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“A” Fleet
Motto: We Do
Racing

Sailing Camp's A Fleet began racing on Monday afternoon and never let up. Three days, 11 boats, and 28 races later, they had their share of good wind, good fun, and a champion.

Kevin DeArmon of Oakwood proved to be once again at the top of his class and took the overall championship. Kevin races most weekends with HSA and was a pre camp favorite. Taking second in this racing marathon was veteran camper and West Coaster Sean Mahoney of Bellevue, Washington.

A-Fleet is composed of experienced sailors who have moved up from B and C Fleet. Instructors Jerry and Brian Callahan said that the top five places were hotly contested.



**Juniors See Great Winds At
HSA's 36th Annual Camp**

They come from as far as the West coast, Texas, Wisconsin, and Florida, but once they are here they are all citizens of the state of Sail. Junior Camp had 27 participants this year and once again, an army, I mean, a Navy of boats, volunteers, and sailors surged through Hueston Woods for an action packed three day Win(d) Fest.

Despite the need for rain, it was all sunshine and wind for the campers who probably spent as much time in the water as on it. Capsizing, racing, swimming, water fights, and games were the order of the day.

Some of the most spirited competition was off the water as campers fought it out in the Parking Lot Point of Sail contest (won by novices in C Fleet!), The Great Chalk Sunfish Drawing Relay Race (B-Fleet), The InterFleet Rigging Competition (B-Fleet again!), and the Water Weapon Championship (B-Fleet Again!).

Kevin!



B-Fleet champ Ian Mahoney



**“I see wet people!”
Ian Mahoney and Megan DeArmon
Finish One, Two in “B” Fleet
Racing on Final Day**

B-Fleet: Specializing in Mischief

The B-Fleet motto was “I see wet people” and lived up to it by surprising a number of unsuspecting victims, including those in attendance at the banquet.

Ian Mahoney won three races to take first in his group while Megan DeArmon came away with second. Megan also won the Windward Skills competition.

B-Fleet was keen on competition and managed to beat the other fleets in rigging and boat nomenclature races. (The instructors reluctantly admitted to teaching to the test.) Laura Beebe, Julie Molleran, and yours truly headed the group that also included Ana Vitt, Nick Stern, Brandon Lutts, Emily Wilson, Abby Casada, and Connor Holzer.



B-Fleet chalk talk

Lockhart and Abowitz Win Most Improved in “C” Fleet

In the fleet that welcomes those new to sailing each year, instructors are often pushed to their limits in promoting skills, but this year’s group proved, according to lead instructor Rose Schultz, to be extraordinarily good.

At Wednesday’s banquet she showered praise on her young charges for their knowledge in the class and on the water. Sarah Lockhart and Sam Abowitz received trophies for being most improved and Sydney Brooks collected the “Duck Award” for the most accurate drawing of a race course. And, not to be outdone by B Fleet, C won the Point of Sail contest!

Her co-teachers were George “Inflatable” Fecher and Pete Peters. Other fleet members included Sierra Campbell, Lydia Cox, Becca Lockhart, and Katie Lockhart.





Sean Mahoney –“A” Fleet 2nd place



Henry Fulford says “I want to be like Neil Harrell.”



Owen Nagot having a moment



It's Beach Swim Time for campers. All 27 boats are set up on the sand after a full afternoon of sailing.



Mother, Daughter Share Camp Experience

When Katie Morgan showed up at sailing camp after 18 years away, she brought her daughter Sierra with her. No one was more surprised that yours truly. Katie was in sailing camp back in the

80's, and good friends with my daughter Laura while at camp. Katie, remembering what a good time she had, decided her daughter might enjoy it too.

It was no small trip. Katie and Sierra live in Delafield, Wisconsin!

Capsize drill.



Zane Koontz, at left, was in "A" Fleet along with Samantha Marks, Logan Brashear, Emma Rednour, Betty Lorentz, James Rucker, Owen Nagot, Harrison Free, and Henry Fulford.