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## This Sunday is Play Time!



The Spring Series ends this Sunday with the 6th pair of races. All fleets in action so make sure you are a part of it. Jerry Brewster is chair along with Rose Schultz, and Brendan Draper. Page 3

## Fourth (and Fifth) of July



The second holiday series is nearly upon us with racing on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th. The Social Committee's potluck dinner is on Sunday at 5:00 rather than on the first day of racing as is customary. Bring friends and family! Bring a dish! Bring your place settings! Bring! Bill Molleran is committee chair with Jim Paul on the launch.

Plan now on attending the potluck and the fireworks later on down by the lodge at dusk!

## Camptown Races



The second of four in the Sunfish Series comes soon on Sunday, July 12. At this point in the season, the Series championship is wide open. Trophies and food follow!

Sunday's Forecast: Not a cloud in the sky, 78 degrees, 0% chance of rain, and 7-9 mph wind. Perfect!



## Summer Is Here! (And Playful)

Ever bail out on something only to discover later that you probably would have been better off doing it? Summer tricked HSA with forecasts of a weather apocalypse last Sunday. But according to everyone who went anyway, it was a perfect sailing day that we just plain missed out on.

Those who did venture to the lake for other reasons than racing, found blue skies, good wind, and a lot of people enjoying southwest Ohio's best kept secret.

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- 1. Sail Storage rack
- 2. Lifejacket drying and storage hangers
- 3. Telltale clip rail
- 4. Sunfish rudder and daggerboard rack
- 5. Crew storage area

## Summer Is Here! continued

HSA's elves were hard at work in the official clubhouse making improvements that turned an ordinary although quite lovely facility into a giant version of a California Closet. (See photo above)

The elves, Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode, took advantage of the break in the schedule to reconfigure the space a bit. Kudos to them.

Although it seems as if the club has been hard at it already with the Spring Series nearly finished, it is in all actuality just the beginning of the busy season.

July 12 brings the biggest Sunfish event of the summer with the Sunfish Camptown Races on the day before junior camp begins on July 13-15. Ladies Camp follows on July 16-17. Both camps are full. The weekend following camp is also heavy with Saturday, July 18 being a Sunfish certification class and Sunday, July 19 bulging with the Second Annual Hobie Challenge.

Before the month is over, the Fall Series will swing into action on July 26. If your summer has begun without you in your sailboat, then the time is now.

Learn to Sail classes will continue all during the month of July in advance of the larger group session on August 1-2 as will Sunfish certification classes, aka the best deal in sailing in the state of Ohio. Find your second wind.





## Club Matters

Can we do better? What are clubs doing that improve the experience and build membership? We survey the suggestions:

Make events easy for young adults to participate in.

Make it a social event as well as a competition.

Make fun and friends as important as where you finish.

Encourage family racing.

Pay attention to the bottom half of the fleet.

Provide clinics.

Stay home more, less trailering/fewer away regattas.

Start something new every summer.

Pay attention to retaining members as well as getting new ones.

Know what members want.

Doing the same thing is not going to work.

Find out what members think of their club.

Find ways for all members to contribute to club functions

Have a Bring a Friend Day

Reach out to other water sport enthusiasts like cruisers, canoers, kayakers, paddleboarders, and the like.

## Top Ten Reasons to Sail This Weekend

10. It's Summertime! Most daylight of the whole year! Are you kidding me?
9. Your friends will all be out there.
8. You could win!
7. It's easy.
6. Introduce friends and family and share sailing.
5. You won't be left ashore. The meek will inherit the earth, the brave will get the oceans.
4. An escape to the water is the antidote for almost everything.
3. The earth is 70% water. You are missing something if you are spending the majority of your life on 30% of the planet.
2. Everyone needs a passionate interest outside of house.
1. Pure pleasure.

### What are these people doing?

If you know, put your answer on a stainless steel rudder cheek or a new set of North Sails for a Y-Flyer and send them to Yours Truly at the Acton Action headquarters in beautiful downtown Farmersville.



# Totally Top Ten Tactical Tips

You have been out practicing, right.?

Last issue we sent you away with the first three, and we know you have already forgotten them. At least, I know I have. Here's a summary: 1. Fast= Smart - make the right strategic choices; 2. Get a Line Sight - Know where the line is and be there; 3. Don't be the Marshmallow - marshmallows get roasted.

These all come from a talk by Dave Dellenbaugh at Cedar Point YC. Dave is a national champion, so he probably knows what he is doing.

Tip # 4: Plan Ahead - If you are the port tack boat on the windward leg, do you dip the starboard boat or tack? Snap decisions are usually painfully wrong. Have a side of the course chosen, and stick to that plan so that in crossing situations you know what you will do before the situation arises.

Tip #5: Persistent or Oscillating? That doesn't sound like a tip but some of you already know what it means. You are on a beat and you get headed. What do you do? It depends. If you are



Son: Dad, I want to grow up and be a sailor.

Dad: I'm sorry, son. You will have to choose one or the other.

sailing in oscillating winds you should tack on the significant header. If you believe it is a persistent shift you should keep going until you can tack and be lifted to the layline. So how do you know which is which?

The best way is to get out before the race and sail the windward leg. Weather forecast will also give you a "leg" up. Watch the appearance of the water. Lots of puffs and lulls indicate oscillating wind. If you don't see any variation of wind strength on the water, expect a persistent shift.

Tip #6: Sail Toward the Next Shift - This works in both oscillating and persistent winds. Sail the lift in oscillating; sail the header in oscillating, at least until the layline when you should be able to get the "Big Lift".

Tip #7: Sail the Long Tack First - Sail the tack which has your bow pointing more directly at the windward mark first. When the course is skewed, when you have a long way to go to the mark, when you are uncertain about the wind, it is important to sail the long tack first.

Tip #8: Evaluate Risk - If you are thinking about making a move that you know is high risk for high gain, then you need to evaluate whether the risk is worth it or not. If you are happy with where you are, don't do it. If you have nothing to lose, go for it.

Tip #9: Gain Big at the Finish - Approach the finish on starboard if you are in traffic. Shoot the line at the favored end. Make sure you know which end IS the favored end.

Tip #10: Keep the Big Picture in Mind - Every time you make a tactical move to outsmart one nearby boat, you are losing distance to every other boat in the fleet. Don't lose sight of where everyone else is just so you can luff up Roger.