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New Members Hitting the Ground (Water?) Running

Doug and Karolyn Hansen have not wasted any time this year getting into the swing. The couple have already served twice on committee duty. They are not new to the sport either. Both have been on some big boats.

Mark Durbin is also no stranger to sailcloth. His first year as a member will see him serve as an instructor at HSA's June Sailing School. More inside about all these folks.

Save the Date!

July 7th Potluck

July 7
Not just dinner
after racing but a
celebration with
Jackie Schriever.

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Campt'wn Races

July 14

The second Sunfish Regatta of the season looms on horizon. Go 'Fish!

Junior Camp

July 14-17
It's all hands on deck for the final act of the Callahans long tenure.

Capsize? No Problem

The 2019 season may be young but a number of HSA competitors have already found the water. No one dumped it last Sunday, including Kayla Draper below. She often has to fight her way through gusts by sailing on the freeboard of her boat rather than the bottom, but she seldom goes over.

Some veterans as well as newer sailors have been knocked down, though. The water is warm now, so it is not particularly uncomfortable to do so, it is just slow if you are racing and sometimes involves mud.

Some like to say if you haven't capsized yet, you're not trying hard enough. Skill, schmill. Go for it!



Above, Karolyn and Doug aboard a boat, apparently a nice one. Below, the Hansens on the left with Leigh Ann and Joe Fulford on committee recently.



Doug and Karolyn Hansen

The Hansens, good friends of Joe and Leigh Ann Fulford, were interviewed for this issue by Joe himself. Here's what he found out.

AA: What do you both do for a living?

Karolyn is an Associate Professor and Biology Department Chair at UD; Doug is a Senior Research Scientist with UDRI studying corrosion.

AA: Tell us a little about your family.

We have two kids; Ben is 24 and currently in the Ohio Army National Guard; Kirsten is a Senior Mechanical Engineering major at UD.

AA: What do you sail and for how long?

We have a 14.2 Catalina Capri that we need to sail more; we both grew up on the East Coast (NJ) and have been boating all of our lives.

AA: How did you get into sailing?

We both have sailed at various times of our lives. Doug's first sailboat was a Snark as a teenager; he has also crewed on sailboat races off of Bermuda, Savannah, and Charleston (SARA), sailed off shore between Charleston SC and Beaufort NC, Bermuda, and owned Janelle, a 1937 52' schooner similar to the Bluenose and sailed it off of Charleston SC. Karolyn has always been an avid wind surfer (wind +speed = happy place ©).

AA: Do other family members sail?

Ben enjoys sailing when it involves adult libations; Kirsten says she needs a scopolamine patch. (motion sickness)

AA: What other clubs have you sailed with? This is the first, congratulations!

AA: Tell us about your recent cruiser boat sailing adventures.

We have sailed multi-day bareboat charters (35 – 47' Jeanneau Sun Odyssey sloops) on the Chesapeake out of Annapolis for the past 4 years. We have experienced everything from a lost propeller to gorgeous sunsets and moonrises on the hook in secluded coves, including the dam flood release debris field in the mid-Chesapeake where it was pinball sailing between floating trees and flotsam. All weather conditions from 0 knots and sizzling temperatures to reefed main and 30 knot sustained winds.



New Member Mark Durbin: Actor, Musical Director, Pit Conductor, Sailor; There's More

Yes, those snowy peaks in the background are not at Hueston Woods. New member Mark Durbin has been sailing for quite some time and in quite a few different places.

Those places include Dillon Reservoir near Denver, the Chesapeake Bay, Naples, and the Great Lakes where Mark and his family have chartered boats. Mark began his sailing life watching from the shore and admiring sailing onActon Lake and eventually bought a 14' Sears boat. About ten years ago, he went much bigger - a 25 ft. Macgregor that he now sails at Hueston Woods.

He and his wife Teresa are both Sibcy Cline real estate agents and daughter Emily is beginning her own real estate career in Colorado. Both Durbin ladies are "eager sailors" according to Mark. Both have accompanied him on the charters. He and wife Teresa are planning to do longer cruises in warm waters in the future.

In addition to real estate, Mark has a long background in IT. But his other recreation is music. He is a former member of the May Festival Chorus, a nationally and internationally know group of singers which

often collaborates with the Cincinnati Symphony and the Cincinnati Pops. But, more than that, Mark has directed musicals and lead pit orchestras in local theater productions near where the family lives in Fairfield.

After joining HSA this year, Mark was enlisted to help with instruction for HSA's June weekend class Introduction to Sailing and enthusiastically joined the group as the cruiser component to that event.

July 7th Potluck to Celebrate Jackie Schriever

As many of you know, longtime Hueston Woods park office manager Jackie Schriever retired this past winter. And as many of you know, over the years she has been one of our club's best friends.

Jackie was not only our contact person, she was a steadfast supporter of sailing at Hueston Woods. Jackie's grandson Logan was a junior camper with HSA for five years before graduating from high school and then joining the military.

Please join us at the potluck to thank Jackie for her considerable contribution to the park and to HSA

HSA's Flying Scot Rises!

Fulfords Make Scot Project Work

If HSA had an Adopt a Boat program, the best example of an orphan taken under a loving wing would be the club's Flying Scot.

The boat was donated to the club about ten ago years by HSA guy Matt Crehan and mostly languished in the dry moorage area, though it was used in Intro to Sailing classes. It sails were too far gone, but someone at Cowan Lake donated a set and the Flying Scot was in business. A newer set was donated by someone at Cowan Lake a few years ago.





Above right, Joe stands near stern of "Bonnie Lass". Above, that's Joe on the tiller and below that the centerboard damage before it was refurbished.

Resurrection/Retoration

When the boat first arrived in 2010, Pete Peters asked young Henry Fulford to don goggles and climb inside with a pressure washer. It was full of composted leaves and muck.

After Joe retired in 2016, he began working on the boat by first replacing the running rigging and repairing the centerboard. According to Joe, HSA lent "advice, moral support, and their 10% discount via a money laundering scheme."

Joe and Leigh Ann donated a bunch to get the Scot back in pristine condition. Joe's dad also left him some money, and Joe put it into the Scot, which Joe says would have pleased his father.

From March to May this year, Joe says he pretty much lived in his paint shed doing sanding, painting, and trailer repairs after the hull problems were repaired by a shop in Oakwood.

Leigh Ann contributed as "super supporter, consultant and artistic advisor" and is responsible for the name "Bonnie Lass". "She is also a great crew," Joe said.

Joe Takes Her Out on the Race Course; A Day on the Water with "Bonnie Lass"

Recently Joe and Leigh Ann Fulford took the newly refurbished Scot out on the lake for its first race since being reborn as, well, bascially a new boat. Here is Joe's first hand account of that experience.

HSA's Flying Scot #2835 "cannon-balled" into the lake on Memorial Day weekend with an attention-getting new paint job. It was perfect weather that Monday to roll out the newly-christened *Bonnie Lass* for the 2019 sailing season.

Pete Peters and Scott Eversole pitched in to get the mast raised and unlike previous high-pressure/short-deadline holiday gift assembly projects, My wife Leigh Ann and I found all the parts to re-rig the boat for racing.

In the first race, Leigh Ann exclaimed the boat seemed several knots faster, but it was I who noticed it just did not point as well. That's when I discovered I had forgotten to let the centerboard back down after a successful downwind leg.

The boat did skid sideways to that fourth place finish much more smoothly and quickly than it would have before. In the second race of the day, with our rusty sailing skills now banished at least for a week, we put in a good showing, coming in second place behind Laura Beebe.

All skippers dread coming back to the exposed concrete corners of a loading ramp with a newly painted boat. What could possibly go wrong? Luckily, the winds were favorable and Leigh Ann expertly fended off the marina's concrete "paint-scrapers" with ease.

The Bonnie Lass was given a post-race

wash where for the first time in a long while the lake grunge and sneaker prints actually came off.

With the boat clean and the sails stowed, a new vented Sailor's Tailor mooring cover was unrolled and fitted to keep the paint protected from the sun and birds and flummox the mud dauber wasps who used to call #2835 home.

The *Bonnie Lass* has completed its shakedown cruise and is now ready to take out new HSA sailors. Contact Joe Fulford for details and get out on the water!



(HSA members can sail the Flying Scot. If you are a veteran sailor, you only need to contact Joe for a rigging tutorial and to reserve a date for sailing her, but she is ready for action. Joe rigged the boat for the spinnaker that was donated a few years ago. If you want to fly that, you will definitely need Joe's help.

If you are not certified or you are not ready to sail this boat, Joe is the person to contact. He will guide you through the checklist for becoming a Flying Scot sailor and give you the stamp of approval. Or the giant X for "not ready for prime time". Joe's email is fulford.joseph@gmail.com)

Spring Series Update







Spring Series Standings as of June 9

Hobies

- 1. Don Fecher 22 total 17 net
- 2. Charlie Buchert 22 total 17 net
- 3. Kevin DeArmon 24 total 19 net
- 4. Mark Costandi 24 total 19 net

Handicap

- 1. Kayla Draper 23 total 14 net
- 2. Stephen Cook 28 total 19 net
- 3. Jerry Brewster 39 total 29 net
- 4. Megan DeArmon 39 total 30 net
- 5. Diane Pierok 47 total 38 net
- 6. Ken Wright 47 total 39 net
- 7. Dominic Everaet 48 total 39 net
- 5. Dalton Eversole 48 total 39 net

Y Flyers

- 1. Pete Peters/Rose Schultz 21 total 13 net
- 2. Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode 22 total 14 net
- 3. Mike Stratton/various 20 total 14 net
- 4. Charlie DeArmon/ Amy Marks 25 total 18 net
- 5. Brett Hart/Maggie Hart 30 total 22 net
- 6. Scott Eversole 34 total 26 net
- 7. Kevin DeArmon 36 total 28 net

(There are two more weekends in Spring Series - four races. Best five finishes out of ten races will count for series standings after final weekend.) (You still have a shot at it.)

Coming up, Fourth of July Series on July 4th and July 7th. Potluck is on July 7th, a Sunday.