Buchanan	Sean Mezkat	John Halstead
20-May	Wed	Twi 1	4		Derek Jackson	George Jackson	
23-May	Sat						
24-May	Sun	Spring	4		Art Mohan	Anita DeMatteo	Ken Lareau & Tricia Harris
25-May	Mon			Memorial Day Sunfish			
27-May	Wed	Twi 1	5		Steve Manson	Alec Manson	
29-May	Fri			Flying Scot Friday			
30-May	Sat						
31-May	Sun	Spring	5	Jet 14 Day	David & Sharon Stockwell	Nils Swyzen	Gigi Swyzen
3-Jun	Wed	Twi 1	6	Sailing Lecture	Nicky Einthoven	Vim Einthoven	
6-Jun	Sat			Force 5 Spring Spectacular	Guido Bertocci	Nathan Altomare	Simon & Lucy Bertocci
7-Jun	Sun	Spring	6	Force 5 Spring Spectacular & Scot Challenge of the Lakes (NJYRA Championship); Scot Hot Dog Sunday	Guido Bertocci	Nathan Altomare	Simon & Lucy Bertocci
10-Jun	Wed	Twi 1	7		Charlie Engler	Stacey Bachenheimer	
13-Jun	Sat			Commodore's Cup	Gordon Sell		
14-Jun	Sun	Spring	7		Charlie Engler	Mark & Sharon Holmsburg	Anne Freeman
17-Jun	Wed	Twi 1	8		Don Esch	Lucy Bertocci	
18-Jun	Thurs			Adult Sail Training A			
19-Jun	Fri			Adult Sail Training A			
20-Jun	Sat			Adult Sail Training A			
21-Jun	Sun	Spring	8	Jet 14 Day	Nick Mentesana	Chris Fischer	Lyn Kanaby
24-Jun	Wed	Twi 2	1		Nick Mentesana	Ramon Rosswaag	

Flying Scots

Thanks to Gary and Alice Nackman, our Flying Scot Fleet party at the end of February was a grand success! There was great conversation, more than a few stories, and a brief meeting to review our plans for the 2009 HSC Scot season. We also welcomed back the Greens and the Craigs, who were new Scot sailors last year that we are hoping will have more time to spend with us this year! And thanks to Mikes Incantalupo and Ambrose, the fleet was signed up the very next day for parking at the end of Row 3, right near the HSC shed.

We spent some time at the party talking up the Flying Scot class association benefits and events. Mike Noone from NSC was also able to join us, and he revealed that he will be the class membership chairman this year. Mike was pleased we were promoting the association that helps make sailing a Scot fun and fair!

To help comply with class regulations, we will be having our hardware installation day April 25 up at the lake, to install bow bags and transom drainage ports. Nobody likes to cut big holes in a perfectly good boat, so it helps to have experienced hands around when it is done! Some of us also hope to get a good look at our baby's bottom, just to be sure it is as smooth as it can be.

Today it was 68°; can summer be far behind? HSC's Opening day is May 3rd. Our first Challenge of the Lakes with NSC is on Saturday, May 30. Our first Flying Scot Friday is set for the night before. That way we will know for sure whether, based on the weather, to take down our masts and pack up for the trip to Nockamixon. These and the other Scot Fleet dates are on the FS yahoo calendar, which are set to automatically send out email reminders, as if we could ever forget! The web site is really working out well. Thanks Gary and Chet!

If there are Scot Crew, potential Crew or potential Scot owners in HSC that are not already yahoo group members, they are invited to join us to keep in touch via Fleet email and the calendar of Fleet and Class events. Just send me an email at dmstockwell@verizon.net. And if you want to buy a used Scot, let one of us go with you to help evaluate the hardware and condition.

Finally, and at the risk of digressing, the Fleet talked a fair bit about boating insurance at Gary's party. Fleet members generally agreed that it can be prudent to have liability insurance, and many boaters agree that BoatUS is a good deal. BoatUS has liability-only policies that explicitly includes sailboat racing. They also have an inexpensive trailering club that provides 100 mile on the road towing and assistance. With spring arriving, this is a good time to evaluate your insurance situation. And by the way, BoatUS asks on their applications whether you have taken a boating safety course like the one Charlie organized in March!

David Stockwell





JET 14 FLEET REPORT

GREAT NEWS -- PRODUCTION OF NEW JETS PRESS RELEASE

Allen Boat Company In Production of Redesigned Jet-14

Buffalo, NY--March 4, 2008--The Jet-14 Class is pleased with the production of new Jet-14's by Allen Boat Company, the world class builder of quality one

designs since 1961. Design improvements were made to streamline production, improve stiffness, comfort, durability, and safety, while maintaining the one design consistency of this growing class. The new boats can be ordered immediately for spring and summer availability.

The Jet-14 came into existence in 1952 by sailors looking for a one design class with a lightweight planing hull, good performance in most weather conditions, minimal cost and maintenance, and ease of handling and transportation. This design accomplished this and so much more. These features allow the boat to be handled successfully with little effort, making it a fantastic competitive racer or family boat, providing quality time between husbands and wives, as well as parents and children. There are currently competitive Jet-14 fleets in NJ, NY, MD and OH.

To learn more about the new boats and the Jet-14 class please contact:

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35 GRADUATED AT THE HSC/LSPS SAFE BOATING COURSE

On March 21 and 22, 35 attended the HSC Safe Boating Course, presented by the Lackawanna Sail and Power Squadron at the "Stone House" at Spruce Run. The presentation on Saturday covered ALL the basics of boating, and the requirement in New Jersey that anyone operating a powered vessel must have a BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE, or be subject to severe penalties. On Sunday, following a thorough review, the actual test was given, and all 35 passed the test, making them eligible to operate the HSC RC boat and outboard safety skiffs. The LSPS instructors, headed by Capt. Anthony Pisano, were very qualified and made a very professional presentation of the wide ranging subject matter. Our new Spruce Run Superintendent Jenny Felton and her staff were most hospitable and cooperative in enabling HSC use of the Stone House. Charlie.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL 35 RECENT
GRADUATES

Additional information on
LSPS public courses (see
page 7) at:

http://www.lackawanna.org/public/public_courses.htm



Force 5 Midwinter Championship – Key Largo March 5–7

Marge and I headed out for a three week trip that included visiting many friends and relatives, attending the Spring Banjorama in Springfield, Ohio and spending five days in Key Largo, my favorite place to sail. In the photo to the right, you'll see me sailing alongside Joe Healy from Long Island, the third place finisher in the three day regatta. The picture is unusual because I wasn't all that close to him for long.



This was a regatta for the young, big and strong, three things that I'm not. In past visits to Key Largo, the wind generally came out of the west at a fairly steady 12–15 knots. On this visit, the wind was a gusty, shifty 20–30. In the first race, there were numerous capsizes (two by your editor) and several boats breakdown. The race day, allowing for repair of collisions affected the of Texas, who needed the were close for the top five the tie breaker to win over Fred's photo is on the bottom in one of my favorite sailing



disabled by collision or committee abandoned for the boats in need. One of the eventual winner, Fred Meno repair time as the results sailors. In fact, Fred needed Bob Cullen (shown lower left.) of page 8 of this newsletter, shots.

So I didn't do so well, but here's a list of things that made it all worthwhile: 1. Key Largo is a great place to visit. 2. Alec Dale and I got some time to do some kayaking in the mangrove swamps near our rental. 3. Chris Zofchak, class president arranged a condo rental on the ocean, five minutes from the club (my share of the rental was \$120 for four nights,) 4. The Upper Keys Sailing Club runs a great regatta. 5. We had good attendance, with 18 boats on the line 6. There a good restaurants within walking distance of the club and the condo. 7. My boat was not involved in a collision or breakdown. 8. Most of the people in attendance, including the top 3 sailors are planning to be at Spruce Run for the North American Championships.



Keep these dates on your calendar if you own a Force 5: July 9–11. You should plan to sail your boat or make it available to one of the many people who would like to borrow it for our regatta.

Rich Baumann

Spruce Run Disaster

Dam break at Spruce Run threatens HSC sailing season.

The town of Clinton had a near disaster, as the smaller, south dam of Spruce Run Reservoir collapsed. The apparent cause of the collapse was a vast construction project on the opposite shore. The project, the improvement of an older home on Panorama Drive included sizeable



additions to the home, the rebuilding of a deck and the attempted construction of a huge sailboat, canoe and kayak storage facility near the water's edge plus a long dock with a Tiki bar at the end. The entire project was lost in a mud slide, triggered by the overcrowding on the deck during a Jet 14 party and the weight of a vintage Buick in the garage. The slide created a minor tsunami that moved rapidly towards the dam and undermined the footings.

Publicity Chairperson for the Hunterdon Sailing Club, Anne Freeman, interviewed many people to get reactions to the collapse and drainage of the recreational body of water above the dam. The owner of the property was unavailable for comment. However, the Park Superintendent, Jenny Felton said that her office was deluged with requests for refunds for boat storage space and the sailing club's Membership Coordinator, Stacey Bachenheimer reported similar requests for cancellation of club memberships. Flying Scot fleet captain David Stockwell said that it was just another challenge for the scheduling of the Challenge of the Lakes competition. HSC's Commodore Gordon Sell discounted these issues as a simple public relations problem that could be resolved by producing a new flyer.

Senior club member Ramon Rosswaag commented that the current appearance of the lake reminded him of the days when he used to visit the area in 1964. Kayak enthusiast Sean Meszkat bemoaned the missed chance to roar down the river through Clinton, calling it a once in a lifetime opportunity. Ellen Greenhorn, the scientist in the club, speculated that there may have been too many Bertoccis on the deck.



The "Friends of Spruce Run" of course find themselves without an important friend, and have started a political effort to ensure that New Jersey's congressional delegation gets an earmark in the next economic recovery bill for dam repair. HSC Treasurer, Mike Wheeler has made an appeal for a "bail-in" to refill the lake as soon as possible.

Ever the optimist, VC Rich Baumann, ably assisted by Ellen and Handbook Editor Kim Gold plan to publish a handbook covering HSC's 2009 sailing activities in mid-April.

Membership, Foc's'le and Handbook

This is the time of year when joining or renewing your membership starts to matter. Renewing by April 15 saves money and assures that the Handbook will be mailed to your home before the season starts. For the April Foc's'le, we will be using the 2008 mail/email preference. For the May issue, we will use the mail/email preference that you included on your renewal application. In June, we will send the newsletter to 2009 members only, unless you are on our short list of people who receive complimentary copies.

May SANJL Schedule

MAY

9 **SANJL Day 1 (O)**, Hunterdon SC, Spruce Run Reservoir, Clinton, NJ;
Susan Mallows, 5 Michael Lane Annandale, NJ 08801, 908-638-5201(H), 908-303-0889 (C), susanmallows@yahoo.com

16 **SANJL Day 2 (O)**, Hendershot's Boat Launch, Swartswood Lake, NJ;
Jim Bastnick, 666 Franklin Ave, Nutley, NJ 07110, 201-618-9064 (M), abigail@nac.net.

LSPS Mini Courses

Wednesdays 7:00 pm--9:00 pm

Honeywell Headquarters,

Morristown

April 15 BOAT HANDLING UNDER POWER
(Register by APRIL 6)

April 22 KNOTS, BENDS & HITCHES
(Register by APRIL 13)

April 29 TRAILERING YOUR BOAT
(Register by APRIL 20)

May 6 USING GPS
(Register by APRIL 27)

Trading Post

For Sale: Jet 14 #1106, Aleph Builder 1976. In decent condition. New spin, Main and Jib are in fair condition. 2 year old Seitech dolly can be purchased separately. Trailer included. Call Doug Graiver at 609-397-5971

FOR SAIL (SALE): Two (2) Gill foul weather suits, ladies (S) and mens (L), with matching boots and gloves. All like new. Call for details: 908/995-4549

Ramon

For Sale: 1983 Force 5 Sail Boat with Trailer. Great shape includes all equipment, sails, rigging, rudder etc. Boat painted in original blue and off white with matching sail. Just polished boat for the winter. Sailed at Spruce Run, NJ. Asking Price is \$700. Negotiable ...but PLEASE no low ball buyers. Contact Mike Martin at 973-635 2893 or mjmartin@comcast.net

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Fred Meno leading the pack upwind in 20-30 knot breezes at the Force 5 Midwinters in Key Largo