

The F C'S'LE

Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

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Coming Events



Date for Getting Your Spruce Run Parking Spot

March 1

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Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 14

Lunch Available at 12:30

Meeting at 1:30
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Work Day (and Rain Date)

Saturday, April 10

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Insert 2010 Membership Application

Editor's Note:

This newsletter is brief, as it is February. We did pass our budget at the last meeting and dues have not changed. The next newsletter will be out by April 1 and will include news from all fleets and a calendar of events for April and May, including Race Committee assignments.

Members are encouraged to write articles about their sailing experiences and photos. Please submit to force5@verizon.net by March 20. Rich

April 17 Rain Date

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Opening Day - Twilight

April 28

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Opening Day - Sunday

May 2

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Force 5 Mid-Atlantic Championship
Regatta

June 5-6

Welcome to New Scots!

The Flying Scot Fleet is pleased to announce that David and Kristin Petersen are the proud new owners of FS 3551, and will be joining us for the 2010 sailing season. The boat was torn from the jaws of the Nockamixon Sailing Club! They'll be parked with the rest of the Fleet at the lake, so come by and introduce yourself!

The Stockwells also announce the birth of their newest Scot Crew, Laddie Stockwell. He was borne on October 15th, but we don't know how much he weighed or how long he was. At last measure he weighed 8-1/2 lbs, has brown eyes and can run really fast. We know he loves to pull on ropes with bowlines tied in them. He's got three months left to learn how to swim.

Introducing the Scot Scramble

The Flying Scot Fleet is looking to try something new this season! The underlying purposes will be to have a little fun, to get to know each other a little better, to have a little fun, to introduce new people to the Scot and the Scot Fleet, to show off the virtues of the Scot as a cruising/party boat, and to have a little fun!

If there are problems with sailing as an activity, one might say that it can be a sort of solitary activity. The Scot solves that problem by providing jobs for 2-3 sailors and room for 6-8! However we still tend to sail with our usual crew and, unless the wind is really light like that one notable race day last summer, we don't get the chance to hang out much with the folks on the next boat. The Scot Scramble seeks to remedy that, if only for a day.

The gist of the event will be to Scramble the boats and crews so we do not sail with our usual partners. New HSC members, new sailors, those interested in the Scot or becoming Scot Crew, Crew U graduates and indeed everybody in the club will be welcome. It looks like we will have 15 or more boats this year, so in principle, we can take out almost 100 people!

Enough sail numbers will be tossed into a hat for everyone on the beach to get assigned to a boat - at random. The only rule will be that you can't randomly wind up with your same old crew. We'll start in the lagoon by the shed and sail out around Goose Island and then over to the power lines, where the See Which will be waiting. At that point incoming boats will raft up so that the crew can draw a new sail number out of the hat. If their boat is there yet, they can get on, but no Scot can leave without it's full compliment of crew! That could really turn things upside down in the "race" back to the shed.

Sound frustrating? It's especially designed to exorcise the competitive spirit out of even the most hard-core racers, and get them to pay attention to the other folks in the boat. It is deliberately set up so that people don't "win the race," boats do. Another rule to reinforce that will be that the youngest person on the boat will be at the helm! This should be a good time to enjoy fine company, the boat, the water, and hopefully the sun, and to teach and learn about our pastime. Some watermelon and soda at the end should round things out nicely.

The Scot Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, after Scot Crew U and probably some lunch. Again, the whole club is invited, and since it is on a Saturday, nobody needs to miss a race day. We hope to see you out there!

David Stockwell and the Flying Scots

JET14 News Reminder

We will be having our winter Jet-14 party at 7:00 pm on February 20, at our house. If you have a Jet, or are interested in having a Jet, crew on a Jet, want to meet other Jet sailors, or just want to support the fleet, you are welcome to come. Our address is 5 Michael Lane, Annandale NJ.

Last month we mentioned that winter is a great time to be working on your boat. Minor tweaks and repairs can easily be accomplished during sailing downtime.

Jets have been built by many different builders over the years. One of the builders was Dubdam which made very competitive boats. The Dubdam boats are made of sold fiberglass with no coring material between layers. After a few years of hard sailing they tend to get a little soft on the deck where you sit and on the bottom of the boat.

Here is a way to "stiffen up" the deck. Pictures 1& 2 show fingers pushing down on the deck to take out the flex. Picture 3 shows 2 layers of fiberglass in-between the fingers. Picture 4 shows a silica filler used to bring the deck back to level. Now the fingers can be removed and the gaps where the fingers were can be filled with the silica filler. Now put 2 coats of fiberglass over the whole deck where you have taken out the flex (picture 6). Sand paint and sail!

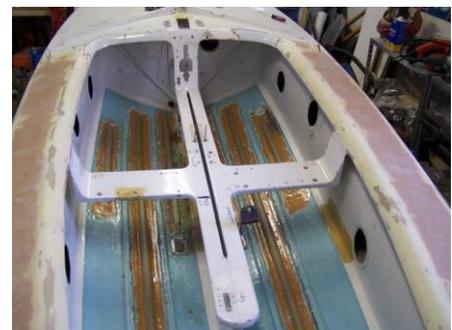
To stiffen up the bottom of the boat make some stiffeners out of Divinycell as shown in picture 5. Grind the bottom of the boat down to raw fiberglass and contact glue the stiffeners to the bottom of the boat. Now put 2-3 coats of fiberglass over the stiffeners (picture 6). Sand, paint and sail!

If you have questions about stiffening up your boat call or email me

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