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Fall Series Close to Cloze; Y's Only Fleet in Hot Fight

Pete Peters has race duty for the last race weekend next Sunday, so he's made his statement. Five bullets in the Fall Series has him sitting at the top of the heap. Sitting pretty. But is there still a chance for an upset? The standings could be completely upended if certain things happen. Pete will be watching how things turn out from the committee boat. Here we go! (More on page 3)

Save the Date!

OktoberFast Sunday, Oct. 4

Look for wind, hot racing, hot chocolate, hot chili, and some cool trophies.

Haul Out Saturday, Oct. 10

Time to pull the boats and put the lid on the 2015 season. Mission accomplished.

Banquet Saturday, Nov. 10

HSA gathers at Barn N Bunk for celebration of season. Wine? Yes!

OktoberFast!

There are only two race weekends left in the 2015 season but participants will have something riding on them both. The Y-Flyer Fall Series champ is not quite settled though Peters/Schultz have the bookies on their side. In Sunfish, six skippers still have OktoberFast on Sunday, October 4 to look forward to as the Sunfish regatta series comes to an end.

Laura Beebe leads that Series at the moment followed by Yours Truly but the heat is on. Four more boats could overtake them both and win not only OktoberFast, but the whole shebang.



Picture Gallery

Prepare for Lift Off

For the second straight weekend (woo-hoo!) the wind came back to Acton Lake. Among those enjoying the gusts that ranged from 10-15 mph were Joe and Kelly Buchert, at left, who are shown here flying that beautiful black asymmetrical. First race Sunday saw them fly a hull as soon as they crossed the starting line. The wind backed off a little and created some holes. Racers enjoyed a hike or two as well as finding both bodies on the leeward side a few times. Yes, variety.

Smooth Sailing?

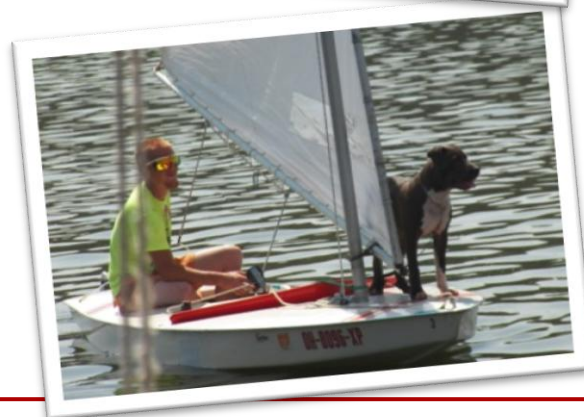
Three Y's men? As you can see, the action was anything but on one recent Sunday as these competitors glide slowly to the windward mark. The "racing" was close quarters all the way around.

Charlie Crewzes to Victory

With a ringer for a crew, Charlie DeArmon sweeps across the line to his first victory in the Fall Series two weeks ago. That's Sunfish/Capri/MacGregor guy Jerry Brewster handling the crew duties. The 12 second victory wasn't really that close for the two new teammates were much farther ahead earlier.

Dog Day Afternoon

Charlie DeArmon III brought his faithful companion Compton to the lake recently and the pup was promptly handed the duties of forward watch. Compton had plenty of time to spot trouble with crossing boats since the wind was rarely enough to even bring the slightest hint of a juicy rabbit to his keen sense of smell.





Y-Flyers Still Have Contest Down to Wire

If Pete Peters and tactician Rose Schultz are worried, they certainly don't show it. Both left the lake last Sunday with another bullet to throw in with their other four in the Fall Series and that, my friends, gives them a comfortable cushion.

That could all possibly change this coming Sunday if Yours Truly just happens to get good all of a sudden. The newly formed team of Stratton and Hart have been campaigning for a little while together and the new crew is shaping up to be handy with, well, sail shape.

Henthorn and Bode, meanwhile, could upend those plans with a win in either of the

two races. Here is the scenario based on best six races:

1. Pete/Rose 2 1 3 1 1 1 2 1 7
2. Mike/Brett 1 2 1 2 4 3 1 2 3 1 9
3. Roger/Bobbie 3 3 3 2 3 2 2 1 3 13
4. Charlie/crew 4 4 3 4 2 1 4 4 18
5. Kevin/Brendan (not enough races to qualify)
6. Scott/Adriene (not enough races to qualify)

Pete and Charlie won't be sailing Sunday, so it is all on Mike and Roger. If Mike wins both, he ties Pete and wins the series. If Roger wins both he ties Mike and takes second. If they split, standings remain the same. There you go.

Valkyrie Visit

Exotic Trimaran Spotted at Hueston Woods

HSA members pose for a picture (and hope for a ride) by C Dock Sunday by a trimaran named "Valkyrie". The boat has been seen before at Brookville Lake but this is perhaps its first sighting at Hueston Woods. The two outside hulls either fold up or back for trailering and docking, not sure which. Also not sure of builder but it is about 30 feet long and very wide. Draft worries? Less than two feet, it appears, with centerboard up.



More Picture Gallery? (Yes)

Valkyrie, Valkyrah!

Well, we were frankly enthralled. Ya just wanna sail it when you see it. Unfortunately, the owner was nowhere around Sunday when the boat was discovered languishing next to C Dock. Unattended. Inviting. Lonely. Mischief crept into our eyes but ... perhaps another day. (Audio of huge "sigh" goes here.)



Henthorn/Bode Ride Away

Roger Henthorn, after not winning a single race in the Fall Series, rode off with a victory in the Labor Day Holiday Series in Y-Flyers. The pent up fervor for a victory or two spilled over to this past Sunday as Henthorn/Bode finally snagged a bullet in the Fall Series too. Below they show relief and gratitude while another anonymous racer feigns indifference.



Rednour Sibbs Ride Along

Emma Rednour, left, and sister Abbey found crewing jobs recently aboard a couple of very receptive Y's. Both skippers DeArmon and Stratton were in need of crew and the girls, both alums of HSA Junior Camp, obliged. Emma got a bullet but Abbey got the award for best sailing outfit to match boat color.



Lovelorn Acton Sailor Pens Dear John to Mistress Wind

Dear W:

There was a time when we were very close. I remember how we used to play, to laugh, to find joy in our indifference to the rest of the world when we were together, frolicking on the water.

The delight we shared in that new, now memory misted early summer was a source of surreal pleasure. The mere touch of your breathy fingers on the luff of my high joy was enough to send shivers of intense feeling down my spine as I drew my sheets tight at your playful urging.

Oh, how I swooned at your subtle shifts lifting me tack to tack toward the climatic windward goal. Oh, how I found such intense happiness in the way you caressed the telltales till they streamed in harmony with our combined movement.

Then suddenly you went away. I can still remember the date. It was the 3rd of August. We had just finished a beautifully choreographed weekend with those other happy couples of Learn to Sail. Little did I know that would be the last time I would see the soft yet somehow rigid ripples of your presence on the water.

I don't know where you went or why. I just know there is a now a vacuum you once filled that is now simply remains an empty space in my soul. I would return to the lake, the scene of our steamy, early rendezvous, every weekend hoping to find that you had returned, perhaps because you missed me too.

But every visit was a disappointment. Instead of you, only a faint whisper, a shadow, a ghostly remnant of the full-bodied creature you once were. My imagination made me think it was you.

It is, then, with a heavy heart that I pen this missive to you and frankly state that it's over. I have waited too long, cried too much, sat too long listing to leeward as my once proud and mighty sails which stretched in power and majesty within your lusty, gusty grip, now sag in wrinkled folds from their all to ready spars.

I know you are probably having a great time somewhere with other boats, other crews and that you may even be indifferent to any suffering and heartbreak. I think I always knew you were capable of that. You never once tried to explain, never once tried to even contact me and tell me why, why! O, god! Why!

But all of that is behind me now. I must go forward without you, and now I know I can do that without you. I am strong. I am independent. I will survive, in spite of your cruelty, and I will use these weak, meager, substitute lovers I cannot even begin to call with your same name - Wind.

Wait, what's this. You have returned for the rest of the Fall Series? You have been away recovering from the doldrums? You're back to stay? Oh, if only I had known! I could have come to you. Welcome back, darling! I have missed you so much! All is forgiven!

Love, Me

OMG! Road Trip!

The 2017 America's Cup is coming to ... Chicago! Yes, that's in Illinois! Well, let me amend that. The Louis Vuitton Challenger/World Series racing will be held in Chicago next summer. The Louis Vuitton Series is comprised of several races at different venues to determine which single challenger will face the current holder of the America's Cup. The current champion is Oracle Team USA which won the Cup in 2013 in San Francisco.

Chicago and Lake Michigan will be the first fresh water venue for an America's Cup race in the Cup's 164 year history. The event will take place June 10-12 with the famous Navy Pier serving as event headquarters. Once the challenger boat has been determined, the America's Cup finals will be held in Bermuda in 2017. The Chicago event will feature 45 ft. catamarans in the qualifying races. As of right now, the challengers are Artemis Racing (Sweden); Emirates Team New Zealand; Land Rover (UK); Groupama (team France); and Softbank (Japan). The size of the boats has been changed. Instead of the giant 72' catamarans of the 2013 American's Cup, the new rules put them in the 45-50 foot range.

Like 2013's race in San Francisco Bay, this challenger racing in Chicago will feature "stadium racing" where you have an opportunity to watch the racing from a ticketed seat on Navy Pier. Six hours away. First time in history. One chance.



These are not America's Cup boats but they are kinda interesting.