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Close Competition at the Final "Challenge of the Lakes" Series Race Day

Sunday, September 10th was race day for of the 4th annual Flying Scot Challenge of the Lakes. This (for the most part) friendly competition between the Flying Scot fleets of HSC and the Nockamixon Sailing Club had its best turnout yet with a record of 8 boats qualifying and a total of 16 boats participating -- 11 from NSC and 5 from HSC.

Four boats from the NSC Scot Fleet joined four from HSC for the last day of racing. The day was sunny and warm, with less wind than is typical for Spruce Run in September, but a lot more than the first races at Lake Nockamixon. Nobody was complaining!

The top places were all up for grabs on this last day so serious racing ensued!

The first race was without doubt the most competitive race of the entire regatta with boats within a few lengths of each other on both the upwind and downwind legs -- fighting for clear air was a challenge.

Chet Ensign and Dave Kurt closed the gap with NSC's Mike and Brenda Noone on the last leeward leg and rounded the leeward mark right on the stern of "Hi-Noone", where Mike taught Chet and Dave yet another subtle lesson in close quarters' tactics. As he rounded the mark, Mike steered aggressively high, using his momentum to pinch into the wind and gain 2 boat lengths to windward as Chet rounded behind him. He then dropped back down to close hauled and covered tightly. Unable to blast through his lee, they tried a tacking duel that lasted right to the finish line -- with Mike and Brenda holding on to their narrow lead.

Gordon Sell with Lynne Christopher crewing in "Orange Crush" #2225, showed his local knowledge, and great spinnaker reaching skills, to finish third in the first race and second in the final race. This gave Gordon and Lynne Third Place for the Regatta and Fourth Place for the Series.

Mark Kaplan and son Daniel were well set up for the light conditions and consistent finishes in the first two races kept them in the running until they got buried at the start of the final race.

HSC's Andy Lindgren got the lesson all Scot sailors must learn

when he forgot to put the drain plug in the stern before launching the boat. With the extra floatation in the deck of #2147, Andy didn't realize he was taking on water until hailed by another competitor. Andy started the race but was so low in the water that he really could not compete and so quickly headed back to shore.

Trophies for both the series day and the regatta were "Vintage Sailing" bottles of fine grape juice with custom labels prepared by HSC Fleet Captain, Chet Ensign, including a trophy in recognition of the winning skipper's "Grand Cru." Mike also awarded some of his infamous Lighthouse Trophies to the skippers who located marks with the ultimate in pin-point precision.

This was the most competitive "C-of-L" with a record number of boats from both lakes competing and NSC boats finishing 1, 3, and 5 and HSC boats finishing 2, 4, and 6. With luck, next year's will be an even better Vintage!

- Chet Ensign



Gordon Sell, George Balas (NSC), Mark Kaplan and Mike Noone (NSC)



Vintage Sailing at its Best
Custom trophies reward finishers at the
Challenge of the Lakes

Commodore's Corner

As 2006 becomes happy memories at HSC

Well, we promised some new ways to make sailing even more fun at HSC. A lot were introduced, many were done, and some will be left to the future to be finalized.

Such as...

- We burned our socks.
- Finished 562 pitchers and 367 pizzas at the Sunset Wednesday nights
- Watched the Sunday Sunfish fleet EXPAND.
- Admired the Flying Scot HSC/NSC events.
- Elliot Zimmerman's and Ellen Greenhorn's efforts produced full training programs including a strong Junior program, and MANY more intermediate events to appeal to new members generating a great group of dedicated graduates.
- Kevin Pearce produced a handbook even I could read.
- Don Esch's first annual book sale was a great success.
- Bob Orr's pasta suppers were super.
- Gordon Sell's efforts kept our outboards running on 10% ethanol.
- Rich Baumann negotiated new moorings.
- Andy Lindgren kept us in touch with constant Emails.
- Chet Ensign introduced his new Website.
- Rodger Hall created a new scoring page format.
- Guido Bertocci's Sailing Team was everywhere.
- Stacey Bachenheimer's and Barbara and Brent Benson's efforts kept track of our 100 plus members.
- Anne Freemans's wonderfully successful news releases generated many new members.
- Charlie Smith, with your contributions, kept the FO'C'S'LE coming.
- AND all the other novel contributions that I can't think of right now.

**Thank you, fleet captains, officers and staff for a fun year.
What a great group of dedicated sailors!**

AND NOW, a few words about 2007...

We need to keep the ball rolling; here are some suggestions to make 2007 even more fun!

- Grow fleet participation to where each fleet member can expect to come to the lake and find a "critical mass" ready to sail against maybe 4 plus boats. As Rich has said, that's what will attract even more sailors.
- Consider requiring a 3 boat minimum # of qualifiers for fleet Bluenose invitations.
- Fleet Captains need to maximize fleet qualifiers. Keep in mind that nominations and elections for Fleet Captains need to be finalized before the November 11 dinner.
- Figure out a way to provide an on-line Crew Available / Crew Wanted list.
- How about having CREW participation awards?
- And, could we have an on-line Race Committee assignment sheet to include those who change dates.
- Move ahead on Tom's cost-saving liability insurance, plus improved release forms.
- As has been suggested, let's add some social events, particularly between Jan. and April, but continuing in the summer, with an expanded fall Wednesday twilight pizza reunion one or two times a month.
- Continue to develop the news notes on the website to keep everyone informed of up-coming events.

And now, the really big one ...

Our club sheds continue to deteriorate. Before long, we need to consider replacing them with a single, double garage, maybe 24 X 24 feet, allowing ample room for storage, even to include winter club Sunfish storage. We can locate it facing the dam to provide easy access without interfering with club activities. The cost would appear to be between \$7,000 and \$10,000 for a really good quality building. Membership and State Park approval is needed, and an initial letter of possible intent has been sent to Becky. Treasurer Bob Orr reports we are in excellent financial shape. It is even possible that we can create opportunities for financial and labor contributions from members.

Meanwhile, I wish you a wonderful 2007, and look forward to seeing you all at the annual dinner November 11.

- Charlie Engler



Annual Dinner, November 11, 2006 Items Wanted for Raffle

Please contact Susan Mallows at 908-303-0889.

All items, used, new, or other will be accepted as donations to the Annual Raffle.

Now's the time to clean out that stash of stuff you always thought you'd use but never did and is too good to toss!

Don't miss this event, return your Reservation Form today!

Hunterdon Sailing Club Annual Dinner and Funfest



November 11, 2006
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Mountain View Chalet
Exit 11, Route 78
Pattensburg, New Jersey**

Dinner includes:

Salad Bar

Buffet:

**Chicken Française, Penne Alfredo, Beef Stroganoff, Sausage & Peppers
Potato, Vegetables**

Dessert Cart

**Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea
Cash Bar**

Prices: \$20 per adult; \$12 for children 12 and under

Features: Club awards, tall tales and fun.

Please return form and check made out to **HUNTERDON SAILING CLUB** to

Susan Mallows, 5 Michael Lane, Annandale, NJ 08801, 908-303-0889

If you intend to come, but can't get a check in the mail please let me know so we can get an accurate head-count for the dinner. Thanks!

Names of attendees:

# Adults	_____	\$	_____
# Children	_____	\$	_____
	Total	\$	_____

Publicist Anne Freeman sat down with several of our Club Officers. Learn what they do to keep our club running smoothly.

Meet Your Club Officers

Vice Commodore, Elliot Zimmerman

Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC): When did you join HSC?



Elliot Zimmerman (Elliot): The summer of 2000.

HSC: How long have you held the position of VC?

Elliot: For two years.

HSC: What are your primary responsibilities?

Elliot: I lead the Executive Race Committee, prepare the Sunday race schedule and publish the Annual Handbook.

HSC: What is your favorite

aspect of being VC?

Elliot: Scheduling a smooth running season with lots of volunteers helping out on Sunday Race Committees.

HSC: Your least favorite?

Elliot: Getting hit in the head with the boom. Being Vice Commodore is a pleasure under the leadership of Commodore Charlie Engler and Rich Baumann last year.

HSC: What is your primary goal for the HSC as VC?

Elliot: Building member participation in the club's events. Since we are racing focused, I feel the Learn to Sail program is the most important service we offer. I want new sailors to realize they can sail at the back of the fleet and have as much fun as the experienced sailors who win races.

HSC: When did you learn to sail and how long have you been sailing?

Elliot: My uncle was a sailor. When I was a boy, he visited my family regularly and would take me out on a rented Day Sailer. Attending the Adult LTS in 2000 and 2001 and volunteering on lots of Race Committees taught me how to begin sailing. Once I realized how happy I was while sailing, the sport turned my life around.

HSC: What boats do you regularly sail in the HSC?

Elliot: I sail a Sunfish, Jet14 and the Sea Witch Won

HSC: Do you have any sailing accomplishments that you'd like to share with us?

Elliot: Becoming a U.S. Sailing Certified Instructor and teaching the Learn to Sail courses. Sailing the Jet14 Nationals with my son as skipper. Starting the HSC Junior Series for our kids to learn how to race.

HSC: Any other comments you'd like to share?

Elliot: When are you coming out to practice? Once you are sailing, you will find the rest of the membership is willing to offer advice, boats, sails and techniques to help get you sailing with confidence.

The only skills one needs prior to sailing on Sunday are confidence sailing to windward and knowing the basic right of way rules. Hopefully, our Learn to Sail program and Supervised Practices are providing our new sailors the experience they need to sail around the marks on a Sunday.

If anyone has a comment about their "Learn to Sail" experience, send me a message at the email address below. I'm looking for ways to improve the experience for everyone.

HSC: What is the best way for people to contact you?

Elliot: elliottzimmerman@comcast.net

HSC: Thanks, Elliot, for all the hard work you do for the HSC!!

Membership Coordinator, Stacey Bachenheimer

Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC): When did you join HSC?

Stacey Bachenheimer (Stacey): I think it was in 1999 or so.

HSC: How long have you been the membership coordinator?

Stacey: 1 year.

HSC: What are the primary responsibilities of your position?

Stacey: I would say there are three main parts of the job:

1. Keeping track of our members' information so it can get posted in the membership handbook;
2. Answering questions about the club for individuals who are thinking about becoming members; and
3. Keeping track of the number of people who have registered for the club's sailing classes so they don't get overbooked.

HSC: What is your favorite aspect of the job?

Stacey: Sharing my enthusiasm for the club with potential members and getting lots of mail during April, May and June, when the membership applications come in fast and furiously!

HSC : And your least favorite?

Stacey: Keeping track of the huge amounts of data for our 102 members.

HSC: What is your primary goal for the HSC in your capacity as membership coordinator?

Stacey: Getting people to join the club and making sure that membership information in the handbook is accurate.

HSC: When did you learn to sail Stacy?

Stacey: Tough question to answer because I am really still learning, but I have been trying to learn for about 7 years.

HSC: What do you regularly sail in Hunterdon Sailing Club events?

Stacey: I try to get out for Wednesday night sunfish sailing as much as I can by trading babysitting favors with my husband. I crew for Charlie Engler in his Jet and with Andy Lindgren in his Flying Scot during the Sunday races.

HSC: What is the best way for HSC members to contact you?

Stacey: Email me at sailhsc@hotmail.com

HSC: Anything else you'd like to add?

Stacey: There are few things better than the beer and pizza at the Sunset Inn after a fun night of sailing at Spruce Run.

HSC: Thanks, Stacey, for keeping track of us all!

Assistant Rear Commodore, Gordon Sel
(aka, Assistant to whatever Mark Califano is)



Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC): Gordon, when did you join the HSC?

Gordon Sell (Gordon): I joined in 1998.

HSC: How long have you held the position of Assistant Rear Commodore for the HSC?

Gordon: This is my 2nd year or maybe 3rd.

HSC: What are your primary responsibilities?

Gordon: Maintenance, upgrades, and purchasing stuff for the Race Committee boats and for the HSC facilities.

HSC: What is your favorite aspect of being the Assistant Rear Commodore?

Gordon: Satisfying repairs or improvements that make things work better.

HSC: Your least favorite?

Gordon: Buying gas.

HSC: What is your primary goal for the Hunterdon Sailing Club in your capacity as Assistant Rear Commodore?

Gordon: Implementing things that improve peoples' enjoyment of the club, and making things more efficient & easier.

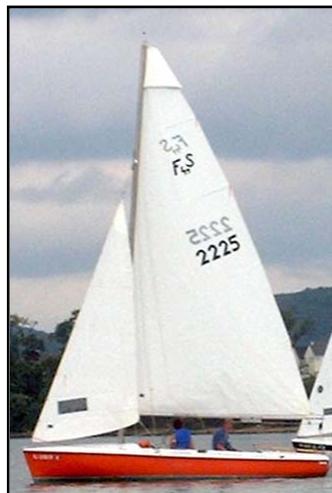
HSC: When did you learn to sail and how long have you been sailing?

Gordon: 1961 ... I don't have the heart to do the math.

HSC: Gordon, what do you regularly sail in the HSC?

Gordon: A Sunfish and a Flying Scot.

HSC: Do you have any sailing accomplishments that you'd like to share with us?



Gordon: I once placed 4th in one of the Twilight series. I worked for six months as a paid crew on the replica of the Schooner America owned by Schaefer beer. I crewed on a delivery of a 73 ft yawl sailing outside from Ft Lauderdale to Maine in April. I was the commodore of NYU sailing team and managing editor of Yacht Racing Magazine 76-78. I got on the press boat for one race of the 77th America's Cup.

HSC: Any other comments, Gordon?

Gordon: If God intended Sunfish to be raced, he would have given it a Force 5 rig.

HSC: Thanks for the insight! What is the best way for people to contact you?

Gordon: Whatever it is, ask Mark Califano to do it.

It is Still "Safety First"

The Coast Guard recently celebrated "Boating Safety Month". During this time, they highlighted many aspects of boating and a number of statistics, two of which are worth noting

1. The leading cause of injury on the water is collision.
2. The leading cause of loss of life is drowning.

80% of mariners who drown are not wearing their PFD's. This statistic is fairly constant year after year.

We get so comfortable at the club in "our" water. We know the winds and have local knowledge. We are attentive to the weather and the water and we have all the right equipment. That is precisely the environment that can lead to problems cautions Coast Guard Auxiliary member, Phill Smith.

"While sailing, it's necessary that you be constantly aware of the boats around you in order to avoid collisions. 'Situational Awareness' is imperative to safe boating. Wear your PFD and have a whistle attached to your PFD, preferably one that has no 'pea'. And if you venture out into other waters, bring along an old disc (CD or DVD). They serve as great signal mirrors. Also, I can't emphasize more the importance of knowing basic first aid and CPR. The more folks with these skills the better."

Check out other safety tips at:

<http://nws.cgaux.org>

or call 1-800-368-5647



Sunfish Happenings

On Sunday, September 17, 2006, Mountain Lakes hosted the invitational Triangle Regatta. The clubs participating were Deer Lake, Hunterdon, Smoke Rise and Mountain Lakes.

26 senior skippers, 6 junior skippers and even one from Massachusetts participated in the day's events. 3 races with wind conditions of 0 to 2 knots made the day challenging. Every puff, gust and whisper counted.

The HSC sailors participating in the event were Dave Davies, Mike Wheeler, Alex Khatoretsky and Jim Bardwil.

The race was scored individually and by club. Dave Davies was the overall senior winner for the day. Mike Wheeler, Alex Khatoretsky and Jim Bardwil finished 9th, 17th and 13th respectively. The top three sailors from each club determined its placement in the finishing order. Mountain Lakes finished first, Hunterdon second, Smoke Rise third and Deer Lake 4th.

Every race was a challenge and the leads changed several times providing ample excitement.

The day was enjoyable with Mountain Lakes hosting a barbecue. This was a very nice day and will continue in the future to be an event with an invitation forth coming. A special Thank You to Derek Jackson for inviting the club.

- Jim Bardwil

Which was your favorite?

Each issue of the FO'C'S'LE has featured a piece of clip art as the "O". Email your vote for your favorite. All entries for the favorite will be entered in a drawing at the Annual Dinner for a special prize. (Check these out on the club website <http://www.sailhsc.org/> to see then in full color.)

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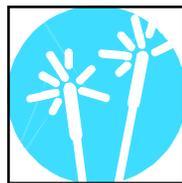
April



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July



August



September



October

Cruising Community

3rd Annual Trailer Sailor Flotilla

The July Cruising Fleet gathering was rained-out and rescheduled for August 26th. Ironically, when that rain-date finally arrived, threatening skies scared away many who had signed up. But two skippers, Kevin Pearce and Vim Einthoven, took a chance and were rewarded with some good sailing and a pleasant picnic at Goose Island. Photos can be seen at:

<http://www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=2102548801>

'Meet the Cruising Fleet' Gathering

On September 9th, Cruising Fleet Captain, Kevin Pearce, met several Spruce Run storage area skippers out at Goose Island. These skippers had previously expressed interest in the Hunterdon Sailing Club. After everyone was softened-up with fun & games & food, HSC brochures and membership applications were distributed. Following a trend that was started in the Spring, these prospective members were lured with the cruising activities, but were leaning toward joining as full members for the classes. Photos can be seen at:

<http://www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=2102056267>.

- Kevin Pearce

Jets Fly at Nockamixon

Three Jet 14 skippers from the Hunterdon Sailing Club traveled to Lake Nockamixon in Bucks County, PA and took three of the top four places at the Nockamixon Sail Club Invitational on September 22.

Guido and Simon Bertocci finished in second place and had one first place finish in the three races. Charlie Engler and Anita DeMatteo finished in third and Brent and Barbara Benson took fourth place. First place for the regatta was won by a Thistle sailor from the local club.

The fifteen competing boats included Flying Scots, several more Thistles, Impulse 21s, a Lightning and a Santana 23. All of the other boats were bigger than the Jets and presented lots of wind shadows and dirty air, so the locals were impressed at how quickly the Jets got around the course. Only the winning Thistle could get away and sail in clean air.

Winds were moderate, consistently from the SW, and provided good conditions for three races of about an hour each (TWWs). Thus the day was a good test for all the sailors. Though some of the sailors had to drive through rains to get to the competition, rains did not materialize during the racing.

- Barbara Benson

Marketplace

Looking for the HSC Logo items?

Kevin Pearce has created an online store for HSC logo items. It's a "print on demand" site called Cafepress, so there is no minimum order. Check out:

<http://www.cafepress.com/sailhsc>.



**See you November 11th
at the Annual Dinner!**

Vintage Force 5 Sailboat for Sale

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- Two Sails (one never used)
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(732) 310-6911



Two Sunfish split tacks headed to the windward mark while a Jet 14 threads the needle headed to the leeward mark in late season action on September 24.

Welcome New Members!

Four families have joined the Hunterdon Sailing Club since the report in August. The current club membership is now 102 families/members!

- Fred and Donna Lackland live in Bernardsville, NJ and Fred has been joining our club racing in his Sunfish #27272.
- Todd and Amy Leventhal are from Bridgewater, NJ.
- Jose Marrero, Lisa Lenches-Marrero and son George joined recently. George, 13, had some training previous to joining and has been taking a club Sunfish on the water. Both Lisa and George are interested in crewing and got a chance to get in some racing on September 18, Lisa in Ed Feely's Albacore and George in Nicky Einthoven's Jet 14.
- The Shannons, Bill and Susan from Bethlehem, PA also own Sunfish #48681.

- Barbara and Brent Benson, New Member Liaisons

Hunterdon Sailing Club

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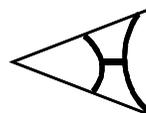
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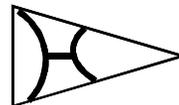
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