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Reservoir Wars Won By Jet-Setters

By Brent Benson

It was cold and windy Saturday morning as the "Mayfly" trimaran built by the Farce-5 team and the "Jet Stream" monohull built by the Jet-Setter team set up their boats by the reservoir. With the wind from the North, there wasn't much fetch to produce chop in the rental/HSC cove, so the conditions were deemed acceptable for racing. Not everyone had great confidence that the boats built the previous day could make it around the course safely. Although nobody put out the wind meter, most thought we were in the mid-to-upper teens, with the temperature near 50.

"Mayfly," with designer George Martin aboard, was on the water first, and took off briskly on a broad reach. Turning back, however, was a slow process that portended future sailing. The sail, rigged as a mainsail with a wishbone boom, comes across quickly, but the long hull and two amas turn very slowly. There was not enough momentum to finish a tack.

"Jet Stream" zipped right out too. The little scow shaped hull with lots of rocker turns on a dime, but designer Brent Benson had problems getting tangled up in the sheets while coming about. So, tacking started out to be slow for this boat as well. "Jet Stream" had the sail rigged like a jib, so it had to be re-sheeted to the leeward side after each tack. In the brisk wind, the lines flew everywhere and needed to be recaptured with one hand, as the other hand was on the tiller.

The Race Committee set a rectangular course, and used a 3-2-1-0 starting sequence. "Jet Stream" was near the line at the start, and crossed shortly after the signal. "Mayfly" had drifted downwind in irons trying to tack, and was very far from the line. At about the time that "Jet Stream" rounded the first mark, the "Mayfly" mast extension broke, so "Mayfly" never made it to the start line. Score: Mayfly 0 Jet Stream 1

The race committee loaned "Mayfly" an aluminum boat hook/pole for repairs. Quite impressively, they were able to fix the rig quickly and get sailing again. As the rules called for a new skipper for each race, Susan Mallows took over the helm. Meanwhile, Warren Mangan of the "Jet Setters" [and occasional Jet crew with Brent on 1007], was buzzing around "Jet Stream" getting used to handling the lines.

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News

from the Friends of Spruce Run

Town Okays Spruce Run Water Management Plan

Reprinted from the Hunterdon County Democrat

By Stephen Van Etten
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After receiving a written endorsement from the town's Environmental Commission for the cause, Mayor Allie McGaheran approved a Water Level Management Program for the Spruce Run Reservoir at the Aug. 28 Town Council Meeting.

But her action might not mean much. The program, an algorithm that would be used to regulate the flow of water from Spruce Run into the South Branch of the Raritan River, was created by members of Friends of Spruce Run, a local environmental and recreational group.

Members of that group had petitioned the mayor and council for support at their Aug. 14 meeting, but Mayor McGaheran was reluctant to offer written backing before the proposal was reviewed and officially endorsed by the Environmental Commission.

In the two weeks between the two council meetings, Mayor McGaheran said that she had received several calls from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, the state group in charge of Spruce Run's flow control and water level management. Input by the Friends of Spruce Run actually has no bearing on how the NJWSA regulates the water level and flow into the South Branch. The only way that the Friends' proposal would have an impact would be if the NJWSA voluntarily opted to implement their plan.

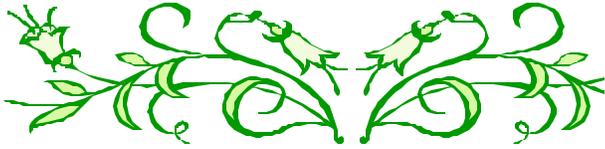
Mayor McGaheran said that the NJWSA had requested copies of any information provided by the Friends of Spruce Run and disputed their findings about current water levels at the reservoir.

"It sounds like the authority just doesn't like anybody telling them that they have to maintain a flow in the river," said Councilman Robert Smith.

Councilman Richard Christenson, council's liaison to the Environmental Commission, said that he was unaware of any attempt by the NJWSA to make contact prior to Mayor McGaheran's remarks. Mr. Christenson maintained that offering support for the Friends' proposal would not have a negative impact on the town.

"There is nothing irreversible about the position we are going to take," he said.

Commodore's Report



September 2001 will be a month that will live in our memories forever. The attack on New York City and Washington DC shocked the world. We all hope and pray for a proper conclusion to those events.

On a positive note, HSC was able to host the Bluenose Challenge on September 15th and the Force 5 Regatta on September 16th.

The big event of the month will be the Build-A-Boat / Reservoir Wars on September 29th and September 30th. This is a first time event for HSC and I hope that we see many of you participating. As I write this article, the Syndicates are completing their designs and construction day is about one week away.

The end of my term as Commodore just around the corner. I hope that every member has found enjoyment in HSC this year. We continue to see many new faces on the lake each week. Next year, I challenge the new Executive Team to find ways to get all of the "long-time" members to the lake each week as well as the new members. HSC should have 30+ boats lined up for Racing on Sundays.

*Continued Success to HSC,
Barry Seip
Commodore*



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His second tack was more skillful than Brent's best tack. The second race started much as the first, with the "Jet Stream" right at the line, almost over early, and the "Mayfly" in irons trying to get to the line. Warren finished the short course race before Susan could get the to the start line. Score: Mayfly 0 Jet Stream 2

Barry Seip was next to take the helm of "Jet Stream." He learned to manage the tangle of lines and kept the boat moving quite nicely. After others showed reluctance to take over, Susan stayed at the helm of "Mayfly" for the third race and was finally able to bring the boat up to the start. The RC abandoned the start sequence, and set the start time when "Time Mayfly" could get to the line. Barry ducked Susan at the start and an actual 2-boat race was on. "Jet Stream" got to the mark on two tacks, quickly took off on the reach, and sailed on to the finish. "Mayfly" tacked and aimed right at the first mark, but couldn't quite make the second tack to round it. She skipped that mark (dsq) and continued to race, however, showing that it would have been possible to sail the course. Jet Stream wins the competition 3-0.

It was too bad that the cold and wind kept others from trying out the boats. "Mayfly" moves nicely on the water, but needs modifications to help it come about. They built their boat on Saturday in about half the time that it took to build "Jet Stream," easily winning that unofficial part of the competition [other stories to tell]. "Jet Stream" appears fast to the onlookers, and feels really fast when sailing [partly because you sit so close to the water]. It briefly jumped up on a plane on several reaches; not bad for 35 sq ft of sail hauling around adult sized skippers. George Martin sailed it in from the course, so he is the only one that tested both boats.

Mark your Calendars!

For What? **HSC Annual dinner**

Yeah? Yeah!

When? Saturday, November 3, 2001

What time? After 6:00 p.m.

Where? The same place as last year!
Hershey's in Scotch Plains
on East Second Street

Hmmm. tell me more:



Bluenose Challenge

By SMM

Saturday, September 15 dawned bright and clear with a good wind at about 15 knots. Four top sailors of HSC met on the shore of Spruce Run for the annual Bluenose Challenge. Three of the four qualifiers had sailed hard all summer to get to this event. The fourth challenger was Courtney Young, a dark horse from Germany who had not sailed with the club much this summer, and may have been somewhat rusty. Courtney won the Bluenose last year and was the defending champion for the Challenge. The qualifiers were Rich Baumann of the Force 5 fleet, Brent Benson of the Jet-14 fleet and Nicky Einthoven from the Twilight Series. Each had finished at the top of their fleet and managed to make 50% of all club races from the beginning of the spring.

The Challenge was held in Force 5s loaned by Courtney, Rich, Nicky and Susan Mallows. Each had a slightly different feel and it's own idiosyncrasies. The first race started in strong winds and consisted of a triangle and a windward-leeward course that was quite lengthy. However, the contestants completed the race in under 30 minutes. Courtney won.

The second race was a two-triangle windward leeward, which started in strong winds but that lessened as the race progressed. This race lasted about 45 minutes. Courtney won.

The third race reverted back to a single triangle and a windward leeward course as the wind was much lighter. The race lasted about 45 minutes. Yet again, Courtney won.

As Courtney had mathematically precluded any other contestant from winning the Challenge, the racing concluded and a good number of folks headed off into the Sunset for a beer.

Guess Courtney wasn't so rusty after all.

Final places:

1st - Courtney, 2nd - Nicky, 3rd – Rich.

4th-Brent.

JET 14 NEWS FROM AROUND THE NJ DISTRICT

SURF WAS UP AT SURF CITY SILVER CHEVRON REGATTA

Dave and Anne Hansen, former HSC stalwarts, swept this year's SURF CITY REGATTA, throwing out a FIRST! Brian Mohan and Ted Klein, present HSC stalwarts, pulled off a terrific second place finish in the heavy-air conditions. This will be reflected in the application of two silver chevron's to 970's mainsail! Gary Mentesana, sailing the same boat Nick and he once sailed at HSC, finished 3rd with Cathy Koop.

Of interest to the fifth-place finishing "Charlie's Angel" consortium, was the promotion of Susan Mallows to ARCHANGEL with appropriate ceremony at Saturday's apres-sail deck party.

Barry Seip and Ann Maher, Bob Mattison and Barry Smith, and Chris O'Gwen and Eric Donofrio did well to survive the 15-20 kph Saturday winds, including several capsizes.

ANNUAL PACKANACK LAKE REGATTA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

If you've never sailed on Packanack Lake (just off Route 23 in Wayne, NJ), you have a new experience in store. Winds come from any direction, coffee is available BETWEEN races, a most hospitable, laid-back fleet offers a fun venue, with the emphasis on a good time. This regatta is also the final third of the District 1 Championship, which has included Pines Lake and HSC's Gravy Bowl. Call me for directions!

NICKY EINTHOVEN LEADS CAMPAIGN FOR JET 14 SAILING WORLD AD

Several Jet 14 Class members were disappointed to hear that the Jet budget could not cover the expense of joining in the monthly Harken ad in Sailing World, since all available funds were devoted to buying new molds at Jibe Tech. Nicky decided that this was an opportunity for independent effort, and is sponsoring the first year's cost, together with welcome contributors from Fleet 51 (HSC) and the rest of the Class. If you want to help in this \$700 effort, please send your contribution to Nicky Einthoven, 106 Meriden Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08618.

C Engler, dist vp

Jet 14 Gravy Bowl

The 2001 Gravy Bowl was held on July 28 at Spruce Run Reservoir with sunny skies. The first race was held in very light winds so that sailors would not be out there for a seemingly long time without doing much of anything. Catching the puffs mattered. By the end of that race, the wind increased to light but steady, so a second race was held before lunch. Two races were held after lunch in light but decent winds.

Thank you to the Race Committee Chairman Mark Califano, and Race Committee members, Mike Wheeler full time, and part time Race Committee members: Dave Davies, Neil Klingenburg, Sven Lochner, and Pamela Johnson. And a big thank you to the George and Tish Cassa and Patty Seip for hosting and arranging for food for the wonderful picnic!

A Fleet

1st place 1007 Brent & Barbara Benson
1,3,1,1 Total Points 6

2nd place 698 Brent & Tara Barbehenn
3,2,2,2 Total points 9

3rd place 1032 Todd Lochner & Pamela Johnson
5,1,3,4 Total Points 13

4th place 1129 Charlie Engler & Stacey Bachenheimer
2,4,5,7 Total Points 8

5th place 1116 Nicky Einthoven & Bill Betts III
6,6,4,3 Total points 19

6th place 1105 Sean DeFusco & Kerrie Giguere
7,5,6,5 Total points 23

7th place 1029 Barry Seip & Ann Mondan
4,7,7,6 Total place 24

8th place 1107 Bob Mattison & Eric Oeiner
8,10,8,8 Total points 34

B Fleet

9th place (1st) 1033 Rodger & Mira Hall
9,9,9,DNS Total Points 38

10th place (2nd) 203 Vim Einthoven & ?
DNF,8,DNS,DNS Total Points 41

11th place (3rd) 1045 Eric Donofrio & Chris O'Gwen
10,11,10,DNS Total Points 42

Correction:

Nicky Einthoven sailed the Little Brown Jug in a Jet 14 not in a Sunfish as was previously published.

Spruce Run Reservoir will be closed to recreational users from DUSK TO DAWN, for security reasons, until further notice.

Hot Competition for Millard Fillmore

Award Goes to Tiebreaker for Second Year in a Row

Spruce Run, Clinton, NJ - September 16, 2001

Nine members of the Hunterdon Sailing Club welcomed a well known guest for a day of serious sailing at Spruce Run. Winds were, well, hard to predict. The Race Committee was challenged to place a course to windward, but did an outstanding job. Mercifully, the wind died in time to send the fleet to the Sunset Inn for dinner and beer.

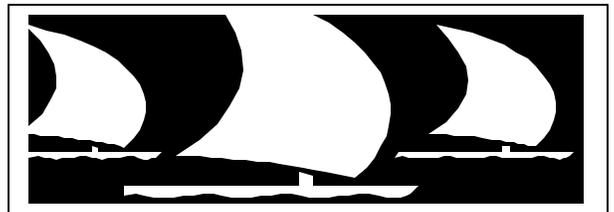
About the name Millard Fillmore - in honor of one of the country's truly mediocre presidents, HSC seeks to recognize the most mediocre sailor of the day. With an even number of sailors, we had to go to the tie-breaker, which is the most "consistently mediocre" sailor. Blaine Bauer broke the tie with truly consistent mediocrity, and was awarded the coveted perpetual award, a biography of President Fillmore. It was noted that last year's most mediocre sailor took a second in this regatta, just three points off the lead.

Courtney returned from Germany for a weekend sweep (won the Bluenose trophy on Saturday) and cleaned up here as well.

Rich Baumann

Force Five Millard Fillmore Regatta

Skipper	Race				Total Point	Position	HSC Member
	1	2	3	4			
Courtney Young	1	1	1	2	5	1	*
Byron Hicks	2	3	2	1	8	2	
Rich Baumann	3	2	3	6	14	3	*
Nathan Maier	6	4	5	4	21	4	*
George Martin	5	9	4	3	19	5	*
Blaine Bauer	7	5	7	5	25	6	*
Janet Bodner	8	5	6	8	27	7	*
Susan Mallows	9	8	8	7	32	8	*
Ray Buchanan	4	7	DNS	DNS	33	9	*
Chet Ensign	10	10	DNS	DNS	42	10	*



HSC 2001 FALL SERIES

* Participation Requirement Met	SCORE	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30	10/7	10/14	RC
		#1 #2 #3	#1 #2 #3	#1 #2 #3	#1 #2 #3	#1 #2 #3	#1 #2 #3	#1 #2 #3	#1 #2 #3	Crdt
Force 5										
* G Martin	73.33%	2 2 4	2 2		4 3	1 1 1				
* S Mallovs	45.45%	4 3	1 1		8 7					3
* C Ensign	37.93%	4 5 5	3 3			2 2 2				
E Zimmerman	100.00%			1 1 1						
B Mohan	96.67%	1 1 1			2 1					
C Young	93.75%				1 2					
R Baumann	56.25%				3 6					
T Maier	56.25%				5 4					
B Bauer	50.00%	3 3 2			7 5					
R Buchanan	33.33%					3 3				
J Bodner	25.00%				6 8					
M Martin (Guest)	25.00%		4							
Albacore										
* E Feeley	66.67%	1 1 1	1	2 2		2 2				
A Mohan	100.00%			1 1 1						
B Mohan	100.00%					1 1				
Jet 14										
* B Benson	97.96%	2 1 1	1 1	1 1 1		1 1 1				
* S DeFusco	76.92%				1 2	3 2 3				2
* C Engler	72.73%	1 3 2	2 2		3 3					3
* N Einthoven	58.14%		5 6 3		2 1	2 3 4				
* N Maier	41.86%	4 2 3	5 6			6 5 2				
* Einthoven/Roswell	38.60%	3 4 4	4 5	2 2 2	4 4	5 4 5				
B Seip	58.33%		3 4							
R Mattison	27.78%					4 6 6				
Day Sailer										
R Rosswaag	100.00%	1 1 1								
T Narwot	100.00%			1 1 1	1					
Sunfish										
* D Stow	93.75%			1 1 2		1 1 1				
* N Mentessana	85.37%	2 1	2 1		1 2	2 2 2				
* M Wheeler	67.57%	4 4 1	5 2		2 1					
* G Sell	65.38%	1 2 2			4	3 3				
R Buchanan	78.57%		1 4							
SF78656	75.00%			2 2 1						2
R Rosswaag	71.43%		3 3							
D Nawrot	53.33%	3 3 4	4 5							
SF78602	50.00%			3						
D Manburg	37.50%	5 5 3								
N Maier	28.57%				3 4					
T Maier	28.57%		6 6							
SF33066	25.00%			4						
E Greenhorn	16.67%	6 6								
R Hall	14.29%		7 7							
Open										
* G Nackman FSCT	75.00%		1 3	2 1 2	3 1					3
* D Venio CAP142	75.00%		2 2	1 2 3	1 3	1 1				
* M Kaplan FSCT	65.00%	1 1 1	3 4		2 2					
D Cantor FSCT	35.71%	2 2 2		4 4						
P Ford LASE-2	68.75%		4 1	3 1						
B Wigham JAV	50.00%					2 2				



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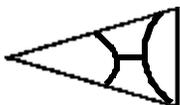
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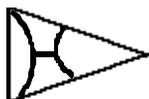
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