



*A day on the low side; Sunfish head for the next mark and pray they are on the right side of the course.*

## IT WAS BEAUTIFUL, UNTIL IT WASN'T; SUMMER SINGS ITS SWAN SONG A CAPPELLA

It was a beautiful day on Acton Lake this past Sunday. Sunshine ruled over some white, puffy clouds. The tall forest of green that fringes the lake was hinting the reds, yellows, and rusts of the approaching full, fall colors. Here and there were slow fishing craft, a paddle boat or two, several kayakers, a duck blind that only a blind duck could miss.

Miami student rowers were moving about on shore doing maintenance on their long sleek eights. There were even a few cruisers out

taking advantage of an idyllic day where they could have the lake to themselves for a few hours. Everything was there, including 20 or so of us noisy sailors with our exuberant voices, our startling, starting horns, our good spirited trash talk. Everything perfect. Except for the one thing that makes all the other things better: wind.

We scoffed in the rigging area before the racing about the "fourcast". That is, the prediction of four mile per hour wind. The tree branches were swaying and the breeze blew away the

mild heat and all concern about a lazy, drifty afternoon on the water.

All of that optimism was gone by the time we hit center of the lake. We moved only because we willed our boats momentum and took deep draws from our wells of patience. Four it was. Four it would be.

The wind, when it came, was straight down the lake out of the southwest. But by 1:27, race time, it had turned directly northeast. So the

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## Rose Is a Winner! (But We Already Knew That)

When Rose Schultz is not sailing or traveling, she is working on her art. This month her first major solo exhibit can be seen on display at the Fifth Third Center in Dayton.

In a piece in last Sunday's Dayton Daily News, Rose's exhibit was featured in an article that told of her painting, her travels, and the inspiration for her work.

Many of Rose's paintings show how important boats, water, and travel are in her life and her art. Rose, who lives in Miamisburg, is a graduate of Edgecliff College and Miami and taught art at Edgewood before becoming a full time artist and competitive sailor.

Below, Jerry Callahan reads up on Rose's showing.



## TEAM RACING SUNDAY!

Team Racing's inaugural event met with only partial success Sunday as sour wind forecasts kept some from the lake. Hobies were forced to do their usual thing when some team racers were unable to turn out. Despite the low turnout, four Hobies made it to the line and then made it real interesting.

Hobie meister **Mike Wier** eeked out a two second victory over **Don Fecher** in race one that went literally to the wire. Not to be outdone, **Charlie Buchert** and **Ryan Servizzi** hooked up in a battle for third a few moments later that was an instant replay of the Wier-Fecher finish, with Charlie overtaking Ryan for another two second finish.

The distance between them

was clear despite the fact that yours truly was on the finish line between the boat and the pin lollygagging as the two Hobies finished, much to the chagrin of the race committee who had to keep my m/ast out of it.  
(Apologies)

The Sunfish fleet went ahead with team racing plans and nearly ended up with a three way tie for first place. The DeArmon Team consisting of dad Charlie and son Kevin finished well enough in both races to take the title of Team Racing Champs.

The format required that the senior skipper finish behind his or her junior teammate. That led to son Kevin constantly saying, "Hurry up, Dad. You're supposed to be up here coaching me around the course!"

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In the end, it was dad Charlie waiting at the finish line for his protégé to finish in race one. In race two, however, it was Kevin who saved the day by taking first while Dad brought up the team rear in fourth.

Winning race one was **Megan DeArmon** followed closely by her teammate yours truly. Apparently resting on their laurels, Megan and I slipped to the back of the fleet in race two and never recovered.

The team of **Laura Beebe** and **Logan Brasher** sailed well and had their chances but eventually succumbed to bad luck and Logan’s being occasionally distracted by, well, everything. All in all, the Sunfishers enjoyed their initial team racing experience. Had Kevin not done as well as he did in race two, the competition could have ended in a three way tie among the three teams.

(Below and above right, shots from the potluck Sunday)



**Hobies**

Mike Wier	1	1	2
Don Fecher	2	2	4
Charlie Buchert	3	3	6
Ryan Servizzi	4	4	8

**Sunfish**

Kevin DeArmon	3	1	
Charlie DeArmon	4	4	12
Megan DeArmon	1	5	
Mike Stratton	2	6	14
Logan Brasher	5	2	
Laura Beebe	6	3	16



This Week’s Mystery Picture – What is that floating in the water?

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committee, bless their hearts, turned the course around. By the time the first gun sounded, it had reversed again and we started downwind, beat to the jibe mark, and reached to the leeward one, finishing downwind.

Race two started in the opposite and more conventional way, but with the same wind, it was an afternoon of first crawling and then bursting speed as a windy patch plied its lonely way through the stifling calm.

We are down to our last hurrah with only two Sundays left in the season. We could just play the averages and go confident that it has to turn in our favor after so many drifty Sundays. Or we could do as some have demanded we do all summer. Offer one of the juniors as a sacrifice. I nominate the kid who beat me Sunday. Both of them.



Charlie Buchert gets race ready

## The Floor Is Now Open for Nominations!

HSA annually awards four members with traveling trophies for sportsmanship or enthusiasm for sailing and racing.

Nomination time is here so take a look and think about someone you might like to see honored. Here is a brief look at those awards and last year's winners. First up is the Frank Peters Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy for "exhibiting sportsmanship over the competitive sailing season." The award was donated in 1972 by Robert Boies and named after one of the founding fathers of HSA. This award was won last year by Sunfisher **Rose Schultz**.

The U.S. Sailing Sportsmanship Award was donated by U.S. Sailing in 1986 and is to be given to the person "who has done the most to improve or promote the sport of sailing on Acton Lake or who, through consistent example and exemplary behavior on and off the race course, has contributed to and promoted the sport of sailing on Acton Lake." Last year's recipient was Hobie sailor **Mike Wier**. The Richard Saunders Memorial Trophy was created in 1980 in memory of Richard Saunders and is to be awarded to a junior sailor who has shown "the most overall enthusiasm for sailing activities within and without HSA. The 2011 winner was **Brendan Draper**. Finally, the Larry L. Johnson Challenger Trophy, created in 1994 to honor the memory of Larry Johnson, is awarded to the person who "constantly strives to improve his or her sailing skills, demonstrates good sportsmanship, is active in HSA and participates in club activities, while not qualifying for any other award." Last year's winner? The inestimable **Charlie DeArmon**.

If you know of someone who deserves to be recognized, write a short note of nomination to the commodore and rear commodore by e-mail by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Those nominations will then be reviewed by the executive committee before they meet on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's commodore is Neil Harrell ([stringhospital@cinci.rr.com](mailto:stringhospital@cinci.rr.com)) and the Rear Commodore is Laura Beebe ([petersle1@yahoo.com](mailto:petersle1@yahoo.com)).