



“Team Pete” –  
New sailors Lisa  
Huddleston,  
Melissa  
Gruenhagen, and  
Paul Smyth were  
the last off the  
lake in Pete’s  
Flying Scot.

# Acton Action

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## Learn to Sail 2013 Graduates 1<sup>st</sup> Class

### Wind, Sunshine Greet New Sailors After Rain and Chill Pass

After a rough start on Saturday, the newest sailing school class at HSA got a different look on Sunday. Warmth and wind were the order of the day for the Learn to Sail practice racing in marked contrast to the lightest of winds, cool air, and three hours of rain that somewhat marred the experience on Saturday.

The weather was so bad on Saturday that three boats never made it out of the parking lot. Sunday, it was yahoo and hike your butt off as winds in the 10-15 range buffeted the sunshiny course.

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Instructors and Students at post school lemonade debriefing

## Thanks!

Much appreciation to instructors Don Fecher, Roger Henthorn, Charlie DeArmon, Scott Johnston, Bill Molleran, Pete Peters, Jim Paul, and Gwen Marshall. Thanks also to Committee Jerry and Joann Callahan, and Bobbie Bode.

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## Let the Noodle Racing Begin! (Al Dente!)

The second annual Interfleet Fun Day once again will feature the Noodle Relays. Didn't come out last year? You missed it! Here's your chance to atone.

Just join a team by letting race organizers know your intent to participate. You will be put on a team with two other sailors. On Noodle Sunday, you will meet with your team before racing and plan your assault on the special championship team trophy. (And, once you win, fight over who gets to keep it.)

Here's how it works. Team member one, usually a Sunfish, begins the race at the starting line and sails to the first barrel. Once there, he or she hands off their swim noodle to team member 2, usually a Y-Flyer or other boat. That person (with crew) sails to barrel two and hands off to team member 3, usually but not necessarily, a Hobie.

The Hobie finishes at the start line after rounding barrel 3. With team member 3 at the start now, everyone has rotated to a new barrel and race two will begin shortly. There will be three races so each team member gets a chance to start from a different barrel. Write to Mike and let him know you want to be a part of this fun event.



## What's Up Next?

June 16 - Spring Series #5 Charlie Buchert , chair; Bill Molleran

June 23 Interfleet Fun Day (Noodle Races!) Jerry C. Chair

June 30 – Spring Series #6; Jim Mossman, chair; Ryan Servizzi

July 4 and 7 - July 4<sup>th</sup> Series Racing and Potluck Dinner



Scott and new sailor Michael Kersey

## Dock Work Underway

Only three of the eight slips are open at present. There was quite a crowd at the ramps today. However the repaired docks look fabulous. The work will continue this week as the ramps themselves undergo a makeover. Then the workers will move on to the last three slips.

Sunfish Island will soon sport its own social area as a picnic table is added to the combination in-ground Jacuzzi and sushi bar already in use. Hobie sailors, Y-Flyers, and other classes are cordially invited.



## Sunfish School

Learn to Sail graduates often wonder what the next step is in their sailing odyssey. This season, we have an answer. Sunfish School! A new program developed this year encourages Learn to Sail people to move to solo sailing by taking our Sunfish class.

Classes are one on one and by appointment. Interested?

1.

First step is to register for the Sunfish School with Mike Stratton. The fee for the day is \$50. One on one instruction begins at 10:00am on the dot.

2.

Once through this singlehanded session, you are on the way to Sunfish certification. Your instructor will let you know when you are ready to go it alone.

3.

Step 3 is to find a boat to sail. There are boats for sale. And HSA members can use the club's Sunfish whenever they like, as soon as they become certified. Ask us about the certification process.

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Before the day was over, most would agree that they had quite a ride. Most participants got time on the tiller despite the gusty conditions. In the practice racing, several also got the chance to skipper while their instructors handled the crewing chores.

All in all, it was a successful school. No collisions, no capsizes, no major embarrassments at the launch ramps. Members of the school ranged in age from 16 to 60 something. Some brought their own boats and learned a few things about how to rig.

Upper left, Jeff Speed and Jacob Blankenship; upper right instructor Bill Molleran with student sailor Cindy Hile; below, Caity and Teresa Johnson, newly minted sailors



# Learn to Sail Practice Race Results

George Gruenhagen and Roger Henthorn	1 1 1 2 5	Caity Johnson and Don Fecher	4 2 3 1 10
Teresa Johnson and Charlie DeArmon	2 3 2 3 10	Michael Kersey and Scott Johnston	5 5 4 4 18
Jeff Blankenship, Jeff Speed, and Bill Molleran	6 7-7 5	25	
Sean Dwyer and Mary Dwyer	DNF DNF 8 6	Lance Thomas and Mike Stratton	DNS 6 5 DNS
Cindy Hile and Gwen Marshall	(did not race)		
Lisa Huddleston, Paul Smyth, Melissa Gruenhagen, and Pete Peters (did not race)			

*After Sunday's on the water have-at-it, students and their instructors gathered beneath the big tree that Pete Peters watered as a boy.*

*Below, most of the school posed for their class photo. Some had not made it back off the water yet! The graduating class numbered thirteen.*

*Four in the group, Lisa Huddleston and daughter Gracie as well as Sean Dwyer and family, have already joined HSA. The Huddleston have a Hobie and the Dwyers have an O'Day! (Daughter Mary sailed with dad.)*

