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# Spindrift

Houston Sailing Association's Racing Newsletter



## Crew List

Need a crew? We have one for you! Go to [Huestonsailing.com](http://Huestonsailing.com) and click on the "Need a Crew" link and there you will find several choices.

All are relatively new sailors but all have been to our Intro to Sailing class or have been through certification. Some have crewed the past few years already.

Whether you are in a Y, a Hobie, a Capri, or another boat, if you have room, take one of these folks out with you on race day and show them the ropes. Er, lines.

## Y Flyer's Out in Numbers; Pecking Order Preserved

It was the way Pete Peters wants it to be again this season - the guy with the target on his back. The second Spring Series weekend took place Sunday and this is how it looks: Pete and Rose, wire to wire for the second straight week.

The Hamilton Hammer got a good start and parlayed it into a ten boat length victory on Sunday's race two. The pecking order seems established. Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode fought off challenger Mike Stratton and son Kofi to take second after being behind on the layline to the finish by five or six boat lengths. An inside lift and a serious brain injury on Stratton's part gave The Roger a smart finish after losing and regaining the second spot a couple of times during the three lap marathon.

Medium strength winds that often gusted to over ten mph greeted the club with the Y Fleet turning out six boats.  
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## Pecking Order (continued from page 1)

After mentoring race one, the Y's got down to business and discovered that the pecking order, while still in apparent effect, might see some upsets this season. Newcomers Scott Eversole, sailing with daughter McKenna as crew, and Brett Hart, sailing with daughter Maggie, found themselves finishing much closer to the front than last season.

In the mentor race, Charlie DeArmon took his two crew members Kayla and daughter Megan to victory over the other two teams. Then finished a not too distant fourth in race two. Close on his heels was Scott and McKenna followed by Brett and Maggie who had led Scott for most of the race.

The mentor race one saw Brett Hart find out what the lake temperature was like as his mainsheet broke upwind, sending the sailor into the sea. A wet suit kept him from being bothered too much by the chilly water. Daughter Maggie, someone who has only been on a sailboat a few times, was left to her own devices but eventually all was put back together and the two were able to get ready for race two.

The Henthorn boat won the day with a second in the mentor/mentee race and a second in the free for all that followed.

McKenna Eversole, herself a Y skipper with her own Y, sailed with dad to gain experience as well as some dad time. They are in picture below.



### Handicap Fleet Starts Two

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## All Classes Find Home in Handicap Fleet

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In the handicap start, sometimes it is just Sunfish, sometimes just Capris, and sometimes there are four or five different classes of boats. (Sunfish and Capri, incidentally, have the same handicap number.) Stephen and his cruiser are often there but there have been other cruisers start that race. The Flying Scot finds a home there occasionally too.

No matter the boat, it is welcome in start 3. With handicap scoring, it may be the most interesting racing to be in since you never know how you stand until it is all over. You could celebrate twice! Once when you finish and again when you find out that you may have just wopped the field in your 103 handicap boat.

## Race Results Online

**[Racing results](#)** for all three starts are now on our website. Just go to **[huestonsailing.com](http://huestonsailing.com)** and click on the **[link right below](#)** the one for the newsletter. Find out where you are in standings.

If you are serving on committee this year, send a photo of the race results sheet to Rear Commodore Joe Fulford, Roger Henthorn (for the website), and to Yours Truly for the newsletter. Numbers are in the yearbook which is on the boat. At left, Roger/Bobbie control the tack.

