



Ok, readers, what is this all about? (Photo taken March 13th, 2018)

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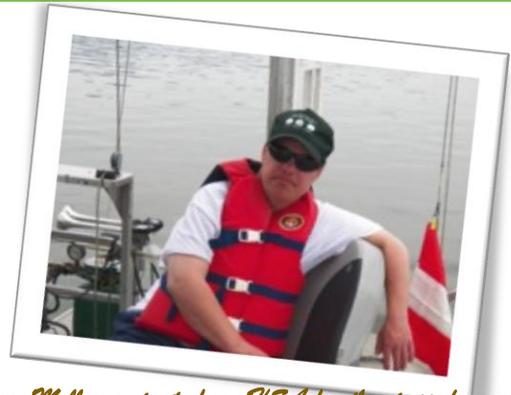
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HSA Preparing for Spring Social

Annual Event's Arrival Means Racing Soon Here

Thinking ice cream and brownies may not seem all that enticing right now. But in about three weeks, all that could change. April 14th is Launch Day/Work Party for HSA's boats and, later that day at 1:30 in the Hueston Room, it is the Umpteenth Annual Ice Cream Infused Spring Social.

The program will consist of ice cream, of course, followed by short presentations of any travel and/or sailing adventures anyone had in the off season. If you did, let us know if you would like to talk about that and maybe show us some photographic proof. Either way, if you are planning on coming, call Rose at 937-866-8862 or email her at rosegeorge9109@sbcglobal.net, so she can crunch some numbers before she buys the rocky roads and the moose tracks - all natural flavors.



Danny Molleran, part of our HSA family, passed away on March 5th. Danny is pictured here a few years ago on committee duty at the lake.

Work Partah!

It's not all sprinkles and chocolate chips on April 14th Launch Day. In addition to launching boats, we also have to clean others, mount motors, raise masts, scrub hulls, and generally get the place ship shape for 2018. All in favor say "I" will help. Partying starts at 10 a.m. Lunch at noon provided for work partahiers. Others will have to pony up a few bucks.

Sierra Club's Top Ten Environmental Stories 2017

#1. Fires, Winds, Rains of Biblical Proportions - Think Harvey, Houston, Maria, Irma and the fires of Northern California and that's just North America. For the first time the American Meteorological society concluded that the extremity of some weather events would not have been possible "without the influence of human-caused climate change."

#2. US leaves Paris Climate Agreement - China and the European Union now left to spearhead the fight against global warming, which is no longer a future existential threat but a clear and present danger.

#3. EPA Head Scott Pruitt dismantling office he leads - Pruitt is rolling back the Clean Power Plan and may be the most vocal climate science denier in the Trump administration. Pruitt is considering loosening the fuel economy rules for trucks and cars just as such emissions threaten to overtake power plants as the number one cause of U.S. greenhouse gas.

#4. Environmental activism on the rise - People's Climate March; March for Science; #WeAreStillIn (group of cities, businesses and institutions remaining committed to goals of Paris Climate Agreement); 40 Catholic institutions divesting from fossil fuels; and more.

#5. Monumental Public Lands Attack - Sierra Club calls President Trump's plan by far the largest reduction of protected areas in U.S. history. Teddy Roosevelt is rolling over in his grave?

#6. Arctic Nightmares - Congress passed a bill on Christmas Eve that allows for fossil fuel drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, one of the last great wildernesses on Earth.

#7. Automobiles have overtaken power plants as the number one source of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions - But some good news here. This occurred partly because we have been getting cleaner about electricity generation. Renewables like wind and solar are booming. The bad news? Sales of gas guzzling SUV's, trucks, and crossover vehicles are on the rise again.

#8. Electric Avenue - More countries announced new commitments to accelerate the transition to zero emission cars. UK is banning gas and diesel starting in 2040; French are too; India will sell only EV's by 2030; Norway, all zero emission by 2025. China? Aggressive push to produce EV's.

#9. Grizzly Bears Still on the Brink - Ryan Zinke, Interior Department head, removing last 700 bears in Yellowstone from endangered species list. Western states laying plans for bear trophy hunting seasons. British Columbia has decided to end its grizzly hunting season citing it as "socially unacceptable."

#10. Monsanto's Roundup and Dicamba under attack. Chemical giant being fought by European Union and American farmers.

HSA Open House on Saturday, April 14th. Ice Cream Social and Open House start at 1:30. Come to the meet and greet with HSA's members, racers, and officers.

Looking for a way to get more involved in sailing this year? HSA's mission is to introduce and promote sailing to all comers. Each season we offer Intro to Sailing classes, race clinics, certification to sail solo classes, and the boats to do all this on. And you don't have to be a member to take a class.

Intro to Sailing weekend classes are on May 19-20 and again on June 23-24. Private lessons outside of those two weekend group sessions as well as certification classes are also available.

More information available at www.huestonsailing.com or contact Mike Stratton at mastratton44@gmail.com

You could also volunteer for a work party and get to know folks or come to one of HSA's social events, also listed on our website. How about serving on race committee? We'll even teach you how to do that. Come find out about the fun of wind and water.



Above and far right, Brett's trailer and rudder; at right the old crutch, the interim crutch and the new one.

Off Season Activity Involves Varnish, Paint, and Grease

For some, the fall and winter were not entirely devoid of boats. Preparing for the Spring of 2018 started back in that frozen December or earlier. Brett Hart, Y-Flyer guy (and Capri/Sunfish guy), took his somewhat stressed boat trailer and completely redid it himself: scraping, sanding, priming, painting and reupholstering the bunks. Brett also attacked his tiller and rudder with great results. (Trailer, mast crutch, and rudder are pictured above.) Yours Truly also refinished his rudder and tiller.

If you haven't started looking at your boat yet, you still have time. The first pitch on Opening Day 2018 doesn't come until April 22. That's when the slate will have been wiped cleaned of all 2017's results, and those who finished out of the money then will try to unseat the defending champions from the thrones they have been licking and spit polishing all winter.

Now is a good time, with the approach of warmer weather, to do a little sanding, a little spar varnishing, and a little checking of the wheel bearings on the trailer. They are, after all, the little things that keep you rolling.

Y-Flyer Fleet Undergoes Some Changes; Boats on the Move

Scott Eversole was looking for a boat. And, as some of you know, the search for a new ride can take time and then take a few turns. Sometimes all it takes is the right alignment of the stars and good clean living, and something shows up.

Scott sails a cruiser with his dad Paul and daughter Makenna. Both he and his daughter certified last year in the Capri.

The boat that showed up for Scott was right in his back yard, so to speak. Y-Flyer 2592 popped up unexpectedly and now resides in Scott's garage.

That is Yours Truly's ex-boat (Also Jim Hater's before that and Bob Schultz before that). A few more domino drops later, Yours Truly now has Y 2740, pictured below at its current home at Chippewa Lake.



Beverages and Boats Beached in Glendale

HSA's winter social schedule found another beach head to run its keel on Saturday, March 10th. This time a tiny tavern/pub/dive/restaurant in Glendale right across from the toney Grand Finale in this small but charming village near Princeton High School. The cast of characters was a little different, increasing to ten from the seven sailors who met and swapped toasts and boasts at the Boro Bistro back in February. The food at Hobieman Don Fecher's favorite haunt was delicious and the restaurant itself, a charming mix of urban and rural bric-a-brac. The HSA group took over the back room behind the bar and then just "winged" it. After a few beverages, the small boats came out on the table and the rules were pestle whipped into powder. At these sometimes beery convocations boats have been swapped and summer adventures planned as well as topics of particular interest to the well being of the club. We'll toast that. There's one more before the season opens. Marion's Piazza, 6176 Snider Rd. Mason. Saturday, April 7 at 2:00 pm. (Just off I-75.) Bring a friend, a spouse, a family member. Let's eat pizza and talk

Young People Selling and Buying Boats

Dalton Marshall Finds His Cruiser

Teenager Dalton Marshall saved his money for 14 years (collecting cans, selling eggs, yard work, saving birthday money). Now the former HSA junior camp and Intro to Sailing member has bought his own boat! Dalton is now the proud owner of a 22 ft. cruiser. That's Dalton and his boat pictured at right. Congratulations, Dalton. What a great example of dedication and determination. You might see him out there at the lake captaining his new ride soon.



Boat for Sail/Sale - Flying Scot

Young Xavier first year student Seth Mobley is selling his Flying Scot #498. According to Seth, the boat has been treated well for the four years he has owned it. The boat has new paint as has the trailer in addition to new lights. The boat's deck has non-skid paint. A full set of sails includes a spinnaker and spinnaker pole plus new spinnaker lines. Flootation was reinstalled a few years ago and a bow bag was put in. The boat is fiberglass and was made in 1963. If interested, call Seth at 513-939-9989 or email him at seth.mobley416@gmail.com. \$3000

(Word on the street is that Seth is looking for a Thistle. Anyone?)



This Month's Sailing Quiz (If you dare!)

1. If a larger boat is approaching you and you can't get out of the way, what do you do?
a. light a flare b. jump overboard and swim like the devil c. stay with your boat and go down with the ship
d. climb the mast so they can see you better e. threaten them with legal action like Don does
2. What part of the boat is used to steer?
a. the rudder b. the steering stick thing c. the tillerman d. the centerboard e. I don't know but don't ask Roger because he rarely uses his.
3. If someone falls out of the boat, what should you do first?
a. point at them but don't laugh b. ask them if they are hurt or emotionally upset and in need of counseling, then rub your eyes like you are crying. c. throw them their lunch and some water d. leave them but only if they deserved to be left. e. quickly explain why you have to finish the race without them
4. How many people can a Capri 14.2 hold safely?
a. 2 b. 3 c. 4 d. are you kidding! none! e. all of C fleet at junior camp including instructors! (Come on let's do it!)
5. If the boat capsizes, what should you do?
a. swim to shore for help and for exercise b. swim down to the top of the mast and push it up c. use the occasion to lure attractive people to your rescue d. wash your bottom while you have the chance.
6. If the boat is heels too much, what should be your first response?
a. Let out the main sheet b. pull in the main sheet c. jump up and down on the high side d. crawl over the high side on your belly like a reptile cause you're going down e. scream like Jerry does
7. What is the front of the boat called?
a. the bow b. the stern c. the stern bow c. if you are Roger, the front bumper d. If you are not Roger, you call it the dock catcher
8. What is the back of the boat called?
a. the rear bow b. the stern bow c. my bottom d. the butt or derriere of the boat e. the poop deck
9. When you are starting a race and a boat to leeward has gotten a better start, what should you do?
a. Pursue them for the rest of the race until you can finally get them in a port / starboard at which point you smile broadly and say "Heh! There, I gotcha!" b. try to hit them in the rear and then try to hit their boat c. protest
d. blame your crew for not sitting in the boat right
10. At the start of a race, a boat to windward of you on the line is crabbing toward you. What do you do?
a. Ask them, "Why you crabbing, brother?" b. Start your own crabbing c. take out your paddle and whack them on the back until you can see the brand of the paddle in the red marks you make d. tell them they are in violation of rule 22.3 but make sure their is spittle flying from your teeth and hanging off your lips
11. You are approaching the windward mark on port and there are three boats coming in on starboard. You tack in the zone just ahead of them. Are you good?
a. No, you suck! b. Yes, you are good until they get close enough to jerk you out of your boat c. You might be good, but you are going to probably sit by yourself at the potluck. d. No, you ain't good, you are in pile of it and likely to hear a verbal fecal hurricane from all of them.
12. Someone yells at you to "Sail your proper course!" How do you respond?
a. "Well, you're ugly and your breath is bad." b. "I am sailing my proper course. It may not be your proper course but it's the one I like." c. "Proper course, eh? I do say, old chap, my course has always been the proper course." d. Ask them to explain what they mean and put it in writing and leave it in a brown envelope taped on the gybe mark. And thank them.

(Of course, none of this actually happens on the water. The items in the quiz were part of the merriment of Beverages and Boats #1) (Yes, that explains a lot.)