

ACTON ACTION

SPECIAL CAMP

EDITION 2019



Jerry and JoAnn Callahan, who have been active members since the lake and the club began together in 1956, have retired as Junior and Ladies Camp leaders. At the dinner on the last day of camp, the couple received two standing ovations.

CALLAHANS: END OF AN ERA

It has been quite a run for Jerry and JoAnn Callahan. For over four decades, the two have organized and led HSA's junior and ladies camps. No one is quite sure how many years, but even one decade performing at this level is laudable, let alone four of them.

The Callahans announced last year that this season would be their last camp. And while HSA has been working on a new camp for 2020, all are well aware that the two are irreplaceable.

JoAnn has been the primary driver behind camp logistics - ordering, freezing, cooking, slicing

and dicing. She not only made sure everyone, including volunteers, were fed three meals, she was the campground mother as well, where she made sure of tent assignments, good campground behavior, and raccoon/skunk avoidance training.

She and Jerry also hosted her growing family over the years each summer at their home in Trenton, a number that approached 30 people in one house in the finale. Jerry took care of instruction, registration, and boats over the years, and only gradually relinquished those roles over the past few as the transition came

closer. Both cherished family - their own and their sailing family - and treated all as one.

All three of their grown children attended camp this year - Tracy, Brian, and Erin - along with a slew of grandchildren and, now, great-grandchildren as nearly the whole family jumped in for the last hurrah, something they often did.

At the banquet for campers and their parents on that Wednesday closing, the couple were presented with special camp shirts signed by the volunteers, instructors, and others who the Callahans have made loyal camp followers over the years.

Camp Fleets Get Awards at Banquet

C - Fleet - Beginners -

Instructors: Rose Schultz, Pete Peters, Laura Beebe, Roger Henthorn

Most Improved: Kolton Marshall and Caroline See

Rubber Ducky (For Most Capsizes)
Landon Robertson

Fleet members: Kian Smith, Caroline See, Lucy Mears, Ani Free, Ella Blangger, Anthony Greene, Ian Brooks, Kolton Marshall, Landon Robertson

B Fleet - Intermediate juniors -

Instructors: Chris Snider, Phil Robertson

Most Improved: Sean Smith

B Fleet Champion: William Boulton

Fleet members: Eliot Berberich, Toby Mears, Nolan See, Remmy Powers, William Boulton, Sean Smith

A Fleet - Advanced Juniors

Instructors: Mike Stratton, Kevin DeArmon, Jack Cooper, Sean Mahoney

Top Crew: Charlie Cooper

Top Sailor and HSA Junior Champion - Ben Olenick

Fleet members: Morgan Crawford, Connor Snider, Collin Snider, Charlie Cooper, Ben Olenick, Dalton Marshall, Jady Coffed



CALLAHANS' LAST CAMP A MEMORABLE ONE

It was one day calm and smooth, the next turbulent and stormy. Then the sun would shine. Then the remnants of Hurricane Barry (or Tropical Depression Barry, his younger brother) wound its way north and its path cut a swath right through our sailing camp.

It was actually no different than most years - we never knew what we were going to get. Some years it was three days of good wind and weather; others, like last year, it was three days of flooded campsites, on the water madness, falling branches, and lightning bolts.

The common denominator was Jerry and JoAnn. They seemed

prepared for everything and not particularly phased by the wild fluctuations in conditions. It was time for sailing camp and it was going to happen as it always happened, come what may.

Their constant and consistent leadership made sailing camp work, regardless of what was thrown in their path.

Now that they have retired from that enormous task, we have a lot to look back on. There isn't a camper or a volunteer who couldn't sit down and tell a dozen stories about their camp experience. It was an annual reunion for us all, one we will always cherish.

Thank you, Callahans.



B Fleet instructors Phil Robertson and Chris Snider keep a watchful eye over their flock in the Party Boat.



The second annual arms folded in "We Got This" pose: from left, Jack Cooper, Mike Stratton, and Austin Coffed.



And in this boat, Pete and Rose give junior counselors Kayla Draper, right, and Megan DeArmon, foreground, a lift.



Junior Counselors

The often overlooked and underpaid junior counselors were once again instrumental in camp success. We simply wouldn't be able to function well without these youngsters, all graduates of HSA's junior camp: Cosette Gunter, Megan DeArmon, Kayla Draper, Katie Lockhart, Jack Cooper, Ian Mahoney, Kevin DeArmon, and Sean Mahoney. Thank you all.

Camp Volunteers

Here they are - the army that made camp happen: Julie Molleran, Megan Molleran, Rosa Molleran, Erin Coffed, Austin Coffed, Tracy Mahoney, Amy Marks, Brian Callahan, Roger Henthorn, Phil Robertson, Pete Peters, Laura Beebe, Rose Schultz, Chris Snider, and Mike Stratton.

Hats off to all of you for a great 2019 Junior Camp!

(A special thanks to Tracy Mahoney who took over 500 photos, some of which we used in this issue. See our Facebook page for all the rest. They are wonderful.)

At right, A fleters practice man overboard. Or maybe they're just fooling around. Clockwise: Grace Reid, left, and crew Jadya Coffed; Dalton and Charlie flying; the whole of A Fleet at awards banquet; two of the A Fleet's four Capris in a race; below left - Ben Olenick skippers as Collin Snider does something adventurous.





B Fleet: At left, the whole gang, mostly, with instructors Phil, left, and Chris, right. Below, Nolan See scoots along on a pretty good reach. Bottom left, campground Jenga just before it all came down; at left, one by one, they all get put away each day.

Top picture: the whole camp at the beach.



C Fleet: Top left, instructor Beebe with a baby, one of the Callahan clan; top, capsized partners sail on day one; below, Rose and Laura at chalk talk; bottom left, Rose gets ready for going out on the water; at left, going, going, gone.

