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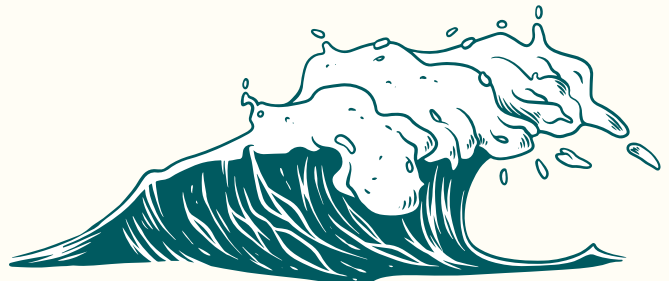
Awards Banquet

Ahoy, sailors!

The Hueston Sailing Association celebrated another successful year on the water and is closing the year with our much-anticipated Annual Awards Banquet! Held at Barn N Bunk in Trenton, Ohio. Our 67th banquet was an evening filled with camaraderie, laughter, and memories of our adventures over the past season. It was a night to remember with a stunning set up provided by Darrilynn Brewster, the banquet atmosphere was festive and vibrant!



The festivities began with a delightful wine tasting, generously provided by our own Charlie DeArmon, which set a warm and welcoming tone for the night. The room was filled with vibrant memories of the past sailing season, with photos capturing members in action on the water. This visual trip down memory lane was a wonderful reminder of the shared experiences, challenges, and triumphs our members encountered. 54 sailors and their families were in attendance



The highlight of the night, as always, was the awards ceremony, where we recognized members who demonstrated exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Here's a look at this year's honorees:



The 1st trophy presented was, the Larry L. Johnson Challenger Trophy, HSA was honored to nominate Diane Pierok in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to our sailing community this year! Diane embodied the spirit of enthusiasm that defines our club. She consistently demonstrated her commitment to improving her sailing skills. Moreover her active involvement with the club set her apart, always willing to lend a hand and never hesitating to assist with club activities. Diane is not just a participant; she is a true team player who inspires others with her positive attitude and commitment. Diane has sailed the last 7 years at Acton Lake, but she began her sailing career, sailing with her Father as a child on Lake Michigan. A friend invited her to a Learn to Sail program at Acton Lake and she was hooked! For Diane, the best part of sailing with HSA is the camaraderie and chats with other sailors!



The 2nd trophy presented was, Frank Peter's Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy, HSA proudly announced, Bob Fletcher as the recipient of this trophy. The Executive Committee found someone who finished just outside the running on multiple races. Bob finished 13th in the Spring series, an obvious strategic move to pick a lucky number and move well up the roster in the later sailing series as he earned two 5ths and a 6th in the Fall, Labor Day and Sunfish

Series. Bob can be found right up on the starting line during starts and right in the mix at every mark! Bob first learned to sail at UW Madison in the 90's! They have a huge sailing club right on campus. While Bob has many wonderful memories of sailing at Acton Lake, some of his favorite memories revolve around Mike Stratton's mid-week Sunfish training sessions! Bob loves cruising around the lake in Capricious, his Capri 18, it is both comfortable and low stress. For racing Bob prefers a one design fleet, so his Sunfish is perfect



The 3rd Trophy was the Bob's Sportsmanship Award, HSA was honored to nominate Roger Henthorn for this award, recognizing his extraordinary dedication, leadership and contributions to our sailing community. Roger exemplifies the values of this award through his selflessness, dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment to supporting others every way he can.

Roger's responsibilities extend far beyond the traditional duties of treasurer, his exceptional management of sailboat dry storage and arrangement keeps everyone's sailboat consistently accessible during the sailing season and secure during the winter months. Roger has shown remarkable courage, composure and dependability, especially during emergencies. In this year's severe storm July 14th, Roger, Bobbie Bode and Eric Anderson risked their own safety to skillfully rescue sailors stranded in dangerous waters, acting swiftly to protect lives and prevent significant damage. This act of heroism is just one example of Roger's steadfast commitment to the well-being of others. Roger has been sailing since 1967 and joined HSA in 1972. He has owned a Sea Snark, a 470, Sunfish and a Y-Flyer. Roger has many fond memories of sailing at Acton Lake over the last 52 years, Roger sailed at a few away regattas as a Skipper on his 470, and has crewed in a few away regattas on Y-Flyers.



The 4th trophy presented was the US Sailing Sportsmanship Award and Brett Hart was the nominee! Yes! Brett did receive this award last year, but this year Brett did the impossible. Brett upped his game and did an even better job of running the educational programs for our club! Brett coordinated a record number of students and instructors and pulled off three fabulous Intro to Sailing events and a spectacular Sailing Experience event! Brett's efforts and organization skills are exceptional, as a result we have a whole new batch of members as well as spreadsheets that students and members can reference to see member's abilities, certifications and the availability of club boats.

Brett started sailing at 10 years old at Lockengren Lake where his family resided.

Brett's neighbor took a liking to both Brett and his brother and began teaching them to sail on a wooden boat that sported both a main sail and jib. Eight years ago Brett followed his wife's and children's lead and arrived at Acton Lake where his family enjoyed participating (for Father's day) lessons with Mike Stratton. Brett is so proud of all of HSA for stepping up and coming forward to teach 90 students this year! Brett would like to emphasize that it takes participation from many people to put on successful programs like Sailing Experience, Kathryn Connor was the catalyst for the kicking off of this program. In 2025, Brett would love to see the Adaptive Sailing Programs expand for individuals who for example are in a wheelchair, we will need to get more sailors certified in the proper education programs.

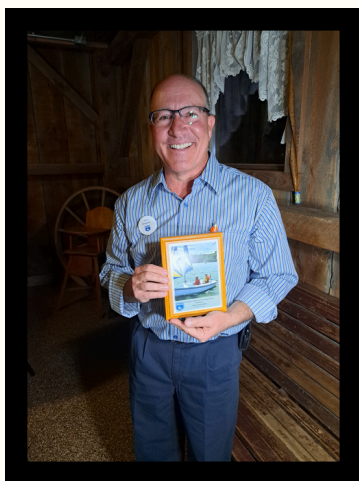


The 5th Trophy presented was Richard Saunders Memorial Trophy, HSA proudly announced the nominee for this trophy is Lauren Anderson! The Richard Saunders award goes to the HSA who is 18 years of age or under, who has the most enthusiasm for sailing activities within and without HSA. Lauren has been sailing for 4 years now, she started by crewing for her Dad on his Y-Flyer. That 1st year she also learned to sail a Sunfish on her own thru HSA's Junior Sail camp! Lauren attended Sail camp in her second and third years as well where she learned also to crew and skipper on the club Capris. This last year she has focused on learning more about sailing the sunfish and how to skipper the Y-Flyer. Lauren loves sailing at Acton Lake where she feels our community of sailors enthusiastically support her and are always willing to help. Lauren plans to continue racing at Hueston Woods next year as well as racing at away Lakes, it will all depend on her crazy summer schedule.



Pictured: Lauren Anderson, Megan DeArmon, Brendan Draper, Jane(DeArmon) Brooks, Jane Brook, Jane was the second recipient of this award in 1981.

Pictures of our end of season Trophy winners:



Jerry Brewster



Bill Molleran



Laura Peters

Trophy Winners continued



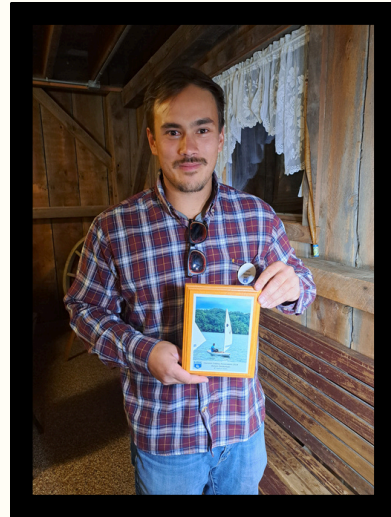
Pete Peters and Rose Schultz



Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode



Don Fecher



Kevin DeArmon

Not pictured but award given to:
Brian Callahan for Labor Day 1st
Fall Series 2, Sunfish 2nd! We missed
you Brian!

Bobby Taylor! We missed you as well!
Get well and be back soon!



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Thank you

A huge Thank you goes out to all our volunteers and to Jerry and Joann Callahan who continue to share with us all their knowledge, wisdom and experience without whom this event-and many others- would not be possible. There are many who help behind the scenes to keep our club running smoothly and our events memorable and we want to say ,Thank You!, to them all!

I personally would like to Thank several people, who without their help this newsletter would not have been possible:

Amy Marks
Mike Stratton
Dawn Stratton



“Keep hiking hard,
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big bite out of this
windward leg!”

With the season behind us, as we look to the upcoming season, our club is excited for new races, adventures and memories to be made. Here’s to another year of sailing, growth and camaraderie!

Here is a sneak peek at what is coming up:

Dave Dellenbaugh’s Racing Rules and What’s new for 2025
Mike Stratton Racing Strategies held at Hueston Woods Lodge

Steer your ship to Acton Lake and all the fun with HSA!

