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Joe and Kelly Buchert in a calmer moment over the weekend. See page 4 for a different moment for them. Yikes!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND A BEAUTY; PETERS, BREWSTER, AND BUCHERT SHINE ALONG WITH SUN

OK, it wasn't supposed to be that beautiful. Or windy. But there it was: two beautiful days of sailing handed to those who came to play.

And play they did. Sunday's racing saw six Y-Flyers come to the line. Before the weekend was over, they would be joined by five Hobie sailors.

It was a weekend full of surprises too. The first one was the appearance of Jerry Callahan in Y 2731, his first race in two years. It was a

short-lived appearance, however. In the very first lap of the very first race, Hobie man Mike Weir made an unscheduled stop into the side of Jerry's Y, breaking Jerry's tiller and giving him a kidney punch from the bow of a Hobie hull.

Neither of the two skippers or Jerry's crew, Sarah Lockhart, saw the event coming until it was too late.

Another surprise was the narrow victory Pete Peters and Rose Schultz scored in Pete's

new Y-flyer. Defending champs Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode saw the Peters-Schultz duo take the two bullets on Monday that handed Henthorn-Bode their first holiday loss in years, but by just a quarter point. On the race course Monday, it wasn't even close.

The potluck dinner was enjoyably well attended, attracting over 40 guests to the first holiday social event of the season. (more on page 4)

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Picture at right is of the collision between Mike Weir and Jerry Callahan.
(Photo by Laurie Lockhart)



SPINDRIFT COLUMN

Did you know that having your crew ride on your boat as you take it down to the ramp for launching is illegal and could get you a ticket? An HSA member got a warning last week. Have your crew in the vehicle with you or have them walk down. It is safer as well as less expensive. It used to be a common practice for crews to do this but at some point all that changed.

Did you know that Helen Smith donated her very nice Sunfish to the club? The boat has been put into service already and is on the racks for use by members who have Sunfish certification. If you want to race some Sunday, get Helen's boat. Rumor is that it is very fast and self-tacks at just the right moments. If you don't have Sunfish certification, you can sign up for that class any time.

Did you know that the 3rd Annual Interfleet Championships are coming up in June? If you don't recognize or remember that event, they are also known as the "Noodle Races", an event that has become an annual fun event for HSA members and friends. Teams of three boats each essentially race around the triangle handing off a swim noodle. Each boat sails one leg of the triangle and hands off their noodle to the next boat on their team. Sign up for a team and for the picnic afterwards by emailing midview@wildblue.net



WANT YOUR KIDS TO BE SELF CONFIDENT? COURAGEOUS? RESPOND WELL TO CHALLENGE?

As a kid, did you ever play with fire? Jump from a high place? Put a coin on a railroad track? Superglue your fingers together? Throw things from a moving car?

Well, if you didn't, you should have. At least according to Gever Tulley and Julie Spiegler. They co-wrote a book called "50 Dangerous Things You Should Let Your Kids Do".

Now, the authors also say that these activities should be safe and parent-guided but we also know that we did many of these things without adults around. So will our kids.

Here's an important element: whether any of these things are really dangerous

isn't as important as the idea that kids **think** it is dangerous. Jumping off the rafters in the barn into a pile of hay or from a bridge into water isn't really all that dangerous. The benefit to kids comes from just thinking it is dangerous.

That is what confers on them a sense of accomplishment, of having overcome a fear. Children who jump from high places arrive as adults without a fear of heights, psychologists tell us. And so it is with many if not all the other "dangerous" things in the book. Doing dangerous things seems to give them self-confidence, courage, and a willingness to take reasonable risk, attributes we seem to value. (pg.3)

Contrast this outcome with the alternative: children who mostly stay indoors, who are seldom confronted by challenging tasks, and who may grow up afraid.

So, shouldn't sailing be included on this list? It isn't, but maybe it should be since #48 in Tulley/Spiegler's book is "Explode a Bottle in the Freezer" - not too much of a challenge or all that dangerous.

Sailing, first of all, is safe. Let's be clear about that. But a kid on the water in a sailboat with a breeze thinks it is a little dangerous. And thinking it triggers the reward

– the sense of accomplishment, of having faced fear, of having to control the forces of wind, sail and water, of becoming the master of his or her environment.

Of course, capsizing will happen. But capsizing on a small boat isn't dangerous. Once the boat is righted and they sail off to dry out, they are rewarded again and with every subsequent challenge to their skill, courage, and endurance.

Oh, did I mention joy? Yes, they are rewarded with joy.



Jerry Brewster waving in triumph or just waving hello? The Brewster took the Memorial Day win in style.



Pete and Rose take it to windward on Sunday. Then they took it to their rivals on Monday.

Boats for Sail/Sale? If you have a boat for sale,

let us know here at the Acton Action World Wide Headquarters in beautiful suburban Farmersville. Send us the following: type of boat, whether it has a trailer, condition of both, price, extras, and all the contact info you wish to put out there. Let HSA World Wide be your sailboat clearinghouse.

10 HP Limit To Disappear in June at Acton Lake

Beginning on Saturday, June 7, watercraft powered by more than 10 horsepower will be allowed to operate at no-wake speed on Acton Lake, located at Hueston Woods State Park in Preble and Butler counties. This rule is part of a new lake management plan being implemented as a pilot program which will be tested and evaluated during the 2014 and 2015 boating seasons.

On Thursday, June 5, representatives of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will host a public forum to answer questions about the new regulation. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. in the Delmingo Room of the Hueston Woods State Park Lodge.

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In Hobie racing, Joe Buchert crossed the finish line first four times but after corrected scores, Don Fecher took a first in race 3 versus the Nacra 16 flying machine.

The Sunfish/handicap fleet also has a new Memorial Day Champion with Jerry Brewster securing a close win over super junior Kevin DeArmon. Brewster's two bullets on day one were enough to hold off the competition which included Sunfish wizard Bill Molleran who came out on Monday. Bill got shafted on a late shift toward the finish line on Monday and saw the junior DeArmon take advantage.

The wind was light and variable, just as predicted for Sunday's racing. But it livened up a bit on Monday and gusted to double digits. All in all, a beautiful weekend on and off the water as Hueston Woods came alive for the holiday.

Fifteen boats participated in the weekend's racing. Not enough superlatives to describe it.



Yes, that's Kelly Buchert standing out there in harness on the very edge of the hull on Monday. Joe is eating lunch.

RACE RESULTS – MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Catamarans (corrected for times)

Joe Buchert	1	1	3	1	4
Don Fecher	2	2	1	2	8
Mike Weir	DSQ	3	2	DNF	15
Charlie Buchert	DNS	DNS	4	3	17
Ryan Servizzi	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNS	20

Y-Flyers

Pete Peters/Rose Schultz	2	3	1	1	6.5
Roger Henthorn/B.B.	1	2	2	2	6.75
Mike Stratton/Kofi/Cosi	3	1	3	3	9.75
Charlie DeArmon	4	4	4	4	16
Jim Paul/friend	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	24
Jerry Callahan/Sarah Lockhart	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	24

Sunfish/Handicap

Jerry Brewster	1	1	4	2	7.5
Kevin DeArmon	3	3	1	3	9.75
Bill Molleran	DNS	DNS	2	1	10.75
Brendan Draper	2	2	3	4	11

