

ACTON ACTION

Calendar Closing Down

Hot Summer Winds Toward Finish



It isn't over even if Stephen (no fat lady) sings. HSA has a couple more weekends in its bag. Coming up after next Sunday's last regular Fall Series closer are two events that promise to end things with huge thwacking sound or two.

We have the Round the Lake Race coming on September 29th where every boat racing will begin together, the only time in the racing year we do that. All boats from Hobies to Hunter 23's will be surging to a single start as we race from dock to dam. Six buoys, one lap, two titles at stake: club's fastest boat and skipper and best performing boat and skipper (per Robert's Rules of Order, aka the Portsmouth Rating System).

Organizers will have food afterwards while participants deconstruct their on the water exploits. No registration, no fees. Skipper's meet on Sunfish Island at 12:30.

COMING SOON

End of Fall Series

The Fall Series ends on Sunday, September 22 with races 11 and 12. We can't believe how fast it went.

The Second Annual Round the Lake Race; all fleets including cruisers in one start club free for all. Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fastest of them all!

OktoberFast!

The Sunfish Midwest Regional Championship comes to Acton Lake! Get registered. Get in this one! Registration forms along with the Notice of Race are at the HSA website and at the Sunfish website. Fee is \$45 and you must be a member of the Sunfish national organization. Sign up soon! Special regatta dri-tek shirts designed by our very own Rose Schultz are available to the first 20 who register.

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The trophies, original paintings by HSA's Scott Johnston, go to the top three finishers.

Then, on October 5-6, HSA will end it all with an even huger event (yes, it's a word) with the 2019 OktoberFast Sunfish Midwest Regional Championship. This two-day Sunfish class sanctioned racing will feature some of the best sailors in the Midwest as well as our own contingent of Sunfish sailors. Four meals, regatta shirts, and specially designed trophies just for this event. Go to the HSA website to find the registration form. Let's do it, HSA!

Labor Day Holiday Series Tested Patience

When you paddle to the starting line, a few questions come to mind. First, what am I doing out here! Then, what am I doing out here!

So, it was Sunday. Paddle and look forward to the potluck, cause they ain't nothin' happening out here. So, we creaked around the course for a lap (originally billed as a three-lap race by a delusional race committee) and then struck gold.

Away all boats! The wind piped up smartly. They did shorten course to two laps but we actually could have gone three.

Race two was similarly robust. And then it got out of hand. Five bolts of lightning to the south were enough to call

it quits. We lightning bolted to the harbor after racing in strong northwest winds, with the sun shining, rain coming down, and thunder boomies to the south.

Race two never made it into the books, although Don Fecher had already crossed the line and got his in.

Fecher would go on to win one more on Monday to capture the weekend for multihulls, even though Charlie Buchert stole one race from him.

In the Handicap mash up, Laura Beebe took two numero unos to take the Holiday crown, just another tiara for the Terror of the Sunfish crowd.

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This little Y-Flyer heads for home as a storm builds in the background. The wind was from the northwest, the storm from the south, the rain and sunshine from directly overhead, the lightning outta nowhere. It was Mother Nature's dissociative identity disorder day.



Over the past few years, the Handicap start has become more democratic and diverse. No longer dominated in number by the Sunfish, the start has seen more appearances by Capri 14's, the Flying Scot, and Stephen Cook's Monty 15. Last weekend, this rounding of the windward mark was led by Joe and LeighAnn Fulford in the Scot. They are followed by Ken Wright in a Sunfish, the Brewsters in their Capri, and Megan DeArmon in a Sunfish. All boats regardless of size or crew are welcome. All are scored by their Portsmouth rating. Very American.



This is the scene in race one. The wind, what there was of it, was coming from the boat on the right's port side. You couldn't tell from this photo. Nor could you tell they were racing and not just rafting up. Dennis Hensley's quip wins the caption contest: "Pardon me, but do you have any Grey Poupon?" On the left, the Judy's. On the right, Mark Durbin and Jerry Brewster.

CruiserFest '19 Title Goes to Fulfords; Farr 740 Fastest Boat

The Big Boys took to the field and it had everything you could wish for - fun, food, drama, people, a veritable torrent of all kinds of cruisers - everything except one thing: *wind*.

The event, like last year, was struck by a lazy, indolent, and altogether meagerness of breeze that puts the word "scanty" to the test. Still, the participants remained cheered and hopeful, buoyed by Stephen Cook's soulful crooning of classics like "Drunken Sailor" and Christopher Cross' "Sailing".

His songs were as close as we got to either. And yet, there were two starts and two finishes with the Farr 740 helmed by Charlie DeArmon and Mike Dawson crossing the line first in both. The Farr, a New Zealand built 25-footer, was indeed fast and seemed to be making its own wind.

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top right: the Fulfords in the Victoria 18; at right Mike Dawson and Charlie in the fast Farr 740.



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CruiserFest**

After celebrating and picture taking, the champions had to face another opponent - the Portsmouth rating system. The Farr 740's DPN was a tiny 85. When the corrected times were tabulated, it was Joe and Leigh Ann Fulford who leaped frogged the Farr into first place after a raw second place finish. The Victoria 18 they sailed had a DPN of 113.4, enough to catapult them into first place.

The third-place finisher, Stephen and Zella Cook in their Montgomery 15, parlayed a DPN of 108.2 into a second-place corrected time to drop the Farr down to third.

The remaining boats, all cruisers in the 90 to 100 DPN range, pretty much stayed in the raw finish position. Most of the entrants were crewed by families: The Eversoles had five family members on their O'Day 25; the Marshal Family had four on their Hunter 23; the Lask family in a Catalina 22 had three; and several others had at least two.

Dave and Jackie Judy provided the main course and set up for the Dock Party that followed. There, everyone was on the line at the start of the feast unlike the race start where ten minutes into race one, several boats had not yet reached the start line.

The 40-minute limit was tested but the Farr crossed in about 34 minutes. Race two's leader was done in about 22. Not sure how that happened in no wind, but we did it.

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Ken Wright took the runners up spot with steady work, while the other bullet went to the Brewster couple, who got that one on Sunday before skipping town on Monday.

In Y-Flyers, it was tense, anxious, and stressful. Then it got uncomfortable. After the Mike/Bill boat won race one on Sunday and were leading in race abandoned race two, they became involved in a little kerfluffle on Monday.

It all started when three of the five Y's were over early, thanks to Brett Hart's brash leeward right of way claims. That left Charlie DeArmon all alone in the lead as the other boats scrambled to catch up.

Mike/Bill blundered into a bad tack and struck the traveler of the Roger/Bobbie boat sending them into, well, a place you don't wanna go.

Neither were able to catch Charlie and Amy's tail and the three boats ended race one in a three-way tie for the Labor Day Holiday Series Trophy. It all came down to race two with the Henthorn boat coming out on top. He/she who makes the fewest mistakes wins. As adages go, that's a pretty good one.

Scott Eversole, fresh off two knee surgeries, made a welcome appearance on the race course with son Dalton on hand to crew.

**LABOR DAY
RESULTS**

Handicap Fleet

1. Laura Beebe 2 1 1	4
2. Ken Wright 3 3 4	10
3. Brian Callahan 9 2 2	13
4. Joe and LeighAnn Fulford	
	6 4 3 13
5. Stephen Cook 9 5 5	19
6. Jerry and Darrilynn Brewster	
	1 9 9 19
7. Kayla Draper 4 9 9	22
8. Megan DeArmon 5 9 9	23

Y-Flyers

1. Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode 2 2 1	5
2. Mike Stratton/Bill Sanderson 1 3 2	6
3. Charlie DeArmon/Amy Marks 3 1 3	7
4. Brett Hart/Maggie Hart/Callie Miller 4 5 4	13
5. Scott Eversole/Dalton Eversole DNS DNS 4	16

Hobies

1. Don Fecher 1 1 1 2	5
2. Charlie Buchert DNS DNS 2 1 13	
3. Kevin DeArmon DNS DNS 4 3 17	
4. Joe and Allison Buchert	
	DNS DNS 3 4 17

HSA Hosting Sunfish Midwest Regional Championship Soon

We don't want to make a big hullabaloo but HSA is going home for the off season with somewhat of a Big Bang.

OktoberFast is usually the race that ends the season and that is true again this year. What is different is that we are hosting an official Sunfish Championship, one in which the top finisher is invited to the Sunfish World Championship and the top finishers could end up going with that person.

The two-day event on October 5-6 will feature some of our club's and the Midwest's top Sunfish sailors. But it will also feature some special people.

Our very own Rose Schultz, a retired art teacher who with her husband George has made many a fantastic trophy or two for HSA regattas, has designed the logo for this year's OktoberFast. The design goes on the regatta shirt and is available to the first twenty who register. Rose races both Sunfish and Y's.

There will be other regatta giveaways but it will also feature four meals, including a Saturday night dinner at the lake and shot at a big fleet start. Regatta Chair Brett Hart has been working on the event since early summer and has also lined up trophies for the top three finishers.

Those trophies are being made by HSA's Scott Johnston, a teacher at Miami University, an artist and a former Y-Flyer racer. (He now gets out on his San Juan 21) His original framed watercolor of Sunfish racing will be the first-place prize. Second and third place will receive a metallic copy of that same watercolor.



The Championship's NOR (Notice of Race) and registration form are available at the HSA website and at the Sunfish class website. The registration fee is \$45 and you must be a member of the Sunfish class. (Sunfish class membership fees go to supporting the class in the Midwest and across the country.)

Last year's OktoberFast champion, Laura Beebe, is an early favorite, but she is going to get challenged by some of her own club members as well as those coming from around the Midwest.

In 2017 HSA hosted the Regional. That one was won by Michigan's Dan Norton and had 20 participants. This year, the club got 21 boats to the line for the AuGusto! Sunfish regatta and are looking to break that modern era record in this event. The club has more than 20 Sunfish racers on its membership roster.

Get registered before September 20th or a late fee kicks in. The regatta shirt will likely only be available for a short time before they are gone. In addition to breakfast and lunch both days, the regatta will feature a Saturday evening dinner with games and activities.

CruiserFest '19 Results

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| 1. Joe and Leigh Ann Fulford - Victoria 18 | 1 1 | 2 | 9. Peter Lask/family - Catalina 22 11 8 |
| 2. Stephen and Zella Cook - Montgomery 15 | 2 2 | 4 | 19 |
| 3. Mike Dawson and Charlie DeArmon - Farr 740 | 3 3 | 6 | 10. Mark Durbin/Jerry Brewster - |
| | | | MacGregor 25 9 11 20 |
| 4. Mike Stratton/Dawn/Carla - Catalina 250 | 4 4 | 8 | 11. Bill and Jane Jackson - MacGregor 25 |
| | | | 12 10 22 |
| 5. Scott Eversole/Paul,/Karen/Dalton/Mckenna - O'Day | | | 12. Dave and Jackie Judy - Catalina 22 |
| 25 5 5 10 | | | 10 DNF 23 |
| 6. Pete Peters/Rose Schultz - Catalina 22 | 6 7 | 13 | |
| 7. Dalton Marshall/Colten/Melisha/Mike - Hunter 23 | 8 6 | | |
| | 14 | | |
| 8. Dennis Hensley/Melissa - San Juan 23 | 7 9 | 16 | |

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UPWIND SUNDAY LABOR DAY

