

# The FOC'S'LE

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## Sunfish News!

April 29, May 3, do these dates sound important to you? Of Course! They are the first days of the start of the Twilight and Sunday series for the largest fleet at HSC - the Sunfish! These dates are not that far off - so it's time to start dreaming about warm breezes and sunshine as we sail into spring.

What can you do to get ready? Start with pulling off your boat's cover and checking that no animals have taken up residence in your boat or chewed your lines or sails into little heaps. Then check for insects and their nests as there is little worse than a bevy of new spiders hatching in your hull as you round the first mark of the year.

After making sure your hull is clear then find all your equipment and gear and make sure it all works. If you need to change lines or the location of a cleat to be more effective then take this opportunity to do so! If your life jacket has holes perhaps it's time for a new one.

And don't forget to send in your membership dues or application to the Sunfish Office. This will entitle you to an official boat number which should be displayed on your sail, entry to regional and nationals events and delivery of the class newsletter, the Windward Leg, to your door.

And don't worry about the fact that Spruce Run was entirely frozen over last weekend and you could walk across the lake. It's due to melt by March 19.

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## Coming Events

- March Membership Meeting – 3/29
- Due Date for April Foc's'le Articles – 3/20
- Boating Safety Course – 3/21-22
- Work Day – 4/18
- Opening Day – Twilight – 4/29
- Opening Day – Sunday – 5/3



See you on the water!

## JET 14 FLEET REPORT

- Dates have been set for the 2009 Jet 14 Regattas at HSC, Kindly mark your calendars!
- JULY 25 WREN WREGATTA I - This day is usually a Junior and Novice race day, and a lot of fun. Who knows what it will be this year!!!!!!
- JULY 26 WREN WREGATTA II - A series of up to 5 races held Sunday morning and also as part of the Sunday afternoon HSC club races.
- AUGUST 22 The venerable GRAVY BOWL REGATTA. A Saturday one day event with both morning and afternoon races for the Gravy Bowl Trophy. This event has been on the Jet 14 Class Regatta Schedule for many decades, and attracts participants from other clubs
- And, as a reminder, the Jet Junior and Senior Nationals will be August 12 thru the 15th at Great Sacandaga Lake in the Adirondacks at Mayfield NY, an easy drive from NJ, and a great chance to go to a nearby Nationals.
- Dates for the Pines Lake and Packanack Annual regattas, both in Wayne, NJ will be announced soon.
- AS WILL THE NEXT JET FLEET PARTY! Charlie

## OPTIs Have Arrived at HSC



After many years of hoping, we actually have 2 Optimists and 3 young sailors ready to go. My grandsons Josh and Danny are ready to join John Kupsch's son Evan have acquired boats and have set a schedule of 5 "Optidays" on the calendar. We may also come out on several Sunday mornings, and, of course, Josh, Danny and I can come out on weekdays as often as we like. That's the good news.

However, we can improve the news by a lot by increasing the number of boats and sailors. Bill Foster tells me that he has 2 more boats available, waiting for small sailors. Or, note this recent note from John: *By the way, Raritan Yacht club still has 7 optsi for sale, \$600 - \$900. All we need are kids to put in them.*

Please contact me, Rich Baumann, 973-667-4665 or [force5@verizon.net](mailto:force5@verizon.net) for more information or ideas to make this new fleet grow. No experience necessary.

## **The Hunterdon Sailing Club and the South Branch Watershed Association team up for a Fun Day on Spruce Run!**

What could be better than a day on the water? How about a day on the water and participating in another water-friendly organization's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration? The Hunterdon Sailing Club will be doing just that on July 18<sup>th</sup> when it hosts a South Branch Watershed Association (SBWA) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event when they join our Fun Day and Ladies Regatta on the reservoir. Founded in 1959 SBWA's mission is protecting the quality of the water resources we enjoy so much.

When the SBWA contacted us about co-hosting an anniversary event, it seemed like a natural fit. An essential element for sailing (other than wind!) is clean water.....and that's precisely what the SBWA is all about. Since its founding the organization has been educating the public and our elected officials on how best to protect the quality of the South Branch of the Raritan River and its watershed, including Spruce Run Reservoir, one of the three largest in the state. Find out more about it at [www.sbwa.org](http://www.sbwa.org)

In addition to lots of fun sailing we will be inviting our paddling friends to bring canoes and kayaks and other such watercraft to join us. Planning is just beginning and if any of you would like to help with the details (food? music? tours? rides? prizes?), please contact either Andy Peterson or John Thomas who have volunteered to work with the SBWA team.

Stay tuned as plans are finalized.....hope to see you there!

### **Name that Boat**

Is it important to name your boat? We have lots of named boats in the club as well as lots with no name. It doesn't seem to make much difference racing with or without a name.

I've never successfully named a boat. Therefore, I was very grateful when I bought my Flying Scot three years ago and it arrived with a ready-made name, *Orange Crush*. It's not at all a name I would have chosen, but I can't imagine a better name today. For me, I liked getting a boat that already had a name and the character that goes with it. It's like getting a dog named Atilla instead of Puddles.

My old Catalina 22 was another matter. For years I sought the perfect name, creating long lists of potential identities, but none worked out, or the ones I liked were great sources of amusement and ridicule among family members. One day after a good sail, I eased the boat onto the trailer and pulled it up the ramp. At the top I got out and noticed a great deal water leaking off the hull and trailer, and it reminded me of a dog relieving himself. "Bad Dog," I said. That should have been the boat's name, but I hesitated, and two years later I sold it still nameless.

I never cared very much about naming my Sunfish. The transom is small and 78303 seems a good enough identity. Although, I'm sure if I could think of a good name, it might go faster.

One thing I learned from the Catalina 22 news group was the importance of following a proper procedure if you rename a boat. The gist of it is you have to sail the boat backward while giving it's old name back to King Neptune, then sailing forward over the same spot while begging Neptune's permission to use the new name. Then there is a christening with the urine of a virgin sprinkled on the bow, although champagne and cider are rumored to be acceptable to Neptune as a substitute.

We've got a lot of very creative people in the club. I'd be interested to generate a list of all the boat names they've come up with. Also, maybe those people who have a talent for naming boats should offer to help those of us who just don't seem to get it. (see p.5 for more)

## Flying Scots

It looks like a busy but fun-packed year for the Flying Scot fleet! First up – the Scot Fleet, potential Scot buyers and Crew, and established Scot Crew are welcome at our February 28<sup>th</sup> Fleet meeting and party. Come meet everybody and get to know us better! And bring your kids! Scot owners are also reminded to bring your boat parking checks and forms. Parking sign up is the next day and we'll be getting our spots all together again this year.

If Scot Crew, or potential Crew or owners are not able to join us at the party, you are also invited to join our yahoo group to keep in touch via Fleet email and the calendar of Fleet and Class events. Send me an email at [dmstockwell@verizon.net](mailto:dmstockwell@verizon.net).

The Flying Scot Class is requiring bow floatation bags and transom drainage ports this year and we plan to comply at HSC. We anticipate holding a Spring work day to collaborate on the installation of this and any other hardware our Fleet members might have come into over the winter and the Holidays!

June 7<sup>th</sup> is turning out to be a big day for the HSC Scots. Not only do we have the Challenge of the Lakes and the Force 5 Spring Spectacular, but we have also been nominated to hold the NJYRA Flying Scot Championship! These events will bring boats from Nockamixon SC, and hopefully quite a few more boats from the numerous Scot Fleets along the Jersey Shore. When they arrive, they will be welcomed with the Flying Scot Hot Dog Sunday. After racing, we will hold a Hardware Clinic where we climb all over four exemplary boats to get a load of their hardware. Santa may be getting some letters from some good little sailors later this year!

Finally, Crew U has been set for July 25<sup>th</sup>, where we will explicitly welcome and teach new Crew. Details are still to be worked out, but we hope to run this in conjunction with the Jets. New Club members should stay tuned for more details on this opportunity to learn and sail regularly, but you don't have to wait for high summer! Talk to the Scot Fleet anytime about becoming valued members of our team.

David Stockwell

## SAFE BOATING COURSE AT SPRUCE RUN!!!

More than 20 HSC members have already signed up for our SAFE BOATING COURSE, which awards graduates the required NJ Marine Police certificate to operate a powered boat in NJ.

We expect to have the course on Saturday March 21 (all day) with the final exam Sunday, March 22 (morning only). It will be presented at the "stone house" at Spruce Run. Juniors welcome (we will soon know the age limit.) The cost is \$65 per person.



SIGN UP NOW by contacting Charlie at [che1129@yahoo.com](mailto:che1129@yahoo.com)

## 2009 Membership Application

Included with this month's newsletter is our annual membership application. Here are some suggestions, based on some changes made and our recent experience in processing applications:

1. **Sign up early** – We like to include member's most current information in our handbook, published in mid- April.
2. **Sign up early** – The form allows you to express your preferences for Race Committee dates. We can't guarantee that you'll get them, but we will try. To do that, we need your preferences very soon.
3. **Sign up early** – Training classes fill up quickly.
4. **Sign up early** – Missing the late renewal date of 4/15 will add \$15 to your annual dues
5. **Sign up for email delivery of the Foc's'le (the default option.)** We have added a surcharge for snail mail delivery of a paper newsletter, reflecting the approximate cost of printing and mailing.

### More on Boat Names

Our Commodore has written a piece on his boat names. As editor, I thought that I might add some explanation for mine.

1. My Force 5 is called "Second Wind." It is my second Force 5 and has sail #2.
2. My Day Sailer is named "Long Shot." I purchased the boat from Dave Long and liked the name enough to keep.
3. My Sunfish is "WIEBLS" an acronym for Winning Isn't Everything But Losing Stinks.

### 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](mailto:mjmartin@comcast.net)

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