

The F 'C'S'LE

Hunterdon Sailing Club, Inc.

May 2001

NO. 354

Sunfish Memorial Day Open Regatta Monday May 28, 2001

The Regatta will be an open Event, with discounts to HSC, USSCA and US Sailing members.

Hosted by Hunterdon Sailing Club
Sunfish Fleet #156

Regatta Site: Spruce Run Reservoir State Park,
One Van Syckel Road, Clinton, NJ 08809.

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Plan on arriving early as there are sometimes long lines to get into the park on holidays. If the park is already closed for the day when you arrive, tell the Park Police you are participating in the Regatta and they will direct you to the boating area

May Sunday Series Racing, Race Committee

May 6 B. Mohan, T. Klein, M Califano
May 13 V. Einthoven, R. Roswell, D Geihl
May 20 R. Baumann, E. Feeley, (+other Albacore regatta RC)
May 27 R. Mattison, D. Haymaker, K&B O'Connor

May Wednesday Sunfish Twilight Racing, Race Committee

May 2 S. Manson
May 9 N. Einthoven
May 16 G. Spillane
May 23 G. Sell
May 30 R. Inglis

May Regattas, (fleets find their own Race Committee)

May 5 Sunfish SANJIL
May 12-13 Sunfish Regionals
May 19-20 Albacore MidAtlantics
May 28 Sunfish Memorial Day Open

The remaining schedule and race committee assignments will be found in the Handbook. If you are not able to be Series Race Committee on your assigned date, you must trade with someone that can, and notify the Vice Commodore (Brent Benson 610 282-3611) of the switch. Notification of Twilight RC switches must be made to Coordinator Mike Wheeler (973 781-1661).

Special Dates in May

Mark your Calendars

- May 2nd First day of Sunfish Twilight Series**
Wednesday — 6PM Start
- May 6th First day of the Spring Sailing Series**
Sunday — 1:30PM Start
- May 20 Hot Dog Sunday**
provided by the Jet-14 fleet
- May 22? or 24?-Adult Intro to Sailing Lecture**
(date still being worked) 6:30 - 8:30PM
- May 26th Adult On-the-Water Training**
Saturday All Day
- May 28th Sunfish Memorial Day Regatta**

COMMODORE'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that sailing season is just around the corner. Most of us have signed up for a boat storage spot at Spruce Run. During my last visit to the lake I saw that many boats were in their spaces and ready for warmer weather. Our membership is approaching 80 as of the end of April. We had about 20 of the "new" member families in Year 2000 rejoin for Year 2001. That's great. New memberships for 2001 continue to arrive. Our sail training classes are filling up fast. It looks like we will have another banner membership year for 2001.

Now that HSC has these wonderful plans, I need you to step forward and volunteer for some of the jobs that need to be done.

Here is the short list:

Youth and Adult Sailing Instructors for June
4th of July Picnic coordinator

Lead person for:

Adult on the water - May 26th

Youth - Learn to Sail - June 25,26,27

Youth - Performance Sailing - July 1,2,3

Sailing - Take me away,

Barry Seip

Commodore

Force 5 Fleet Report

Fleet 36 is looking forward to a great year in 2001 - we will be hosting the Force 5 North American Championship on June 28, 29 and 30 at Spruce Run. The fleet will also be hosting two other regattas - the Spring Spectacular on 6/3, and the Millard Filmore on 9/16. In addition the following Sundays have been designated Force 5 Sundays - all members of the fleet who also participate in other classes will be on the line for the Force 5 start. These dates are - 5/6, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/2, and 9/16. 9/30 and 10/14. Several Sundays have also been designated as 'clinics'. These will be taught by senior members of the fleet and will start at 10:00 am. These are scheduled for 5/6, 5/27 and 8/26. Hope to see you on the water! SMM

Force 5 - North Americans

Force 5 Fleet #36 of the Hunterdon Sailing Club of New Jersey is proud to invite the Force 5 class to the 2001 North Americans at the club home waters of Spruce Run, New Jersey. This family friendly regatta will offer beach launching as well as waterfront camping at \$10.00/night. For those not inclined to camp, nearby hotels are also available.

Fleet 36 strongly encourages family members of entrants to attend the regatta. A swimming beach is available at Spruce Run along with hiking trails, easy walks, nearby playgrounds and outlet shopping. Baby-sitting will be available during race time.

Confirmed dates for the regatta are June 28, 29 and 30. The afternoon of June 27 will be an informal practice time with attendees participating in short course racing, followed by pizza and beer at the Sunset Inn.

The class will compete in a target of 10 races over three days. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st five finishers for the Championship class and the 1st three in the Challenger class, as well as trophies for Master's, Women's, and Junior's highest place finishers. Qualifying awards will be given to each entrant in the regatta.

Continental breakfast and brown bag lunch will be available Thursday through Saturday. Thursday night dinner will be held at the home of the Fleet Captain of Fleet 36, keg beer and a hot tub will be available. Friday night dinner will be at the Sunset Inn. A hot buffet, keg beer, and keg soda for the non-drinkers will be served. A raffle and Class meeting will be held after the dinner. A Swap Table will be available - bring an item to swap, take another item home.

Fleet 36 also has a large contingent of dedicated Force 5 sailors who are up to the challenge of a grueling contest between hardy, grizzled old salts. We welcome apparitions and solid entrants alike. All for a mere \$75.00! - SMM



THE DAY SAILER
ATLANTIC COAST
CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
 in conjunction with
 the Hunterdon Sailing Club
29th ANNUAL DAY SAILER OPEN
 hosted by
DAY SAILER FLEET 86

Saturday & Sunday,
June 23 & 24, 2001

ELIGIBILITY:

This event is open to all boats of the Day Sailer class. However DSA membership is required for Atlantic Coast Championship award.

RACING:

There will be minimum 5 races scheduled. No race to begin after 12:00PM on Sunday. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

FLEETS:

There will be Championship Fleet and, if five or more boats register for it before June 2nd, a Presidential Fleet for competitors with little experience or racing without spinnaker. The separate start for Presidential Fleet is scheduled. This can be a good encouragement for our Club members to make their appearance.

RULES:

Racing will be governed by the most recent version of THE RACING RULES OF SAILING of the US Sailing Association. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

SCORING:

The Low Point Scoring System will apply. The worst score will be discarded if five or more races are sailed.

AWARDS:

Keeper trophies will be presented to the top skippers and their crew members in both fleets (if applicable). There will be also a few surprise trophies for unsuspecting competitors.

FEES:

Registration fees and cost of the Saturday dinner will be included on the registration form. There will be a late fee for competitors registering after June 13th, 2000. Registration forms will be available for pick-up at Club every Sunday beginning on May 13th, or send by mail at request.

REGISTRATION & CONTACTS:

Advance registration is advisable. For further regatta information and registration forms call

TOM or IRENA NAWROT(973) 927-9107.

Thistle Class

Growth and Promotion

By Keith Graham

I have read with some dismay, the concern, panic and anger associated with folks who are into one-design sailing and are seeing their fleet base eroding.

I can understand the concern when a fleet that used to have 20 boats in it now has only 8, but one suggestion that I have seen a number of times is to force companies to stop killing old classes by making new ones.

You want boat manufactures to stop making boats? Stop making money? Volunteer to go out of business? Really?

If you truly want to grow your fleet you must ask yourself why did the fleet go from 20 to 8? What can I do to grow the fleet from 8 to 20?

If the fleet is shrinking, the first step is easy. Ask the folks who left why they left. Then correct those problems! Not enough dock space? Then do something about it! two-day regattas are too long? Then shorten them! Not enough boats to sail against? Buy (or borrow) some used ones and charter them out! Not enough experienced crew pool members? Train them!

The next step is even easier, albeit more expensive. Advertise! Why do you think boat manufactures are able to sell boats? Because they build them, and keep them behind locked gates and tell no one that they are there? Not on your life! However, that's what all local sailboat fleets do. Our marina is locked, the races take place in the evenings a mile out into the water. How's anyone supposed to know who's out there and what they are doing?

We doubled the size of the Seattle Thistle Fleet in one year (18 to 36 boats) by merely putting a poster on the marina gate that showed pictures of Thistles, boat specs, and a local contact phone number. Cost \$10.00. Effort? One hour.

Next came a flyer-sized version of the same poster, placed in realtor "Take One" boxes placed at sailing venues around the city. Cost \$100.00 Effort? Ten hours.

Next we invited the public at large to a demo day. We had new and used boats on trailers and we rigged them over and over again. We let people sit in them in the parking lot. We took 18 people out for rides and let them take the tiller. We had hand-outs available that listed sailing schedules, fleet members, available boats, new and used, a brochure from the Thistle Class Association and the latest copy of

The Thistle Class Magazine the "Bagpipe." Everyone who came got a free ride, got to meet some fleet members and a boat owners and 25 pounds of advertising material. Just like being at a car dealership. Cost? \$250.00 and ten people's Saturday.

So for less than \$400.00 and 80 hours of time, we "sold" 18 Thistles. To do that same trick, boat manufactures would have to place very expensive ads in very expensive (and dwindling) sailing magazines. They could offer no demo rides, no personal contact with enthusiastic fleet members, and no rides on race night. Nothing but the opportunity to buy a brand new boat.

Spend some time, spend some money, and sell "the experience" that comes with your fleet. That's far a more powerful hook than a glossy picture anytime.

Law Would Keep Spruce Run Full For Summer Fun

By Curtis Leeds

UNION TWP. — The superintendent of the Spruce Run Reservoir recreational area is almost certain that there will be good boating and fishing this year, but his prediction has nothing to do with the weather.

Spruce Run is full to the brim and Round Valley is about 99% full. But in dry summers the state park could still be closed to swimming and boating as water is drawn down to serve the reservoir's water company customers. But now help could be coming from Trenton.

"All credit goes to the Friends of Spruce Run," said Joseph Winnicki, who manages the 600-acre recreation area.

It was work done by the Friends that prompted state Sen. William Schluter to introduce a bill last year that would protect the water for recreational use by increasing reliance on Round Valley Reservoir. It sailed through the state legislature last month, with a vote of 36-2 in the senate and in the assembly, where Leonard Lance of Clinton Township introduced a companion bill, the vote was 37-0.

If signed into law, the bill would require the N.J. Water Supply Authority, which operates the reservoir, to limit lowering the water level to no more than 8 feet below the high-water mark between June 1 and Aug. 31.

Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco hasn't indicated whether he'd sign the bill.

"We don't comment on bills that are in the review process," said his spokeswoman Kristin Zebrowski. The governor has 45 days from the date of passage to review the bill.

"He's represented himself in the past as a friend of sportsmen," said Ed Zindel, a spokesman for Friends. "If he is, this would be a good one for him to sign."

The conflict between the authority and the groups who support the Friends — which includes the state Fish and Game Council and Division of Parks and Forestry, the Round Valley Trout Association and the N.J. Public Interest Group (PIRG) — has its roots in the authority's shift to increased reliance on Spruce Run in 1981. Round Valley is filled by pumping water from the South Branch of the Raritan River, and the expense of the electricity increases the cost of the water to the authority as compared to Spruce Run, which is filled naturally by streams and runoff.

"You can't believe what we've been through for two-and-a-half years," said Mr. Zindel. "Everytime we make some progress, we get another roadblock." Still, he is reasonably confident that the bill will pass.

"It has overwhelming support and it's well thought-out," Mr. Zindel said. "I've been working on this 14 hours a

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day, seven days a week along with my wife."

Charles Engler, another member of Friends, agreed that it's been a long battle. He said that the effort began under the umbrella of the Hunterdon Sailing Club, but "Ed said, 'That's too local, it's never going to sell.' So Ed named the effort 'Friends of Spruce Run.'"

Mr. Engler said that the group is "hoping that we can get this done this spring," to insure that the area won't close in the middle of the summer as it has in some years past. In 1998, Spruce Run was closed to swimming for the season on Aug. 17.

"Sen. Schluter worked very hard on this," said Mr. Engler. "And the acting governor worked hard to schedule the vote. We're very pleased with the outcome."

Mr. Zindel is holding off any celebration until he knows the outcome for sure. "I do own an extraordinary bottle of champagne that I didn't open for New Year's," he said, and the bill's passage might be a good excuse to pop the cork. "So many groups support the bill. I see no reason why it won't pass."

Note: Spruce Run article from previous page and continued below is a reprint of the article that ran in the Hunterdon County Democrat on Thursday, April 19, 2001.

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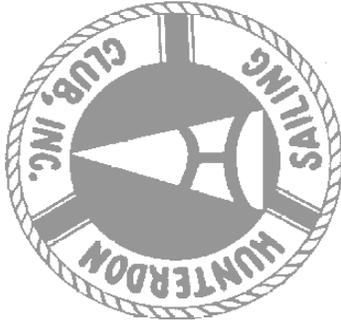
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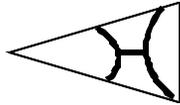
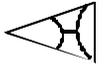


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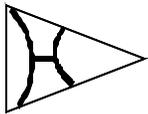


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