

ACTON ACTION

Launch Day Coming Soon!

Saturday, April 14th 2012



Jim Mossman and Kathy Millar celebrate a win last season

OK, mark your calendars. We have a busy day planned for Saturday, April 14 at Hueston Woods. Bring the kids, bring the spouses. We have a little something for everyone. In addition to all that Hueston Woods offers on a fine Spring day in April, we have a few activities on our list. In the right hand column, you will see the day's events. Come and spend the day or pick your time.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Launch 10:00-Noon



Come help Charlie Dearmon prepare the HSA boats for the new season and get them in the water.

Lunch 12:30



Joann Callahan's Chili and fixin's. All are welcome - free to launch workers and a small donation requested of others. Drinks are provided as well as chili and more.

Race Committee Clinic 1:00



Whether you are race chair or committee, Pete Peters will show you how to do the job well. He has stories of things gone wrong.

Geocaching at 1:00



Mike Stratton, et al, will lead the kids and any grown ups who want to know how on a geocaching hunt. See page 2

Ice Cream Social at 2:00



Rose Schultz says create ice cream sundaes; hear new park manager speak; pick up new HSA shirts and challenger trophies. Details page 2.

Charlie Dearmon Begins Duties as Harbormaster

This season's launch work session kicks off the day at 10:00. New Harbormaster Charlie Dearmon will lead the crew in getting our crash boat and committee boat out of mothballs and ready to begin the 55th season of sailing and racing at Hueston Woods. You do not need any mechanical ability to help out.

Just show up at 10 and you can find out what getting the boats ready entails. We encourage our newer and younger members to come out for this event so that the information and procedures can be passed on to you. It will take you right up to lunch time and Joann's famous chili, your reward for helping out.

Ice Cream Social Offers Opportunities for Members

The annual ice cream social at 2:00 that accompanies the launching activities is a chance for HSA members to reconnect and make their own ice cream creations. In addition to ice cream, those in attendance will get a chance to hear from and ask questions of new park manager Mark Lockhart. Mark replaced long time manager and HSA friend Lonnie Snow last year.



There will also be a table set up for the Acton Auction. This is a chance for you to get rid of those sailing/boating items that you have saved for years and not gotten rid of yet. Foul weather gear you don't wear anymore? Life jackets in need of a new home? Stainless steel hardware that you will never use? Bring it for the Auction (not really an "auction" so put a price on it) and get some cash.

There will be a prize for the most unusual item brought to the sale!

In addition to the "auction", HSA will debut our new shirts which will also be available for pickup at the ice cream social. These are good looking shirts with the HSA name and logo on the front. They are limited in supply so be sure to get yours by sending in your order before March 31. Last year's challenger trophies will also be available to those who didn't pick them up at the banquet last November. See Rear Commodore Laura Beebe for those.

Please RSVP for both lunch and ice cream to Rose Schultz at rosegeorge9109@sbcglobal.net or call her at 937-866-8862 by Thursday, April 12. The cost of the ice cream is \$2.50 payable at the door. Everything else is free admission!

Geocaching Experience Offered on Launch Day



A growing number of people have taken up an activity called geocaching. If you have never done this, you have a chance on Launch Day to find out what this is all about. While the race committee clinic is in progress, Mike Stratton will lead the kids, and any grownups who want to know, on a geocaching hunt.

What is geocaching? Well, in short, it is a world wide treasure hunt for grownups, kids and families using Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to find caches that other geocachers have hidden. These are often hidden in cities as well as in remote locations and there are several in the park and the near vicinity. The "treasures" are often found in watertight boxes or cylinders containing a variety of notes, trinkets, and random objects. When you find a geocache, you are encouraged to log your discovery at the site on a slip of paper and you may also take an item from the cache as long as you replace it with something of your own.

Mike will take everyone as a group, teach them how to use a geocache device, and actually go find some geocaches hidden in the park. This activity takes place at 1:00 while the race committee clinic is in progress. Geocachers will be back in time for the ice cream!

Did you know?

There are 1,675,269 active geocaches and over 5 million geocachers worldwide.



Pete Peters stands by his boat with his hand on the trailer. And smiles. What is he smiling about? Pete knows race duty.

Race Committee Clinic Offered on Launch Day

Ever been ready to start a race on committee duty only to find out the committee boat was drifting backwards and your start line was now skewed so bad that all the boats are crashing the pin end?

Long time race guru Pete Peters, a sort of latter day race committee Yoda, will lead a clinic on race committee duty beginning at 1:00 pm, right after lunch. In this clinic you can learn about how to anchor, set the line, set the course, set out marks, and other race matters. All of this will be explained so that novice and experienced members can get something from it. High winds, drifters – all wind conditions will discussed and the

decision making involved.

It is also a good time to ask questions about committee duty like “How do I qualify to be race chair?” “Who has the power to cancel or abandon a race?” “Why don’t we ever use marks 5 and 6?” “Why don’t we use the southern part of the lake?” “Is it my responsibility to know a detailed weather forecast?” “What should I do if a sudden storm catches us on the lake?”

Pete has seen it all and will take you through the basics as well as answer your questions. Whether you are a race chair or just on committee (that’s everybody!), this will help you be a more proficient committee person when it comes your turn this season.

New HSA Shirts Available

Your HSA Membership Committee is preparing orders for the new HSA shirts. The shirts come in men's, ladies, and youth sizes. The shirts are wicking dri-fit shirts that are cool and comfortable. Order yours today by sending us your preferences by March 31st. Men's and women's shirts come in sizes XS to 4XL. Youth sizes are as follows: XS (4), S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), and XL (18-20).

The shirts will have Hueston Sailing Association in embroidered text and the new HSA logo below it. Prices are \$13 for wicking tees and \$25 for wicking polos. Send your order via e-mail to midview@wildblue.net and tell us quantity and sizes. Pick up your shirt and pay on Launch Day!

