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Acton Action

Houston Sailing Association - Red White and Blue Issue



If You Weren't at the Lake, Here's What You Missed!

In anticipation of the close and sometimes heated competition on Acton Lake, channel 7 showed up in their inflatable "news" boat Sunday to record the action on Acton. Most HSA members were disappointed at the editing that took place by the time it made it on air Sunday at 11:00 pm.

"They cut my finish out completely," said one disappointed racer.

Bobbie congratulates Rose after she smoked Neil in Race 1. At right, cousins Brendan Draper (left) and Kevin DeArmon celebrate their finish in the Y.

Weir, Henthorn, and Harrell Meet Challenge from Fleets

Last Sunday's racing was again dominated by some familiar names, but the big story is who was challenging. Mike Weir, Roger Henthorn, and Neil Harrell all won the day for their respective fleets, but the day was more remarkable for who was competing. More on page 2.

Save the Date!

Racing Up Next
Sunday, August 19

Fall Series #2 - Jim Hater is chair with Don Fecher and Dave Munday

Singlehanded
Sunday, August 26

The Sunfish Fleet takes over for a day of racing, food, and fun. Separate start, Juniors!

Labor Day
September 2-3

Potluck on Sunday at 5:00 pm after racing. More racing on Monday. Junior starts too.





Brendan takes a celebratory flip off his uncle's boat between races Sunday. Below, Rose can't believe what she is seeing.



Weir, Henthorn, and Harrell (cont. from page 1

Returning to action after a hiatus due to health concerns was Jim Hater. Hater, a long time member and veteran racer, was accompanied by his grandson Will.

In Y-Flyers, Brendan Draper and Kevin DeArmon somehow talked Kevin's dad Charlie DeArmon to let them take his Y-Flyer out. The boys did well, however, despite the fooling around caught on camera in the picture above.

Also out and making his debut on the race course was Junior Camp sailor Sam Abowitz who made it out along with fellow camper Megan DeArmon and Sydney Brooks.

In the pictures at right, the crash boat came out prepared to referee some aggressive action on the lake only to find out Don Fecher isn't even back from New Jersey yet. Below that is a shot of Kevin D. taking his turn at acrobatic hijinks.

Last Sunday's Race Results

Hobies

Mike Weir 1 1

Dave Munday DNS DNS

Y-Flyers

Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode 1 1

Brendan Draper and Kevin DeArmon 2 2

Jim Hater and Will Hater 3 DNF

Sunfish

Neil Harrell 2 1

Rose Schultz 1 2

Jerry Brewster 3 2

Megan DeArmon 4 DNS

Sam and Rob Abowitz DNS 4

Sydney Brooks DNF DNS





At left junior Sunfisher Sam Abowitz tries his hand at the tiller. Middle, Jim and Will Hater return to the lake for the first time this year. At right, Brendan Draper and Kevin DeArmon see what it is like to take on the big boats.

HSA Juniors Ready to Compete; Sunfish Series #3 and Labor Day Junior Starts Coming Soon

This season has seen a surge in junior racing. In addition to the regulars who turn out nearly every week, several juniors participated in racing after junior camp.

New opportunities to race against other juniors return on August 26 as the Sunfish Fleet takes to the lake for the Sunfish Series #3. A separate junior start is planned for that day, which usually involves short courses and several starts.

Following that weekend is the Labor Day festivities on September 2-3 with two races

on Monday, followed by a 5 pm potluck in the Hueston Room and more racing on the Monday holiday.

Those four races will also give juniors an opportunity to race against one another and perhaps bring home a trophy. The holiday series are separate from the spring and fall series and have their own awards.

Post race activities include food and drink as well as photo opportunities. Water cannons are probably going to show up too.

Olympic Moment?

Rose Schultz shared this web link with us. If you would like to hear a little Irish (if that's who he is) humor, check out the link.

Warning - it is a little off color so don't run it while your kids are looking over your shoulder.

In the video, the commentator, who seems to know little about the sport, attempts to describe what goes on in the five minutes before the gun goes off.

The suspicion is that he is a sailor in reality and knows how to poke fun of the sport he loves.

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=510_1344196881



Photos this issue of actual
Acton action courtesy Rob
Abowitz



Above left, Mike Weir and crew; above right,
The Roge and the Bode.

At left and below, Darrylann Brewster finally
catches hubby Jerry by surprise at his 50th
birthday gathering in the Hueston Room after
Sunday's action. Happy Birthday, Jerry!

