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In this 1962 photo you can see about two dozen sailboats just on the north end of the lake alone. The picture, taken from Pete Peters' collection, was shot from the main beach.

## It's Official: 2022 Season Set

*Executive Committee Puts Its Imprimatur on Calendar*

In a quiet suburb of Springboro last week, the HSA executive Committee deftly put a stamp of approval on a new racing season at Hueston Woods and the club will again resurrect itself from its winter sleep and roar to life in April. As if we had any doubts.

At the home of new Vice Commodore Darrilynn Brewster, all eight of the duly elected magistrates of the marine discussed and distilled until the racing, training, and social events were pegged into position.

What's new for 2022? For the first time since 2010 the racing calendar has been expanded rather than contracted with 14 races in both spring and fall.

With that comes a return to two Intro to Sail sessions, but only for a single day (a Saturday) rather than two. That move opened up the schedule for adding another racing Sunday in both the Spring and Fall. Since 2012 we had been doing six rather than seven.

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### The Sailing Museum to Open May 10<sup>th</sup> in Newport

If you are traveling to the East Coast any time soon, you may want to include a stop at the brand new Sailing Museum in Newport, R.I.

The museum will be home to the National Sailing Hall of Fame and the America's Cup Hall of Fame. It will also house a ton of exhibits and sailing interactives as well as eight full size boats. One of those boats is... a Sunfish! Here is a link to their site and a virtual tour: <https://thesailingmuseum.org/>

# 2022 Season Set: Racing Schedule Expanded

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The club also added another Moonlight Sail, one of our more popular social events.

2022 will also see the club return to a full Junior Camp in its traditional form, coming during the week for three days instead of on the weekend as we did in 2021. The camp will culminate in a junior regatta at the end of that week.

HSA will still host four Sunfish regattas but OktoberFast will be just one day and will not be a regional qualifier for the Sunfish Worlds. In 2023, however, the club will host a Midwest Regional in June at the Founders Day Sunfish

regatta, making that a two day event early in that season.

As for racing clinics, the club will pause in May for a weekend of race training after the first three weekends of racing.

New Commodore Amy Marks chaired her first meeting and capped it at two hours after the hosting Brewsters provided a magnificent luncheon.

CruiserFest and The Around the Lake Race will return in 2022 as will all three holiday potlucks. Membership fees remain a remarkably low \$105 for a family. The season calendar is in this issue and on the website at [www.huestonsailing.com](http://www.huestonsailing.com).



*It finally happened. After three years of inviting people to sail on his new Catalina 22 named "After You", someone put an end to Pete Peters' long running joke. "Bill Sanderson" apparently decided to topple that joke with his own.*

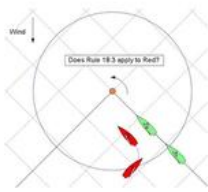

## Racing Rules of Sailing on HSA Facebook

**Definitions for Rule 18.3**

**Fetching**  
 "A boat is fetching a mark when she is in a position to pass to windward of it and leave it on the required side without changing tack."

Which boats are fetching the mark?  
 Blue and Yellow are fetching.

Does Rule 18.3 apply to Red?  
 No. Red is not fetching the mark, so Rule 18.3 does not apply.

Hey, we are talking about racing rules and trying hard not to spread misinformation. Zuckerberg wouldn't like it. Join us each Monday and jump into the discussion on Facebook. We would like to have your input and/or stories.

It is important to keep in mind that 99% of the RRS is about four basic rules: port/starboard, windward/leeward, overlaps, and avoiding collisions. These rules are the common ones and only the situations differ. Barging? It's the windward/leeward rule. Port tack start? Windward/leeward and port/starboard rules. Tacking in the Zone? It's all four of them at once.

*Got Rights?*

Some situations can be unclear and there are some variations, but for the majority, know the four basic ones and you can do them all. Starboard!



## HSA: Sixty-Six Years and Still Going Strong

Our Continuing Series on Club History and the Veterans in Each Fleet – This Issue? The Singlehanded Fleet

Quick. Tell us which fleet at HSA is the only one that has grown steadily since the first days of the club? If you said the Singlehanded fleet, you would be right. Those who sailed singlehanded in the 1950's and 60's often did so in the Sunfish precursor, the Sailfish, a flat, ironing board of a boat (a Don Fecherism) with side rails but no cockpit.

There were also a number of Lasers in the club over the years, and at one point, in 1981, there were 14 of them in the club, but the Sunfish would do at our club what it was doing around the world - become the most popular singlehanded boat ever built.

The Sailfish rig and hull gave way to its evolutionary sibling the Sunfish and the two boats raced side by side for a number of years before the Sailfish disappeared entirely at HSA.

Part of the growth of the Sunfish as a fleet is attributable to the fact that many who sailed larger boats also owned a Sunfish and to the tireless promotion of Jerry Callahan. There are actually few in our club who sail only a Sunfish, but it remains an important lynchpin in the club's offering of racing fleets and is the only fleet at HSA whose members are active on the regatta circuit.

The first Sunfish Championship was held in 1976, although the Juniors and the Women's Championship were already being held in that boat. In that year the Sunfish fleet had grown to ten boats with only one Sailfish remaining, but joined in the singlehanded group by six Force 5's. (The winner of that first club Sunfish championship? Jerry Callahan.)

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## Sixty Six Years and Still Going Strong Series – the Sunfish Thrives

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Junior sailor **Chris Snider** would win the 1980-81 Junior title in Sunfish and claim the Sunfish club championship in 1979, 1980, and 1981, probably the only time in the club history that a junior has won both a junior and a senior Sunfish club championship. Chris and his family are still active in HSA.

The following year the Sunfish fleet would jump to 16 boats with six Force 5's still racing and the sudden appearance of five Lasers. 1977 then would have not only a Sunfish Championship but also a Singlehanded Championship for the first time. And there was a winner declared in all three singlehanded classes.

The Sunfish Championship was discontinued in 1987 but the Singlehanded Regattas continued with some years in the early 90's having as many as seven Singlehanded race dates, but the Sunfish was the only class sailing it. Eventually it would settle into four or five race dates which it continues to be until this day *with The Founders' Day Sunfish Regatta, the Camptown Races Sunfish Regatta, the AuGusto! Sunfish Regatta, and the OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta.*

The Sunfish fleet reached a high point in 2004 with 32 individual fleet members. It currently numbers 19 racing members.

### The Sunfish Fleet's Three Virtuosos Are Also Its Veterans.

Surprised? Well, we shouldn't be. Between Laura Peters, Bill Molleran, and Brian Callahan there are 116 years of membership in the club and a good deal of racing experience along with those years. All three have also made appearances on the Sunfish regatta circuit along with Dom Everaet and Yours Truly making the Sunfishers the most active regatta group in the club.

The sidebar on this page profiles their club history.

### SUNFISH STALWARTS

**Laura Peters** began racing a Sunfish in junior camp in 1993 at an age a year earlier than allowed and has been at it ever since. After sailing for Miami University, she returned to the Sunfish full time. Although her membership dates from 1983 with dad Pete, she has been an active racer since graduating from college in 2005. She is one of the more talented active racers and has made appearances in local, regional, and national Sunfish competitions. Her total membership including family is 38 years. She is also 38 years old.

**Bill Molleran**, after joining the club in 1986 with a Hobie 16, has been active for 35 years. When his children began junior camp in 2001, the family bought two Sunfish over the next few years, and eventually Bill would leave his Hobie in 2010 and begin racing the Sunfish exclusively.

"Eventually I started using the (Sunfish) more than the kids and found it a lot of fun."

**Brian Callahan**, another stalwart in the Sunfish only camp, was an active racer as a crew in his dad Jerry's Y-Flyer as were his sisters Erin and Tracy. Brian took over for mom and sisters at age 15 and stayed there until college. (cont. on page 6)

# 2022 HSA Calendar

April 9 – Launch Work Party/Social Launch  
Lunch/Committee Boat and Safety Training

April 24 – First Spring

May 1 – Second Spring

May 8 – Third Spring

May 14-15 - Race Clinic (14<sup>th</sup> only if needed)

May 21 – Intro to Sail (Saturday)

May 22 – Fourth Spring

May 29 – 30 Memorial Day Holiday Series with  
potluck on Sunday

June 5 – Founders' Day Sunfish Regatta

June 11 – Capri Work Party (Saturday)

June 12 – Fifth Spring

June 18 – Intro to Sail (Saturday)

June 19 – Sixth Spring

June 26 – Seventh Spring

July 3-4 – Fourth of July Holiday Series with  
potluck on Sunday

July 10 – Camptown Races Sunfish Regatta

July 11-13 – HSA Junior Camp

July 16 – Junior Sunfish Regatta (Saturday)

July 17 – First Fall

July 24 – Second Fall with brunch

July 30 – Intro to Sail (if needed) (Saturday)

July 31 – Third Fall

August 7 – Fourth Fall

August 13 – Moonlight Sail I (Saturday)

August 14 – AuGusto! Sunfish Regatta

August 21 – Fifth Fall

August 28 – Sixth Fall

September 4-5 – Labor Day Holiday Series with  
potluck on Sunday

September 10 – Moonlight Sail II (Saturday)

September 11 – CruiserFest

September 18 – Seventh Fall

September 25 – Around the Lake Race

October 3- OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta

October 8 – Haul Out

November 5 – Annual Banquet



This photo, also from the Peters' collection, shows the precursor to our pontoon committee boat. Don't know who these folks are who are on duty but the race is about to begin. If you look closely, you can see the little cannon right in front of the woman. It was used to fire the signal for the race start. It was replaced by a horn in 1972. Safer.

## Sunfish Stalwarts (Continued from page 4)

After going away to Penn State for grad school and staying away for a while for work, he returned to HSA in 2001 in a Sunfish and has been racing in that fleet since.

“ I know I bought my first Sunfish sometime in mid-summer of 2000 because I remember I paid extra monthly for a garage at the apartment complex I

was living at ... not for my brand new Maxima, but for my new (to me) Sunfish.”

His 43 years of membership also includes the years on his parents’ membership.

These three sailors have set the standard for Sunfish racing at our club. If you finish ahead of them in any race, consider yourself really accomplished. Or really lucky.



*Remember these boats? Sea Snarks of the Seventies? Roger Henthorn shared. He had one.*

### SOME SUNFISH STALWARTS THEN VS NOW



Above left, early Sailfish racing circa 1957 with Pete Peters in the foreground trailing the other two boats but having the windward gauge. At left, teen Brian Callahan at Pete Peters’ wedding. (Can you guess the decade?) Above, Laura Peters, pre-teen, hanging onto the boom on dad’s Y Flyer.

## Volunteer Opportunities Abound in 2022

*After 66 years, HSA is still in the business of bringing a love for wind and water to this part of the country. We are not Newport, or Chicago, or Sarasota, but the club has done its part in promoting the sport, the art, the zen of sailing for literally hundreds of lives since 1956.*

*That is a role that we as a club take seriously and it happens only as a result of the effort of those who have served as officers, fleet captains, race organizers, work crew members, and camp volunteers over the years.*

*If you are looking for a way to help continue that tradition this season, here are some ways you can participate as a helper or as the go to person:*

**Haul In/Haul Out:** Working on rescue and committee boats at season's beginning and season's end. See Harbormaster Don Fecher.

**Capri Maintenance:** HSA's share fleet of five Capri 14's needs clean up and repair each season. This year's date is Saturday, June 11. Contact Mike Stratton

**Sunfish Maintenance:** Our fleet of Sunfish need spring cleaning and then inspection and repair all season. Ask Jerry Callahan or Pete Peters.

**Fleet Captains:** Every fleet needs an evangelist. Behind every thriving fleet there is always someone whose enthusiasm for sailing the boat is infectious and who actively reaches out to share it with others. It involves demo days for new prospects, clinics and training sessions to help newcomers get up to speed, socializing. If interested, see Commodore Amy Marks.

**Junior Camp:** Volunteer to help with instruction, food, supervision. See Amy

Potluck Dinners/Banquet: Vice Commodore Darrilynn Brewster could always use help with these events.

**Photographer:** Pictures are our greatest asset. Every racing and social event needs someone with skills. Could be you.

**Sunfish Regattas:** The club hosts four of these a season. Each one needs an organizer who would arrange for food and trophies. Don't have to take on all of them – just one. (No regional this year)

**Intro to Sail Classes:** You can be the contact person and the organizer. You would prepare the roster of participants and instructors for the two sessions as well as coordinate follow up with participants to help move them into Learn to Sail or certification. Or help with this effort.

**Learn to Sail:** Teach sailing to newcomers in your own or one of HSA's boats. It involves contacting interested people, collecting registration and fees, and setting dates for lessons. Help out or organize this program and add instructors.

**Certification:** Supervise a certification session in which a new sailor is vying to become certify to sail a club Capri or Sunfish. Or take over as club's certification point person.

**Race Clinic:** Organize and plan a race clinic for your fleet or for the club which involves securing a clinic committee and arranging instruction.

**Committee Boat Training:** Organize and plan a session to train or update committee boat duty as part of Haul In activity in the spring.

**Moonlight Sail:** Plan, organize and publicize these two events this year and enhance social aspects.

**Around the Lake Race:** Committee in place; just organize, plan and enhance social aspects.

**CruiserFest:** Committee in place. Just organize, plan and enhance social aspects along with Dave Judy. Or let Dave Judy take on whole thing!

**Newsletter:** Want to write, contribute, be a correspondent for you fleet? Supplant the current editor? See Mike

**Facebook:** This important outlet for HSA is always in need of contributors to help keep content varied and fresh.