

# Acton Action

## Hueston Sailing Association

### July Sloth

The wind was playing hide and seek. We found just enough to complete the Fourth of July Series, but at times it was sloooooooooooooowwwwww. Get the whole story fast on...

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## Camptown Races This Weekend; Sunfish Series #2 Heating Up July

It's Sunfish time!

The second of this summer's Sunfish Series has arrived in theaters. And it promises to be a pretty good show. The headliner is the Wind and a cast with real star power.

The event, dubbed "The Camptown Races" is part of the summer long Sunfish Series that will culminate with the crowning of a Series champion, but all four events are also stand alone contests, each with its own champ.

In May, Tom Katterheinrich swooped in from Lake St. Mary's and managed to get out of town with the "Founder's Day" trophy after a tight battle.

Sunday also marks the arrival of boats, boats, and more boats as Sunfish roll in for the beginning of the annual junior sailing camp

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Julie Molleran looks for wind Saturday. Found it. Sunday she looked for hot air. Found it.

## Top Ten Famous People Who Sail

We'll put their pictures here each issue. You have to guess who it is. Ready? Here is the first one. Not the little kid. The one on the right on the trapeze.



# Race Results 4th of July

## Hobies:

Don Fecher 2 1 1 DNS  
 Mike Wier 1 2 DNS DNS  
 Joe Buchert DNS DNS 2 DNS  
 Dave Munday DNS DNS DNF DNS

## Y-Flyers:

Peter Peters and Rose Schultz	1 1 1 2	5
Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode	3 2 3 1	9
Mike Stratton and Audrey Keene/Kofi	2 3 2 3	10
Charlie and Megan DeArmon	4 5 4 4	17
Kevin DeArmon and Brendan Draper	5 4 5 5	19

## Sunfish:

Laura Beebe	1 1 1 1	4
Julie Molleran	2 2 DNF 2	10
Jerry Brewster	DNS DNS 2 3	13
Brianna Brewster	DNS DNS 3 4	15



Everyone helped out after last Sunday's potluck.

## HSA Facebook Page Lights Up

If you haven't taken a look recently, HSA's Facebook page might interest you. A few videos have been showing up there that show on the water activity.

Yours Truly put a piece up showing the start and first leg of one of Sunday's races in a segment entitled "How to Be Third at the Windward Mark".

A few weeks ago, Jerry Brewster posted a video of those who shared his boat on Learn to Sail weekend. If you are on Facebook, you can click here and go right, uh, there.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134414763295823/>



In the photo above, crew Kofi Gunter tacks the jib in one segment of this five minute video starring ... Kofi! The video is up on HSA's Facebook page. That's my boy.

## July 4th Holiday Series Runs Into Holes in Water

An old African proverb goes: "You can put your shoes in the oven, but that won't make 'em biscuits." So it was with the Holiday Series. You can put your boats in the water, but that won't make 'em racers. In fact, on Sunday, racing was sometimes a huge misnomer.

After a reasonably good race day on Saturday, the final act of the Holiday Series was missing a few characters. One was the guy playing the wind.

Boats crawled to the starting area and racers feared that cancellation would be the reward for their efforts at just getting to the course.

Instead, when the magical hour of 1:30 came, the wind came to life and the game was on. There were moments when it took a break - one about a half hour long - but a merciful committee anticipated just such an eventuality and made a short triangle as well as exercising their right to shorten the course.

None of this bothered Y-Flyer Pete Peters and crew Rose Schultz who, after banging together two bullets on Saturday, came back on Sunday with another bullet and a second place finish to win the Y crown with barely any protest from the other Y's.

Not that it wasn't close. None of the four races found much distance between the five Y's participating, and one race on Saturday saw only ten seconds elapse between first and third place boats after three laps.

Peters and his Svengali Rose had to come from behind in one race but the duo continues to dominate the special events.



*Upper left, Laura Beebe; Lower left, Brianna Brewster; above Cosette Gunter and Jerry Callahan*

The Sunfish racing was the province of another member of the Peters family - this time Laura Peters Beebe, who finally broke out her brand new 2014 Sunfish, took the sails from the box, and coasted to July 4 glory in her sleek, flaxen striped new hull.

Julie Molleran, in her first appearance this season, made a run at the blue and gold national championship themed racing sail that Beebe sported, but had to settle for second as she shook off her hiatus from racing.

In Hobies, a different troupe of players came out each of the two days with Don Fecher the only consistent performer. As a result, Fecher takes the Holiday series for multi-hulls by virtue of his sheer tenacity.

The Hobie Fleet ended up with a lot of DNS/DNF's due to the lack of wind. The Hobie does not like light air and neither do Hobie skippers.

Dave Munday brought out his family for his Sunday trip around the course and Mike Wier also made it to the line for the first time this season.

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roll in for sailing camp. That camp, whose beginning date is unknown but is somewhere in its 4th decade, will not only attract 25 juniors, but also add some boats to this Sunday's starting line as camp alumni and Sunfish racers return to the lake.

Katterheinrich parlayed a couple of bullets in the May five race competition into a narrow win. The top three boats were separated by just two points in the final standings.

At the end of the season with the arrival of OktoberFast, the total number of races in the four events will be added up. You can qualify by sailing just half of those races. Only your best finishes will be used to calculate the final standings.

After this Sunday's racing, HSA will host a picnic under "The Biggest Oak Tree in the World". HSA will provide main dishes, drinks, paper products, and chips. Bring a dish to share and an appetite and join us for the trophy presentation.



Photo of the Week



## Club Needs Volunteers

July is a fairly busy month for HSA. It all begins with a bang, literally, with the Fourth of July Series. A week later is camp week with the juniors and ladies camps.

The Hobie Challenge comes on the camps' heels along with Sunfish Certification classes and the start of the Fall Series.

All of that takes manpower. And somehow many people step forward and take up the challenge.

An old African proverb goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Ok, this Sunday, jump into your Sunfish and go fast, by yourself. You are helping keep your club healthy just by participating in racing.

But if we want our club to truly be a dynamic and vigorous force over the long haul, then we all need to find a way to contribute to that end.

Find a way to volunteer. There is work to do on every event we hold from the Sunfish Series to weekend or holiday series, to membership committee, social committee, harbormaster, club boat maintenance. The list goes on.

Your skills, resources, and time can make a difference. Let someone on executive committee know that you want to know about a way to contribute.

# How to Recover from a Bad Start

(Adapted from an article in Sailing World by Terry Hutchinson)

OCS - On Course Side. In other words, you're over early. So what do you do? (This happened to Yours Truly Sunday, and you can even watch it happen to me on the Facebook video on HSA's page. Hence, the article today on being OCS.)

Well, for starters, you need to return to the line and re-cross it. If you don't, you will be scored as an OCS and be awarded last place.

In small fleet club races like ours, the committee will do you a favor and call out your name or sail number. In larger fleets or regattas, they may not say anything.

Don't panic. Just go back and start over. Here's how to recover according to America's Cup veteran Terry Hutchinson.

**1. Stick to the game plan.** So many times the frustration of being OCS causes teams to abandon the pre-start game plan. Here's a perfect example: You're OCS at the leeward end of the line, you clear yourself by jibing around the pin, and then you head off on port tack and go hard right only to see the left side come in strong, just like you predicted. It's the ultimate double whammy! Don't abandon all your pre-start strategy.

**2. Work to get a clear lane.** Sticking with the example above, your best opportunity to get to the left might be to clear yourself around the pin and tack back to starboard. You'll be in the second row but the separation from the boats that started properly may allow for you to execute the plan. However, this may also be a little bit of wishful thinking, especially in a big fleet. So instead of tacking right back to starboard and sailing in bad air,

sail on port tack to take advantage of the lifts off the backside of the fleet on starboard and choose a cleaner lane for your tack toward the left side of the course

**3. Get out of phase with the fleet.** If neither side is strongly favored, look to find clean air by going against the grain: sailing on port when most of the fleet is on starboard, and vice versa. Sailing out of phase with the fleet will create separation and allow you to sail your boat at optimum speed. Groups of boats always tend to slow each other down. I am always amazed how long people will sail in a pack when tacking away would afford them much cleaner air.

**4. Minimize tacks.** Hitting a corner is one way to reduce the number of tacks. But it's a risky call. If you decide to be more conservative, make sure to limit your tacks to the bare minimum. Double check your lanes and try to anticipate where boats ahead of you will tack.

**5. Boat speed.** This may seem obvious. Boat speed is always important. But it's easy to get discouraged or distracted when looking at so many transoms. Redouble your efforts and focus. Every ounce of energy needs to go into sailing the boat fast.

**6. Focus on short term goals.** Turn your OCS into a positive. Establishing short term goals, for example, by only looking one mark ahead, helps the motivation on the boat. It can be difficult for everybody to put everything they have into hiking when it may all be for naught. A quick acknowledgment of the mistake is key. Identifying boats that can be picked off, or closed on and then maintaining a constant dialogue of your progress will keep the team's frame of mind as positive as possible.

# July 5th Ends with a Big Bang; Acton Lake to Vancouver, B.C.

An enthusiastic crowd stayed behind in the Hueston Room last Sunday after the potluck to watch the US Women's National Team win the Women's World Cup. With four goals in the first 16 minutes, the celebration was on.

Later, the Cup watchers joined others at B dock for the Hueston Woods fireworks display. Members Jim and Jenny Cooper were there with friends and family as were Mark Durbin and his family and friends.

A clear night, slight cool breeze, no mosquitoes, good friends. Priceless. The sound of the aerial bombs echoed long and hard into the surrounding hills and then faded. The memories, however, still reverberate.



Potluck turns into World Cup as HSA watches U.S. women turn back the Japanese attack.



At left, Scott Johnston's Y-Flyer lies contentedly on his lawn. He reportedly used the block and tackle to remove the engine. Below left, Laura Beebe sits happily aboard her new 'Fish. Below, the Mundays take the race casually. That's Dave trimming the main with his foot.

