



From l. to r. Sierra Campbell, Brianna Brewster, James Rucker, and Brandon Lutts. The three A-Fleeters at camp hang out with junior counselor Brianna. In the photo at right, C-Fleeter Reece Hollowell sails under the tutelage of eventual A-Fleet champ Megan DeArmon.

HSA's Busiest Week of Summer Meets Expectations Despite Wind Tricks

Junior Camp, Ladies Camp, Learn to Sail, Racing, Hobie Challenge: All in Eight Days of Jammed Pack Lakeathon

July used to sorta be HSA's month off. But if this past week is any indication, it is getting busier than ever. The month began with the July 4th Holiday Series and potluck and then July really got going.

The following Sunday started an eight day run of activity on the water. First up was the 3rd Sunfish Series, dubbed the Camptown Races, followed by three days of Junior Camp and two days of Ladies Camp. Throw in a few Learn to Sail lessons featuring newcomers Peter and Kelly Cowling, and you get to Saturday with more LTS starring Susan Skowronski and Josh Jones. (Susan and her husband drove from Cleveland after she missed Ladies Camp unavoidably.)

Sunday saw two events collide in less than light air for an anti-climatic finish. The Hobie Challenge turned into the Slowbie Challenge in 2-5 mph wind as did the annual Callahan Family Regatta. See inside for more.

Sunfish Series 02

Brian Callahan returns to the race course. How did he do? Bill Molleran has victory within his grasp. And then..



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Rubber Ducky Awards, Racing, Capsizes, Wet Tents, High Wind: Junior Campers had it all.



Camptown Races Sang Their Song; Doo Dah, Doo Dah

Lots of wind, plenty of drama, and a democratic distribution of Mother Nature's gifts highlight Sunfish Series #3

Sunfish Results

Roger Henthorn 3 1 1 2 2
8.5

Brian Callahan 2 6 6 1 3
17.75

Bill Molleran 1 2 2 3 10
17.75

Kevin DeArmon 5 3 4 4 4
20

Jerry Brewster 4 7 3 6 1
20.75

Rose Schultz 7 5 7 7 6
32

Julie Molleran 6 4 9 10 5
34

Brendan Draper 8 8 5 9 9
39

Megan Molleran 10 10 8 5 8
41

Sean Mahoney 9 9 10 8 7
43

Kayla Draper 11 11 11 11
12 56

Sunfish Series #3, aka the Camptown Races, took place on Sunday, July 13. It was all very close until the fifth and final race. Bill Molleran, the gold standard in the Sunfish, had smoked everyone in race one in a proverbial horizon job. It was going to be him or The Roger (Henthorn) and race 5 was going to decide it.

But the sudden gusts that spiked a day that was already in double digit wind figures blew his mainsheet block out and the game was up. Then Henthorn was headed for a third bullet but Jerry Brewster would have none of that. Brewster parlayed a great start in race five near the committee boat and led wire to wire. The trouble for Molleran not only cost him the win on the day, it allowed Brian Callahan, who had not sailed in a year, to overtake him for second. Brewster's win brought him to within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point of the boat above him but had to settle for fifth place. Still a bullet is a bullet.

Molleran, Henthorn, Callahan, and Brewster each won races thus distributing the wins democratically. At the end of the day, it was The Roger.

Junior skipper Kevin DeArmon pushed the big guys and ended up fourth. Cousin Kayla Draper was reportedly "undaunted and positive" after taking part in her first full Sunfish Series in preparation for her first appearance in junior camp. Way to go, Kayla.



A picture is a thousand words. We'll let you write this caption.



Junior Camp A-Fleeters gather for chalk talk about racing tactics with the master tactician himself.

Hobie Challenge? Slowbie Challenge!

Hobie racer Charlie Buchert was going to come to the first Hobie Challenge held Sunday, July 20. He looked at the weather report and then he looked at the tickets he had to a Counting Crows concert. It was sort of a no brainer. He counted crows.

The rest of the Hobie Faithful turned out despite the forecast for 4 mph wind, hoping that Mother Nature would not be so cruel.

She was. The wind gusted to 4.5 miles an hour briefly. And then it went home. Mike Weir and Don Fecher battled it out anyway despite the conditions. Both were less than enthusiastic but both eventually became determined to have his name on the plaque for the inaugural event.

Nacra 16 flyers Joe and Kelly Buchert took the finish line first in "race" one but then decided that it was just beneath the dignity of their beautiful flying Dutch built boat to go that slow and left between

starts. Ryan Servizzi limped off the course after race one with a broken rudder and retired, leaving only Dave Munday to intervene in the Fecher/Weir slow motion shoot out. Dave gamely stayed on both of the leaders' sterns for much of the racing in a brave showing for the pilot/teacher turned Hobie racer.

In the end it was Weir who got the breeze, such as it was, and the tiebreaker went to him. Weir, always on his game, showed he can be a force even when the wind is the enemy.

Patience was in big demand. Fecher, who almost called it quits before the first start, sucked it up and put on a determined performance.

Congratulations and thanks to all who took part in the event when the last thing a Hobie sailor wants to do is go slow. The speed merchants will be back in action this week and seeking a little more wind to get both their blood and their boats moving. It is time for redemption.



High Five! Why?

Yes, that is a pair of ODNR rangers high fiving one another. The reason for the celebration? Caught someone violating the no wake rule? No, they have just found and marked the location of a motor that someone lost off their boat.

OK, we don't know how someone lost their motor or who for that matter. But after hours of searching, the crew from the ODNR struck gold. The rangers were not forthcoming on the details.

Just What Does a 20% Chance of Rain Mean?

How would you answer the following question:

Tomorrow's forecast calls for a "20% chance of rain." Which of the options below do you think best describes what that means?

- a. it will rain tomorrow in 20 percent of the region
- b. It rain tomorrow for 20 percent of the time.
- c. It will rain on 20 percent of the days like tomorrow.
- d. Twenty percent of weather forecasters believe it will rain tomorrow.
- e. I don't know. f. Other

This question along with many others appeared on a survey developed by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. They were researching how people understand weather forecasts, according to an NPR story.

The answers were as varied as the weather itself. Some thought it meant they should definitely bring an umbrella. Others said they would be surprised if it drizzled. Some thought it meant there was an 80% chance it wouldn't rain.

The story went on to say that the National Weather Service (NWS) takes their stuff seriously. They need the public to understand forecasts and have confidence in them. It isn't, they said, just a numbers game. Words used to describe weather can be just as confusing. Take "watch" and "warning" for example. (continued next page)

What is that in the picture below?

Nothing less than the winning entry in the now annual Duct Tape Regatta at Junior Camp.

The activity, introduced by camp counselor Megan Molleran in 2013, challenges all three fleets at camp to make a duct tape boat in 30 minutes. All groups got the same materials to work with.

Afterwards the boats were put in the water and B Fleets design sailed quickly across the course to victory. A and C Fleets models didn't fare so well. When released, they tacked into one another, embraced, and refused to move from their duct tape hug.



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Vanika Brown, who works for the NWS, told NPR that she wasn't sure how to interpret a 20% chance of rain. Brown is a sociologist who works for NWS and her job is to understand how the public interprets weather forecasts.

When she asked meteorologists at NWS what it meant and challenged them to tell her in less than five minutes, she walked away without a clear answer. If she is confused, chances are the public is too.

Jason Samenow, chief meteorologist at the Washington Post, includes the concept of "confidence" in his forecasts. "The forecast models give you these probabilities," he says, "but obviously the further you go out in time, the less skill or accuracy these models have. Once we get to seven to 10 days, we have little confidence. "

Want to try a few of the survey's other questions?

Tomorrow's forecast says that "rain is likely." Which of the options below do you think best describes what that means?

a. it will likely rain over the entire forecast area tomorrow

b. It will likely rain throughout the day somewhere in the forecast area tomorrow

c. It will likely rain at any one particular point in the forecast area tomorrow.

d. Weather forecasters are likely to believe that it will rain tomorrow.

e. I don't know f. Other

Suppose the forecast high temperature for tomorrow is 75 degrees. What do you think the actual high will be?

a. 75 degrees b. between 74 and 76

c. between 73 and 77 d. between 70 and 80

e. between 65 and 75 f. I don't know g. Other

(The technically correct answer to the first two questions in this article are "C", according to the survey creators. The last one is truly subjective.)

How about the wind forecasts? Well, we all know how that turns out. Go beyond two days out and you lose accuracy quickly. One sailor kept a log of the NOAA wind forecasts over a year and found it was accurate only 15% of the time.

Some call The Weather Channel , Comedy Central.

Ladies Camp Packed

Twenty one ladies came out for the Ladies Camp last week and enjoyed mostly good wind and weather. The racing started among the experienced sailors the first day out, paired up with new ones. Day two was split between racing and instruction.

Grace Huddleston was named Most Improved in B Fleet. According to camp director Jerry Callahan, they had "a number of professionals." In that group, Samantha Marks and Tracy Mahoney finished 1st and 2nd. "Among the non-pros", he added, "Brianna Brewster won the 1st place trophy with Betty Lorentz 2nd .



On the way back to the boats after lunch, it is Betty Lorentz, Sarah Lockhart, and Emily Wilson with Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode in the back.

Wind Plays Games, But Junior Camp Wins Them All

Rain the first night didn't dampen the spirits of the junior camp this year. In fact, many of them stayed out in it. High winds also blasted them on Tuesday, but in the end, they were still unfazed.

HSA's Junior Camp, an annual event for well more than 30 years, came off just as planned: games, sailing, racing, swimming, and camping fun. Twenty six campers showed up for this year's three day Sailebration of Summer aided and abetted by 22 volunteer teachers, junior counselors, cooks, bottle washers, and chaperones.

At Wednesday's parent/child banquet and awards presentations, the three fleet leaders told

stories of their charges' exploits and handed out a few small trophies. In the A Fleet, composed of the most experienced young sailors, it was youthful veteran Megan DeArmon who walked off with the first place trophy. Emma Rednour won 2nd. Brandon Lutts picked up a Rubber Ducky for his record number of capsizes in a half day.

In B Fleet, the intermediates, the racing was put off until the final afternoon. 2nd year sailor Cosette Gunter took top honors there. Oxford's Hannah Carlson finished 2nd overall and up and coming racer Clayton Snider took 3rd.

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How many junior campers can you get into the bed of a Toyota pickup? And why would you do that? Well, kids, they like to be social. And there was no phone booth or VW beetle handy. The total count? About 14. Sean Mahoney got the picture. The owner of the truck got new shocks.



Both Hannah and Clayton were in camp for the first time. Traci Hann, also a first timer, was given the Most improved award, and Lauren Minella won the Rubber Ducky award for most capsizes in B-Fleet, 11 of them!

In C Fleet, composed of all first year sailors, most improved awards went to Cole Davoran and Will Hater.

Reece Hollowell took home the Rubber Ducky award for his eight capsizes. Junior counselor Samantha Marks managed to dump whatever boat she was on and got her own Rubber Ducky, a first for a counselor.

While most of the instructors are long time veterans of HSA, a good many of the volunteer instructors were themselves recent camp graduates. Much thanks to all of them for coming out to participate: Sean Mahoney, Kevin DeArmon, Danielle and Samantha Marks, Sarah and Becca Lockhart, and Brianna and Isaac Brewster.



Ladies Camp Gallery

Above left: Anonymous just hanging on; top right from left to right: Liz Sadai, Amy Clay, Chris Starkey, Jo Chamberlain, Theresa Bengel, Maggie McLeod, and Caroline Krumme; middle left, Grace Huddleston; bottom left, Amy Clay and Katie Lockhart; above middle, Amy Marks gets the inside at the committee boat.