

Acton Action

Hueston Sailing Association

Sunfish Sunday

The "Founders'58 Sunfish Regatta (aka Sunfish Series #1) was this past Sunday. See page 4 for the story. HSA hosted a group of Talawanda High School students. Story page 2



A New 12 Step Program: Buying Your First Sailboat

OK, you've been rolling this around in your mind for a while. Should I take the plunge and just go ahead and buy a boat? Well, if you are addicted to procrastination or indecision, here's a little rehab help to get you over the hump.

Step One – Join a sailing club. Get the help and support of people who have been sailing here and all over the world for a long time. And it isn't just for guys. A lot of women have joined recently with no husband or male partner and found other women doing the same – getting into boats.

Step Two – Ask yourself some hard questions. Why do you want to own your own boat? Do you want to continue sailing OPB's? (Other people's boats) Do you want to race? Cruise? Daysail? Where will you sail it? Where will you keep it? At home? At the lake in a dry moorage or a dock?

Step Three – Read. The bookshelves both virtual, digital, and dusty wood and steel are full of articles and books about where to look and

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Calendar

Sunday May 25-26 Memorial Day Series and Potluck Dinner – Chuck Smith and Laura Beebe on committee. Volunteers appreciated.

Sunday June 1 4th Spring Series for all boats; Dave Munday, John Cannon, Joe Buchert

Saturday-Sunday June 7-8 HSA's Learn to Sail class 12-4 each day



If you are wondering who is in the photo at right, we don't know his name. He is from the Dayton Power Squadron which was demonstrating new inflatable life jackets at the lake Saturday. Those from HSA and the Talawanda Outdoor Club posed for a photo for them showing our lifejackets off. The fellow in the picture was asked to take a pic for us using a cell phone. We ended up with this selfie and no group photo. Make that 3 selfies.

Were There Any Highlights from 3rd Spring? Ask Mr. Answer!

We asked Mr. Answer if there is any truth to these runaway rumors.

- Was this perhaps the most beautiful day for racing we will see all summer? Mr. Answer: It just might have been.
- Did Jim Mossman and Laura Beebe distinguish themselves on race committee? Mr. Answer: Yes, both were awarded the Congressional Medal of Freedom
- Did Russell Vela make his committee boat debut? Mr. Answer: Yes!
- Did Pete Peters win his first race in his new Y-Flyer? Mr. Answer; And by a jolly good margin
- Did Pete's crew, Rose Schultz, have a hand in that victory? Mr. Answer: Probably had two hands in it.
- Were the numbers on the committee boat indicating a 6-5-3 race course? Mr. Answer: Oh, yeah.
- Were the marks actually in areas 6,5, and 3? Mr. Answer: Maybe.
- Was Mr. Answer on committee? Mr. Answer: no comment



Committee Duty Chair Change Request

Committee chair on June 22 is Charlie Buchert but he needs to swap with someone. If you can, contact Charlie and let him know. His email is

cs_buchert@hotmail.com



Group photo of some of the juniors who participated Saturday includes Charlie DeArmon Jr. He is the one on the left in the Tinkerbell lifejacket that obviously doesn't fit. Charlie Jr. brought his siblings who took out dad's boat. Kevin handled pop's Y well in the wind despite his sister's howls of fright. Or was it delight?

Talawanda Outdoor Club Tries Sailing

Last Saturday a group of high school and middle school students from Oxford's Talawanda schools came to Hueston Woods for a Learn to Sail class.

The group, which included HSA members Sarah, Becca, and Katie Lockhart, got out on the water for some real time on the tiller in Y-Flyers and Hobies.

The wind was a real challenge but all but one of the participants took over the controls at some point in the afternoon and performed admirably. Coming out with their boats were Charlie Buchert, Pete Peters, Kevin and Megan DeArmon, and Roger Henthorn. Thanks!

This Weekend Only: Memorial Day Potluck and Racing!

Here comes Memorial Day and not a moment too soon. OK, maybe a moment. But it's here and the first holiday series of the new season bursts forth with the promise of great weather and social renewal.

Bring place settings for you and your family or friends for the potluck and a side dish to share. Dinner in the Hueston Room will follow racing in the afternoon. Bring a friend! New to HSA? We would love to visit with you.



In photo above, Rose Schultz looks for wind Sunday as Jerry "The Brewster" checks his telltales for trim below. At left, the windward mark gets a visit from five boats all at once. (Photos courtesy Jenny Deaton)



Founders' 58 Sunfish Racing

1. Roger Henthorn	2	1	4	7
2. Mike Stratton	3	2	2	7
3. Laura Beebe	1	5	3	8
4. Bill Sanderson	6	3	5	14
5. Rose Schultz	7	7	1	15
6. Jerry Brewster	4	6	6	16
7. Pete Peters	5	4	7	16
8. Russell Vela	8	8	8	24

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what to look for. *Good Old Boat* is one. *Sail Magazine* is another, as well as class sites for one design dinghies and cruisers like those we sail at Hueston.

Step Four – Find a BBB – boat buying buddy, someone to go look at boats with and talk to about choices. If it is someone who is also interested in buying, so much the better but take a friend.

Step Five- Sail a lot and sail on different boats. Ask the owners why they chose the boat they did. Get something that fits you, your intentions, and your budget.

Step Six – Ask questions of other sailors. Sailors love to talk about their boats and share their knowledge. They probably would also love to tell you something about buying the boat in general. They will also share stories of their experiences on the water. Invaluable.

Step Seven – Walk the docks. Wherever you can, gain access, go strolling on the docks. It is boat buying's version of window shopping. What pleases your eye? Looks manageable? Overwhelming? Strike up a conversation with the people you meet there.

Step Eight – Make lists. What do you like? What do you want? What is the least or most you will consider in terms of length, sail are, condition, age, price, trailerability?

Step Nine – Start Shopping – the internet, Craigslist, Yacht World, class websites like www.yflyer.org, the Acton Action even has some from time to time, and Strictly Sail in Cincy. When you find the right boat, you will know it. Your heart will start singing.

Step Ten – Commit Yourself – Make a pros and cons list so you can compare the bats you are considering. That is, in case your heart wasn't singing. Price what each boat will need in order to bring it up to your standards. Get a survey. A careful inspection by an experienced sailor or a professional surveyor will help you decide. The bigger and older the boat, the more you will need help.

Step Eleven – Make an Offer – You are in love but your offer needs to be more dispassionate. Just like making any other purchase, take time to let the negotiations process run its course. If you are satisfied you are getting the best deal possible, go for it.

Step Twelve – Enjoy Life – One of the best feelings I have ever experienced is the drive home with that boat attached to my trailer hitch. It is the very definition of joy.



Henthorn Wins 1st Founders' 58

Despite the whims of a capricious wind late in race 3, Roger Henthorn hung on and eeked out a victory in the first Founders' 58 Sunfish regatta held Sunday under blue skies and surprisingly warm weather.

Henthorn, with a bullet and a second already in his pocket, was leading comfortably in the third and final race when he sailed into a hole and had to watch three boats climb over him and send him to a 4th place finish.

It was, however, enough for a tie with Yours Truly, and after a closer look at the tiebreaking rules, Henthorn was declared the winner of the first place trophy, a shining piece of craft wood, fiberglass, and silver that stunned participants at the awards picnic afterwards.

Cruising into "thurd" place was the consistent Laura Beebe who also had a bullet to go with her 5-3 races.

Joining the fleet for the day's fun were Bill Sanderson from Akron and new HSA racer Russell Vela of Dayton.

Jenny Deaton jumped on the committee boat for a chance to view racing from a platform on the water and Jerry and Joann Callahan helped out Bobbie Bode on committee. Thanks!

Hobie Challenge Coming In July; Catamaran Champion to be Crowned?

Acton Lake and HSA will see a historical milestone in July when the first all catamaran racing since 1982 will take place on Sunday, July 20.

The race, dubbed the Hobie Challenge, will feature the club's Hobie fleet (and guests) and could attract as many as eight boats. If you have access to a Hobie or other cat, here is your chance to get to the line with a small regatta size fleet of boats bent on taking home the title.

Race organizers plan on three starts with an awards and food celebration following the action. (Editor's note: We may have made up the 1982 part but it has been a long time if it has ever happened©)



Photo at left is a picture from Jenny Deaton who was on the committee boat and got this shot of the Sunfish fleet coming in yesterday after an afternoon of competition.

Winds were inconsistent at best and challenged young and old alike. Races 1 and 3 were light while race 2 saw a stiff breeze from start to finish. Hello, Acton Lake!