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Remember that dagger board that looked like the victim of a shark attack? Jerry Callahan shows off the repaired board below. Magic.



## Learn to Sail On Deck This Weekend

Six Y-Flyers and two Hobies will be on hand this weekend to teach the summer's first Learn to Sail class. The class, numbering 13, will have two afternoons of instruction and, hopefully, good wind and weather.

## Noodle Races Coming!

June 22 marks the return of "Noodle Races", aka the InterFleet Championships. All boats are invited to take part. If you would like to be on one of the three boat teams, let us know at [midview@wildblue.net](mailto:midview@wildblue.net). Each boat on a team races one of the three legs of the course, handing off a swim noodle at each mark. Yes, you should do this. Picnic lunch to follow with awards.



Don Fecher talks to Dwight and Lisa Huddleston before racing on Sunday. The Huddlestons sailed their Hobie and did well.

# Callahan Returns!

After a somewhat disastrous return to racing a week ago in his Y-Flyer (collision/broken tiller), Jerry Callahan turned to his Sunfish and took to the race course again against nine competitors. The result was a somewhat spectacular comeback in the last moments of race 2 and a big win.

Callahan had already stunned the field in race one by taking a five second victory in the light but somewhat steady air. In race two, it didn't look promising as he rounded the windward

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mark on the second go round in next to last place. The recovery was remarkable. Callahan fought back on the last lap and managed a 3<sup>rd</sup> to win the day by a quarter point.

Both races were contested in wind that sometimes disappeared. If you fell into a hole, you were in big trouble. If you can cope with those moments and somehow fight your way out, you can be rescued as several found out. Or you can die.

Nearly everyone experienced those moments on the course last Sunday. Early leaders in both races – Callahan, Laura Peters, and Yours Truly – all found themselves in those holes at one point or another. If you have patience and optimism, it doesn't really matter. The wind is the wind.

Rose Schultz, always dangerous in light air, survived a 4<sup>th</sup> in race one to come back and win the second race by a fair margin.

Laura Peters ended up 6<sup>th</sup> in race two after sharing the lead in both races early and demonstrating her ability to get off the line well and sail to windward in light air.

No wind readings were reported but the estimate is that it ranged from three to eight or nine. Joe and Charlie Buchert kept the windward mark far enough from the west shore so that boats weren't dying or seeing 180 shifts near the mark. Thank God.

New sailor Jennifer Deaton made her first appearance on the race course in her great looking Sunfish and played it conservatively as she learns the ropes.

1. Jerry Callahan	1	3	3.75
2. Mike Stratton	2	2	4
3. Rose Schultz	4	1	4.75
4. Laura Peters	3	6	9
5. Pete Peters	7	5	12
6. Charlie DeArmon	9	4	13
7. Brendan Draper	6	7	13
8. Kevin DeArmon	5	9	14
9. Megan DeArmon	8	8	16
10. Jennifer Deaton	10	10	20

Committee boat duty sometimes requires that you help someone make on the water fixes. Charlie Buchert ties off Charlie DeArmon's clew in this picture. Before that, Charlie was clewless.

## Fecher Leads Hobies Home

After helping new Hobie racers Dwight and Lisa Huddleston, Don Fecher led the way around the course for the Hobies. The Huddlestons, who have seldom raced their Hobie, managed a second place finish in race two.

The Hobie fleet was mostly on committee duty Sunday. Charlie and Joe Buchert served up a excellent course for a wind that came mostly from the south and southeast but often veered madly to the west. All fleets will get a reprieve from racing this week as Learn to Sail class dominates the weekend.



Don Fecher	1	1	2
Dwight/Lisa Huddleston	3	2	5
Ryan Servizzi	2	3	5



Club Y-Flyers gather around Pete Peters' boat to talk rigging on a recent Sunday. Chuck Smith, second from left, explains his former boat's temperament, personality and emotional needs.

## Five Little Mistakes Sailors Make

Yes, there are big mistakes like getting lost, running aground, slamming into the dock, etc., but there are others that you might want to be on the look out for. Here are some of the more common:

1. Don't hoist sails without knowing where the wind is coming from. If there are people watching or helping you on the dock, they could all get a good knock from your boom. Always point bow into the wind before grabbing a halyard to hoist.
2. Don't wear loose clothing or forget to tie up long hair. Both can get caught in blocks or hooked on tillers or hiking sticks and cause huge problems. Keep it close; keep it clear.
3. Don't forget to tie stopper knots in the ends of lines that go through blocks. Nothing is more frustrating than to lose a line through a block while on the water. In some cases it is almost impossible to get it threaded back without taking down your sail.
4. Don't flog your sails. That doesn't mean not to beat them for being naughty. Flogging means letting your sail flap like a flag or luff out of control. If it happens for more than a short time, it will damage the sail as well as annoy everyone around you.
5. Don't steer the wrong way when backing down. We don't often go backwards but when do; it is usually without much practice. Try to remember to push the tiller toward where you want the bow to go. That way the stern will move in the opposite direction and all will be well.

## Learn to Race Class Coming Saturday, June 21

The first of this season's Learn to Sail classes is coming up this weekend, but for some in HSA, they are moving to a new level. This season's first Learn to Race class is scheduled for Saturday, June 21.

The participants, all new to racing and somewhat new to sailing, will spend some time in the classroom talking race courses, basic rules, tactics, strategy, wind shifts, and other race related topics before going out on the lake to sail Sunfish around a practice course against one another.

The class will begin at 11:30, take a break for lunch, and then head out for some on the lake coaching as they compete against other neophytes around a typical course. Participants will race several short races before coming in for a follow up chalk talk on what happened on the water.

If you are interested in joining this group, contact Mike at [midview@wildblue.net](mailto:midview@wildblue.net). The class is free and open to anyone interested in an intro to racing.

### Sunfish Certification Available to Members

HSA's club Sunfish, which recently added a new boat, are for members to use for both recreation and racing. If you would like to get certified on Sunfish, let us know and we will set up a date.

