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## WHAT'S THAT STUFF GROWING NEAR THE BOAT LAUNCH?

Once again, your State Liaison Committee is right on top of things water wise! But in this case, we're ALL on top of none other than the dreaded EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL, an exotic aquatic plant introduced into the country over a century ago for use in aquariums (!) and now found choking the shores of MANY US lakes, including NJ lakes.

A rare occurrence at Spruce Run, the plant is a shallow water monster, each bushy shoot can grow several inches a day, preferring 3 to 5 foot depths,  
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Sunfish  
News

The Twilight season formally closed on August 22 with the last of the Twilight 2 races being run. The last race was followed by a celebration thanking Elliott Zimmerman for his huge efforts on behalf of the club and the many innovations he has introduced. Especially of note are his contributions to the training program and the development of a learn-to-sail series running in conjunction with the Wednesday Twilight series. This allowed newer members the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of the midweek series and introduced them to other members and the Sunset pizza night tradition.

The Sunday Sunfish series racing is still going strong with 21 skippers participating in the Summer series. The Fall season starts on August 26 and runs through October 14, so let's all get out and get in as much sailing as we can before the cold weather comes and freezes the lake.

Upcoming Sunfish regattas include:

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Commodore's Cup (O)** - Rehoboth Bay SA; Dewey Beach, DE; Nancy

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clear water to allow sunlight through, and it's 2 foot long strands love to ride on centerboards and rudders and get wound around propellers. Some believe it can be introduced to a lake by boats and fishing gear, but this doesn't answer the question of why we haven't seen it in 40+ years.

Representing HSC and The Friends of Spruce Run at the August meeting of the NJ Water Supply Authority, the group responsible for the water in Spruce Run, I referred to the weed not as a problem, but as an inconvenience. We discussed possible solutions which included mechanical harvesting, chemical treatment, introduction of voracious weevils, and lowering the water level 8 to 10 feet during the winter.

To me as a newcomer, winter lowering has merit, including low cost. In fact the great job the NJWSA has been doing for the past several years in maintaining high water levels, even in winter, may have inadvertently encouraged the proliferation of the weed!

Subsequently, Becky Williams-Ellis, our favorite State Park Superintendent ([srrasupt@earthlink.net](mailto:srrasupt@earthlink.net)), together with Henry Patterson and Amy Shallcross from the NJWSA, toured the milfoil areas last week. Later Becky talked with the Supt. at Swartwood Lake, where the milfoil battle has been ongoing for ten years, and she will be sending studies and control methods tried. She also said that broken pieces of milfoil SHOULD NOT be left in the water or on boats because they can float away and start a new mass. (that would seem to remove harvesting from the list of possible remedies!)

Charlie Engler

## Sunfish News

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- 9 **59<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf City YC Regatta (O)** - Surf City YC; 9<sup>th</sup> St & Bay, Surf City; Bill D'Autrechy, 372 4<sup>th</sup> St, Surf City, NJ, 08008, (H) 609-494-3016 (c) 609-706-8649, [scmariner@verizon.net](mailto:scmariner@verizon.net). Junior and Senior classes
- 23 **Triangle Team Regatta (O)** – Smoke Rise SC, Kinnelon, NJ; Klaus Mordhorst, 47 Cherry Tree Lane, Kinnelon, NJ 07405, 973-838-3017(H), 973-492-1456(Fax), [klausm@lefflerchartering.com](mailto:klausm@lefflerchartering.com). Individual and club awards given
- 29 **SANJL (Day 3) (O)** – Highland Lakes CC; Highland Lake, NJ; Mark Buruchian, 2212 Lakeside Dr W, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422, 973-764-7420(H), [4burufam@warwick.net](mailto:4burufam@warwick.net)
- 29 **Pennsylvania Sunfish Championship**, Marsh Creek Sailing Club, Lyndell, PA. [www.ussailing.net/mcsc](http://www.ussailing.net/mcsc) Bill McLaughlin, 610-429-9543, First Race at 11:00AM at the Boat Launch Area off Rt. 282 in Lyndell, PA

### OCTOBER

- 6 **SANJL (Day 4) (O)** – Green Pond YC, Green Pond, NJ; Green Pond YC, Green Pond, NJ; Joe Wright, 3 Van Dien Lane, Green Pond, NJ 07435, 973-620-1349(M), [j.wright72@hotmail.com](mailto:j.wright72@hotmail.com). Hulls will be steam cleaned before launching.
- 13 **Pumpkin Classic (O)** – Smoke Rise SC; Smoke Rise, Kinnelon, NJ 07405; Klaus Mordhorst, (H) 973-878-3017, (W) 973-492-9472, (F) 973-482-1456, [klausm@lefflerchartering.com](mailto:klausm@lefflerchartering.com). No charge.

### Commodore's Corner

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us at the Sunset Inn on August 22 for a celebration in honor of Vice Commodore Elliot Zimmerman, who will be moving to Southern California in a few weeks. Elliot has been an enormously important member of our club, having taken leadership roles in planning and teaching the youth and adult learn-to-sail programs, scheduling of events and race committees, revisions to the sailing instructions and race committee guidelines, organization of equipment in the new shed, and much more. He will truly be missed for his friendship, dedication, and tremendous commitment to HSC. We wish him well!

Our various training programs are coming to a close for the season, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who have been involved in those programs. I offer special thanks to the many parents who have helped with the various youth programs, including the Friday and Sunday pram training programs. In addition, for their various contributions, thanks to: Don Esch for the use of his Sunfish; Ramon Rosswag for refinishing our Sunfish daggerboards; Scott Callahan for conducting the Sunday Sunfish sessions; Stacey Bachenheimer for tracking all the program inquiries and sign-ups; Anne Freeman for publicizing the programs; Doug Brown for conducting the weekly junior sail team program, Chet Ensign for training new race committee members, and our teachers and assistants: Elliot and Caleb Zimmerman, Rich Baumann, Nicky Einthoven, Nick Mentasana, Gordon Sell, Art Mohan, the Bertoccis (Guido, Lucy, and Simon), Na than Altomare, Nils Swyzen, and others to whom I will offer thanks in the next edition of the Foc'sle.

Finally, I want to thank Rich Baumann for taking over for the Smiths as editor of the Foc'sle; to

remind everyone that October 20 is Fall work day and the Annual Dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday, November 17; and to suggest that you check the HSC website ([www.sailhsc.org](http://www.sailhsc.org)) on a regular basis, as the information is current and many new features have been added. Bob Orr

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### Vice Commodore's Comments

This year was a record for new members learning to sail. From Bob Orr's pram classes to the Wednesday evening practices, many of our new members rapidly improved their boat handling skills and their proficiency sailing around the buoys. This year we included students of all ages, from 7 years old and up! In all cases, students have learned how to use the club boats, essential boating safety, rounding marks, and much more.

Congratulations to all the members who learned to sail this season, including: Allen Bachenheimer, Andrew & Chris Peterson, Catherine, Daniel & Randy Whitehead, Dione & Greg Francis, Doreen Fonzo, Frances & Jim Hattauer, Gigi, Nils, Lisa & Tim Swyzen, Heidi Rohrbach, Jeffery Knowles, Joanne Brenckle, Jose & Lisa Marrero, Lynne Kanaby, Michael & Kathleen Mistretta, Richard Albe, Robert Landon, Sharon, Makenzie & Spencer Holmsborg, Shelley Behar, Tom Tague, Tony & Patrick Rossi, Sam DeFabrizio, Greg & Philip Fazekas, Jon Greendyk, Kelcie Guns, Tanner Heffner, Nikki & Nicole Ioannou, Cali Janulis, George Marrero, Claire Olczak, Shane & Shay Oryniak, Miguel & Julia Rosas, Caitlin Ross, Cailley Silbert, Hannah Wingle, Karlin Yeh, Rachel Crombie, Claire Wagner, and Rachel Wigham.

Many of the ideas we've used to improve our program have come from you. We would like to hear from each of you on your or your child's experience and how to improve the program. For example, What class would you like to take at HSC



(Interesting right of way situation in photo)

# Lucy's Jet NAC Report

I don't normally sail a Jet, but with the help of Elliot Zimmerman, Doug Brown, and my dad, we received a two week crash course in skippering so my brother and I could sail in the Junior Nationals. At Spruce Run we practiced almost every day trying to learn all the boat maneuvers including learning how to hoist, fly, and take down the spinnaker. On one totally windless day we even practiced numerous capsizes, which turned out to be extremely useful. By the end of two weeks it almost seemed like we knew what we were doing.

We arrived a day early to practice more before the junior races. The wind was about 8-10 knots and it gave me a chance to get used to the huge motorboats speeding through the channel, something we don't have on Spruce Run. Racing started on Wednesday, it was very windy in the morning and I was reluctant to race. Most of the lighter teams were reluctant as well. The races were postponed for the morning until some of the heavier teams managed to talk the rest of us into going out and getting it over with as the wind did not seem to be dying. 5 junior teams left the dock for the races. The wind was 13-18 with gusts over 20 knots. Four boats started the first race and 3 managed to complete all 5 races. My brother and I had a rather disastrous first race. We flipped with 30 seconds to the gun and had a hard time righting the boat because it was so windy. All the rest of our races were sailing very cautiously, with very careful gybes. It seemed like we were going over every time we went downwind. Caleb and Nathan had the best capsize of the day though. They attempted to put up their spinnaker on one of the last down wind legs and crashed spectacularly. The final standings were the Japiks in first, Caleb and Nathan in second and my brother and I one point behind in third. Not bad for ridiculous amounts of wind and two weeks in the jet.

The next day during the first open races the wind had lightened a little bit, but was still pretty windy. My brother was crewing for my dad, Caleb and Nathan were still sailing together, and I was sailing with Todd Lochner. Todd had sent out an email looking for crew for nationals and my dad had volunteered me to crew for him. I was learning how his boat worked on the way out to the races. We did pretty well our first race, other than us fouling someone and our hiking stick breaking. We still managed to come in 7<sup>th</sup>. Our second

race did not go to well. Our hiking stick broke again from our electrical tape repair. We auto tacked and half capsized our boat, filling it with water but not falling out. We were bailing as fast as we could but water was pouring in over the transom because we were sunk so low. We also couldn't find the tape to repair the tiller again but I, being supercrew, pulled out my tape so we could fix the tiller extension. We eventually got moving enough for the bailers to begin working and we sailed out of it in roughly one piece. We also managed to catch a few boats before the finish. The rest of the days races were rather uneventful and we placed 11<sup>th</sup> for the day. My dad's day didn't go as well as he had hoped. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> race he broke his jib halyard while rounding the leeward mark in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Caleb and Nathan had a pretty good day finishing all the races and not going swimming. Fridays sailing was postponed due to poor weather in the morning and when we left the docks in the afternoon the wind had died considerably. We got one good race in and then a huge storm rolled in and flipped many of the boats. Some of the gusts were over 30 knots. We were one of the first to get hit but we didn't flip. Todd kept the boat mostly under control for the wild planing ride back to the docks.

Saturday was another nice day. Although we were dodging motor boats all day, we got three good races in. We had the awards ceremony with Brent Barbehenn winning with a huge lead. Todd and I came in 11<sup>th</sup> mostly due to Todd's skill and patience dealing with a newbie crew. My dad and Simon finished 17<sup>th</sup>, and Caleb and Nathan were top juniors in 23<sup>rd</sup>. When we drove home that afternoon we were all exhausted but happy, and hopeful about going next year.

Jet 14 Nationals Results: [http://www.jet14.com/results/2007/2007\\_nationals.htm](http://www.jet14.com/results/2007/2007_nationals.htm)

Lucy Bertocci



## HSC's Courtney Young Wins Force 5 North American Championship

Courtney Young, Tom Oryniak and Ray Buchanan represented HSC at the NACs in New London, CT on August 16-18. What follows is the daily report provided to the editor:



**Day 1:** Light air. Local sailor Tom Welsh sets the pace with three firsts and a third. Weeds slowed those who didn't keep their boards clear. HSC's Ray Buchanan takes a third place in first race. By race four, the current was running 2 knots, forcing sailors to "overstand" the lay line by 20-25 boatlengths in order to round clearly. Courtney failed to do so.

**Day 2:** Tom Welsh slips into second place behind Peter Young, who scores 2 firsts and a 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Day 3:** The day of excitement and challenge. Sailors work with local club members to retrieve beached boats that had slipped their moorings in night time wind. An early start was planned, as race committee hopes that the 35 knot gusts would lessen. No such luck. Only seven sailors dared to venture out for the last two races (#8&9.) Peter Young was winning #8, headed for the downwind finish. While screaming on a plane in big waves and 30 knot wind, he was hit with "the big gust." Capsized, broke mast, cut head and drifted across the line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Then headed if for a trip to the hospital and six stitches. Tom Welch is still in contention, but fouls Courtney. Drops to 5<sup>th</sup> after penalty turns. Courtney wins race, day and regatta by 1 point over Peter, and 4 points over Tom.

### Notes:

HSC's Tom Oryniak wins race #8 and finishes 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

Great reviews given for regatta organization, race committee and food.

## MORE FORCE 5 NEWS

### The Millard Fillmore Regatta

Sunday, September 16

Registration 8:30-9:30

Skipper's Meeting 10:00

First Race Warning ASAP

Five Races

Club Boat Available

- The Duveneck family from Belvidere
- The Breslin Family from Washington
- And a warm welcome back to Anita DeMateo

-Stacey Bachenheimer

## More on Jet NACs from our Junior Race Team Coach

### HSC Juniors take 2nd & 3rd at Jet-14 Junior Nationals

Lots of wind at Island Heights was the order of the day. Winds were in the high teens and gusts well into the 20's. The sailors had to wait 2 hours past the scheduled start for the wind to die down to the point where they could launch. Caleb



### Membership News

HSC's membership is at 119!!! That is a new record for me. Our large membership is no doubt a result of the extensive sail training programs we offered this sailing season. Thanks for all the hard work to all who were involved in the programs. It certainly made my job much easier.

Please give a warm welcome to the following new members should you see them at the reservoir:

- The Halsted family from Annandale

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## Jet Gravy Bowl

Eight Jet 14s arrived at Spruce Run to do battle with each other and the wind gods. The fog was thick, the wind was hiding, and the sailors were ready. Ted and Judy Klein borrowed a boat, Jim Ungemach came down from Pine Lakes, and a new all women's team was formed with Lucy Bertocci and Susan Mallows. Shortly after noon, using high powered electronic sensors (magnetic cassette tape), the race committee detected a wisp of wind, quickly set a course and launched the fleet. It was a typical lake sailing day where no lead is safe and you are never out of the running. By the end of the day, Doug and Emily Brown demonstrated excellent upwind speed and the unfortunate luck to be on the wrong end of some major shifts that would invert the fleet. Charlie Engler and Anita were fast and steady, ready to pounce on any mistake by the others. Guido and Simon Bertocci were fast downwind and the lucky beneficiaries of several private puffs. Lucy and Susan showed excellent promise, constantly being right in the middle of the battle. Jim Ungemach showed that you don't need a spinnaker to pass people downwind, just your own wind and a straight line to the next mark. The regatta was decided at the very end of the last race. Guido passed Doug on the last run and hung on to win

| Skipper        | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4 | 5   | Tot. |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|------|
| Guido Bertocci | 2   | (3) | 1   | 2 | 1   | 6    |
| Doug Brown     | 1   | (5) | 3   | 1 | 2   | 7    |
| Charlie Engler | (3) | 1   | 2   | 3 | 3   | 9    |
| Jim Ungemach   | 5   | 2   | 4   | 5 | (6) | 16   |
| Lucy Bertocci  | 4   | 4   | (6) | 4 | 4   | 16   |
| Rainey(6)      | 6   | 5   | 6   | 5 |     | 22   |
| Ted Klein (7)  | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7 |     | 28   |

## Hunterdon Sailing Club

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