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Hueston Sailing Association

The bright colors of summer will soon be replaced by the oranges and browns of autumn. Savor summer. Come sailing this week.



Sunfish Final Coming Fast - OktoberFast!

HSA Final Event Features Food, Racing, and Fellowship

Although the 2013 sailing season winds down, there are still good things to look forward to. In addition to the remaining weekends in the Fall Series, the final Sunfish event – OktoberFast- is now on the horizon.

it is also a stand alone event featuring racing (in the good winds of October), food, and good spirit created just for this event for both adults and juniors. Last year, five races were sailed on

The event is part of the summer long Sunfish series where points are cumulative, but

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Last Sunday's Results

Wind won. And didn't even show up to do it. More on how it all went down on...

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Sunday September 15

The 4th Fall Series is this weekend. Temperature and wind looking good.

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What Do They Talk About When They Talk About Us?



Miami U.

Miami University's sailing team was out in force last Sunday. It was learn to sail day.

It was introduction to sailing Sunday for their newest club racing recruits. Over a dozen students were being taken through the boat nomenclature session when this picture was snapped.

Several of the Miami initiates were new to sailing entirely and were attentive as the instructor told them "This is the rudder, this is the tiller."

The University's sailing team races in Flying Juniors of which they have several. The boats are stored at the lake.

After getting interested in the Cowan Lake rumor, (see page 5) we decided to look on line for any indication that the state plan had been given the go ahead for that lake.

We didn't find much except some references to the horsepower limit in some fisherman forums. But what they had to say was somewhat revealing. Here it is, unedited.

06-24-2013, 09:09 AM

YOU CANNOT use more than 10 hp in Cowan--sorry for the all caps, but it seems like necessary info.

Jeepguyjames 06-24-2013, 12:41 PM

You CAN use more than 10hp.....long as you dont get caught:p:p

Crappiedude 06-24-2013, 03:22 PM

Shhhh....that's clarified info:D

Rob 06-24-2013, 05:03 PM

It's just a matter of time now.... I think the speed limits gonna be 8 mph

Jeepguyjames 06-24-2013, 05:56 PM

lol, I stand corrected!

D:D:D:D..... I did fish houston

woods (action) saturday and noticed a female officer in a lund with binoculars watching people who was moving.....never seen em do that at cowan, from a boat any how

Bostonwhaler10
06-24-2013, 06:56 PM

Or at least let us idle the big motors. So dumb we can't do that.

BruceT
06-24-2013, 09:32 PM

Unfortunately, as usual, the good

guys pay for the sins of the bad guys. Hey, I just bought a 9.9 for this lake, so "itallgood".

Rob 06-25-2013, 07:10 AM
I have a 9.9 on my boat. I

personally don't want the up restriction to be lifted off Cowan-it's too small for all the extra pressure, but I don't like the sail boats either. Bet they don't take kindly to all the extra boats! But, it is what it is

big basser man 06-25-2013, 05:47 PM

I hope both lakes stay 10hp I have seen first hand when I lived in Illinois what happens with idle only limits . The lake was in bad shape after 3 years. so they changes it back to 10hp (Dawson Lake in Illinois)

Hmmm, Dawson Lake in Illinois. Let's check that out on page 5



Driffest
winner
Pete at
left;
Pete,
Laura
and
Charlie
at right



First Race Held Without Wind Sunday

“Slowest Race Ever” Tests Mettle; Mettle Promptly Melts

Despite an optimistic forecast of decent wind, the timing was off a bit. The wind showed its pale, weak chinned face about the time we had all decided to cash our meager chips in Sunday.

Yes, there was a race, if you can keep a straight face and say “race”. But it was more of an endurance contest. After one lap of a relatively short course that took 50 minutes to complete, committee chair Mike Weir asked for a voice vote on packing it all in. The vote was unanimous with most voting as they headed for the docks.

Ironically, the only real breeze came just as the Y-Flyers had finished and the Sunfish were rounding the leeward mark.

And it was a breeze that scrambled the order of finish almost entirely. **Pete Peters** somehow got a good lead on the pack of boats that drifted together for most of the trip around the triangle. He kept the lead and crawled to the finish line knowing that the rest were coming on quickly. Well, relatively quickly.

Jerry Brewster, who sailed the outside of the course away from the pack, made it to the windward mark first. By the time the breeze filled in at the leeward mark, however, everyone got on top of him, shielding his wind and making him last. To his credit, he saw the humor in it.

Biggest benefactor of the sudden air was **Laura Beebe** who was in last place as they approached the mark, but ended up 2nd by going outside the wheel on the turn and into the coming “wind”.

Roger and Bobbie drifted over first in the Y’s with a sigh of relief and a “thank God that’s ovuh”.

Following Pete and Laura were Megan DeArmon, Kevin DeArmon, Rose Schultz, and the aforementioned unlucky Jerry Brewster.

As everyone put rigs away, the light but still insubstantial wind filled in across the lake as if to say, “Hey, where is everybody?” Not funny.

the final day. Y-Flyer Roger Henthorn won the day with a couple of bullets but he was hard pressed by the ever dangerous Rose Schultz and the young veteran Laura Beebe, an alumni of Miami University's sailing team and our own sailing camps at HSA.

As it turned out, Henthorn was edged out in the season long Sunfish series, but on that fiercely contrary day last fall, it was all Roger.

Junior Kevin DeArmon took top junior honors in 2012 but has had an uneven season in 2013. Competitors will be looking to dethrone both 2012 champions.

This year's OktoberFast finds several Sunfishers still in the running for season long top honors, but that scoring won't be revealed until the November Awards banquet.

For this event, racers will be going all out in hopes of taking not only the OktoberFast crown but the season series as well.

Racing will be followed by a picnic/foodfest featuring brats, metts and hotdogs. All HSA members are invited to attend even if you are not racing. RSVP if you will be there.



America's Cup Nearing a Conclusion?

The 2013 America's Cup could be nearing a final result. Emirates Team New Zealand owns a 6-1 lead over Oracle USA with races 8 and 9 scheduled for Saturday, September 14 in San Francisco Bay.

The Americans changed tacticians after race 5 but New Zealand continues to dominate. You can see video of the races conducted so far by going to the America's Cup YouTube channel.

If Emirates New Zealand wins three more races they will have the nine points they need to take the Cup home. That means the competition could be over by Sunday unless Oracle USA comes up with a way to win.



What Do They Talk About...

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After reading the comment about Dawson Lake in Illinois on a fisherman forum in Ohio, we went looking for what happened in Illinois. We didn't find out much but got this little window on what they are going through there, at least from a fisherman's perspective. This post is from a guy whose handle is Hanr3. Again, unedited but his is just a forum post.

[Hanr3](#)

Crappie.com 1K Star General

Join Date

Nov 2008

Location East Peoria IL.

Posts 1,885



I have talked to several of the local IDNR Rangers about this very subject. IDNR Rangers have the power to change the HP regulations on thier bodies of water, however that doesn't mean they will. The HP regulations are not thier to control the volume of boaters on the water, the trailer parking spaces restrict the number of boats on the water. Our HP restrictions have been in place for decades, in most cases half a century or longer that I am aware of. The IDNR

Biologist primary job is to protect the habitat. The HP restrictions are there to protect the habitat erosion control is only a portion of that protection. Erosion control isn't always about the shoreline, it could be about the sediment released into the water; which affects the ability of the habit to grow.

There is no money in the IDNR budget to patrol the waters, and that isn't their primary job. The most cost effective way to enforce and restrict activities on a body of water is with a HP restriction, and limit the number of parking spaces. Which can be enforced at the dock, parking lot.

Please don't confuse County lakes with IDNR lakes. Evergreen and Bloomington Lakes are both McClean County lakes that feed water to the cities of Bloomington/Normal. Thier regulations are there to protect the cities water supply. IDNR has no control over their regulations.

While I too wish the fishing lakes had a uniform HP restriction, it is not hte world we live in. I bought my boat and motor for the lakes I fish, 25hp, and 10hp restricted lakes. It made no sense for me to buy a boat with a motor I can't use where I fish. I want a bigger boat, 16 or 18'. I struggle with the motor, do I get a 25hp and put my 10hp on it too? Or do I get a 10hp? I go back and forth weekly. Right now my boat holds 2, when the grandkids come I'll need capacity for 4 or 5. Tall order in a 16'-18' with a 10hp? So I vasilate to teh 25hp and a 10hp kicker. Then again, its not a race and the 10 will do, although when I travel to big lakes the 10 is too small..... arggggg!



Undercover Reporter Ferrets Out News

On a calm, pleasant day recently at the lake, we had occasion to bump into an individual who revealed secret ODNR plans. (Why secret? No one is telling us the story, so it must be secret.)

The uniformed individual, who will remain anonymous, told us that Cowan Lake's switch to no horsepower

limits/no wake will take effect in 2014.

Cowan Lake is very similar lake to ours in size (700 acres to our 600) and use (small outboard powered fishing, sailing, paddling).

If the State of Ohio ODNR responds to our inquiry, we will be the first to let you know.