

Acton Action



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Charlie Dearmon's magnificent four boat trailer!

Weekend forecast, Sunday, May 20: Sunny and warm; 0% chance of precipitation; wind 9mph

MAY 2012						
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JUNE 2012						
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Calling All Sunfish! This weekend, all Sunfish, all the time. Racing, junior start, food, fun in the opening of the Sunfish Singlehanded Series #1 at Acton Lake.

Memorial Day Holiday Series! Just two weeks away: junior start, pizza, geocaching, potluck on Sunday after racing.

June 9-10 Learn to Sail

Need skippers! Post flyer at your workplace, community hotspots!

Three Special Events Coming Up for HSA



There have only been about five bad days of weather since the sailing season began. The only problem with that is that three of them have come on Sundays. Race Sundays.

Do not despair. All that pent up energy to get on the lake and sail has an outlet. The weather odds are not only in our favor, but we have three special events coming up in the next four weekends.

First up is the Singlehanded Series Opener this Sunday, May 20th for Sunfish. (Cont. page 2)



"The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives: so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective."
 - Henry David Thoreau

NEED A BOAT TO SAIL THIS WEEKEND?

HSA has three Sunfish on racks at the lake for member use, and more that can be brought to the lake if you need one. Jerry Callahan is the contact: aftermath2@juno.com

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Don't have a Sunfish? The club has several, so if you need one, best to put in your request now.

following that is the Memorial Day Series with two races on Sunday and two on Monday. The potluck follows Sunday's racing. Bring place settings and a covered dish and you are in!

HSA Briefs

The Second Wind Club, "where the elite meet to eat", will be getting together Thursday, May 17th at the Back Porch Saloon at 1:30. Joyce Fecher 825-4684

Race Results -Sunday, May 13th
 (Overcast, drizzle, chilly, wind 5-6 mph)

Y-Flyers:

Roger Henthorn/ Bobbie Bode 1-1

Charlie Dearmon/Colin Fanselow 2-2

Sunfish:

Kevin Dearmon 1-1

John Fanselow 2-2

If there are enough juniors and they have the desire, there will be a junior start just for them. Racing begins at 1:30. As usual, as many races as can be held before 4:00 will be run. Roger Henthorn, Laura Beebe, and Bobbie Bode have committee. Hamburgers and grilled corn after the racing.

The holiday series features a separate junior start, pizza for the juniors, and geocaching after dinner.

The third special event is our annual Learn to Sail weekend on June 9-10. It offers yet another chance to show newcomers our sport and to invite them to join us.

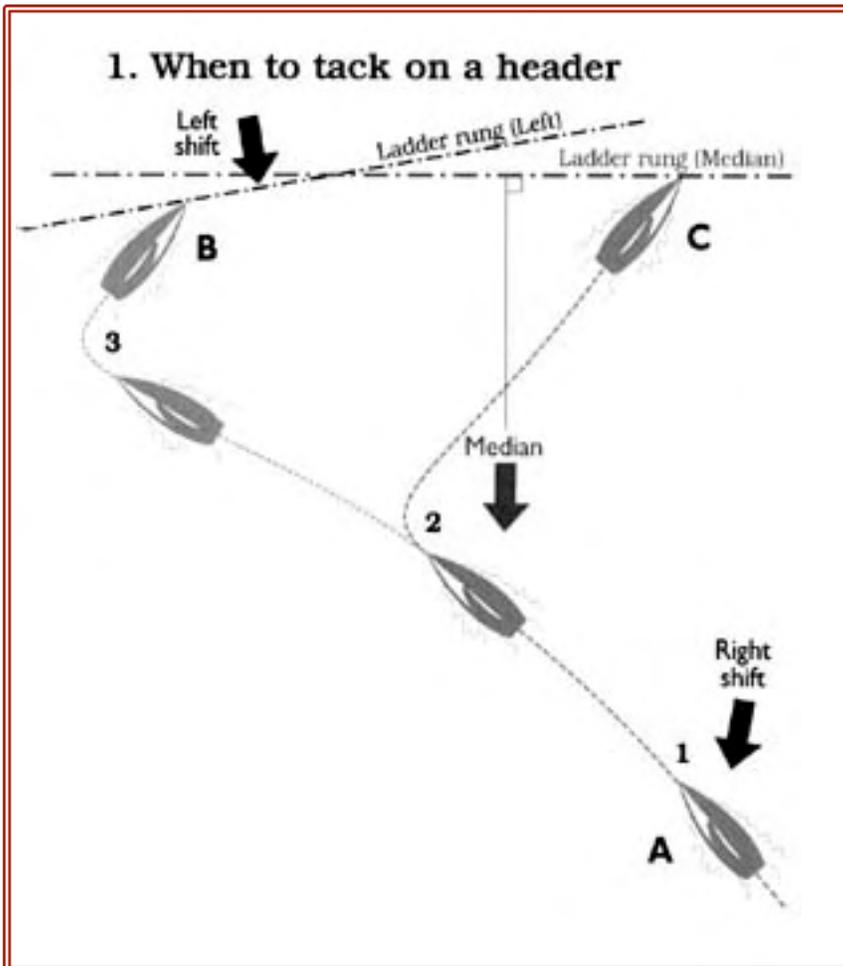
The weekend



(Not Dave Dellenbaugh, but Charlie is more photogenic)

Get Your Game On

Tips by Dave Dellenbaugh



Imagine a boat (A) that is sailing on a big starboard tack lift. At position 1, the wind starts oscillating to the left, and A begins to get headed. Should she tack on this “header”? No, because she is still lifted above the median. At position 2, the wind has shifted left to the median. Now A faces a tougher question: Should she tack here or wait until the wind shifts all the way left (3)?

The right move is to tack at position 2. From 2 to 3, the wind is always left of the median. Therefore, port is the lifted tack during that time, so A should sail on port tack. If A keeps sailing on starboard to position 3, she will temporarily be ahead (B) when the wind shifts left this is desirable if there are no more shifts before the mark. But if the wind shifts at least once more on the beat, C is in a much better position because she is farther upwind in the direction of the median.