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Neil Harrell at Barn N Bunk

Who Knew?

The legend may very well live on from the Chippewa on down (as the song goes) but who knew that our very own Rear Commodore Joe Fulford had that *Edmund Fitzgerald* blood in him?

Joe's tongue in cheek presentation about HSA and Acton Lake revealed to the club his connection to the captain of that fated ship - Ernest Michael McSorley. That was the only part of Joe's presentation that was actually true. McSorley and Joe share the same great grandfather (for Joe, add two more "greats")

McSorley went down with the ship along with 28 other souls. The Gordon Lightfoot song that Neil Harrell sang at the banquet, poetically tells the whole story on page 5

HSA The Musical! : Three Act Drama/Comedy

We all came to break bread together and hand out awards but it was pretty good theater too. From the burlesque of the HSA slide show to the narrative drama of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* to the light hearted number from *My Fair Lady* (music and book by Lerner and Loewe and Harrell; lyrics by Stephen Cook) it was an evening of Comedial Dramataryism. (Yes, I made that term up.) More inside this edition on page 2.

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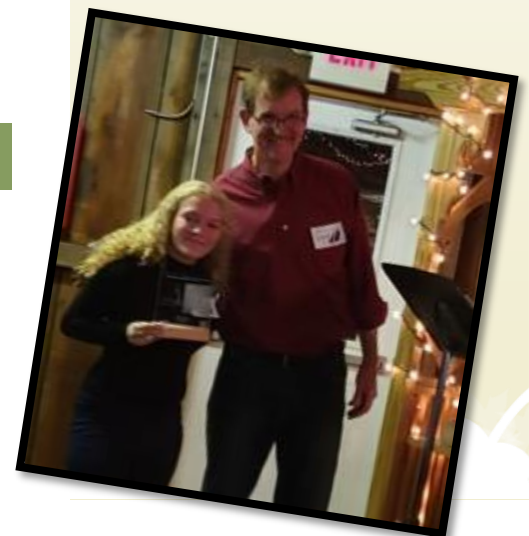
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Special Awards

HSA annually awards five traveling trophies, all for contributions to the club over the course of a season.

Here are the 2019 recipients.

Frank Peters Memorial Sportsmanship Award

Awarded this season to Montgomery 15 and Sunfish sailor **Stephen Cook** and named in honor of one of HSA's Founding Fathers. The trophy was donated to the club in 1972 by HSA's first commodore, Robert Boies.

Larry L. Johnson Challenger Award

Awarded this season to Y-Flyer and O'Day skipper **Scott Eversole** and given in recognition of improvement in sailing skills and sportsmanship.

Bob's Sportsmanship Award

Awarded this season to Y-Flyer and Sunfish racer **Brett Hart** for distinguished service and sportsmanship.

US Sailing Sportsmanship Award

Awarded this season to Y-Flyer and Sunfish racer **Rose Schultz** for exemplary behavior on and off the water and for promoting the sport of sailing.

Richard Saunders Memorial

Awarded this year to **Kayla Draper**, a HSA junior Sunfish sailor who demonstrated the most enthusiasm for the sport of sailing. (Photo page 1)





Winter Is Here. Now What?

We've cleaned the boats, drained the tanks, winterized the motors, and stored them away in a barn or under a tarp. Now what? April is a long, long way off.

Ok, here are some ideas. As the pictures above suggest, you could go sailing. Frostbiting, something I don't think HSA has ever done but once (ask Jerry C. or Pete about a November sail in Middletown on the Great Miami once). There's land sailing, if you can build one or buy it on Amazon. And there is ice boat sailing, something HSA members used to do back in the day when the lake still froze over.

Yes, we know. All of those things would

have to be done in the cold outdoors. Wim Hof (the iceman) aside, that is difficult if not downright uncomfortable.

And yes, you could go south, charter a boat and sail the Gulf or the Keys or the other warm waters of the south coast. If none of these is available or practical, we have more.

The past two years, a few of us have taken a navigation class, but there are also classes on weather and other sail related skills. Check out the Dayton or Cincy Sail and Power Squadrons for offerings near you.

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Callahan's Honored

Among HSA's founding members, the Callahans have endured over the years and were recognized Saturday night for their junior and ladies camp leadership.

They have been members since the club was formed in 1956 when they sailed in competition with the other First People of the club. Over the years, the couple have seen a lot and been a part of it all. Few can match their contribution and lasting effect on our sailing and racing fellowship. On Saturday night, Jerry and JoAnn were honored with a special recognition award for their four plus decades of junior and ladies camp work. Thank you, Callahans. They retired from their roles as camp leaders in 2019.



OktoberFast! 2019

The Top Gun

Dan Norton, the scourge of the North, reprised his victory in 2017 by taking five of the seven races in this year's Sunfish Midwest Regional Regatta. Dan is in the back row on the left. In second was Wisconsin's Mark Kastel with his arm draped around the 3rd place finisher, our very own Brian Callahan. Tom Katterheinrich of Lake St. Mary finished in 4th. He is on the right of Brian.



Two Days; Seven Races; Not Much Wind

Norton, a self-confessed light air guy, took the first four races on Saturday, October 5th in that very same light air. He threatened to do it again on Sunday, which started out with another light air race, but this time he was thwarted by HSA's Brian Callahan who took his lone bullet in that race.

Norton would come back and win Sunday's second race as the wind built, but Mark Kastel of LaCrosse, WI finally got his own first place finish after a number of runners up vs. Norton over the whole weekend, accomplishing it in the final race.

The regatta featured fifteen boats and competitors from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin set against a backdrop of the Ohio State/Michigan football game, which was watched without too much conflict at the Hueston Woods lodge.

Regatta attendees were treated to four meals, a souvenir t-shirt, and regatta towels with the first-place trophy's artwork by Hueston Sailing's Scott Johnston. The shirt also had original artwork by HSA's Rose Schultz. The out of towners not only dominated the trophies, they also won the Saturday post dinner nautical trivia contest which featured moving giant wine bottles around a modified Olympic course drawn on the floor.

Norton, fresh off an 11th place finish at the Sunfish Worlds, won OktoberFast for the second time in three tries. Past champions Laura Beebe of HSA and Tom Katterheinrich of Lake St. Mary's were also participating.

1. Dan Norton, Devil's Lake MI 1 1 1 1 (6) 1 2 7
2. Mark Kastel, LaCrosse, WI 2 2 2 4 (5) 3 1 15
3. Brian Callahan, HSA 5 5 3 2 1 2 (6) 18
4. Tom Katterheinrich, Lake St. Mary's, OH 3 4 4 3 2 4 (8) 20
5. Mike Stratton, HSA 4 6 (8) 6 3 7 4 30
6. Laura Beebe, HSA 6 3 6 7 7 4 (10) 34
7. Gail Turluck, Gull Lake, MI (14) 7 11 5 4 9 3 39
8. Jerry Brewster, HSA 7 9 9 8 9 (14) 5 47
9. Doug Warren, Lake Bluff, IL 13 12 7 (14) 8 6 7 53
10. Mark Costandi, HSA 11 10 10 10 (13) 8 11 60
11. Kevin DeArmon, HSA 10 (13) 6 12 11 11 12 61
12. Charlie DeArmon, HSA 9 8 12 11 10 12 (13) 62
13. Amy Marks, HSA (15) 11 13 9 14 15 9 71
14. Dominiek Everaet, HSA 8 14 (15) 13 15 13 14 77
15. Brett Hart, HSA 12 (15) 14 15 12 10 15 78

The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down
 Of the big lake they called Gitche Gumee
 The lake, it is said, never gives up her dead
 When the skies of November turn gloomy
 With a load of iron ore twenty-six thousand tons
 more
 Than the Edmund Fitzgerald weighed empty
 That good ship and true was a bone to be chewed
 When the gales of November came early
 The ship was the pride of the American side
 Coming back from some mill in Wisconsin
 As the big freighters go, it was bigger than most
 With a crew and good captain well seasoned
 Concluding some terms with a couple of steel
 firms
 When they left fully loaded for Cleveland
 And later that night when the ship's bell rang
 Could it be the north wind they'd been feelin'?
 The wind in the wires made a tattle-tale sound
 And a wave broke over the railing
 And every man knew, as the captain did too,
 T'was the witch of November come stealin'
 The dawn came late and the breakfast had to wait
 When the gales of November came slashin'
 When afternoon came it was freezin' rain
 In the face of a hurricane west wind
 When suppertime came, the old cook came on
 deck sayin'
 Fellas, it's too rough to feed ya
 At seven p.m., a main hatchway caved in, he said
 Fellas, it's been good to know ya
 The captain wired in he had water comin' in
 And the good ship and crew was in peril
 And later that night when 'is lights went outta
 sight
 Came the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald
 Does any one know where the love of God goes
 When the waves turn the minutes to hours?
 The searchers all say they'd have made Whitefish
 Bay
 If they'd put fifteen more miles behind 'er
 They might have split up or they might have
 capsized
 They may have broke deep and took water
 And all that remains is the faces and the names

Of the wives and the sons and the daughters
 Lake Huron rolls, Superior sings
 In the rooms of her ice-water mansion
 Old Michigan steams like a young man's dreams
 The islands and bays are for sportsmen
 And farther below Lake Ontario
 Takes in what Lake Erie can send her
 And the iron boats go as the mariners all know
 With the gales of November remembered
 In a musty old hall in Detroit they prayed,
 In the maritime sailors' cathedral
 The church bell chimed till it rang twenty-nine
 times
 For each man on the Edmund Fitzgerald
 The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down
 Of the big lake they called Gitche Gumee
 Superior, they said, never gives up her dead
 When the gales of November come early



HSA's Joe Fulford has Capt. McSorley in his family tree. McSorley was at the helm of the ill-fated Edmund Fitzgerald when it went down in Lake Superior during a storm. His body was never recovered. There is a cenotaph placed next to his wife's grave in Toledo, OH.

A monument to the memorial of the captain and the other 28 souls lost that day stands at the Great Lakes Ship Wreck Museum in Paradise, Michigan.

2019 Season Racing Awards

Hobie Fleet

Don Fecher - 1st Memorial Day; 1st July 4th; 1st Spring; 1st Labor Day; 1st Fall

Y-Flyer Fleet

Pete Peters/ Rose Schultz - 1st Memorial Day; 1st July 4th; 1st Spring; 2nd Fall

Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode - 2nd Memorial Day; 2nd July 4th; 1st Labor Day; 1st Fall

Mike Stratton - 2nd Labor Day

Handicap Fleet

Laura Beebe - 1st Memorial Day; 1st Labor Day

Kayla Draper - 1st Spring

Amy Marks - 1st July 4th

Ian Mahoney - 2nd July 4th

Bill Molleran - 3rd July 4th

Ken Wright - 4th July 4th; 2nd Labor Day;

Brian Callahan - 3rd Labor Day

Samantha Marks - 2nd Memorial Day

Jerry Brewster/Darrilynn Brewster - 3rd Memorial Day; 1st Fall

Sunfish Series (Founders' Day; Camptown Races; AuGusto!; OktoberFast)

Laura Beebe - 1st

Brian Callahan - 2nd

Mike Stratton - 3rd

Steve Szymanski - 4th

Capri Club Championship

Mike Stratton - 1st

Jerry Brewster - 2nd

Ken Wright - 3rd

CruiserFest 19

Corrected 1st - Joe and LeighAnn Fulford Victoria 18

Corrected 2nd - Stephen and Zella Cook - Montgomery 15

Corrected 3rd and Raw 1st - Mike Dawson/Charlie DeArmon Farr 740

Round the Lake Race

Corrected 1st and Raw 1st - Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode Y-Flyer

Corrected 2nd - Mike Stratton/Carla Myers Y-Flyer

Corrected 3rd - Jerry and Darrilynn Brewster Capri 14.2

US Sunfish Schedule Out for 2020's Big Events

Yes, we are kind of excited. The US Sunfish Masters in 2020 will be held in the Midwest at Indiana's Lake Wawasee. The event will be in September from the 11-13th on Indiana's biggest lake. If you be over 40, Mate, you are eligible.

But you don't have to wait until September of 2020 to get into a big Sunfish event. March 14-22, the Clearwater Yacht Club will host the Midwinter Nationals and the Midwinter Masters back to back. These Sunfish regattas are a step up from the Regionals like the kind we held in October, attracting 40 - 50 boats or more. If you qualified for the Sunfish Worlds, well, they are in Sarasota in October 2020. Yes, quite a starting line up. To the calendar!

Winter! Now What? (cont. from page 3)

#2 - Learn how to tie knots. How's your bowline?

Check out animated.knots.com or get the Ashley Book of Knots and you can hitch and bend all over the place.

#3 Get your sailing movie list going. Here are some starters:

Deep Water 2006 - true story of the 1968 Golden Globe race in which Donald Crowhurst lost his mind and then his boat and his life. Fun!

Maidentrip 2013 - Dutch sailor Laura Dekker sailed around the world. At age 16!

Hold Fast 2010 - The odyssey of finding and fixing up a boat then sailing it from Florida to the Caribbean

Blakey 2011 - The story of Sir Peter Blake, one of the greatest sailors of all time, who was tragically killed on the Amazon River in 2002.

Vanishing Sail 2015 - a tribute to the boatbuilding tradition of the Caribbean Islands

#4 Sail online!

Virtual Regatta - virtualregatta.com
Play against others in a famous race like the Volvo Ocean Race or the Sydney-Hobart

Naval Action - navalaction.com
Square riggers in battle! or just exploration

Sailaway - sailawaysimulator.com
Sail a virtual cruiser across oceans in real time

Pirates of the Burning Sea - poralusgames.com
Compete in skills and tactics against other sailors

#5 Board Games!

Nautical Trivia nauticaltrivia.com
a test of nautical knowledge and boats

Sail Away - shop.mattel.com
Caribbean pirates are after ya matey! Go for the treasure!

Yachting sailing Board Game 1890
tintoyarcade.com Classic yachts around the bay - all ages

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