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OKTOBERFAST! or OKTOBERSORTAFAST?

With a lot on the line, you would hope that the final races in the Sunfish Series, in fact, the final races of the entire season would be in great wind. We, after all, deserve it, right? After a summer of less rather than more, it is time to put at least one wildly exciting wind day on the list. It's here.

The forecast has jumped from 7 mph to the 10-15 mph and the expectations for a better than average day have been born, spanked, and suckled in the autumn air. More on page 3.

WIND!

Yes, we had some last Sunday, but the cooler temps have brought some really good stuff. If you have been outside this week, you know just how much. It should peak on Saturday at about 20 mph with a nice 12 mph or so following on Sunday. Temperatures will also rebound just for our closing act at OktoberFast and reach the mid 70's by race time. Oh, how we love going out in style.

Save the Date!

Haul Out Saturday Oct. 10

Come for lunch, come to help out, come for the autumn beauty of Hueston Woods.

Banquet Saturday, Nov. 7

Barn N' Bunk in beautiful suburban Trenton with your friends.

1st Spring Series Sunday, May 1st 2016

Hey, it'll be here before you know it.



Catamarans Get Out

After a hit or miss kind of Fall Series, the Hobie Fleet turned out last Sunday in pleasant weather

Buchert Leads Fleet to Finish

That's Joe Buchert at lower left hunkered down for this leg of the race. Joe was one of five catamaran-ers out Sunday. Uncorrected for time, Joe crossed the line first both times but the rest weren't far behind. Ryan Servizzi and crew Kelsey found one puff too many and ended up upended, but they recovered and said the water was fine.

The wind was mild. The official readings were from 2.6 to 7.6 but as you can see from the picture below, we had our moments. That's Yours Truly and crew doing serious "rail meat" time. Well, OK, more rail than meat, but we were there.



Y-Flyers Decide Whole Series on Last Day

Going into the last weekend, three boats had a chance to upset the status quo. The status quo would have none of that and promptly put everything in its place. With Peters and Schultz watching from the grandstand, Stratton/Hart gave Henthorn/Bode a bit of trouble at first. But it wasn't long before The Roger got a lead and sat on it. Game over.

Sunfish Put Punctuation Mark at End of Sentence. !? Warmed up for OktoberFast

After an erratic Fall Series, the Handicap Fleet (Sunfish all) finally made a race of it. After welcoming newcomer Ken Wright from Virginia, Laura Beebe went on to take both contests. Ken did manage to finish ahead of second place Jerry Brewster in one race, and junior Victor Abitabilo rounded out the fleet. That's Laura, Ken, and Jerry at right.





The Sunfish fleet is headed somewhere - with Victor in the lead! At right, Ken Wright stays on Jerry Brewster's transom downwind.



OktoberFast Promises to Send Sailors Home Satisfied

With the wind finally in a good mood, HSA plans to end the season with a bang and not a whimper. OktoberFast, the last in the four summer Sunfish special events, has arrived at the lodge and plans on performing this coming Sunday to a packed house.

Those in contention for the series title of "Best Sunfish Racer Ever" (in 2015) are in it to win it with several more willing to make their mark in this event and perhaps play the role of spoiler.

Let the trash talking begin, as long as you are also recycling by separating renewable verbal broadsides from the disposable.

Last year's champion in both the Sunfish

Series and at OktoberFast is Bill Molleran. The former Hobie racer is sitting comfortably in a pack of contenders again and, though not among the top three at the moment, he only needs one race among the top three finishers to suddenly jump half the challengers.

Likewise for Brian Callahan. One good race for each, and it becomes Callahan vs. Molleran. Hoping to have a say are the remaining sailors with a chance, including current leader Laura Beebe, Yours Truly, Roger Henthorn, and Rose Schultz.

Trophy presentation and lunch will follow racing. HSA will provide a bunch of munch, but bring something to share if you can.



Y-Flyer Drama Over

Fall Series Ends without Upsets; Not Even Close

*If Pete Peters and Rose Schultz, sitting on the committee boat on their bye week, had any anxiety about their grip on the Y Fall Series trophy, it was quickly laid to rest. After gaining a lead in race one, the team of Stratton and Hart got on the wrong side of a big wind shift and handed the race to Henthorn and Bode. That gave clear title to Peters/Schultz. In race 2, it was for second place in the Fall and, again, after gaining the lead, Stratton/Hart succumbed to another piece of wind mischief and gave Henthorn/Bode second place in the Series. Thanks for Turd Place, folks. **Again.***

Stratton/Hart, Jim Paul and crew Ram, and Henthorn/Bode get ready for start of race one last Sunday.

This Week's Gallery

Pictures of Real Focus

Dave Munday is at right. Starting at bottom left and moving clockwise: Pete and Mike Wier on committee; Ryan and Kelsey, both dry; the Y's duking it out; Jerry Brewster contemplates something on his deck; Jim and "Ram" pose and smile; and the Hobie fleet comes back up wind.



Race Results

Sensing it might be the last good chance to be on the water before the water decided to, like, freeze over or something, twelve boats and 16 sailors made it out last Sunday. Here are the official stats.



Hobie/Nacra Fleet

1. Joe Buchert	2:25:30	3:29:20
2. Charlie Buchert	2:28:03	3:31:16
3. Don Fecher	2:28:30	3:31:40
4. Dave Munday	2:43:37	3:40:06
5. Ryan Servizzi/Kelsey	2:51:41	DNF



Sunfish/Handicap Fleet

1. Laura Beebe	1 1	2
2. Jerry Brewster	3 2	5
3. Ken Wright	2 3	5
4. Victor Abitabilo	4 4	8

Y-Flyer Fleet

1. Henthorn/Bode	1 1	2
2. Stratton/Hart	2 2	4
3. Paul/Shiram	3 DNS	6