

# Acton Action

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## Capri 14.2 Winning Fans at HSA

It began with Jerry Brewster's lonesome boat. He decided to race it in the Handicap fleet one Sunday a few years ago. Then he got the club interested in getting one or two of their own for training and education, not racing. Before anyone could say, "Capris? Racing?" the boats were proliferating like rabbits.

John Shipley showed up with his own sleek hull. Diane Pierok and Michele Elsaesser joined forces and bought one they found up north. Then last year, Chris and Meredith

Snider found one near them in Tipp City that they thought HSA might be interested in. HSA was interested, but the Sniders liked it so much they kept it for their family sailing. As a result, the Capri Club Championship, now in its second year, had six boats on the line on July 15th. And a new champion of the Capri crowd.

Take a look on the next page. We were surprised at what happened too. Maybe we shouldn't be anymore.

### CCC crowns new champ

She set the tone in race one, winning by a comfortable margin. But she was just getting started.

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### Camptown Races

Challengers come up short against the once and future queen of the Sunfish.

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### Junior/Ladies Camps

We give you a snapshot of what went on during HSA's busiest week on the water.

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## Capri Club Championship Results

### Skippers

1. Megan DeArmon 1 2 2 5
2. Chris Snider 4 1 3 8
3. Roger Henthorn 2 1 5 8
4. Jerry Brewster 2 3 4 9
5. Ken Wright 6 4 1 11
6. Brett Hart 3 3 6 12
7. Joe Fulford 6 4 5 15
8. Mike Wier 5 6 6 17

### Order of Finish for Crews and Boats

1. Kevin DeArmon in Brewster boat 8 pts.
2. (tie) Jim Paul in Snider boat and Connor Snider in HSA Blue 12 pts
4. (tie) Katie Lockhart in Shipley boat and Kayla Draper in Pierok/Elsaesser boat - 16 pts.
6. Collin Snider in HSA White/Red boat - 18pts.

## Substitute Skipper takes Capri Crown

When 18 year old Megan DeArmon came to the lake on July 15th, she wanted to do well as one of the junior crew in the Capri Club Championship. She did much better than that. She won the whole shooting match.

Six juniors had volunteered to stick with the six Capris as skippers changed boats each race. But when the first heat was about to get underway, somehow Megan and her "skipper", Jim Paul, had traded places. Jim had decided that he could designate his crew as helmsman and still be the skipper. Not the way it turned out.

Jim ended up crewing all four races - probably not what he intended. The result was a

title for the former HSA junior champion, her first championship sailing with the seniors. She made it look easy.

The competition was lively and close. Only four points separated first place from fourth. And four different skippers won a race. Coming into the 4th and final race, Megan and Roger Henthorn were tied at three points apiece. However, an inexplicably bad start for the veteran Henthorn and a rare foul at the windward mark took him out of the running.

Mike Wier, the Hobie wizard, was on his way to his best finish, a second, in race four but a rudder mishap sent him careening into the committee boat at the finish and he slipped to 6th.

## Fall Series Gets Underway

No rain, lots of wind, what could go wrong. Well, a few things, but all was good in the end last Sunday, July 22.

With stronger winds at race time, new skipper Makenna Eversole thought it wiser to live to fight another day and came in before race one. Shortly before that, Yours Truly broke a halyard at the dock and had to put his Y right back on the trailer.

He and crewing daughter Cosette got on a cruiser to take

pics but decided just before race 2 that they were going to have some fun, so into the Handicap fray they went. It was intimidating for Sunfish to have a two ton boat bearing down on them but getting Jerry Brewster in a "starboard" thing was a lot of fun.

Pete Peters and Rose Schultz cleaned up in Y's that day. Don Fecher went unchallenged in Hobies and Laura Beebe took on six others, including the behemoth cruiser and won both



Laura Beebe in 2017 in action at the Devil's Lake Sunfish Regional Championship. Photo shows her headed upwind while a fleet of Lightnings comes downwind on her.

## Queen Bee(be) takes Camptown Races

### Much Anticipated Sunfish Regatta Gets No Help From Wind

Yes, HSA got PT Barnum-ed again. A sucker wind blew over the rigging area as race time neared and the punch drunk Pollyannas launched without so much as a whimper much less a bang. An amazing 15 of them.

Once out there, it was evident that the talk about "racing" was a lot of frou frou. All you could hear was the faint sound of a mischievous wind. A giggle. No, a snicker.

Yet, somehow, the committee, consisting of those who must be obeyed, set up a course and two races got runt with a hoarse whisper of a breeze that only came here or there, but mostly there. One lap. Get a good start. Drift fast. Get lucky. Or be Laura Beebe.

When it was all over, it was the cream rising to the top and Beebe had successfully defended her 2017 title. She won this slow motion endurance test by being where she needed to be and paying attention.

Any real challengers? Not really. Ladies dominated the both races with Rose Schultz winning the first and Laura the second. No one achieved Beebe's consistency on a day that required only what she had. Magic.

### Camptown Race Results

1. Laura Beebe	2 1	3
2. Jerry Brewster	4 2	6
3. Kevin Dearmon	5 3	8
4. Rose Schultz	1 7	8
5. Mike Stratton	3 6	9
6. Clayton Snider	7 5	12
7. Charlie DeArmon	9 4	13
8. Megan DeArmon	6 8	14
9. Ian Mahoney	8 11	19
10. Pete Peters	11 9	19
11. Kayla Draper	10 10	20
12. Will Hater	12 13	25
13. Connor Snider	14 12	26
14. Curtis Mears	13 15	28
15. Collin Snider	15 14	29

## Camp Week Comes to a Close for Juniors

**"A" fleet** at camp is composed of the older, more experienced sailors - those who have been in camp before and know what they are doing.

In addition to honing their sailing skills, the group gets to branch out and try new things - all with the goal of making each one feel more confident and comfortable in a sailboat.

After capsizing drill with the other two fleets on Day One, A Fleet is off to the races, but not literally. Most of their skill building involves activities on their boats that are competitive. Some are just for the fun of it.

The A Fleet also learned to sail without a rudder, dock their boats safely, play musical boats, held knot tying contests, teamed up for the swim noodle relays, sailed together in Capri 14's as well as Sunfish while playing tag, and did synchronized sailing as well as some dry capsizing. And they raced.

When all the points had been totaled, young Will Hater, grandson of longtime HSA members Jim and Carolyn Hater, became the HSA Junior Champ for 2018. He was followed closely by Ben Olenick and Connor Snider. Also part of the fleet were Charlie Cooper, Morgan Crawford, and Collin Snider.

Will Hater: 1st practice race; 2nd in Ironman; 3rd in Final Race; Square knot and bowline champ.

Ben Olenick: Ironman champ; Noodle Relay champ; 2nd in practice racing; Behind the Back Bowline champ.

Connor Snider: 1st in Musical Boats; 2nd in Final Race; 1st in Noodle Relays; Figure Eight tying champ

Charlie Cooper: 2nd in Noodle Relays; Sailing backwards/No rudder/Dry Capsize proficient

Morgan Crawford: 1st in Noodle Relays; Clove hitch tying champ; sail backwards/no rudder/dry capsizing proficient

Collin Snider: 1st in Final Race; sailing backwards/no rudder/dry capsizing proficient

**B Fleet** - This fleet competed in 16 races over three days including the politically correct "Ironperson" and the timely themed World Cup Soccer race. Chris Snider - lead instructor

Grace Reid 1st place overall for the week

Dalton Marshall - Most Improved

**C Fleet** by Rose Schultz - lead instructor

Nine boys, ages 11 to 14 participated in Sailing Camp in C fleet. Six of them had never been on a sailboat before. Although they were not sailors in the beginning they definitely are now. Not only are they sailors - they are racers. All of them participated in five races Wednesday morning and two in the afternoon. In addition to racing, C fleet sailed down to the lodge on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday the C fleters were able to sail a long beat to the beach to go swimming. C fleet had the distinction of beating A fleet in the time they took to completely rig a Sunfish, no small feat for beginners. Four participants were awarded the Most Improved C Fleet trophies: Kai Brown, Eliot Berberich, Shr-Shiang Moore, and William Boulton. Nolan See was awarded the coveted rubber duck for capsizing five times. All of the boys did a great job mastering the art of sailing.



## Ladies Camp Gallery

Back row: Julie Molleran, Susan Reid, Louisa Fleischmann, Karolyn Hansen, Amy Marks, Nancy Rogers, Michelle Mears, Ann Castleberry. Front row: Rosa Molleran, Samantha Marks, Tracy Mahoney, Karen Crass, and Erin Coffed. Good wind, bad wind, no wind at all, the Ladies persevered



Helping with instruction and/or sailing as members of camp were, from left, Sarah Lockhart, Amy Marks, Julie Molleran, Samantha Marks, and Rosa Molleran. Also performing these dual roles were Erin Coffed, and Tracy Mahoney. Instructors also included Ian Mahoney, Jack Cooper, Phil Robertson, Laura Beebe, Pete Peters, and Rose Schultz.

## Ladies Camp Mixes Veterans with Rookies

*Sailing camp for juniors and ladies happens because Jerry and JoAnn Callahan have been relentless in making sure these two activities come off as planned every July. Here, Jerry tells us about Ladies Camp this year.*

The first day of Ladies Camp was great. Gentle winds and warm temps. A nice breeze for learning. A Fleet sailed three races and then did some docking and sailing backwards practice.

C Fleet with seven participants, did their practice reaching and getting used to steering the boat and reading the wind. All this was after practicing capsizing in the morning.

On Friday there was very little wind. Rose Schultz took C Fleet out but it was evident that the wind was so light, the sailors could not learn much about sailing. A Fleet did not go out. In the three races on Thursday, it was Samantha Marks winning the A Fleet Championship with Julie Molleran one point behind.





Fall Series Number 1 Race Results

Hobies

1. Don Fecher

Y-Flyers

1. Pete Peters/Rose Schultz

1 1            2

2. Charlie DeArmon/Claudia Rocklin

2 2            4

3. Brett Hart/Callie Miller

3 3            6

4. Scott and Paul Eversole

4 4            8

5. Makenna and Dalton Eversole

DNS DNS

6. Mike Stratton/Cosette

DNS DNS

Handicap

1. Laura Beebe 1 1            2

2. Mark Costandi 2 3            5

3. Megan DeArmon 3 4            7

4. Kevin DeArmon 6 2            8

5. Jerry and Darrilynn Brewster

4 5            9

6. Ken Wright/Diane Pierok

5 6            11



Above, the cruiser in the Handicap fleet hopes for a starboard on the Capri about to tack. Middle, the Y fleet approaches the line; Below, Joe Fulford could be apprehensive as the Titanic closes down on him Sunday. Naw.