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Awards Aplenty

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Special Awards

Special Events mean Special Awards. Take a look at those who won noodles, OktoberFast, Beach Day, and Team Racing. Page 3-4

Picture Gallery

Night of nights. A gallery of the gala.. Wine, food and mirth in photos. Page 6

Charlie DeArmon Elected Commodore; HSA Celebrates Season with Annual Banquet

This week we found out (finally) who will be in the White House for the next four years. This past weekend we found out who the winners were in other races as HSA members met and celebrated the 2012 season at the annual dinner and awards banquet Saturday night at the Barn 'n Bunk in Trenton.

Charlie DeArmon was elected as the new Commodore for 2013. Charlie, a Y-Flyer racer and wine merchant from Oakwood, assumes duties January 1. Charlie also presided over the wine tasting event at the banquet and told

guests stories about the featured winemaker this year.

Charlie will enjoy a veteran returning supporting cast in the other officer positions. The only other new face in the group is Hobie skipper Don Fecher who takes over duties as Harbormaster next year.

In addition to racing awards, the club also honored members who had distinguished themselves during the 2012 season for their roles in the life of the club. Junior Kevin DeArmon took

home an armload of racing and special awards. Y-Flyer Roger Henthorn dominated the racing categories.

The banquet got a chance to relive the 2012 season with a slide show of members in their most candid moments called "HSA 2012: 55 Years Strong". There was also a showing of a similar picture album from the 2005 season earlier in the evening.

In addition to the usual racing and sportsmanship awards, "trophies" were presented for the three special events held this past summer along with those for OktoberFast, the last Sunfish weekend of the sailing season.

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Twelve Different Racers Take Home 2012 Racing Season **Awards at Banquet**

Noodle Time

Team Ramen Noodle proudly offer up their unique awards and pose after accepting the title of Interfleet Fun Day Champions. Team members are left to right: Pete and Linda Peters (Y-Flyers); Brendan Draper (Sunfish); and Mike Wier (Hobies) Top left, Y-Flyers Charlie DeArmon, Bobbie Bode, and Roger Henthorn show off their hardware. Bottom left, Brendan Draper, Jerry Brewster, and Charlie pose with their awards.

The Hobies Spread It Around

Despite a troubled season, the Hobies managed to overcome injury and health problems to have a good, competitive season. In 2011, there were often more Hobies on the line than any other fleet. In 2012, their number declined as surgery and other problems decimated the fleet.

Ryan Servizzi suffered equipment singlehanded racing in Sunfish. and boat damage. Darryl Marshall had knee surgery. George Fecher was forced to sit out part of the season. Yet, the Hobies still found a way to get enough boats to the start line and are confident the fleet will be back to full strength next season. Here are the award winners!

Joe Buchert: 1st on Memorial Day; 1st in the Spring Series

Don Fecher: 1st on Fourth of July

Mike Wier: 1st in the Fall Series

Y-Flyer Henthorn Nearly Sweeps

They say that if you visit Roger Henthorn's home in suburban Cincinnati, you will find every trophy he has ever won. If that is true, then it must mean a the house is covered.

Henthorn earlier in the year was on a massive win streak in Y-Flyers and was threatening to take over the

In order to keep his head smaller, Charlie DeArmon did manage to dethrone him as 4th of July Champ and yours truly kept him from sweeping the Singlehanded Series trophy in with all the other hardware he collected.

Roger: 1st Spring; 1st Fall; 1st Memorial Day; 2nd 4th of July; 2nd Singlehanded

Bobbie Bode - Crew: 1st Spring; 1st Fall; 1st Memorial Day; 2nd 4th of July

Charlie DeArmon: 2nd Spring; 2nd Fall; 2nd Memorial Day; 1st 4th of July

Sunfish Fleet Strong; Democratic

When it comes to equality and diversity, the Sunfish fleet is the most egalitarian. With its mix of veteran skippers, youthful participants, and gender differences, the Sunfish fleet is the place to race. Six different skippers took home awards Saturday and the award winners reflected the fleet's diversity.

Rose Schultz: 1st Memorial Day; 1st Fall Series

Mike Stratton: 2nd Memorial Day; 1st Singlehanded Season Series

Pete Peters: 3rd Memorial Day;; 2nd Fall Series; 1st Spring Series

Brendan Draper; 1st 4th of July

Kevin DeArmon: 2nd 4th of July; 1st Jr. Singlehanded

Jerry Brewster: 3rd Fall Series

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OktoberFast Award Winners

Left to right: Laura Beebe; Mike Stratton; Rose Schultz; Kevin DeArmon. "It was as much fun awarding the trophies as it was making them," said yours truly. "Even more fun racing with these guys."

Among the many awards given away Saturday night were the Sunfish awards for OktoberFast, the annual Sunfish races that bring the whole racing season to a close each year.

This year, the place winners were known before the trophies were even made, which enabled yours truly to tailor the award to the winner. OktoberFast, which had at one time been an invitational regatta, has morphed over the years into a celebration of club Sunfish racing to close out the year. Trophies had usually been made cheaply and quick.

This year they actually looked pretty good although the satirical/humorous element was still the goal. We won't re-publish the results. Let's just say that everyone who gets an OktoberFast award, comes away with a few good natured barbs sticking out somewhere.



Roger's OktoberFast trophy purports to explain his recent winning streak. There was no denial voiced.

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Also in the special award category were the three new events this past season. Back in June the first InterFleet Fun Day took place. Teams consisting of a boat and skipper from each of the three fleets took part in a relay race using swim noodles as batons.

Team "Ramen Noodle" took top honors there with Mike Wier, Pete and Linda Peters, and Brendan Draper.

In July it was Beach Day where all boats raced to gather – scavenger style - objects scattered around the lake. Y-Flyers Roger Henthorn and crew Bobbie Bode took that award after a controversial Beach Ball episode.

September saw the introduction of Team Racing. The Sunfish fleet was the only one participating in this event which matched inexperienced sailors with older veterans. The father son duo of Charlie and Kevin DeArmon took home the trophy for that racing. The rules required that the experienced sailor coach the teammate and finish behind him or her at the end.

The younger DeArmon beat his dad to the line handily in race one but the dad got even in the second.

HSA plans to look at these events again for 2013 and broaden participation. Response to these new events has been positive and encouraging.



Roger holds his and Bobbie's prize for their Beach Day victory in the lake scavenger hunt.



Kevin DeArmon once again tries to keep in the foreground as he holds one of his five trophies. Kevin won the Richard Saunders Memorial Trophy for enthusiasm for racing as a junior. Kevin was also HSA's Junior Champion.

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HSA's Annual Awards Highlight Service, Sportsmanship

Some in HSA say that the service and sportsmanship awards are the club's most important. Few would disagree for these awards recognize the work that members do to keep our club and the sport of sailing energetic and thriving.

Jerry Callahan and Bob Darlin Sportsmanship Trophy which he won for his "distinguished service".



The Bob Darlin
Sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Jerry Callahan for "devotion to the sport of sailing" even though he did not race at Hueston this year.

The Frank Peters
Sportsmanship trophy, named
for one of the club's founding
fathers, went to Charlie
DeArmon for "his enthusiasm
for sailing" and his
"commitment" to racing at HSA.

The Larry Johnson
Challenger Trophy, awarded
annually to the racer who
strives to improve sailing skills.
This year's recipient is Hobie
sailor Dave Munday, who,
according to his nomination
letter, demonstrates good
sportsmanship and self
improvement.



Yours Truly and the US Sailing Award for "promotion of the sport of sailing".

Charlie
DeArmon and
the Frank Peters
Memorial
Trophy for
sportsmanship.



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