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Hueston Sailing Association

Third Annual Capri Club Championship

Calling all Capris! HSA will once again upend tradition and throw open the door to all comers. It's wild.

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Will the Camptown Lady Sing Her Song? Do Duh!

It is about this time each week that we start dumbly checking the weather apps on our smartly phones. But you know what? We can think of at least one person for whom it doesn't really seem to matter. Who is it? Here's your hint: her last name rhymes with heebee or jeebee.

Here is why it doesn't matter. If the wind is blowing like bugers at 15-25, she is going to do well. Probably win. And if the wind is barely breathing, like a child hiding in a closet? She is going to do well. Probably win.

Not convinced? Let's just go back in time a bit. Last year's Camptown Races. Fifteen boats. You could generate more wind by a leisurely walk than was out on that water. Who won that driftathon? She did. A month later, it was Driftathon II with 14 boats. Who won? She did.

We only have to go back to this year's Founder's Day regatta where it was blowing a lusty 20 mph.

Up and Coming

- July 14-17 Camptown Races
Sunfish Regatta
Junior Sailing Camp
- Sunday
July 21 Capri Club
Championship
- Saturday
July 27-28 Learn to Race Clinic
First Fall Series
- Saturday
July 17 HSA
Midsummer
Party
- Saturday
August
25 AuGusto!
Sunfish
Regatta

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Fleets Enjoy Good Spring - Ready for Fall Series

The start of Junior Camp in July is also the start of the busy season for HSA. Although there is not Ladies Camp this year, there is no lack of activity on the water and off. Junior Camp is also the middle ground between the Spring Series which ended in June, and the start of the Fall Series later this month.

The Spring Series had ten races in it and a competitor's best five races were counted in the final tally. In Hobies, Don Fecher showed up and in doing so claimed the Spring crown. Young Kayla Draper took top honors in the Handicap Fleet and Stephen Cook finished second. In Y-Flyers, after Pete Peters and Rose Schultz threw out their worst five (which included a bullet), they only had bullets remaining and walked away with the Series for Y's. Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode took second.

The July Fourth Holiday Series saw a good turnout, at least on the second day of racing. Charlie Buchert won three of the four contests to take the trophy for Hobies. Amy Marks won the Handicap title over 10 others, and Pete Peters and Rose Schultz were narrow winners in the Y fireworks with only one bullet and seven points to the runners up who had nine.



Y-Flyers coming to the line; Y-Fleet coming on strong

Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode were that runner up boat but they finished in a tie with Charlie DeArmon who also had nine points. Charlie lost second place on a tie breaker but the wine merchant from Oakwood has put the fleet on notice this year that he is someone to contend with. The Y Fleet's seven boats has made racing in that fleet very interesting.

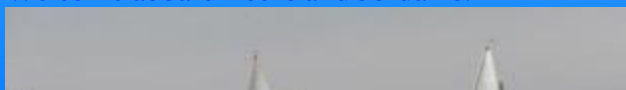


New Members! Great!

Five new member families have joined HSA this year as full time members. . Newest to that list are John and Bridget Beck from Kettering. The Beck's have a MacGregor 25 cruiser.

Also new to the club this month are Ron and Betty Jordan from Indianapolis. The Jordan's sail a Capri 14.2.

That line up in the photo at left may look like a gauntlet but it could also be the welcoming committee. Welcome aboard Becks and Jordan's!



Capri Club Championship Coming Up Kinda Soon

The 2019 edition of the Capri Club Championship is less than two weeks away. Are you signed up? You should! No, really.

2017 Champ - Pete Peters
2018 Champ - Megan DeArmon
2019 Champ - (Your Name Here)

It is one of HSA's most unique events - a race in a one design boat where skippers rotate from one Capri chariot to the next while the crew stays on board.

Each of the two years since its inception has seen something remarkable happen. In 2018, a slow moving drifter, Pete Peters came out on top in an elimination format where he moved unscathed from one round to the next.

In 2019, there were no elimination rounds. Instead, all skippers moved from one boat to the next but had to sit out a one race bye in the process. When it was all said and done, Megan DeArmon had moved to the top of the leaderboard for her first senior regatta win in her young career.

This year, the regatta will follow the same format. We will have at least five boats in the running with skippers once again vying for top dog as they hop from boat to boat between contests.

The regatta plan is to run as many races as possible in an afternoon. Regatta organizers are busy recruiting crews for the boats. They will stay with the boats as the skippers play musical



Megan DeArmon holding her award as Capri Club Champion last year, which was presented to her at the November Awards Banquet

chairs.

The format is similar to the way HSA used to run the Boies Series, a club championship featuring the top skippers in each fleet that was last run in 2007. The boat used changed from one year to the next somewhat like the Champion of Champions Regatta that is held annually in different one design boats every year with class champions from across the country competing.

The Capri Club Championship is the only competition besides perhaps the Sunfish events that pit skippers from different one designs against one another in our club. The big difference from the Boies Series is that you don't have to qualify, you just need to sign up for the challenge.

If you would like to participate, let us know by this Sunday, July 14th. If you would like to participate as a crew, let us know that also.

Mike Stratton is Race Chair and Bobbie Bode will handle the horn. We could still use one or two more on race committee so if you would like to volunteer, just raise your hand.

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In that regatta, which we will just dub the BlowBowl 2019, she kicked the collective Sunfish fleet's broad buttocks. And she has done it before in wind that would fell a tree.

So what's in store for you if you venture out this Sunday for Camptown Races 2019? Win just one race, just one and you can join a very small clubbishy clique of sailors over the past three years who can claim a win over the Queen of Sheebee.

We might even give you a trophy for doing it.

Join us Sunday, get on the line, fire up your Sunfish and get a good start. You're going to need it.

Food follows racing under the Big Tree with the award presentation. Her name is already on the trophy. We could always scratch it out. But then, ...



Social Calendar Events

Hard to believe but the racing season is reaching its half way point. Still, there are a great many things to look forward to, both on the water and off.

Our esteemed social chair Rose tells us that the annual HSA Brunch is coming up on Sunday, July 28th and will coincide with the kick off of the Fall Series.

Then on August HSA will gather socially once again but this time away from the lake for the Midsummer Party in Farmersville.

And, although it seems a long way off, September 1st is the Labor Day Holiday Potluck dinner in the Hueston Room.

Three Sunfish events remain, all are opportunities for racing and fellowship. The biggest is OktoberFast, which HSA is hosting for the second time in three years. The two-day regatta is highlighted by a supper and maybe a beer or two.

The Family That Sails Together...

Editor's Note: A few years ago we ran a series on Nicolas Hayes book Saving Sailing. In this article, reprinted from Sailing Magazine, we revisit some of Hayes thoughts on the direction of our sport as a reminder of our mission. The article is by Erin Schanen

"The reality is that to begin to understand why something invisible like wind can create motion and why it's important for four people to choreograph their motions to turn a boat and to think about how to be safe, these are real challenges that sailors face every day," Hayes said. "They are difficult and to suggest that they aren't is to not really be telling the truth. As soon as someone faces one of these circumstances, to not get it right makes it not fun, but if they understand this is a challenge and they do get it right, well then boy, what an accomplishment."

Hayes sums it up this way: "Hard things matter and hard things done in groups matter most."

Hayes, a partner at a research company, spent years gathering data about sailing participation through formal polls and interviews, and said his data, along with startling statistics, led him to write *Saving Sailing*.

"This book was not written with the objective of selling more sailboats or propping up or helping to market an activity in a shallow way," he said. "It was

to help us go back to the basics: The concept that when we choose to spend time on the water with our kids we are making a commitment that matters."

The book cites some hard facts and figures that are dire enough to make anyone interested in the growth of sailing shudder. At its peak in the late 1970s and early 1980s (a period of long recession, high inflation, high unemployment and volatile energy costs, Hayes points out) more than 5 percent of Americans sailed, 78 percent of the time with family.

Today (2009), fewer than 2 percent of Americans sail and less than 10 percent of them are doing it with their family. It hardly makes sense when you look at another statistic: There are more kids ages 12 to 17 in sailing programs than ever before. But those teenagers leave the sport in almost a mass exodus as young adults, apparently having no devotion to the activity.

The key, according to Hayes, is that: sailing is suffering because fewer people are doing it with their families.

"When I found this family-groups connection, I realized there's not just a correlation, it's causal," he said. "If I spent time fishing with my dad when I was a teenager, what I think about now is that he made a commitment to me at a very important point in my life.

What we're left with is this array of memories, and if the memories involve family activities, we'll express devotion to family by showing devotion to these activities."

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Participation in sailing in the U.S. from 2006-2017
(source: Statista)

2006 - 3.39 million	2007 - 3.79 million
2008 4.23 million	2009 - 4.34 million
2010 - 3.87 million	2011 - 3.73 million
2012 - 3.96 million	2013 - 3.92 million
2014 - 3.92 million	2015 - 4.1 million
2016 - 4.1 million	2017 - 3.97 million



The Family That Sails Together (continued from previous page)

"It starts at a moment in which a parent says, 'I became a parent to pass on life lessons that are important,' and realizing they don't have much time to do that," Hayes said. "Time is penultimate. It is the one thing that we can consider the only family value. Our only entitlement in this life is the time we're given, so how it's spent becomes the critical question of who we are."

Hayes and his wife Angela practice what they preach. They have owned a sailboat for the entirety of their 22-year marriage, and they brought their daughters on board almost from day one.

"We felt this was a matter of supplemental education for our kids," he said. "We determined a long time ago that we would never own a new car so we could always afford a sailboat and that we wouldn't take family vacations outside of sailing with our kids because it kept us connected with our kids. We just did it."

As his daughters have grown older, the payoff for those decisions has been immeasurable. "My kids have seen the aurora borealis. They've held up trophies after winning regattas and have become members of adult crews. They impress us in huge ways."

Hayes says sailors will enjoy reading *Saving Sailing* because it is about a sport they love, and parents will enjoy and perhaps learn from the ideas presented in it, but society as a whole can learn from the lessons the sport of sailing has to offer.

"Sailors share a passion or almost an addiction to sailing," he said. "It indicates that sailing has a place in larger societal and cultural structures. It connects us socially and that connection is what creates this underlying emotional consequence. And all of a sudden our lives are richer."

--Erin L. Schanen