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Fall Series #2 This Weekend



Despite the appearance of it still being summer, the Fall Series is underway. It is still August, though, and only two more months of sailing left at Acton Lake. Don't let the summer pass you by. Get in the racing, get qualified, get wet! **Charlie Buchert and Bill Molleran** are on race duty.

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Beach Day is a comin'!



Sunday, August 18 is just over a week away and here comes Beach Day. The on-the-water scavenger hunt and beach swim/grill/picnic will begin at 1:30. John Shipley and I will be on the committee. If you can help set up grill, canopy, chairs etc, let me know. If you have another canopy, we could use it.

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Sunfish Series #3 on Horizon

Sunday, August 25 brings the 3rd Sunfish/Singlehanded Series racing. There is still plenty of opportunity to qualify. Bill, Rose and Bobbie have duty.

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New Sailors Survive LTS

What began as a drifter eventually ended as a hold-on-to-your-hiking-shorts blowout with the newest edition of HSA's Learn to Sail class finding out what the difference is between hiking and HIKING!

As has often been the case, the Wind Fairies rescued another LTS from the clutches of Vitztlampachecatli, the Aztec God of the South Wind, and turned day one into tiller time and Sunday's races into *yee ha* memories of velocity made good to windward.

Thirteen participants climbed onto a variety of boats Saturday and Sunday. There were the usual Y's and Hobies but also a Bantam, a Capri, a couple of Catalina's, and a Flying Scot as sailing began in absolutely no air Saturday. Then about mid afternoon, a nice 5-7 breeze showed up. Sunday it was 10-12 at race time.

Only one boat went over. **Jim Paul** bravely handed the tiller to his even braver crew **Adam Fogelman** and the rest is wet history. Adam was eager for the competition and wasn't fazed by the capsizing. After the experience of righting the boat and bailing it out, they jumped back in the racing.

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LTS sailors survive - continued

There were four practice/exhibition races on Sunday afternoon and the results are below, but with six different classes in one start, those results are uncorrected for their Portsmouth rating.

HSA would like to thank all who participated, including the new sailors: **Hanan Kerr, Adam and Amy Fogelman, Kyle Grogan, John and Ann Nofsinger, Robert and Karen Fuegi, Jesse Dickson, Sandy Francis, Debbie Jenkins, and Annie and Ron Kloska.**

We are also grateful for the help of HSA's instructors who volunteered their time and/or boats : **Jerry Brewster, Capri 14; Roger Henthorn, Charlie DeArmon, Jim Paul, Jim Hater, all Y-Flyers; Gwen Marshall, Rhodes Bantam; Martin Griffis, Catalina 22; Mike Wier, Hobie 16; and Bill Molleran and Rose Schultz who took out the Flying Scot.**

Many thanks also to **Jerry Callahan, Bobbie Bode, and Brian Callahan** who stepped in to help on committee.

Ron Kloska and Mike Stratton	Y-Flyer
1 4 1 1	7
Bob Fuegi and Roger Henthorn	Y-Flyer
3 2 2 2	9
Amy Fogelman and Charlie DeArmon	Y-Flyer
2 3 4 3	12
Kyle Grogan and Mike Wier	Hobie 16
4 1 3 4	12
Kevin DeArmon	5 5 4 7 21 Sunfish
Samantha Marks	7 4 5 8 24 Sunfish
Ann Kloska, John and Ann Nofsinger, Bill Molleran, Rose Schultz	Flying Scot
8 7 7 6	28
Adam Fogelman and Jim Paul	Y-Flyer
DNS DNS	6 5 35
Jesse Dickson and Jerry Brewster	Capri 14
11 9 9 9	38
Betty Lorentz	10 8 12 10 40 Sunfish
Debbie Jenkins and Gwen Marshall	9 10 10 12 41 Bantam



Who's that up in the "Awful" Tower? Just a gang of Junior Campers from HSA's summer sailing on a joint visit to Kings Island. 1. Harrison Free 2. Brandon Lutts 3. Ana Vitt 4. Kevin DeArmon 5. Emma Rednour 6. Brianna Brewster, and 7. Sierra Campbell . Who's number 8? Another junior camper who spotted this group as she was going in with her amusement park pals: Cosette Gunter!

Learn to Race Class Forming



Last issue we announced the formation of a Learn to Race class at HSA for August. The date has been set for Saturday, August 24. If you would like to join that class, contact me for details at midview@wildblue.net

The class will cover starting, sailing the windward and offwind legs, finishing, and some simpler rules of the road for racers.

We will also show you what the committee boat people do and what those shapes and flags mean. You could also volunteer to be on race committee on any Sunday and find out first hand how they start and finish races from their perch on the committee boat. Contact **Laura Beebe** at petersle1@yahoo.com and let her know what date you would like to join the committee and possibly help out. You don't have to do anything but watch if you like. . LTS grads welcome.



Here, the mild mannered instructor calmly explains the rules of the road to last Sunday's LTS class. Away from the lake, it's another story. That story is to the right.

Living with a Racing Sailor

Of course I don't live with one, but I know someone who does. And if she were writing this, it would no doubt take on a very different tone, accompanied by a roll tack of the eyes.

Here's what I mean. Not too long ago we were in Kroger for one of our "big" food gathering adventures and, as usual, it took two carts to haul all the groceries out to the parking lot.

I was just behind my wife as we exited the store when I noticed that she was making a wide turn around the corner so, almost without thinking, I dove into the opening she left and called for room.

Dumbstruck, she pulled up head to wind and let me through. Good thing. This was headed to the committee for resolution if she had not let me in there since I had an obvious overlap.

This sort of thing seems to happen all the time and not just with shopping carts. There has been more than a few times driving when I think I see an opportunity to cover another car attempting to pass me to windward on the freeway.

My 91 year old mother complains about my sudden and inexplicable moves on the way to her weekly appointment at the hair dresser, but has no idea why I seem to drive so erratically. I used to try to explain to her that I had the right of way on starboard, but she just looks at me as if I am the one with signs of dementia.

This instinctual and sometimes obsessive behavior can often lead to some embarrassment. I have been rudely flipped off by people who just refuse to head up.

Never happens on the water. ☺

On the Regatta Circuit

At the Interlake Nationals in Sandusky Bay in July, yours truly did not pick up any hardware. Just bruises and great memories of four days of competition. A downwind capsize on a spinnaker jibe in 15-20 mph wind was part of the experience. We did rescue the boat and return to racing but without the spinnaker, which would have to have its twisted self taken off the boat by the rescue boat. We finished 15th. But it was a great time.

What's Going On at HSA

We welcome new members **John and Ann Nofsinger** who were in LTS just last Sunday, joined on Monday, and began the Sunfish certification on Tuesday!

Also new this year from LTS are **John Cannon, Lisa and Grace Huddleston (Y and Hobie), and Lance Thomas (Chrysler Buccaneer)**.

Sunfish certification classes have been going well and include not only the Nofsingers, but **John and Chris Cannon, Bevan Binder, and Paul Smyth**.

LTS Grads are invited to join us on Labor Day Weekend for the potluck dinner in the Hueston Room.



Boats For Sail!

Our Classified Section for This Week

1980 Hobie 16 with Trailer. Excellent condition with new side stays, main halyard, jib sheet, trampoline lacing, sail box and trailer tires, etc. The sails have also been extensively refurbished. \$1,900 obo. Call 937-439-1126, or email kmmarshall@peoplepc.com. Darryl Marshall

Y-Flyer #1590 complete package. It's a Helms boat (fiberglass, pale blue hull, white deck, dark wood floor and trim) with a 3 stay mast. \$1800.00 or a reasonable offer. Trailer and everything you need for your first race.

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While staying in a cabin at Indian Lake recently, Jerry Brewster and family found this display on the wall. But on a closer look they discovered a knot new to them: a "Figure Eihgt", probably a Gaelic word that means "The Knot of the Granny". We're guessing.



At left, Charlie prepares his Y for sailing with crew Arthur DeBoer. Charlie would like to buy a new Y and is selling his smooth, blue baby. Above is Darryl's Hobie which has recently been upgraded. Price reduced! Great buys, both boats.