

# Acton Action

## Houston Sailing Opens Season This Weekend!

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### Calendar

- Sunday April 27 1<sup>st</sup> Spring – 3 starts: Multihulls, Y-Flyers, and Handicap (Sunfish and all other classes)
- Sunday May 4 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring – Committee: Charlie DeArmon, Joe Fulford, Jim Cooper
- Sunday, May 11 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring – Committee: Mike Stratton, Jerry Brewster, Jesse Dickson
- Saturday, May 17 Talawanda High School Outdoor Club’s Learn to Sail Day

## All Boats Away!

Oh, if you have boats, prepare to sail them now.

The long awaited Spring has sputtered into existence and not a witness to it will say it is not among the most welcome in memory. After a brief final punch of snow and cold just last week, the sailing season is upon us with Sunday’s racing the first official Spring Series event.

Not racing yet? If you want to come out and join the on the water celebration as we all feel the rush of enjoyment that wind, water and sunshine bring, you are welcome! But you might want to wait for warmer water, though. The forecast is for temps in the 70’s but the water is still cold. Wet suits will probably be in order. Hypothermia is a consideration this time of year, but warmer water will no doubt arrive soon.



### Hearing Held on Horsepower

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources held a final hearing last Tuesday on the proposed unlimited horsepower/no wake rule change. According to HSA members in attendance, the meeting was well attended by proponents and opponents who got a chance to have their say. If enacted the new rules could be in effect by June 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Spring Social Brings Out Sailors

Park Manager Gives Gist, Banana Splits, Snake Spits, Harbormaster Lists, Warm Weather Persists, and the Wind Looked Pretty Good

It has been a tough winter. Not just for us but at the lake too and the park manager, Mark Lockhart, who spoke to HSA members at the annual Ice Cream Social and outlined some of the problems the park has faced since the club went home last October.

Water lines thought deeply buried were not deep enough to escape the steady, low temperatures and pipes

froze. More culling of trees led to more stump grinding. The Spring hasn't been much kinder. Flooding added to the workload as debris clogged roads and channels and some dock pilings were bent by the rush of water and ice and tree trunks.

Water, according to Mr. Lockhart, was three feet over the seawall near the park office in recent flooding and the usual low spots in

the Loop Rd. were impassable and in need of clearing once the water went down.

Mr. Lockhart also spoke briefly about the work to be done on the dam. He mentioned that the original dam has held for 58 years. The new dam will be pushing \$12 million. There was some discussion in the planning stages to save costs on the new dam by draining the lake but it was rejected after the cost of rebuilding the fishing

population – a ten year long ordeal – was considered along with the lost revenues from the marina, the lodge, and visitation to the park in general.

The dam will be take two years to build and should be done by December 2015.

HSA Juniors got ice cream, bobcats, cougars, and snakes. Oh my.

