

# JANUARY ACTON ACTION 2026

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 found HSA officers having a lunch/club meeting at Hueston Woods Lodge Smokehouse restaurant, minus Brett Hart who was recovering from surgery. Brett true to his character sent his ideas and thoughts to us thru emails! Thank you Brett ! Your efforts are appreciated!

With a long list of topics to cover, true to his character our fearless leader, Joe Fulford kept us all on topic. Treasurer report presented by Roger Henthorn was accepted and approved. Topics included:

\* funds on hand

- operating expenses
- contingency expenses
- needed funds for projects such as mast raising pole and/or second shed
- lunch and learn budget
- food budget for Sunfish regattas

In other business, HSA 2026 Calendar was set.

A 4<sup>th</sup> start will be added to races for any sailors who wish to race Cruisers, Flying Scot, Ensign 22, or other large boats. The 3<sup>rd</sup> start will be for Sunfish and Capri 14s. Updates have been made to Committee Boat race forms and instructions for flags/horns.

Roger Henthorn has made updates to our membership form to make dry moorage/ volunteer requirements clearer.

Work is under way to solve the issues surrounding silt build up around our docks for any boats using the docking area.

There is a free online course being offered and added to our membership form for anyone needing or wanting to receive the NASBLA Powerboat license.

Also offered is a free in person course to be held May16<sup>th</sup> by ODNR at the lake. Thank you to the Executive team for your diligence and commitment to HSA!





## HSA 2026 Calendar (Current as of 12 Jan)



Saturday, April 11, 2026	Launch Boats	All Fleets
Sunday, April 26, 2026	1st Spring	All Fleets
Sunday, May 3, 2026	2nd Spring (potluck)	All Fleets
Sunday, May 10, 2026	Founders' Day Sunfish Regatta	Sunfish
Saturday, May 16, 2026	Sailing Experience/ODNR	Public Program
Sunday, May 17, 2026	3rd Spring	All Fleets
Sunday, May 24, 2026	Memorial Day Series	All Fleets
Monday, May 25, 2026	Memorial Day Series	All Fleets
Saturday, May 30, 2026	Evening Sail w/ Full Moon	All Fleets
Sunday, May 31, 2026	4th Spring	All Fleets
Saturday, June 6, 2026	Intro to Sailing	Public Program
Sunday, June 7, 2026	5th Spring	All Fleets
Sunday, June 14, 2026	6th Spring	All Fleets
Sunday, June 21, 2026	Father's Day Sail	All Fleets
Sunday, June 28, 2026	Clinic (potluck) & Evening Sail	All Fleets
Saturday, July 4, 2026	4th of July Series	All Fleets
Sunday, July 5, 2026	4th of July Series	All Fleets
Saturday, July 11, 2026	Sunfish Clinic	Sunfish
Sunday, July 12, 2026	Camptown Sunfish Regatta	Sunfish
Saturday, July 18, 2026	Intro to Sailing	Public Program
Sunday, July 19, 2026	1st Fall (brunch)	All Fleets





Sunday, July 26, 2026	2nd Fall	All Fleets
Sunday, August 2, 2026	3rd Fall	All Fleets
Sunday, August 9, 2026	4th Fall	All Fleets
Saturday, August 15, 2026	Intro to Sailing	Public Program
Sunday, August 16, 2026	Augusto! Sunfish Regatta	Sunfish
Sunday, August 23, 2026	CruiserFest (& Fish Fry!)	Cruisers
Sunday, August 30, 2026	5th Fall (Potluck)	All Fleets
Sunday, September 6, 2026	Labor Day Series	All Fleets
Monday, September 7, 2026	Labor Day Series	All Fleets
Sunday, September 13, 2026	6th Fall	All Fleets
Saturday, September 19, 2026	Sailing Experience/ODNR	Public Program
Sunday, September 20, 2026	Around The Lake Race	All Fleets
Saturday, September 26, 2026	Evening Sail w/ Full Moon	All Fleets
Sunday, September 27, 2026	Open / OktoberFast / Sunfish	All Fleets
Sunday, October 4, 2026	Regatta	Sunfish
Saturday, October 10, 2026	Haul Out & Lunch	All Fleets
Saturday, October 17, 2026	MU SAILING REGATTA	
Sunday, October 18, 2026	MU SAILING REGATTA	
Saturday, November 7, 2026	Banquet	Barn-n-Bunk





## HSA 2026 Social Calendar

Saturday, April 11, 2026	Launch Boats	Hueston Room
Sunday, May 3, 2026	May Potluck	Hueston Room
Sunday, June 28, 2026	June Clinic Potluck	Hueston Room
Sunday, July 19, 2026	July Brunch	Hueston Room
Sunday, August 23, 2026	CruiserFest Fish Fry	Dock A
Sunday, August 30, 2026	August Potluck	Hueston Room
Saturday, October 10, 2026	Haul Out Lunch	Hueston Room
Saturday, November 7, 2026	Awards Banquet	Barn-n-Bunk



# Commodore's Corner

## Elephants & Sailboats



There are “tons” of elephant idioms in the English language that end up in sentences: It was the elephant in the room; she had an elephant’s memory and never forgot; he got an awful white elephant gift; that was a strange night with dancing pink elephants.

Well, the Exec Team didn’t *forget* what you’ve said these last few seasons. At its January planning session, it addressed the elephant in the room. The rumors you may have *heard* are true. This is not a weird pink elephant dream ... HSA is going to trial a fourth start on Sunday afternoons! It’ll be: 1. Catamarans, 2. Y-Flyers, 3. Sunfish & Capri 14s, and lastly, 4. Handicapped.

After much discussion about supporting our ever-increasing cruiser fleet while giving our strong Sunfish/Capri fleet fewer elephants to dodge, this scheme seemed like a good two-fer. The handicaps of the Capri and Sunfish are very similar (D-PN 99.4 & 99.6) so they will be rank-order finished. Boats with big elephant ears will get handicapped.



**One Day Course Retired:** In other Exec Team news, Brett Hart has run the numbers and successfully made the argument that our one-day introductory courses were not bringing in new members *while heavily taxing our volunteer cadre*. The three-day courses however generated much higher “join rate” numbers. So, this year HSA will only offer three-day sailing courses *and* limit the number of students to a more sustainable volunteer workload. New students wanting a one-day experience can still visit us on ODNR Sail Experience days. Those May and September events are free and thanks to the continued generosity of the Visitors Bureau will still include picnic food. Hopefully, the opportunity to see sailboats up close and talk to our friendly members will inspire them to take our three-day course. Well done, Brett!



# Classes and Winter Learning events



Hueston Sailing Association's first Lunch and Learn of 2026 was held January 24 at Hueston Woods Lodge. We met at 12:30 in The Smokehouse restaurant and as usual the food was delicious! After lunch we gathered in the Councilfire room for instruction on sailing by the rules. There are 91 Racing rules of sailing, while these are all important, most sailors focus on the core 15 rules governing right-of-way during competition. Those of us who race on Acton Lake of course follow the right-of-way rules, but choose to focus on good sportsmanship, all issues while racing are settled on the water there are no protests at the committee boat when the race is finished.

Our next Lunch and Learn will be announced via email and our Facebook page!



Dave Dellenbaugh's next webinar on Boatspeed starts February 2nd it is not too late to join in!

Contact Mike Stratton at [mastratton44@gmail.com](mailto:mastratton44@gmail.com) for more information!