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Beach Day!

A complete stranger walked up to us the other day and asked, "Just what is the HSA Beach Day Acton Olympics?" We often get asked that question.

The Acton Olympics consists of six events, all the way from the Bucket Ball Hole to the Pass the Water Torch to the No Hands Beach Ball event to the Watercraft Medley Pentathlon Relay, starring HSA's own specially built "CatFish", a hybrid Sunfish/catamaran made exclusively for this Olympics by deck hands at the HSA shipyard.

Does it work? We will find out Sunday! Its designers say yes but ..., it's Mike and Jerry.

This Sunday! The unveiling of the Brewster/Stratton secret sailboat. Found in a yard in the rural Troy area, this unusual sailboat was in limited production in the 1980's before the company went out of business. The new co-owners have yet to sail the craft but will have it there at Beach Day for its "maiden" voyage.



Acton Olympics - HSA Style

So, should you go to Rio or the Olympics or Hueston Woods this weekend? If you chose Hueston Woods, good job. The water is clean. No dead bodies washing up on the beach. No danger of being mugged. No doping scandals. (Unless you count Jerry Brewster's roided up body).

This Sunday is HSA's 4th annual Beach Day and organizers have food, fellowship, and fun just about ready to go. The party starts at 12:30 at the South end of the beach. Look for the HSA pavilion and join in the festivities.

Save the Date!

Sunday, Aug. 14
3rd Fall Series featuring Hobies, Y's and the very diverse Handicap Fleet

Sat., August 20
Sign up now for the free Race Clinic where we will practice what we preach.

Sunday, Aug. 21
Augusto! The third Sunfish regatta! Will she who must not be named dominate again?

Beach Day's 'a Coming

Team events mirror nearly exactly what is going on in Rio this coming weekend.

Who's Invited? What Can I Bring?

Bring family and friends, bring a dish to share. Bring place settings. HSA will provide drinks, cups, and the main course. Last names from A to L bring a side dish; last names from M to Z bring dessert. Most of all, bring your fun factor and enjoy the company of your HSA family.

Mystery Boat

What looks something like a sailboat, acts something like a sailboat, and talks somewhat like a sailboat? But is it really a sailboat? And does it really sail? We'll find out Sunday at Beach Day. You might even get a chance to make it work yourself. Could it be a Mini 12?



Sunday's forecast: 84 degrees and 7 mph wind. Perfect.



Roger calls the finish for Y's Sunday as 2592 edges out Charlie for 2nd by six inches.



Hot July Bows Out; Handicap Fleet Rises with Heat

The wind readings for July 31: R1 - 5, 4, 4, 3, 4, 2, and 11. What?! Eleven! No way! Not when I needed it!

Sorry for that outburst. It may have been 11 mph on the way back to the docks, but if it happened during the racing, we must have had our tiller turned and missed it.

In Y-Flyers, Kevin and Megan DeArmon jumped into the Y-Flyer fracas and took turns at the helm in sublime sibling sharing. But at the end of day, no one was going to catch Pete Rose. No, not the hit king, the king and queen of Y Fleet 25, Pete Peters and Rose Schultz.

The Handicap Fleet was alive with diversity and love as Sunfish, Capris, and a Flying Scot all joined one another at the third start. Sunfish sorceress Laura Beebe won both races but not without taking some heat from, first, Samantha Marks in race one, and then from Joe Fulford and Amy Marks in the Flying Scot in race 2.

In a Hobie match race, it was Don Fecher over Charlie Buchert despite the Donster being late for the race one start. He recovered in time to make it a double bullet on the day, but not without a worried glance over his shoulder at the Hobie on his hip.

Race Results July 31



Michelle and Diane head upwind Sunday in Capri. Nice sail trim.

Hobies

1. Don Fecher 1 1
2. Charlie Buchert 2 2

Y-Flyers

1. Pete/ Rose 1 1
2. Mike/Brett 2 2
3. Charlie/Claudia 3 3
4. Megan/Kevin 4 4

Handicap

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| 1. Laura Beebe | 1 1 | 2 |
| 2. Joe/Amy | 3 2 | 5 |
| 3. Samantha Marks | 2 3 | 5 |
| 4. Jerry/Brianna | 4 4 | 8 |
| 5. Michelle Elsaesser and Diane Pierok | 5 5 | 10 |

Handicap Fleet

Laura Beebe - On the Water Correspondent

The Handicap fleet really is shaping up to be a true Handicap fleet. The races were actually pretty close - only a 5 second difference between Samantha and me in the first race, and a 30 second difference between Joe and me in the second race. They both came on strong in the last little beat to the finish line - got some wind I didn't get and almost got me. Brianna skippered the second race - she wasn't too thrilled with dad's Jerry's performance in the first race (took them 68 minutes to finish - a full 12 minutes behind the winner!). She ended up doing really well in our 1-lap second race and was up there with me in a battle for first after rounding mark 2, but I was able to pull away on the run/reach/beat to mark 3. She was able to finish in 27 minutes, only 3 minutes behind the winner. Ha!

Only other thing I remember from yesterday, is the resounding cheer from the beach by the large group of guys at the start of the first Hobie race. Total coincidence, but boy were they loud. (Ed. note: Actually they were cheering for the obviously great start Yours Truly had in race 2, not for Don Fecher.)

Race Clinic August 20

The second race clinic of the summer begins at noon on Saturday, August 20. Participants will talk about their racing concerns and get a chalk talk in starting, beating, and finding the finish line before going out to practice. Sign up by contacting Yours Truly at mastratton44@gmail.com

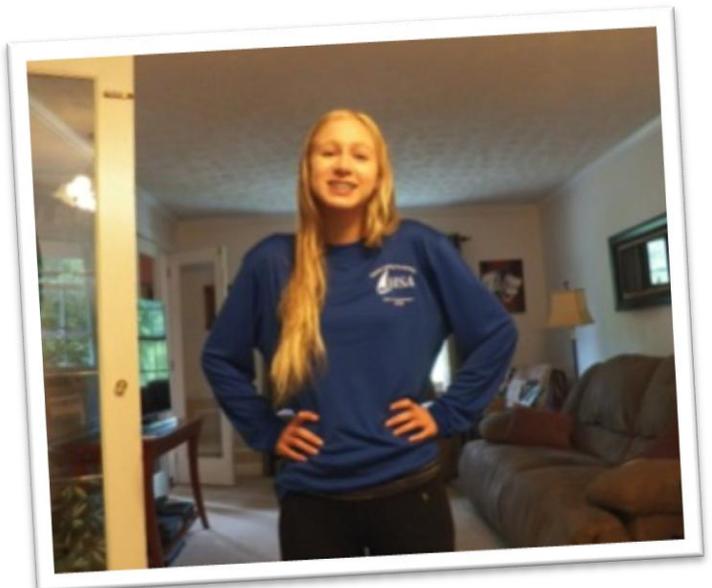


The Brewster Family in the hunt Sunday in light air. Bri and Jerry shared the helm.

HSA 60th Anniversary Shirts!

If you ordered an HSA anniversary shirt, well they are here. The original color was sand, but that had to be changed to royal blue when we found out we couldn't get all the shirts in sand. However, they are still gorgeous. The embroidery is stunning, and the color matches our proud history. Pick up your shirt this Sunday at HSA's Beach Day or find Mike and Them at the lake.

There are four extras: two short sleeve tees and two long sleeve tees - a medium and a large in each. Let us know if you would like one of them.



Junior skipper and sometime Y Flyer crew for her daddy, Cosette poses with her new HSA 60th anniversary long sleeve tee.

New Sailors Take Next Step: They Sail!

Kellie Greer found us at the lake last Sunday and told her stunned audience that she and husband Nathan had bought a boat! The couple had just taken an Intro to Sailing class a scant three weeks before and were now the proud owners of a West Wight Potter 15, a classic! The couple spent a weekend on a Hunter in the Hamptons and came home even more ready to get on the water.

The Greers were out last weekend both days trying out their new ride. They aren't alone. Another HSA Learn to Sail grad, Adam Olelrich recently acquired his own West Wight Potter 19 and is currently getting it ready to sail at their Brookville lake home. He and dad Mark took the class two years ago but Adam, according to mom Michelle, has been looking for a boat ever since. Adam was 16 at the time and at 19 has his own little classic cruiser.

Then there is former junior camper Abby Casada and her family who found a nice Capri 14.2 in the auction at Hueston Woods and have turned it into a beautiful sloop that looks brand new. The Casadas have been seen at Acton Lake in their new old boat a more than one occasion recently.

Ed Gephart and his daughter Kendra were also in a Learn to Sail two years ago and both have been actively looking for something of their own to sail. Well, they found it. A Slipper 12 which they brought to the lake last month and sailed with an HSA guest on board. Their Slipper 12 is from the late 60's but still a beautiful and smooth sailing rig despite its age. Kendra is now 21 and will head to KY for her student teaching experience soon. Meanwhile,

we hope the Slipper fits.

Ali Morolo, another recent graduate of HSA's Intro to Sailing in May of this year, purchased a Windmill, a shiny wooden boat from sailing's golden age, and she and dad are in the process of refinishing it in their barn with a eye toward a launch later this year. The 22 year old has her own personal water chariot and knows how to sail it. She also got her boat at the Hueston Woods auction.

Jimm Gibbs is currently in the certification process on a Sunfish. Scott and grad student son Jordan Russell are looking to soon be certified on the Flying Scot. Jim Abele recently finished his Intro to Sailing class after an earlier attempt that ended in the dismasting of the Capri! (Wasn't Jim's fault.)

HSA is proud of all its new skippers and crews but perhaps most proud of Michelle Elsaesser and her crew/friend Diane Pierok. Both ladies attended the June Intro to Sail and about a month to the date later were on the water racing the club's Capri 14.2 in an actual sanctioned club event. Michelle has been crewing for Jerry Brewster, her mentor, and decided it was time to strike out on her own. Welcome to the racing/sailing fraternity Michelle and Diane. (Er, sorority?)

There are two more months of good weather left. If you want to take the intro to sailing class or would like to get certified in one of the club's boats, let us know. Lots of open dates left this summer. You could be just the length of a tooth from being bitten also.

Rumor Mill

With two Capri's already in the club's membership ranks and a third one in the actual club stable of boats, could there be another Capri on the horizon? Rumor has it that HSA has found another one or it has found us. Very exciting.

Put this date on your calendar: Sunday, September 11. That's InterFleet Championship Day. HSA takes a brief hiatus from racing and, well, races some more. These races, though, don't count in any of our official series, but you can bet that the competitors will show up. We have a whole new event planned and you will want to be a part. Save the Date!



Parting Shot!



Joe Fulford and Amy Marks try to get the upper hand against Laura "SunQueen" Beebe Sunday but the Flying Scot needed more wind to catch the gold and blue sail who, in this picture, has taken the windward gage. 30 seconds from their finish, Beebe fired her larboard battery and sunk the Scot's chances.

