

Acton Action

Hueston Sailing Association

Captain Jerry Brewster directs gunner's mate Eli Rovito as he fires at will from the starboard battery. Dad Todd in the background is busy reloading powder, wadding, and shot.



InterFleet Challenge Day

When Teams Compete, You Get Wet

No wind? No problem. It was almost like the people mattered more. And last Sunday, it was all people and almost no wind, another of those 0-3 mph days where you better have something else going for you cause moving fast, your great delight, was not in the offing.

Instead it was laughter, water cannon of

every shape, giant pumpkin chocolate chip cookies, watermelon, and a really good sense of the futility of howling against Mother Nature.

Still, despite the lack of wind for the third

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Club Adds Another

Capri 14.2 that is. A new member of the stable is already on the water.

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Wier, Henthorn, and Wright dominate respective fleets.

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Photo Gallery

We have some before and after pictures of the Capri. What a mess! What a beauty! And some shots of the Interfleet Challenge.

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Restore!

Just how do you go about restoring a boat that has been sitting out in the weather for a decade or so?

The sun and water take their toll on everything and eventually Mother Nature will reclaim all that is hers. But, if you can catch it in time and if you have faith in the durability of fiberglass, stainless steel and synthetic fibers in lines and cloth ...

First step in this reclamation was a power washer to remove years of mold and mildew. Then a few applications of Starbrite gel hull cleaner. All the lines, which were black and mossy, were machined washed in OxyClean and a little bleach.

A little sandpaper was taken to the amazingly durable teak splash rail and rubbed with teak oil. Voila! Some hull polish and the little street urchin becomes Little Lord Fauntleroy.

The boat will undergo further cleaning and polishing but for now, sweet little boat. Thankfully the previous owner had kept the sails, a cover, and the rudder elsewhere and they were beautiful.

Newest Member of HSA Fleet Takes to the Waves for Interfleet Challenge

The club's newly acquired Capri 14.2 was sitting in the dry moorage area just three weeks ago, growing hair.

Two flat tires, a hull full of water, sheets and halyards sprouting moss, the deck despoiled by black mildew and dark green mold. It was a wreck.

And yet a true sailor looks at a boat like that and immediately says, "This could be great addition to our club."

Those sailors were Jerry and JoAnn Callahan who just happened to inquire in the park office about the boat which apparently had sat unused since 2007 or earlier. The result of their inquiry was

that park office magister and boat maven Jacki Schriever contacted the owner and told him someone was asking about it.

The result was that the owner was only too happy to give the boat to the club and give it a new lease on life.

The club immediately drained the hull and made plans. Meanwhile, an HSA boat fairy replaced the two flattened wheels and stole away with the boat in the middle of the night.

Last Sunday the revitalized Capri made its debut under tiller steady hand of Brett Hart. Both boat and skipper looked like Dapper Dans.

"New" Capri 14.2 Pressed Into Service and Ready for Duty

With the latest Capri 14 joining the club's fleet this past week, HSA now has a dozen boats available for members to use.

Previous to this year, there were only the Flying Scott and eight or so Sunfish standing for sail. This year has seen the two Capris join the HSA flotilla and both are prime factors in the club's training program plans.

The Capri 14 will comfortably hold two or three adults or a family of four with small children. HSA will use the boats in Intro to Sailing classes and in certification. They join two other Capris belonging to club members John Shipley and Jerry Brewster.

Want to sail in one? Just contact us and we can get you and your family certified.



At left, Mike Wier gets sandwiched between a couple of Y's guys as he heads for the finish on Day 2 of the Labor Day Series.

Wier reclaimed his title in this Series in convincing fashion.

Labor Day Series Lifts All Boats

Henthorn Retakes Crown in Y's; Wier Takes Hobies; Wright in 'Fish

The 2016 edition of the Labor Day Holiday Series is in the books and the champions names have been written in permanent marker.

Relative newcomer Ken Wright won three of the four races against all comers on both days and sailed away with the Handicap Fleet title in his Sunfish. Wright held off eight other competitors over two days, all in Sunfish, to take the title.

The Hobie 16 crowd got a visit from Mike Wier and in return, they gave him all the gold. Wier, racing in his first event of the year, didn't take long to reestablish his reputation as a formidable racer. Wier also took bullets in 3 out of 4 races to repeat as

Hobie champ in this event.

With Pete Peters and Rose Schultz on committee duty, Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode took advantage and reasserted themselves in the thick of the Y racing by winning all four contests. The re-emergence of Henthorn in the Fall Series and in the Sunfish competitions has put others on notice that the lull in his racing may be over.

A big thank you to the wind for being nice and to the following for help on committee: John Shipley, Jim and Jenny Cooper, Todd Rovito, and Theresa Wright.

year in a row for this event, the participants gamely alternated between drifting and brief moments of three mile an hour howling gusts of air.

No matter which, however, the water balloons were flying through the air, and the water weapons were siphoning up the lake water. No one escaped a soaking. The games went on as scheduled. After a brief skippers' meeting where teams were formed and team colors were handed out, 15 soon to be soaked sailors headed out onto the shiny, slick and unrippled plate glass window of a lake for two and a half hours of boat wars. Most of time they were sitting ducks for one another's broadsides and for the fusillade that would come from none other than the supposedly neutral committee boat.

The games? The ever popular Noodle Relay was up first and speedy Team Jerry with Sunfishers Cosette Gunter, Megan DeArmon and Wally Kelly got around the course first and put themselves in the lead.

That Noodle thing was followed by the Schooner Race which had team members tie their boats to one another, bow to stern, and race around the triangle in as straight a line as they

could. Tying together made each team's "schooner" about 40 feet long. That in turn made mark roundings more than mere tactical problems. An overlap could be established soon after leaving the previous mark.

Team Charlie with his 90 year old father as crew and trailed by John Shipley and Pete Peters in a Capri, followed by Jack and Charlie Cooper in a Sunfish got off the line well. The start presented problems as the line was short and the "schooners" were long, snakelike sail creatures slithering up to the line.

After tacking onto starboard to approach the windward mark, Team Charlie's skipper in the lead boat (Charlie himself) rounded the mark the wrong way and faced the difficult task of getting a forty foot boat out of the way and re-rounding the mark.

As it turned out, Team Roger was the primary beneficiary of that mistake and he and his team of Y's, Capri's and Sunfish with Brett Hart and Kayla Draper crossed the line, in line, in a breeze and looked good doing it.

Then came the Balloon Bombardment. The race triangle was turned into a small rectangle and boats had to sail within it and

avoid the committee boat's unrelenting barrage of water balloons. When hit, a boat had to retire, but as it turned out, there was one boat left from each team. So it was declared a tie. The people manning the balloon launchers on the committee boat had worn out their launch arms and were too tired to fire anymore.

The final game also took place in the "Rectangle of Death". Each team trailed their colors in the water behind their boats on the end of their mainsheets. If another boat could capture their "tail", that boat was eliminated. When all were exhausted from the light air chase, Team Roger and Team Jerry had both collected an identical number of "tails".

The two teams had gone into the last game tied and game four didn't change a thing. It was resolved at the post Challenge pumpkin cookie and watermelon gathering that the tie would be broken at OktoberFast by the collective best finish of all on each team.

Linda Rovito and Darrilynn Brewster were invaluable as crew on committee duty. Many thanks to them for their photos, their scoring, and their service as shields for me.



The two pictures on top are of the new club Capri before the cleaning began. Above is the bottom after cleaning and polishing and at left is the boat at the lake last Sunday looking pretty darn spiffy.



Club Lends Hand to Oxford Sailing Club; Gives Away All the Damn Wind on Saturday

As they have done in the past, Bobbie Bode and Roger Henthorn volunteered to help Miami U's sailing team in their annual *Acton Up* Regatta. The duo serves as committee for the regatta on HSA's committee boat and officiates the races. Roger reports that there were teams from seven

universities, each fielding an A and a B team. He also said that winds ranged from 1.2 to 22.1 mph! (*Thanks for giving away all our wind, Roger.*) The schools raced a total of 11 races on Saturday and five more on Sunday morning! He reported that one boat capsized and sank! No details yet but a good story no doubt.

InterFleet Challenge Photo Gallery

No Committee Boat Members Were Harmed in the Filming of this Event

With Darrilynn Brewster holding the camera, it was a foregone conclusion that Yours Truly would be caught hiding behind something as some of the junior competitors in the InterFleet Challenge took aim at those public servants on board. Yes, that's me ducking behind a chair and demanding that Linda Rovito return fire and cover me while I made a dash behind Darrilynn. After all, she had the camera and they wouldn't shoot at her with an expensive camera in her hand, would they?

The answer is unequivocally "Yes!" The adolescent brain, particularly the prefrontal cortex, is undeveloped and they fired away without heed. Of course the camera was fine but poor Darrilynn. Soaked. Don't worry, I was fair about it. Linda also served as a shield. Thanks, ladies. :)



At right Brett pilots the new Capri; at far right is Charlie Sr., 90 years young and Charlie Jr. in orange. Below Jerry sails his "schooner" to victory. Below right, the mash up at the mark. Wow.

