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Fall Series to Start Sunday

All fleets are back in action this Sunday for the start of the Fall Series. You can get out in front early by sailing this series from the beginning. Charlie DeArmon is race chair along with Brendan Draper, John Shipley, and Ryan Servizzi.

August 1-2 is Learn to Sail!

A new class of neophytes will descend upon Acton Lake in a few weeks as the second HSA Sailing School gets underway the first days of August. The class is bulging at the seams a bit, but instructors are ready to go.

Beach Day Family Fun Coming Soon

Beach Day returns on August 9. There will be a picnic on the beach with the grill fired up and the tents erected. Organizers are keeping the details secret, but we'll let you in on it soon.

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Abitabilo, Beebe Win Camptown Races

The Youth Movement is apparently underway. Rising Sunfish star Laura Beebe eviscerated the senior Sunfish fleet by the widest winning margin in years and coasted to an easy victory.

In juniors, Victor Abitabilo broke a tie for first in the third and final race with a bullet and walked away with a close win in the junior start.

Seventeen boats in all competed at the July 12th event where the wind showed up meekly and then played favorites.

Beebe, racing in her sleek new Sunfish World

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Boats on Glass

Why don't we see Laura Beebe's blue and yellow racing sail in this photo? Gone, baby, gone. Too far out in front for this frame.

Juniors Get Own Start; Make the Most of It

Victor Abitabilo spent some of his pre-race time cleaning off his boat that had been sitting on the rack. The attention to racing surfaces apparently paid off.



After coming in a close second in the first race last Sunday, he hunkered down and never placed lower than third. It got him his first regatta win as a junior.

Kayla Draper, 13, had never won a race other than as a crew in a Y-Flyer but put her stamp all over race two with a victory there. Young Jack Cooper didn't let a last place in race one deter him from a second in the next race.

- 1. Victor Abitabilo 2 3 1 5.75
- 2. Kayla Draper 4 1 2 6.75
- 3. Jack Cooper 5 2 3 10
- 4. Sarah Lockhart 1 DNS DNS 10.75
- 5. Katie lockhart 3 DNS DNS 13

Beebe, Abitabilo Win (cont. from pg. 1)

Championship boat, had won seven Sunfish races in a row since getting her new boat out of the box. It wasn't until the last race on Sunday that someone finally beat her, but she still came in second in that one.

Abitabilo, prepping for junior camp, outlasted his four other competitors and closed the day with a first place finish to seal his win.

The wind was up to its old habits of disappearing to a whisper but Beebe still got off the line well each race and, in two instances, left everyone else behind. Perennial Sunfish ace Bill Molleran began the day with a 7th place in race one and, despite a bullet in the third and final race, could only move to within nine points in his second place finish.

Roger Henthorn, in his best showing in a Sunfish in a while, managed to finish in the top five in all three races, good enough for third.

Brian Callahan, with an assist from Yours Truly, gave Beebe a run for it in race one and finished a close second, but the light air was too much for the Indianapolis sailor and he retired from the course rather than have his patience tested again.

In the junior racing, Sarah Lockhart took race one and then she too decided that the wind was not to be endured and headed for the docks with Callahan. That left the door open for Kayla Draper, who won her first Sunfish race, and Victor, who then closed the door on all of them.

Senior Sunfish

- 1. Laura Beebe 1 1 2 3.5
- 2. Bill Molleran 7 5 1 12.75
- 3. Roger Henthorn 5 3 5 13
- 4. Rose Schultz 3 7 4 14
- 5. Mike Stratton 7 2 9 17
- 6. Jerry Brewster 4 8 7 19
- 7. Megan Molleran 8 9 3 20
- 8. Charlie DeArmon 11 4 6 21
- 9. Kevin DeArmon 11 4 6 23
- 10. Brian Callahan 2 DNS DNS 26
- 11. Brett Hart 12 10 10 32
- 12. Danielle Marks 10 DNS DNS 34



Hope this isn't your boat.

Sometime last week, a cruising boat on Dock A at the lake... foundered.

All that remains visible above water is the mast, the stays, and the boom with the mainsail still attached. The gas tank and rudder assembly are on the dock, but the hull isn't even visible beneath the water. No one knows what caused the sinking, but there has been a lot of speculation about how to salvage it. Shooting ping pong balls into the cabin? According to Mythbusters, it works.

Lake Water Quality Issue Resolved as Bacteria Levels Fall

A recent spike in water quality was on everyone's minds when the E. coli maximum was double the acceptable level at Acton Lake in early July. Levels have since dropped dramatically, but there was concern as bacteria jumped to over 400 parts per million, well over the 235 parts per million recommended safe level.

Three out of five public beaches in Ohio were under advisories that first week of July, including Acton Lake, Cowan Lake, and Caesar's Creek.

According to the Ohio Department of Public Health, heavy rains, stressed sewage systems and geese have all played a part in the spike. Unsafe levels disappeared as fast as they came, but when there is an advisory, children, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems are advised not to swim.

If you would like to check bacteria levels at Acton Lake, HSA's Jerry Brewster provided this link to a site that monitors Ohio's beaches. Recent data show that bacteria levels are now about 10 parts per million.

http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/BeachGuardPublic/SearchResults.aspx?instatepark=False&beachtype=PUB_PUB_ACC

Sunfish Racing in France?

HSA's Brett Hart sent us this link to a video showing some Sunfish, one of the world's most popular sailboats, going at it in France. Check it out. Very cool.

<https://www.facebook.com/sunfishclass/posts/10155720801190587>

Five Fast Tips

Number One: Good sails. If your sails are blown out, nothing else much matters. Sails start wearing out from day one. So don't let them flap their life away at the dock. Race them, use the backup sails for casual stuff.

Number Two: Mast rake. A boat will sail faster upwind with the mast raked aft. You want a definite feel of weather helm, which means the boat will head up if you let go of the tiller.

Number Three: Boat trim. Don't sit aft in the cockpit. That takes the boat off its lines. The amount of heel is also important. Most boats reduce their wetted area when they heel, and healing affects balance. Sit forward, shift weight to adjust amount of heel to optimum for your boat.

Number Four: Sail trim: Tell tales are key, mostly on the lee side of the sail where you want them flowing straight back. If they point up, the sail is stalled and you need to ease the sheet.

Number Five: "Feel" the boat. Make major sail trim changes fast and subtle changes slowly. In light air, don't make jerky moves in the boat. Move like a gazelle. With grace.

Division of Watercraft Hosting Open Forum



A gaggle? Flock? Swarm? School? Of Sunfish head for the race triangle last week.

On Thursday July 30th at 7:00 pm, the Ohio Division of Watercraft will host an Open Public Forum regarding the pilot program allowing no-wake operation on Acton Lake.

Representatives of ODNR will be gathering feedback on the program, which will end in the fall if a permanent regulation is not adopted by the state.

People who have boated on Acton Lake during the pilot program's two years, 2014-2015, are encouraged to attend and share their experiences.

The forum will be held at the Hueston Woods State Park Lodge located at 5201 Lodge Road, just off the Loop Road that encircles the lake on the lake's east side.

Don't panic. It's not another sunken boat at Hueston Woods. It is actually built to do this. In the photo at right, you see the same boat at its dock. It is an expensive illusion, but fun nonetheless. Did you know that by law you are required to go to his aid?

