

## Hueston Sailing Association's Racing Newsletter



# Spindrift

## Memorial Day Turns from Slow Dance to Whirling Wind Ballet

Tornadoes Come After a Beautiful Day on  
Water Where Wind Played Nice, Until It Didn't

Slow Sunday was followed by a nearly perfect day on Monday. After a poor weather start to the season, it was a respite from all the high wind, flooding, and chilly air that we had been experiencing since the first racing on April 28th.

The Y-Flyers began the series with six starters on Sunday and saw veteran Roger Henthorn skipper his craft to two wins with defending champion Pete Peters a distant second. In a remarkable role reversal, Peters came back on Monday and took a pair of wins

himself while Henthorn faded. The two Y wisemen ended up in a tie for first for the trophy but the tiebreaker went to Peters. (Based on who beat who in the last race after both tied in the first criteria - number of first place finishes.)

It came down to the final race. Peters pulled out in front after the Stratton/Gunter boat led for a while. Henthorn needed a third place finish to snatch the title out of Peters hands but faltered on the last lap and slipped to



fourth when Charlie DeArmon and crew Amy Marks got on top of him and wouldn't let go.

The Stratton boat picked up two seconds in the two days of competition, first with able crew Steve Albert then with able spouse Dawn for day two. But it wasn't enough to close the gap between him and the Hamilton Hammer (Peters) and the Bode/Henthorn boat. (cont.)



## Whirling Wind Ballet (continued)

Sunday was only 3-5 mph. By Monday night, it was 30 to 135 mph. By the time it got to 135, we had left the building.

At left, half the fleet poses for a long shot of the rigging line. At right, Maggie Hart keeps the public face of the Hart boat aware while dad Brett worries his watch.

The DeArmon duo found themselves in a spoiler role for Henthorn, But DeArmon and crew Amy Marks were looking for more than that, often finding themselves in the hunt for the lead over the two days of combat.

Scott Eversole shook out the wrinkles in his sail, and he and crew Paul Eversole, second year racing sailors, sailed in Sunday with a third place finish in race two ahead of some very veteran racers.

All six Y's were at one time or another among those near the top of the fleet if only briefly, continuing the trend toward equity between the vets and the newer skippers.

At the end of the day at home, though, many in HSA were wind wary as tornadic winds ripped through the area. Joe Fulford and Charlie DeArmon were both briefly in the path of a twister before it veered north of them in Oakwood, a Dayton suburb.

Chris and Meredith Snider had

their family in the basement with lights flickering as one funnel bore down on their home near Tipp City, but it was only a power outage as they rode it out.

The scariest night was reserved for Y skipper Brett Hart who lives in Brookville, OH. There, a tornado touched down and lifted roofs off Brookville High School and some homes, all within one block of his house there.

Fortunately none of the above suffered anything more than stress and anxiety, but for the Hart family, it was a close call.

### The Results

1. Pete Peters/Rose Schultz

4 2 1 1 8

2. Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode

1 1 2 4 8

3. Mike Stratton/Steve Albert/Dawn

Gunter 2 4 4 2 12

4. Charlie DeArmon/Amy Marks

3 5 3 3 14

5. Scott Eversole/Paul Eversole

5 3 5 5 18

6. Brett Hart/Maggie Hart/Josh

6 6 DNS DNS 24





Charlie DeArmon and crew Amy Marks make their way upwind

## Handicap Fleet Mirrors Multi-Culture; Beebe Wins Title Against All Pretenders to Her Throne

What used to be pretty much a one design group of Sunfish skippers has slowly morphed into the United Nations for boats. Capris, Sunfish, Montgomery 15, Flying Scot. We might even see another cruiser or two enter the group this summer, along with another new entry, Todd Rovito's Precision 185.

But Memorial Day Weekend, the heavyweight Scot under the tiller hand of Joe Fulford, and the similarly handicapped Capris with the likes of Jerry Brewster and Ken Wright at the helm, it was still the Sunfish Queen Laura Beebe besting them all, although she was pushed by both Brewster and Samantha Marks. Here are the corrected finishes:

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|-----------------------------|------------|----|----|
| 1. Laura Beebe              | 1 2 1 1    | 5  |    |
| 2. Jerry Brewster/Darrilynn | 4 1 3 3    |    | 11 |
| 3. Sam Marks                | 2 4 4 2    | 12 |    |
| 4. Stephen Cook             | 6 3 5 5    |    | 19 |
| 5. Dom Everaet              | 3 5 10 10  |    | 28 |
| 6. Joe Fulford/Leigh Ann    | 10 10 7 4  |    | 31 |
| 7. Dalton Eversole          | 5 6 10 10  |    | 31 |
| 8. Ken Wright/Kris Miller   | 10 10 6 6  |    | 32 |
| 9. Kevin DeArmon            | 10 10 2 10 |    | 32 |



The Eversole family from Eaton have been sailing for some time, but this is only their second year competing. Above, Scott and crew Paul Eversole man the Y-Flyer while Scott's son Dalton pilots a Sunfish around the course. Scott's daughter Mckenna has a Y Flyer also but missed this event. Pretty soon you won't be able to round a mark without one of them being right there beside you. Which is grand.



Sunday traffic jam? Who knew it was rush hour. In light air, though, this often happens at the windward mark. Lots o' folks arriving at the same time. No worries, it is much more social this way. As long as you don't foul anyone. Then, all bets are off.