

ACTON ACTION



What remained of the LTS class posed for a post Katrina photo on Sunday. From left, Charlie Buchert, Scott Johnston, Tracy Hickey, Pete Peters, David Pledger, Roger Henthorn, Bobbie Bode, Mike Stratton, Tim O'Brien, Marianne Kiely, Theresa Bengel, and Mark Bengel. Photo by Charlie DeArmon, who is not pictured but very present.

Noodle Relays

Yes, it's that time again. Team Ramen Noodle is defending champ. More on page 2.

Learn to Race

The race clinic is Saturday, June 21 starting at 12 noon. This class is for those new to racing and wanting to learn the ropes. Pg.2

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No Wake? It's here and being enforced. HSA members should read this article on page 3

LEARN TO SAIL DAY ONE; LEARN TO HANG ON DAY TWO

BEAUTIFUL, WINDY DAY FOLLOWED BY
REALLY WINDY DAY; ALL SURVIVE

HSA's Learn to Sail class got two very different views of life at the lake on a sailboat. Saturday saw temperatures in the mid 80's and very comfortable breezes. But by the time the class returned to the lake on Sunday, they were greeted by very different conditions.

Temperatures cooled into the 70's and the wind got a real shot of steroids, gusting to 15 mph or more at times. When it was time to launch boats, some were having second thoughts. Eventually, only four boats with only five

of the original class of 12 made it to the water, led by the intrepid Pete Peters and his even more intrepid crew, Tracy Hickey.

After an hour or so of challenging sailing, the entire fleet was back in and still mostly dry. There were a few close calls. Yours Truly let newcomers Tim O'Brien and Theresa Bengel find out what it is like to see the centerboard horizontal to the water. Despite the work, wet pants, and near capsizes, both were apparently thrilled and unfazed by the wild ride.



Mark Bengel got to crew on Charlie Buchert's high flying Hobie and David Pledger took the jib duties for Scott Johnston. It was the windiest day on the water for a Learn to Sail class in its eight year history.

At the survival debriefing afterwards, LTS grad Tracy awarded instructors with individual medals and trophies. Yours Truly received something different – a bejeweled tiara. (In the photo above, I am wearing it as I look thoughtfully into my future.)



Learn to Sail Filled with High Winds, High Anxiety

LTS member Marianne Keily talks to Jerry and JoAnn Callahan at upper left. Marianne wisely decided to stay on shore Sunday. Upper right, Yours Truly does household tasks as daughter Cosette looks (longingly?) at his prized tiara; and at left, the class on the calmer, sunnier day. (Photos by Henthorn, DeArmon, and Selfie.)



June at Hueston Woods Means Noodle Relays, Learn to Race Class

Even though the club's racing calendar has two more Sundays in the Spring Series this month, it is also time for a little instruction and a little fooling around.

This weekend is already the 5th weekend in the Spring Series. All fleets will be in action with Mike Weir, Rose Schultz, and Brendan Draper on committee.

The following weekend will be devoted to both instruction and fun. On Saturday, HSA's Learn to Race class will meet at the lake for a clinic on how to compete on the water. The Saturday class will cover starting, windward strategy, rules for close encounters of the mark kind, and reading the signals from the

race committee. It's free. Non-members too. That's Saturday, June 21 at noon.

On Sunday, all fleets are involved in the 3rd annual Interfleet Fun Day, also known as the "Noodle Relays". In this event (not a part of the regular race schedule) veterans and novices, junior skippers and seniors, boys and girls of all ages, will have a friendly little competition.

The Noodle Relays involve teams of three boats, each sailing a different leg of the triangle, and handing off a swim noodle (baton) to a team member at each mark. Each of the races will have boats rotating to a new mark for the start. Last year, fifteen sailors participated in the event and crowned Pete Peters, Don

Fecher and Sydney Brooks as champs.

The Noodle Relays will be followed by a picnic under the BIG TREE where the winning team will be presented their awards. Serving on Noodle Committee that day will be Jerry Callahan, John Shipley, and Mark Jacobs.

On June 29th its back to the race schedule as the 6th and final weekend of the Spring Series goes to the line.



Haven't signed up for Learn to Race? You can still do that this week and join the group The class is free and has room for more. Contact me: midview@wildblue.net



LTS class in quieter moment. Back row from left: Mark Bengel, Ray and Marilyn Hugger, Tracy Hickey, David Pledger, Sue Sivertson. Front Row from left: Theresa Bengel, Steve Hyatt, Liz Potter, Amanda Potter, Tim O'Brien and Marianne Kiely

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Clifford Bradford is looking to crew for someone. He has 14 years experience in keelboats and dinghys. If you would like to contact Clifford, call him at 404-384-7286 in Cincy.

Pete Peters attended the “no wake” meeting on June 5 and listened to several high level ODNR officials. “I was very impressed with their desire to be sure this trial period was successful,” Pete said. Another meeting will be held in September to review progress. In the meantime, Pete tells us, there will be 15 different patrols at the lake through the end of June to monitor boaters, including the ODNR watercraft officers, the ODNR wildlife officers, the ODNR water management officers, and the Butler County Sherriff’s office. All of these groups can issue citations.

Pete also said that he asked that proper signage be installed at the launch ramps so that boaters are clear on the new rules.

HSA members who run HSA Rescue One, which has a 25 hp engine, should be aware that, as before, we want our boat to be operated at no wake speeds except in the case of an emergency. A citation for operating Rescue One at speeds that cause a wake will be the responsibility of the committee boat member or members involved.

HSA’s junior camp is coming up in July. JoAnn Callahan would like quart milk jugs to be used as bailers for camp, as we know those boats will have some water in ‘em. Thanks.



What Does July Look Like? Busy! Real Busy!

If this scene looks familiar, then you have been to HSA's junior camp. The camp, held this year the week of July 13th, will once again feature capsizing, knot tying, mark setting, JoAnn's famous spaghetti, the cardboard boat regatta, noodle racing, geocaching, pictures, trophies, games, and camping, of course. Oh, did we mention launching and retrieving boats? Yes, lots of that too. Save your quart plastic milk cartons for bailers and put them in the storage barn this month when you come to the lake.

July will feature not only the junior camp but also the ladies' camp on July 17th and 18th, the Sunfish School on July 19th and the Hobie Challenge on the 20th. That's in addition to the start of the Fall Series in Racing. July 13, the first day of junior camp is also a Sunfish Sunday, usually the best attended Sunfish event of the season. This Sunfish event has been unofficially dubbed "The CampTown Races" in honor of camp week.

If you have not volunteered to participate in one of these events, let us know and we will find a slot for you to jump into as an instructor, a volunteer, or a participant!
Thanks!