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Hose Headers: Victor vs. Charlie



Pirates Battle!

There were swords, knives, tri-corner hats, and other watery weapons, but it all ended in laughter not blood at last Sunday's HSA Beach Day.

Fifteen "pirate ships" and 35 "pirates" were involved in the action on Acton, as boats figuratively broadsided one another in attempts to capture others "booty" without getting their own "booty" in a sling. Look inside for details and pics.

Who was the best Pirate of the Carabiner? Who won the Hose Head? The Duck Fly? It's all on page 3.

"Hey, Matey, get your hands off my milk jug!"

OK, no one actually said that. Wait, maybe they did. It was chase the jug day at the 4th annual HSA Beach Day. Spectators on shore had to wonder why practically every sailboat on the lake was gathered in one small area off the beach.

The answer, of course, is that's where all the action took place. There were prizes to be won, for sure. And some real pirate like skullduggery. The rules were the first casualty as soon as the gun fired. More inside.

Save the Date!

Fall Series #2

This Sunday!

All fleets return from pirating to the battle for the trophies.

Augusto!

Saturday, Aug. 22

It's Sunfish regatta time on a Saturday!

Yes!

Picnic and trophy.

Learn to Race

Sunday, Aug. 23

LTR clinic, free to members and non-members. Ya just need a boat.



Beach Day Games

Water, water everywhere, but don't drink it. Fish don't really have anywhere to, you know, go.

Balloon Toss

At left, one side of the toss line awaits their turn. Water balloons were plentiful and few people were spared the mischief of the juniors with two buckets full of them to launch. Also at left, Katie Lockhart (and partner Kevin DeArmon) is finally knocked out of the competition with this wet catch. Busted balloons littered the landscape. (They were biodegradable. :))

Judges had to keep a sharp eye out for some who attempted to re-enter (gasp!) the competition after being eliminated. Same thing happens in Y-Fleet racing. Hmmmmm.

How Much Is That Corn?

OK, you asked for it. It's a buck an ear. The five buck-an-ears at right arrange their eye patches, nose rings, bandanas, etc, as they prepare for skippers' meeting. From left, Katie Lockhart, Charlie DeArmon, Wally Kelly, Megan DeArmon, and Cosette Gunter.

Beach Blanket Bingo? No

But there were games. Here, Cosette and Megan take a break for food before the Duck Fly. The two of them got raided on the water in Pirates of the Carabiner, scoring only 8 and 11 points respectively out of a possible 25. "It was all problematic fun," said Cosette. "We kept getting our centerboards and milk jug lines tangled up. And that's when they would attack."





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It started well enough. They all promised to behave civilly. But no sooner the Lord High Captain turned his back, it was one cutthroat shenanigan after another. Boats were stashed with secret cargo. Lines were cut. (Yes, cut!) Bilges were stocked with weapons of every sort.

Nothing like a contest on the water to provoke the privateer in us all.

The rules ("Ha! We're pirates! We don't need no stinkin' rules!") were to touch the bottle that trailed each boat on a 20 ft. line. If you did, the boat caught had to surrender their highest valued gold doubloons (tennis balls with numbers) in exchange for the others' lowest.

The pirate ship that returned to shore



after all was done with the highest total of doubloons was the winner. (That was Roger and Bobbie with a perfect score, followed by Brianna Brewster.)

And, yes, we know. Brenden Draper tried to give someone a counterfeit doubloon when his boat was "captured". Busted! Dave Munday and Tom Davoran pulled their line in to avoid a capture and were taken to the brig.

Somehow there was a capsizing in the frenzied action even though the wind was supposed to be capsize proof. That honor goes to Clayton Snider. Who did it twice! Once during the middle of the battle, once much later on the way in to the docks. On the latter occasion, Clayton was approaching the Brewster boat to, ahem, offer someone a ride. The Potter kids on Jerry's boat opened fire and, while trying to defend himself, Clayton got, uh, well, he got sunk.

On the beach, there was more action. A Water Balloon Toss, won by Bill Potter and his daughter Danielle, after a protracted balloon off with Kevin DeArmon and Katie Lockhart.

Above left, Will, Regan, and Danielle Potter; above right, Lord High Captain at Skippers' meeting; left, Clayton with his toucan floatee, daring anyone to make fun. Moments after this picture, Clayton capsized after a brief exchange of water fire with someone who ... wanted to make fun.

Sailors Can't Throw a Duck

One thing we found out early was that sailors have lousy throwing arms. Each participant had a rubber duck with a number on it. An inflatable raft was held in place on the water by juniors Wally, Cosette, Megan, and Katie. Then, 30 ducks flew from shore in an attempt to land in the raft barely 30 feet away. Number that succeeded on first attempt? 0 Number that succeeded on second attempt? 2 Winners? Cole Davoran and Issac Brewster.



2015 junior campers Clayton, Victor, Katie, Cosette, Wally, and Megan were reunited with 2014 junior campers Cole and Finn Davoran. At right Kevin shows off. I mean, he shows off his \$15 iTunes card prize. Katie Lockhart earned one too, and Brianna

Junior "Re-unior"

At left, juniors Will Potter, Clayton Snider, and Victor Abitabilo, await the start of the Hose Head competition. The participants had to put a woman's hose over their head. In the toe were two tennis balls that they had to swing and knock down empty containers. Juniors vs. Seniors. Juniors won!



Many Thanks!

A whole lot of folks helped out. Many thanks to Beach Day co-chair Brett Hart who decided to forego the water to man the grill and other duties. Scott and Jean Johnston were also on hand to tote that bale. And run back home for what we forgot, like grilling tools! That's Brett, at left, attempting to hail the fleet in for lunch with his new boat whistle. No pirates seemed to hear it, but the beach began to empty of swimmers for some reason. Brett also donated prizes. :)



Augusto! Sunfish Battle Looms

Laura Beebe has a bullseye on her back. But she probably doesn't care. After two Sunfish regattas this summer, Beebe sits in the catbird's seat and leads the season long series. She won the Camptown Races by a wide margin and was second in May's Founder's Day Regatta. She has only lost one race in her new boat and that breeds confidence.

That doesn't mean she has a lock on the trophy. The Big Guns are coming out for this event, and they are all looking for Beebe's fancy blue and gold sail that most of us have only seen from behind. Way behind.

This is the only Sunfish event this season on a Saturday. Organizers tell us that after the racing, there will be food and a trophy presentation. If you sail in at least half of the Sunfish Series races, you can qualify for a trophy at the end of the season. And then only your best finishes will be counted. For now, all eyes are on the Augusto! trophy. One prize, one afternoon, one chance for glory.

Laura Beebe just might be saying, "Bring it on."

More Beach Day Photos





Above left, fleet at rest;
top right, Tom Davoran
and Dave Munday on
duty; at right, the pirate
"jug"ernaut in full
tactical mode; below
left, Bobbie displays her
skull tattoo while Roger
shows off his new hat -
they also won a Jolly
Roger flag,
appropriately. Bottom
right, The Kevin and
Wally Kelly at munch
time.

