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Above, Kevin DeArmon is all you see but Brendan Draper is at the helm. At right, Ryan Servizzi puts his Hobie through its paces.

Lake Rewards Racers with Warmth and Wind

September Weather Reminds Sailors Why They Sail

Catamarans and Sunfish Race While Cruisers Cruise; Sailors Own Beauty

Happiness is sailing on my sailboat as the cool wind touches my skin. My boat heels to the left as it sails smoothly throo the water. Isabell Walters

Describe your perfect weekend at the lake. Would it involve sunshine, clear skies and warm air? Would it involve enough wind to keep you on the heeling high side but not so much that you really had to work too hard?

Well, that was last weekend and you missed a sailing day that we often describe as ideal if you weren't there. However, don't fret. Another one just like it is coming up this weekend with forecasts of temps in the upper 70's and wind in the sweet spot of 8-12 mph.

Those who came out last Sunday were practically euphoric. Several cruisers also recognized that it was a day not to be missed, getting out in good

numbers and complementing our own frenetic activity in the middle of the lake.

Catamaran sailors were putting on a show, often finding themselves flying hulls. Ryan Servizzi was out and looking more and more skilled at handling the wind. Joe Buchert got around the course first in both races but it had to be fun for all the Cats.

Sunfish racers were delighted with their decision to race rather than attend the Bengal's game (Pete, Linda, Bill, and Julie) or fly to Costa Rica (Laura and Chris), although both of those things are nice. Jerry Brewster was on his way to a 2nd place finish in race 2 and on the last leg to the line when he capsized, the day's only dark cloud. He said the water was fine.

Y-Flyers were mostly on committee. Jim Paul had a halyard problem and had to drop out, but juniors Brendan Draper and Kevin DeArmon got to handle Charlie's Y in the challenging wind and did great.

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Mystery Picture of the Week

Where is this building located at Hueston Woods? Clue: It is less than 100 yards from the ramps.

A Big Thank You

When Jerry Callahan knew his wife was going to be in Seattle for two weeks and the H.S.A. Labor Day Potluck was approaching, he packed a few plastic containers in his picnic basket in hopes of bringing a few "goodies" home. I thank each and every one of you who contributed and helped keep my husband well fed and alive until I arrived home.

JoAnn Callahan

Award Nominations Accepted!

Nominations for HSA awards are open for business. If you have someone in mind who deserves recognition for their contribution to sailing, the club, or any of its programs, let Laura Beebe know at petersle1@yahoo.com by composing a brief nominations letter.

Here is a brief rundown of those awards:

Bob's Sportsmanship Award (named for Bob Darlin in 1962) awarded annually for distinguished service and sportsmanship.

Frank Peters Memorial Sportsmanship
Trophy donated by Robert Boies in 1972 and
named after founding father Frank Peters for
sportsmanship over the season.

US Sailing Sportsmanship Award donated by U.S. Sailing Association in 1986 for promoting the sport of sailing on Acton Lake.

Richard Saunders Memorial Trophy created in 1980 in memory of Richard Saunders and awarded to someone under 18 for enthusiasm for sailing.

Larry L. Johnson Challenger Trophy created in 1994 in memory of Larry L. Johnson for improvement in sailing skills, sportsmanship, and active involvement in HSA.

Your Attention Please! Do Dues Now

The awards listed above will be presented at the annual HSA Banquet on November 2 along with the racing trophies. HSA's executive committee is asking that members consider paying their dues for 2014 at the banquet so that Laura Beebe, Rear Commodore, can plan race committee duty for next year more easily and efficiently. Waiting until Spring seems to complicate the process. If you pay early, you get a free head noogie from Don Fecher.

HSA Notes Passing of Long Time Member and Y-Flyer Racer Jim Hater

Dr. James Hater, O.D., long time member of the Hueston Sailing Association, passed away Saturday, September 21, 2013. Besides being active in the Y-Flyer, Snipe and Sunfish fleets, Jim and wife Carolyn helped with the Junior Sailing Program, loaning his Sunfish and camping with the juniors to help supervise.

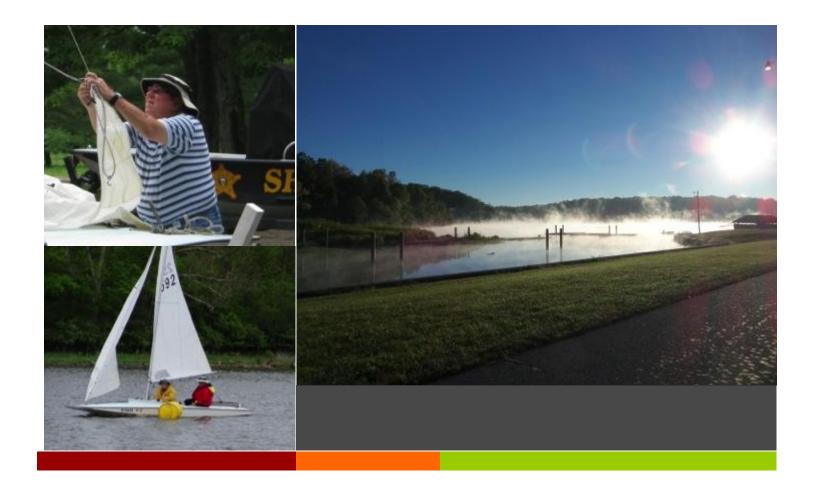
Carolyn asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be sent to St. Vincent De Paul Society, c/o St Dominic Church, 4551 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238 or St. Dominic Educational Fund.

Visitation will be Friday, September 27 from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. at Vitt, Stermer and Anderson Funeral Home, 4619 Delhi Rd.,

Cincinnati, OH. For those unable to attend the visitation on Friday, there will be a visitation Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. at St. Dominic Church (Gathering Place), 4551 Delhi Rd. with Mass following at 10:00 A.M. The funeral home and church are next door to each other. The church lot can accommodate any overflow parking.

A gathering of friends and family will be on Saturday at the Wellness Center at Bailey Place, 401 Farrell Ct., Cincinnati, OH. Ph. 513-347-1400 following a brief service at the Cemetery.

More info can be found at http://www.vittstermeranderson.com/obituarie s/James-Hater/#!/Obituary



Acton Action Potpourri



Security Issues - Make sure that shed is locked before going out on water. The last Sunfisher or last user should check the lock before sailing. It has been left open while we are out. Also, if you use the gate lock to the committee boat dock, Jerry Callahan recommends that you spin the combo a bit so that it isn't left on the combination that gives access while it is in unlocked position. Thanks!



Above, Jerry Brewster before capsize; below him, Brendan and Kevin; below this box, Megan on committee duty; and below her, Jerry in the background after capsize!



Horsepower Limits – When we reported last issue that Cowan Lake was to go to No Wake/Unlimited Horsepower next year, we began wondering , 1) was it true, and, 2) was Acton Lake to be spared. We asked Jackie Schriever, who works in the park office, if she had heard anything. Here's what she heard: "I spoke to a Deputy Chief from Columbus today and he told me that the plan is for Acton Lake to go to unlimited horsepower, no wake for the 2014 boating season. There will be a rule change request to the Joint Committee On Agency Rule Review and then Public Hearings before that can happen though."

Haul Out Coming - Reserve the date: Saturday, October 12th. That's when we take the Committee Boat out of the water and get both it and HSA Rescue 1 repaired, serviced, and winterized. It takes more than a few hands, so please let Harbormaster Don Fecher know you are coming to help. dfexskip@aol.com You will be rewarded with satisfaction of a job well done and, of course, JoAnn's famous chili.

The boats need some attention so the work is there. As you may know, the steering is out on the pontoon boat. If you would like to donate to the Harbormaster work, Rescue 1 needs a new cover and the pontoon needs a new seat as well as some repair to the covers for all the storage bins and consoles.



Best Song About Sailing? A lot of songs over the years have referenced sailing. Is there one that you have on your personal playlist? Let us know your favorite and in an upcoming issue of the Acton Action we will let you know the Top Ten Sailing Songs of HSA! Email the editor at midview@wildblue.net