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Acton Action



Beach Day!

Yes, Virginia, it is safe to go back in the water needing a bigger boat. Yes, we do like to mix our metaphors and the result is another scintillating day at the Beach at Hueston Woods.

Before the grilling starts, however, it is fun on the water with the Pirates of the Carabiner, an on the water game of pursuit and adventure on the high seas of Acton Lake. More in this issue.

Thanks!

It took a lot of folks for LTS this past weekend. A big thank you to the following skippers/instructors/helpers: Mark Durbin; Dave Judy; Martin Griffis; Charlie, Kevin, and Megan DeArmon; Scott Johnston; Roger Henthorn; Bobbie Bode; Pete Peters; Joe Buchert; Dave Munday; Bill Molleran; Jerry Brewster; Brendan Draper; and Dennis Hensley.

Learn to Sail August Edition Was Mother Hueston at Her Best

Unlike many of HSA's race days so far this year, this past weekend was what many described as the perfect sailing weekend. Learn to Sail's second sailing school was treated to blue skies and pleasant brisk breezes that brought tears to participant's eyes. But that was just the instructors crying because it wasn't a race day.

Despite of the irony and because of it, nearly everyone enjoyed a beautiful two days on the water, just plain sailing. More inside this issue.

Save the Date!

Beach Day

Sunday, August 9

Full fledged fun on the water and off. A kinda, piraty thing minus the keel hauling

Augusto!

Saturday, Aug. 22

Swarm o' Sunfish compete in an organic, first of its kind regatta for "Fish only.

Learn to Race

Sunday, Aug. 23

Find out how to get around the ole race triangle fast. Tips, tactics, and on course training.

Beach Day 2015!

**Games, Water Cannons, Prizes, Food, and Fun.
What More Could a Pirate Ask For.**

Pirates of the Carabiner

Bring your game face. And bring a 20 ft. piece of line. And bring a bottle, jug, or other floating thingee to attach to that line. The game will be explained at the 1:00 skippers' meeting on Sunfish Island. So no matter what you sail, bring that boat and pile on the crew. The more the merrier.

Milk jugs work best. Seal the lid with silicone or something to keep it from sinking while it is towed behind your boat. It has a handle for easy attachment and a carabineer might work as well as a bowline. Otherwise it is just an excuse for a clever name for the event.

Then, prepare to get your game on. Pirate gear is optional but you will have more fun if ya do, matey.

Schedule? Schmedule! OK, Here It Is

After that skippers meeting, it's boats to the water! The designated area is off the beach. Game begins at approximately 1:30 eastern standard time at the sound of the horn. Game participants will have about an hour to ply the treacherous waters of Acton Bay in pursuit of the boot-tay. When the second horn sounds, game over, man. Head to the beach.

Beachified

The picnic on the beach will likely begin at about 2:30. Bring a dish to share, preferably sides to go with the HSA provided burgers, hot dogs, lemonade, and plate/forks/cups.

Bring a friend, bring family, and bring a chair. See elsewhere in this issue a list of things that HSA might not have to bring if you have it. And thanks! (RSVP your coming and numbers to AA at midview@wildblue.net)





left to right: Jim Davis; Scott and Karen Griswold; Brian and Jennifer Williams; Robin and Brad Carper; Jennifer Tully; Kelly McHugh; Harper, Kris, and Cyrus Cross. Not pictured: Wenker family

LTS Class of August 2015 Graduates with Honors

They came from far flung places as distant as Atlanta, Chicago, and Hillsboro for one purpose - the divine thrill of the wind and sail.

The weekend did not disappoint. Two days of good wind and pleasant weather put everyone in the happy zone as boats heeled to leeward and healed our hearts.

The 15 participants learned points of sail, rigging, and launch/retrieval of boats as well as the ability to talk like a sailor. Uh, not that sailor talk, but the good stuff: ease, trim, hike!, coming about, plus those perennial favorites - starboard! And "Pull the tiller!"

The boats were occasionally on their

ears in the gusts that blew through, but there were no capsizes and no collisions. Again.

Participating for the second time this summer were Jennie Wenker and her daughters Hannah and Eleanor from Greenfield. Jennie's friend Kris Cross came with two of her children - teens Cyrus and Harper. Jim Davis of Maineville hopped on a cruiser Saturday. Jennifer Tully of nearby Camden was there. Kelly McHugh of Oxford and Miami U.'s PhD program in geology. Jennifer Williams, a nurse, from Hamilton brought her husband Brian along with friends Robin and Brad Carper of Chicago. Scott and Karen Griswold of Urbana got two days of smooth sailing in a Capri 14.2

Here's What We Need

If you can bring any of the following to Beach Day, let us know at midview@wildblue.net

- a canopy (we have one; need two)
- used, practice tennis balls - a whole lot of them
- a folding table for food
- prizes for participants (i.e., iTunes gift cards, beach paraphernalia, etc.)
- drinks other than lemonade



Learn to Race

Clinic Coming Up on August 23

If you have been wondering "What can I do to make sailing more exciting, then we have just the thing. Nothing is more exciting on the water in a sailboat than competing in a little, friendly contest of skill and daring. HSA is offering its second race clinic of the year on that Sunday. Sign up now.



What Will I Learn?

The clinic will cover starting tactics, rules of the race course, race signals, and mark rounding. Got a special concern about getting around the triangle? Just ask and we will cover that too. It is a clinic that can be designed just for you.

Schedule

The clinic will begin at noon on Sunday and last until about 4:00 pm. Practice racing will start at about 1:30 with a short triangle and several races so that you can get a lot of practice in on starting, rounding marks, and finishing. At the end of the day, we will meet and debrief with a little drink and dessert time.



Cost?

This clinic is sponsored by the club and is free to members and non-members alike. Participants will need a Sunfish or similar boat in which to sail, so if you don't have a boat, you will need one. HSA's Sunfish are available for members by reservation. Contact AA at midview@wildblue.net if you plan to come.



Augusto!

We're having a Sunfish regatta! OK, nothing new about that. But, wait. It's on a Saturday! That is new. HSA's first ever Saturday Sunfish event is coming up this month.

The last Sunfish event, Camptown Races in July, attracted 17 boats. Be sure and circle this date on the race calendar and plan on being there for food, good competition, and the trophy presentation.

This is the third Sunfish special event of the season. Tom Katterheinrich or Lake St. Mary's won the first one in May - The Founders' Day Regatta. Laura Beebe conquered all at the July Camptown Races and now leads the season long standings in the Sunfish events. After Augusto, only one more Sunfish only event remains with OktoberFast on October 4th.

At the end of the season, all of the points will be tallied to find out who the Sunfish Series champion will be. Only half of all your races will be counted toward that tally, so if you haven't jumped into this yet, you can still qualify by sailing Augusto! and OktoberFast.

Juniors will have a separate start. In July, Victor Abitabilo walked away with it.



Jerry Brewster's selfie on his new Mac 19

