



Poetry in Motion

Top right – Roger and Mike in an upwind fight; lower left – the Huddlestons master the wind; lower right, Joe and Kelly Buchert fly a hull with their Nacra 16



What's ahead

- Sunday** Fall Series #3 this weekend marks the halfway point. Mike and Mike have duty.
- Sept. 15** Fall Series rolls on with its 4th weekend.
- Sept. 7** America's Cup finals begin in San Francisco. 1st of 17 race dates. Go to YouTube
- Sept. 22** Fall Series #5; Nothing more beautiful than the fall at Hueston Woods
- Sept. 29** Last regular weekend racing before haulout. Make a statement.



Sailing Defined ?

sailing: (v.) to manhandle the wind so as to propel a sailboat on the very edge of catastrophe. see also: insanity, beastliness, and epic.

Labor Day Series “Exhilarating”!

The forecast on both days might have influenced participation in the Labor Day Weekend Series. Light air showed up on schedule on Sunday bringing with it a host of junior racers.

They disappeared on Monday leaving only the hardier adults to cope with the 8-16 mph winds that put everyone in a good mood as the competition ratcheted up with the wind speed.

After mixed results on Sunday, the racing got down to business in the brisk breezes on Monday. Just what we had been waiting for. Though apprehension flowed in the ramp area before launching, it was all exhilaration and joy on the water.

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Cosette periodically gets her hair wet as she responds to the hiking challenge with dad.

Neophytes **Kofi and Cosette Gunter** crewed in the Y for dad yours truly. Kofi got the light air stuff while 92 pound sister had to cope with the big air on Monday. She found out what it means to ride the rail in her first Y racing. And loved it.

Cosette, Victor, and Kevin DeArmon, all crewing for their dads, were the only juniors to come out for the wild winds Monday. On Sunday it was **Kofi, Kevin, Megan DeArmon, Logan Brasher, and Andrew and Emily Wilson**.

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Ten Sunfish sailed on Sunday, but only veteran racers **Rose Schultz and Laura Beebe** returned for the big blow on Monday. Rose won the first race on Sunday in the light air but it was all Laura in the next three races, although the two were in close quarters most of the way to the line.

In Hobies, Lisa and Dwight Huddleston brought out their good looking catamaran on both days. They bypassed the light air racing on Sunday but jumped in on Monday for their initiation into club racing. Although relatively new to the sailing adventure, they handled the sometimes difficult gusts with veteran aplomb.

Dave Munday raced both days and ended up the Hobie weekend victor. Speaking of **Victor**, Dave’s son, 11 year old Victor, hopped on board to crew for his dad and performed admirably.

Monday marked the return of **Joe and Kelly Buchert** from the Michigan and Wisconsin catamaran circuits. It was good to see their Nacra 16 with its silver sails and all black asymmetrical flying hulls over Acton Lake.

In Y-Flyer action, **Roger, the Duke of Henthorn**, lost twice over the two day series but still somehow managed to win the series. Yours truly took a light air battle on Sunday

from the perennial Y champ. On Monday, Charlie DeArmon smashed us both in race two.

With Roger and yours truly locked in a downwind luffing feud that took them deep inside the course, Charlie, who had stayed close, sailed the rhumb line to the leeward mark and won by a huge margin.

When Roger touched yours truly’s rudder, it sealed the deal for a 3rd place finish for the duo of Roger/Bobbie. No one can remember a Henthorn 3rd place finish.

Despite the losses, Henthorn and Bode had two bullets in the four races that comprise the weekend series and took the gold medal by a point.

How many times is "Hey" repeated by the backup vocals in the Robin Thicke single 'Blurred Lines'?

At right, juniors hold up their answers to the question at left. Kevin, Kofi, Megan, Kayla, and Brendan pose last Sunday.

At right, Chris and Laura Beebe along with their Husky sail dogs at the dinner Sunday.



Good Stuff About Sailing

Ten Reasons Why You Should Sail

1. It is easy to learn how to sail a boat.
2. Sailing solo in a sailboat can take place within one hour of instruction.
3. Sailing does not cost much to get into making it affordable for all.
4. You can sail almost any time, day or night, winter or summer, rain or sunshine, alone or with others.
5. Sailing allows you to relax and reduce stress by redirecting your mental focus.
6. Sailing encourages self confidence because you can take charge of your achievements.
7. Sailing permits enjoyment during incremental learning and skill development.
8. Sailing may be an individual or a family affair in casual or competitive environments.
9. Sailing allows personal quiet time and awareness to enjoy and experience nature.
10. Sailors have new experiences each time they face the wind.



Picture Gallery

Top left; -Pete Peters, Russell Vela, Dave Mundy, Kofi Gunter and the back of my head; left middle – Commodore Charlie DeArmon commands the room to attention; below left- the potluck veterans gather in their usual spot; below right – Harbormaster Don Fecher talks bout motors, gas cans, and about taking a money making scheme involving sledgehammers and destruction.

