

# Acton Action

## HSA Shifts Into Summer in High Gear with Slew of Events

(Last year's "Noodle Races" winning team at right Team "Ramen Noodle")



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## Up and Coming

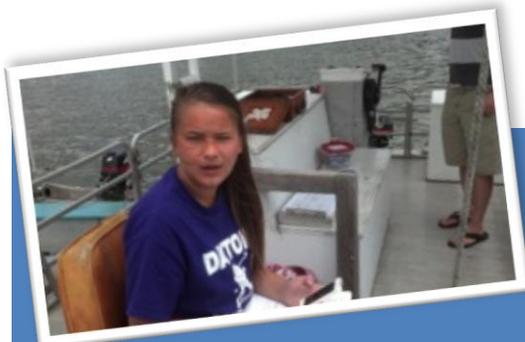
- June 8-9 Learn to Sail weekend; practice races on Sunday; all welcome to participate
- June 16 Spring Series #5; All fleets racing; Charlie Buchert, chair; Bill Molleran
- June 23 Interfleet Fun Day (Noodle Races) All classes of boats: get on a team; contact Mike
- June 30 Spring Series #6; All fleets; Jim Mossman, chair; Ryan Servizzi

## What is Interfleet Fun Day?

OK you take a swim noodle... No, let's start over. Relay racing has been a staple of picnics, outings, and races of all sorts for a long time. The ancient Greeks first Olympic race was a relay – with swim noodles. First team to the Acropolis wins!

We have a slightly different take on those Grecian pioneers. Our swim noodles are made of foam and they float. (Theirs were made of stone. You know the results.) The first step is to join a team consisting of a Sunfish, a Y-Flyer, and a Hobie. (Or O'day, or Buccaneer or cruiser – very democratic) Each team will consist of three members. The first member, usually a Sunfish or other small boat, starts the first race at the start line. He or she sails to the first barrel where team member #2 awaits the noodle. A handoff occurs and team member #2 sails to the second mark where team member #3 awaits the noodle. That boat finishes the race. One time around for the entire team.

In race two, all teams have moved up one position from race one, so team member #2 (continued page 3)



## Megan Has Committee Duty

Yes, even juniors can take their turn on the committee boat. Here, Megan divides her time between scorekeeping and her ... iPhone? Yes, there is good reception on the lake. And in the corner of the parking lot by Dock A. And in the handicap parking spot by the beach.



At left: “We just found a good deal on helmets.” Three friends get ready to head out to fish on Memorial Day Weekend. Maybe the horns are buoyant.

Below: Work started last week on repairing docks at the launch ramps. As of last weekend, only three of the eight ramps were open.

Concrete was being replaced on the ramp surface as well.





## Noodle Racers of the World, Unite!

Some of last year's teams, left to right: Team SHY, Team Achmed ("I kill you!") and a group photo

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starts the race and sails to the first mark (barrel) and hands off the noodle.

A third short race follows and now team member #3 gets to start the race with his or her noodle safely tucked away in the boat.

When all is said and done, one team will be crowned this year's "Noodle Race" champs!

Each team is selected from

among the participants by the race organizers. But once selected, the team then meets at the skipper's meeting to strategize, share tactics, (yes, there are tactics and strategy) and to come up with a team name. Last year's winners were the "Ramen Noodles" (Pete, Linda, Brendan, and Mike Wier)

After the three races, its back into the docks and the picnic area for a little grill out with hamburgers, hot dogs, and

lemonade. There, the winning team will be presented with their "special" Noodle Race trophies.

Last year's winners say that they treasure their trophies and often take them out of the family heirloom chest to hold them and gaze.

There will also be a special game or two at the picnic as a consolation for those who place and show. No wind? No problem. The picnic games will expand and still crown a Noodle Champion Team!

## Last Weekend's Racing: 'Fish Dominate'

With winds blowing 10-12 mph, it was tight racing on Acton Lake last weekend. The Sunfish Fleet made it interesting as the entire group stayed together for both races, making for some close finishes.

At the end of the day, it was Pete Peters, racing in his "Tomato" boat, who came out on

top. Pete finished 2-1, continuing his hot streak in the month of May.

Pete had just taken the Memorial Day Series the previous week. Rose Schultz won the other race and then finished 3<sup>rd</sup> for a second overall.

Also in contention were Laura Beebe and junior Kevin



DeArmon who has been lighting up the Sunfish fleet with his competitive finishes this Spring.