

ACTON ACTION



MARCH 2025
Mark your calendar!



Here is the 2025 calendar and exciting previews for the sailing year all bundled up for your reading pleasure!

ITS and ODNR Sailing Experience

Saturday, May 17th, will be a big day for the HSA club. The day will have two events happening simultaneously. A public Sailing Experience (SA) and an Introduction to Sail (ITS) class. The ITS will start at 10:30 am, and the Sailing Experience registration will begin at 10:30 am. Cruisers will focus on the SA, the Y's, and Capri-14's on the ITS students. Please reply to Brett's email sent on February 24th if you are available. As of March 1st, 7 Skippers and 1 Volunteer can help, and 2 Skippers are out of town. The number of ITS students for May will be determined by the number of Skippers and Volunteers.



Important Information:

If you enjoy using dry moorage, that ODNR privilege requires your tentative availability be shared with Brett Hart for these special calendar dates:

May 17th, Saturday - Sailing Experience and Intro to Sail

June 21st, Saturday - Intro to Sail

July 19th, Saturday, - Intro to Sail

August 16th, Saturday, Intro to Sail

September 20th, Saturday, Sailing Experience only

Please respond by March 17th. You can text, email, semaphore, or call Brett Hart. Volunteer on two dates to meet the requirement and Roger will award you a gold star. Stay off double secret probation and contact Brett soonest.



Family Fun Sail Days:

June 15th-all fleets

September 28th-all fleets

ODNR Sailing Experience Days:

Saturday May 17th

Saturday Sept. 20th



Intro to Sailing Days:

Saturday, June 21st

Saturday July 19th

Saturday, August 16th



Social Calendar

Saturday, April 12-Launch Boats(need volunteers for work projects at the park)-Hueston room

Sunday, May 18-May potluck-Hueston room

Sunday, June 29-June potluck-Hueston room

Sunday, July 20-HSA July Brunch-Hueston room

Sunday, August 24-Crusier Fest Fish fry-Dock A

Sunday, Sept. 7- September Potluck-Hueston room

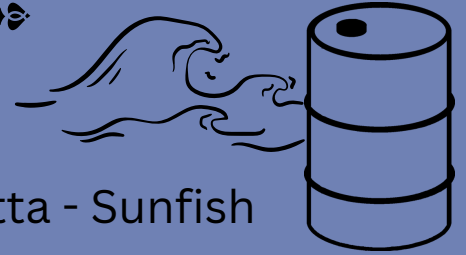
Saturday, October 11-Haul out Lunch-Hueston room

Saturday, Nov. 1-Awards Banquet-Barn & Bunk



No wonder he is always winning!!
Go Brian!! So much wonderful
wildlife at the park!!

HSA 2025 Racing Calendar



- Sunday, April 27 - 1st Spring - All Fleets
- Sunday, May 4 - 2nd Spring - All Fleets
- Sunday, May 11 - Founder's Day Sunfish Regatta - Sunfish
- Sunday, May 18 - 3rd Spring (potluck) - All Fleets
- Sunday, May 25 - Memorial Day Series - All Fleets
- Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Series - All Fleets
- Sunday, June 1 - 4th Spring - All Fleets
- Sunday, June 8 - 5th Spring - All Fleets
- Saturday, June 14 - Full Moon Sail - All Fleets
- Sunday, June 15 - Family Fun Sail - All Fleets
- Sunday, June 22 - 6th Spring - All Fleets
- Sunday, June 29 - Clinic Day (potluck, rescue boat only) - All Fleets
- Friday, July 4 - 4th of July Series - All Fleets
- Sunday, July 6 - 4th of July Series (potluck?) - All Fleets
- Sunday, July 13 - Camptown Races Sunfish Regatta - Sunfish
- Sunday, July 20 - 1st Fall (Brunch) - All Fleets
- Sunday, July 27 - 2nd Fall - All Fleets
- Sunday, August 3 - 3rd Fall - All Fleets
- Saturday, August 9 - Full Moon Sail - All Fleets
- Sunday, August 10 - 4th Fall - All Fleets
- Sunday, August 17 - Augusto! Sunfish Regatta - Sunfish
- Sunday, August 24 - Cruiser Fest (& Fish Fry!) - Cruisers
- Sunday, August 31 - Labor Day Series - All Fleets
- Monday, September 1 - Labor Day Series - All Fleets
- Sunday, September 7 - 5th Fall (Potluck) - All Fleets
- Sunday, September 14 - 6th Fall - All Fleets
- Sunday, September 21 - Around The Lake Race (picnic?) - All Fleets
- Sunday, September 28 - Family Fun Sail - All Fleets
- Sunday, October 5 - OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta - Sunfish

Commodore's Corner Family Fun Sailing Days



If you've studied HSA's 2025 calendar of events, you'll notice a couple of "Family Fun Sail" days on Sunday, June 15th and Sunday, September 28th. These family-oriented sailing events are in response to input from club members last summer for a couple of non-competitive days out on the water. It is a day out with children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other landlubber family members, work buddies, or friends. What activities are in store for these events you may ask?

The June event is centered around finding Acton Lake's Loch Ness Monster (see above), a shy cousin of the infamous sea creature in Scotland. Club members are encouraged to leisurely sail around the lake in search of clues—clues left on marks around the lake by previous explorers also searching for "the true story." A skipper's meeting beforehand (like our Around the Lake Race) would kick it off by explaining the course and returning crews would be asked what they discovered. No prizes will be awarded for first place as no one is keeping time. However, a free ice cream sundae bar will be the prize for explorers who successfully navigate the course. This ice cream spread will also include sorbet options. September's non-race event will be similar.

We've also aligned in the calendar, for June's Family Fun Sail, HSA's very popular Full Moon Sail. That event will happen the evening before on Saturday, June 14th. Some sailors opt to reserve a room in the newly renovated lodge, or "go big" and get a cabin that evening. For RV and tent campers, the campground is also very popular for overnight stays. Come on out and sail by the Strawberry Moon on Saturday evening, enjoy the lodge's breakfast buffet on Sunday morning, and then sail on beautiful Acton Lake with fellow members in search of Hueston Wood's elusive creatures, and ice cream. Call the lodge and mark your calendars. Operators are standing by, for attendees and helpers.



February 15, 2025 Lunch and Learn

There were 22 sailors in attendance for our lunch and learn!
Our class time this month was spent learning the art of the
START!

Winning the start does not equate to winning the race, and
therefore should not be your first priority.

The Big Picture should be priority:

Race strategy, Risk management, a good start is a means to
an end.

Arrive early; Plan ahead; check weather/wind-directions; sail
thru the course ahead of time and plan your strategies.

Master the START sequence.

Ten seconds from the horn, sheet in and MOVE!



Other tips include:

- *Luff at an angle to the wind not head to wind
- *practice holding your boat still and getting out of irons
- *stay away from a crowd of boats
- *check your wind indicators
- *look at committee boat heading
- *watch boats on the first start
- *sail the line to look for favored end

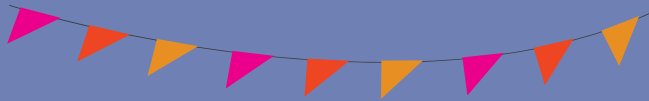
TEN "GOLDEN RULES" OF WEATHER WATCHING

As seen in Naples Sailing Center Newsletter

Red sky at night-- sailors delight
Red sky at morning--sailors take warning
When the sky changes, so will the weather.
Mackerel sky--24 hours dry.
Dew on decks--wind from the sea;
no dew on decks--wind from land.
Head for home when the wind speed exceeds the temperature.
A halo around the moon means rain or snow.
The larger the halo, the nearer the precipitation.
Rainbow to windward means rain is coming.
Rainbow to leeward means rain has ended.
The higher the clouds, the finer the weather.
(A lowering ceiling foretells rain.)
When smoke descends, good weather ends.
Seagull, seagull, sit on the sand;
it's a sign of rain when your at hand.



New Equipment Training



As I am sure you all have heard the rumors by now, we have extensively overhauled and updated our committee boat with new equipment and purchased a very roomy and stable tri-hull Boston Whaler safety boat! (Thanks to many, but especially Dave Judy, Roger Henthorn, Bobbie Bodie, Don Fetcher, Amy Marks, Stephen Cook, and Joe Fulford.)

HSA will offer training on all this new equipment and encourage everyone to come and learn how to operate it safely. A classroom-oriented “R/C Duty for Dummies” will take place at Saturday, April 5th’s Lunch & Learn at the lodge, followed by dockside hands-on sessions on Launch Day, April 12th as well as more concise “refresher” training before each race. These refreshers will be led by each Sunday’s R/C Chair. If you can’t make these in-person sessions, please let Commodore, Joe Fulford, fulford.joseph@gmail.com, know so he and the club’s Exec Committee can organize a make-up session on another date.





Meet new club Members

Jacob and Kayla Smith owners
of a beautiful 1980's Slipper 17,
by Seaward
Named 'Sweet water'



While Jacob and Kayla are relatively new to sailing Jacob's younger brother restored a Laser that they sailed on Creve Coeur Lake in St. Louis, Mo. Jacob's grandfather has always been a sailor and Jacob picked up his interest in sailing as a child hearing stories and seeing photos of the sail boats his Grandfather owned.

Jacob's favorite memory of sailing is from last September when he and his wife took his Mother sailing on Acton Lake for her birthday, that included lunch at the lodge! It was her best birthday in years! Conditions on the lake were perfect! Jacob and Kayla also took 'Sweet Water' to Lake Conroe, Texas last summer for a family reunion! Jacob and Kayla are looking forward to the coming sailing season because they want to take friends and family out on their boat, gaining more experience and getting to know and learn from the other members in our club!

Welcome aboard Jacob and Kayla!!

March 22 Lunch Buffet

We have heard the call of can we get a faster lunch!!

Mike Stratton has taken on the job!

Saturday, March 22 - The third of season racing clinic entitled - The First Windward Leg meets at 12:00 noon at the lodge. This clinic's lunch will be a chili and baked potato buffet so as to be more efficient with the food portion of this event. Our chosen buffet menu is below but they need a minimum of 25 guests so RSVP Mike Stratton soonest! Cost after tax, title, fees, and gratuity about \$20. It includes drink and dessert

LUNCH

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BUFFETS

*A Minimum of 25 Guests Required for Lunch Buffets
Includes chef's choice dessert and choice of beverage*

THE LODGE DELI

17.95 / person

- » Choice of Two Salads*
- » Deli Sliced Virginia Ham, Oven Browned Turkey Breast, Corned Beef, Pepperoni, and Genoi Salami
- » American, Swiss, Provolone, and Colby Cheeses
- » Assorted Breads, Rolls, Wraps and Croissants
- » Potato Chips

THE TRAPPER

16.95 / person

- » Tossed Greens with Dressing
- » Beef Stew with Herbed Dumplings, Oven Roasted Chicken Breast with Supreme Sauce
- » Chef's Choice of Vegetable
- » Assorted Rolls

THE OHIO PICNIC

15.95 / person

- » Choice of Two Salads*
- » Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
- » Home-Style Baked Beans
- » Assorted Cheeses
- » Relish Tray and Condiments
- » Potato Chips

THE HOT SANDWICH BUFFET

18.95 / person

- » Choice of Two Salads*
- » Hot Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Boneless Chicken Breast
- » Sautéed Peppers and Onions, Sauerkraut
- » American, Swiss, Provolone, and Colby Cheeses
- » Assorted Breads, Rolls, Wraps and Croissants
- » Potato Chips

PIZZA & SALAD BUFFET

17.95 / person

- » An Abundant Salad Bar with Plenty of Builders
- » Assorted Freshly Baked Pizza
- » Potato Chips

BAKED POTATO & CHILI BAR

14.95 / person

- » Homemade Chili
- » Mini Salad Bar
- » Baked Idaho Potatoes
- » Crumbled Bacon Bits and Chives, Shredded Cheddar and Mozzarella Cheeses, Sour Cream, Diced Turkey and Ham, Steamed Broccoli Florets
- » Assorted Rolls