

August 2025 Acton Action



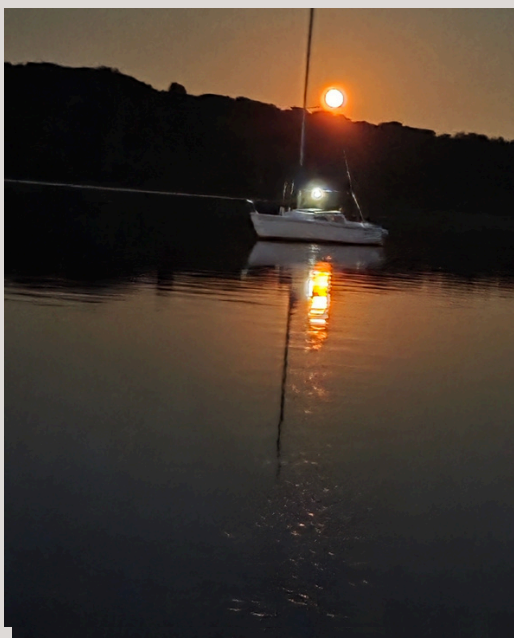
Sharing Joann Callahan's brownies with the fleet between races is always a treat!

August 3rd 3rd Fall race

Here at Acton Lake we enjoy a relaxed style of racing, especially when Noah Everaet is on course!

Mike Stratton and daughter Cosette provided excitement and a great opportunity for HSA's skilled rescue team to hone and refine their capsizing techniques. A special Thank you to Brendan Draper for his help!

NEWSLETTER



Aug 9th Moonlight Sail was well attended, produced light wind, but a beautiful evening with lots of music, snacks and visits with good friends!



Please consider this your invitation to join us for our next Moonlight sail! you don't need to have a cruiser, any boat you can stick lights on will do and if you don't have a boat, a lot of cruisers have room and would love to host guests!

August 17th Sunfish regatta



First place trophy : Laura Peters
Second place trophy: Mike Stratton
Third place trophy: Jerry Brewster

Cruiser Fest and Dock Party August 24, 2025



This year's Cruiser fest and dock party, provided by the generous Dave Judy and his wife, Jackie Allen was delicious and fun! Dave and company served up both catfish and perch, coleslaw, corn on the cob, hush puppies and amazing home-made ice cream! While all the sailors ate their fill and had fantastic visits, there was also plenty of banter back and forth about who's cruiser did the best and why. Is it the weight of a ship? The build? How high off the water the bow sits? Or... does it simply come down to the Captain and crew their experience and attention to detail? Whatever the answer, we all had a wonderful day! Many Thanks to Dave Judy and Jackie Allen!! If you missed this year, mark your calendar for next year, and remember that if you do not have a cruiser, there are plenty of cruisers willing to host guests for the day!

Commodore's Corner



September 28th - Family Fun Sail Day, Yay!

For our June Family Fun Sail, HSA explorers searched all across Acton Lake for Huesti and Actie, our legendary, loveable, but shy water creatures. After a big day of sailing and searching leisurely in circles, crews returned to enjoy ice cream sundaes... some in their own special way.



Sunday, September 28th will be our second Family Fun Sail. Much like the first, this family-oriented sailing event answers feedback 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. Heck, bring your dog out too.

The afternoon's goal is the same as in June—put away the stop watches and have unstructured non-competitive fun. Sadly, many clubs across the country have slowly lost sight of the fun factor but embracing fun is what truly makes our club special. Certainly, HSA members enjoy racing and are proud of the regional and national champions among us, but getting out on the water with others to experience the magic of the wind is also vital. So, mark your calendars for another Family Fun Sail. The skipper's meeting is again at noon on Sunfish Island. Members will sail the course, disconnect from their screens, and return to a treat served under the pavilion, with no one keeping track of time.

Introduction to sailing recap by: Brett Hart

Recap of the introduction sail this past Saturday, August 16th:

Houston Sailing Association – Final Introduction to Sail Class of the Season –

Last Saturday, August 16th HSA in partnership with Houston Woods State Park hosted the final Introduction to Sail class of the 2025 season. With this session completed, HSA proudly concludes the summer having taught 68 new Introduction to Sail students and five Learn to Sail students, continuing our mission of sharing the joy of sailing with the community.

The day's class was a success. Twelve skippers volunteered their time and expertise, guiding students on the water with enthusiasm and encouragement. Roger and Bobbie provided steady support from the Blue Whaler safety boat, keeping students and skippers refreshed with water and Gatorade throughout the afternoon.

Despite the hot, humid weather and relatively light winds, spirits remained high. Students had the opportunity to practice on the water, learning the fundamentals of sail trim, tacking, and jibing while gaining confidence at the tiller and rudder. The smiles and laughter on the lake made it clear that the experience was both educational and enjoyable.

This season has been a memorable one for HSA. Each class introduced new sailors to the sport, instilled confidence, and encouraged many to consider sailing as part of their future adventures. With another strong season behind us, HSA looks forward to welcoming back familiar faces and inspiring more students to take the helm in the seasons to come.

