

The F 'C'S'LE

Hunterdon Sailing Club Newsletter

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HSC well represented at the 1999 Albacore Nationals and Internationals Rehobeth Delaware

The Hunterdon Sailing Club Albacore fleet performed exceptionally well during the rigorous and highly competitive Albacore National and International Competition this past October in Rehobeth Delaware where erratic winds and tough international competition made the event a real challenge to our highly talented fleet.

Brian Mohan (#4717) made good use of his boat, excellent sailing abilities and sharp tactical knowledge to baffle his competition and come home from the Nationals with a 5th place trophy in the Challenger Division. An outstanding performance.

Courtney Young (#6898) overcame equipment difficulties that would have devastated a less resourceful sailor, including being on the receiving end of one very nasty collision with an apparently blind Canadian boat. Courtney was his usual self out on the water, dodging in and out of the pack, working the angles and consistently ending up quite high in the rankings for both the Nationals and the Internationals.

Art Mohan (#6768), constant Sea Daddy that he is, used every drop of his saintly patience and charity in assisting his beleaguered crew in shaking a pernicious streak of bad luck that had plagued the poor fellow all year. Art sacrificed a centerboard, a set of wet weather gear, four water bottles and about 50 places in this desperate battle of exorcism. He overcame difficulties of biblical proportions, including two collisions to finally shake the bad juju. Victorious over the "Curse of the Happy Hurricane" in the final two days of competition Art captained his boat to several respectable finishes.

When not on the water or making repairs on the beach the HSC fleet was out and about enjoying the local scene. The Albacore class knows how to party, and being an international class we were often out and about with an eclectic bunch of English and Canadian sailors - funny accents and great company. All that and the gracious hospitality of Joan Mohan and splendid company of Nancy Young made the weeklong event a great success.

Courtney sneaking #6898 into a good starting poat the worlds, duct tape and all, the next day.



COMMODORE'S CORNER

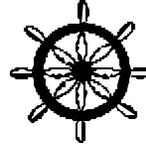
By now the winter is upon us and we count the weeks until springtime. Over the winter months we should finish those inside chores and get ready for sailing in May. You should stop by West Marine and pick up supplies for winter boat maintenance. Get those wooden boards & rudders sanded and refinished. Sand your steel centerboards flat and smooth. If it's too cold to paint or varnish, then just do the sanding and wrap everything in a blanket and wait for a warm spring day. My mate just doesn't like the smell of varnish throughout the house, however, it's OK to have a candle burning.

We have planned an interesting, "free form" General Membership Meeting for February 6th at the Sunset Inn in Clinton on Rt 31 North starting at 1:30PM but please arrive at 1:00PM so that we are settled in our seats. After we take care of business and approve the Budget for 2000, we plan to have our members discuss boat maintenance. Bring a pad to take notes and also bring some thoughts to share with others. Topics to consider: Steel Centerboard maintenance, Wood Rudder maintenance, Fiberglass repair / maintenance. In addition, it would be helpful if someone brings a Type III life-vest for people to look at. We also can share the names and phone numbers of our favorite places to shop for parts and supplies for our sailboats.

The second General Membership meeting will be on March 12th at the Sunset Inn. In addition to our normal business, we will have a guest speaker. Bill Waggoner who has had a long affiliation with the Hunterdon Sailing Club will present a seminar on Race Committee Management.

We look forward to hearing about Bill's methods and experiences while serving on Race Committees at major Regattas.

Mark your calendar for these important dates.



Barry Seip,

Commodore - HSC

Handbook for the year 2000

The executive committee has reappointed me (Vim Einthoven) as handbook editor. I am pleased to have a chance to finish the job that Nicky and I started last year, to make the handbook more readable and get rid of inconsistencies, duplications, points that are obvious and maybe a few left over contradictions.

I ask all members who have found an error in the way they were mentioned in the membership list, even if it was only one letter or a comma, to inform me by word, telephone, mail, E-mail or in any other manner possible. If you correct this on the membership application without mentioning specifically that this is a correction, your correction will probably assumed to be a mistake.

If nothing has changed in the way you were mentioned in the handbook compared to the previous year, this can now be mentioned on the membership form. It saves both you and me time.

Finally, the "handbook" was called "yearbook" about as often as "handbook". I wanted one word for one object, the Executive Race Committee voted for handbook. So that is what we will try to call it from now on; HANDBOOK!

Vim Einthoven

MAJOR CHANGES TO THE YEAR 2000 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PROTESTS

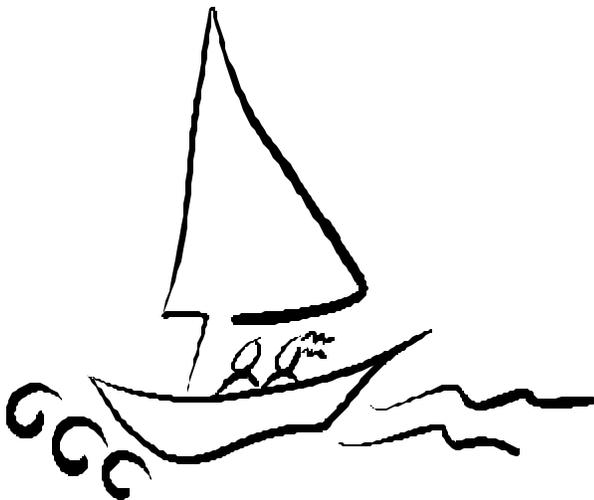
All protesting boats will be required to display code flag "B" when protesting another boat. Protesting boats shall inform the RC of the protest when finishing that race.

JUNIOR QUALIFICATION

An additional Junior Series will be held on the last 10 nights of the Wednesday Night Sunfish Series. The usual qualification criteria will apply. This series will also be used for Bluenose qualification for Juniors.

RC Assignments

The EXEC RC is attempting to encourage as many new members as possible to serve on a Sunday RC. We are therefore including a sign up line for a specific date on the 2000 HSC membership application. The names will then be included on the schedule printed in the yearbook and a fleet captain or the Vice C will make a phone call the week before to confirm their attendance. Any other suggestions for getting these new members involved are welcomed by the EXEC RC



Letters

The Sunfish Worlds were held in Ponce, Puerto Rico from November 14 to 20, 1999. Ponce is on the South shore of the Island. The winds were predicted to be 15 to 20 knots. Before leaving for Puerto Rico, I checked the weather maps, the radar maps, the satellite images, and the tropical storm predictions. It was predicted to be a beautiful week. The day after we got there, a tropical storm formed to our west. This storm turned into Hurricane Lenny. The *Worlds* was scheduled with racing on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The racing on Monday was apparently in the calm before the storm. Due to the hurricane, there was no racing on Tuesday, and all the sunfish were taken inland. From what I was told, the racing at the conclusion of the regatta was in the calm after the storm. Dad and I personally got to talk with three past world champions: Cor Aanholt, Malcolm Smith, and Donny Martinborough. (And yes, the 2 we asked face forward while tacking.) I also got to spend time with several people who I met a previous *Worlds*. We also did some sightseeing and swimming. Courtney sailed. Dad and I flew back home Tuesday, before the storm. The Sunfish website says that Eduardo Cordero won again.

Nicky

GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

February 6

Sunset Inn	1:00 PM
Route 31	Clinton

Boats for Sale

Albacore sail #7111

Great condition, race rigged w/ trailer, good sails, kick up rudder, centerboard needs some work. Fast hull. Race Ready! \$1,500 contact Gene Spillane Alb Fleet Captain (908) 918-0842

Jet-14 #1105

1978 Aleph hull, DM2 keel-stepped mast, older Thomas sails, spinnaker, aluminum CB. Boat in NJ. \$1,200.00. George Cassa, (908)832-5011 (evenings)
email plimsol@idt.net

Jet 203

Wood hull, trailer, sails, spinnaker, keel stepped mast and airbags. Boat won a gold chevron in the Nationals in 1978. Boat is in Belle Mead, NJ. best offer , Vim Einthoven (908) 359-6975, or Nicky Einthoven (609) 882-3392.

Jet 711

Formerly Renny Kotlarek's boat. Look for his name on many HSC trophies, especially the LBJ. Wood hull, DM-1 mast, steel board, furling gear for jib, trailer, spinnaker, North main, Thomas jib. Very fast boat. (2nd place in Nationals in 1986.) Boat is in Highland NJ. \$1500. Bill Ward (732)708-0045.

Jet 876

Dubdam hull, fiberglas with air tanks. Includes hull, rudder, tiller, centerboard, mast, boom, 2 halyards, 2 mainsails, and a jib. No spinnaker, no trailer, rigged for main and jib only. The boat sails and is in NJ. \$800 Nicky (609) 882-3392.

Jet 880

Dubdam hull, fiberglas with air tanks. Deck stepped mast, steel & aluminum centerboards, Thomas sails, boat cover, trailer with spare tire. Boat is in NJ. \$1500 Carter Parker (908) 604-8277.

Jet 1145

New Mueller Marine Jets, built to suit, you choose color, with spinnaker or not. Bare hull (you rig it), or fully rigged and ready to race, or somewhere in between. Fully vacuum bagged fiberglass over Klegcell hull, air tanks, minimum weight, fast, beautifully detailed. Lorain, Ohio. approximately \$3000 to \$6000. Bill Buckles (216) 288-0002

Canoe for sale.
green plastic. \$225.
Nicky (609) 882-3392



Member Notes



For those of you who are new members as well as those who are seasoned salts, this column will present topics of interest and hopefully provide some direction in navigating around the club. Myself, Susan Mallows, the New Member Liaison, will write this column. I hope to provide any information new members will need and am available for consult.

Please note that ALL members, new and old, may sign up for Adult Sail Training without incurring additional fees over the annual membership dues.

ALL members can sign up their children for the Youth Sailing program. We will be running two courses this year, Learn to Sail and Learn to Race. Both are 3 day courses; cost is \$35.00 per course

Existing members are requested to submit membership applications by March 2000. An application with training dates will appear in the next newsletter or you can contact Patty Seip at (908) 464-0534 for more details.

Susan Mallows
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ALBACORE FLEET REPORT

The HSC Albacore fleet is gearing up for an exciting 2000 season! Here's what's in the works: We're on the Web! The HSC Albacore fleet is now on the Official Albacore Class Web Site. Our web presence should help not only help boost awareness of the Albacore class in New Jersey, but also provide more exposure of the HSC to interested sailors. A win-win for both the club and the class! The Albacore Site links directly to the HSC site at the click of your mouse button. The link can be found in the "Links" section of the USAA site.

Inexpensive boats and gear now available! The Fleet Captain has worked hard to locate reasonably priced new and used Albacores and parts! Keep an eye on the "FOR SALE" section of the Fo'c's'le. Parts, sails, and blocks can now be obtained via HAPCO at very reasonable prices.

We are teaming up with the Monmouth Sailing Club's Albacore Fleet this spring (projected mid to late April) for a pre season group tuning session. We'll be looking at doing this on Spruce run and following up with a Sunset Inn bull session. Barney Harris plans to join us! Look forward to updates on this event in future Fo'c's'le.

Look forward to an Albacore tuning tape that will be produced this spring. The tape will cover state of the art tuning tip and will "star" Barney Harris, the 1999 North American Albacore Champion as he goes over the tuning process inch by inch. Multiple copies of this tape will be produced and distributed at cost (probably \$3 each).

HSC will once again host the Albacore Mid - Atlantic Competition on May 21st and 22nd. We're looking forward to having a good turnout once again this year. Competitors from as far away as Ontario Canada will be traveling down to compete in this traditional start to the Albacore Racing Season, so look forward to some good solid competition.



A before and after shot of Courtney Young assessing the collision damage to #6898 "Zephyr". At the Albacore Nationals



JET FLEET REPORT

The new Fleet Captain is Vim Einthoven. Nicky is the Assistant Fleet Captain. In 1999, three skippers in the HSC Jet Fleet who had attended the Jet Nationals in Spruce Run, went to the Sunfish World Championships. Due to several problems, including Hurricane Lenny, only one actually went sailing. But it was fun! We are working on preparing regatta's and picnics for next summers fun. If someone is interested in buying a boat and would like some help, feel free to call Nicky at (609) 882-3392.

NOTICE

Barbara O'Connor will be Newsletter Editor pro tem for the months of February and March. Please snail mail or e-mail all information and articles to her by the 20th of the month before publication.

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The Consequences of Mushy Compliance As seen in the Wayfarer Skimmer

- ? We don't know who sailed better, the guy in front complying with 98 percent of the rules, or the guy behind complying with 100 percent.
- ? Even minor cheating is like setting back our bathroom scale or lying to our psychiatrist. It deludes us with false satisfaction and diminishes our motivation to improve. Yet only by "improving" can we feel like winners regardless of where we finish.
- ? Sailors who are allowed to oil their way out of penalties will continue to endanger others with maneuvers like barging, tacking too close and port /starboard crossings.
- ? A skipper who excuses another's infringement cheats the rest of the fleet just as the infringer does. When the unpenalized infringer continues in a position he doesn't belong in, he impedes unfairly all who must then dip his stern, eat his bad air or even yield to him at a mark. In addition, everyone he then "beats" is scored one place below where they belong. And the extra point could be important to someone later in the series.
- ? Besides diminishing the quality of racing for everyone else, the cheater also deprives himself of the opportunity to do what is right, which can be quite ennobling. This is especially true if no one else noticed the infraction.

Dear Mr. Fix It: How do I refinish the rudder and dagger board on my Sunfish?

You can do it two ways. Either way you pick use high quality UV resistant varnish such as Schooner Varnish or Spar Varnish.

You really get what you pay for when it comes to varnish.

1. Sand all existing weathered or peeling varnish with 220 grit or higher sandpaper. Make sure to "feather" the edges.
2. Then apply several coats of UV varnish.

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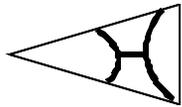
1. Strip the entire piece with a paint remover. Make sure to do the whole thing not just part of it. This will darken the wood a little.
2. If you want the wood in "as new" condition apply a diluted mix of wood restorer to lighten the color of the wood.
3. Sand the entire piece with 220 or higher grit sandpaper.
4. Apply several coats of UV varnish keeping a wet edge.

I have always used the high price Interlux Schooner Varnish with excellent results on both my sunfish and wooden canoe.

Mr. Fix It



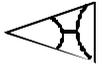
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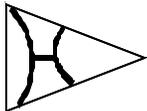
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