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HSA Turns Out for Work Day

A bunch of sailors came to the lake last Saturday where it was warm, sunny, and windy but not a sail got set anywhere. At the end of the work "party", a new rescue boat rose like a phoenix from the ashes of the old one. The club will probably not be breaking any bottles of champagne on its launch next Sunday. Maybe just some fruit punch. But it's ready for dooty.

Fifteen hands made muster for the work session. Then, thirty showed up for the Spring Social where the food flowed freely. Look inside for more stories and pictures. We got 'em.

Opening Day!

As those work parties tear into rehab and rejuvenation, their work will be interrupted by, of all things, a sailboat race! Yes, Opening Day is this Sunday and all fleets are in action as the 2016 Sixotennial season gets underway. (Yes, just made that up.)

If you are ready to return to the sunny satisfaction and radiant rapture of Hueston Woods, you will just have to get that boat out and take it to the lake, even if you aren't racing.

The temperature promises to be a very pleasant 74, little chance of anything but sunshine, and a delightful beginning breeze of 8 mph.

Let's start our 60th year of sailing off with a barely contained hallelujah. It is often NOT sailing weather at the end of April. This one will be just right, just for us. Amen.

For Your Calendar

Sunday

April 24

Opening of the racing season with the First Spring Weekend.

Saturday

April 23

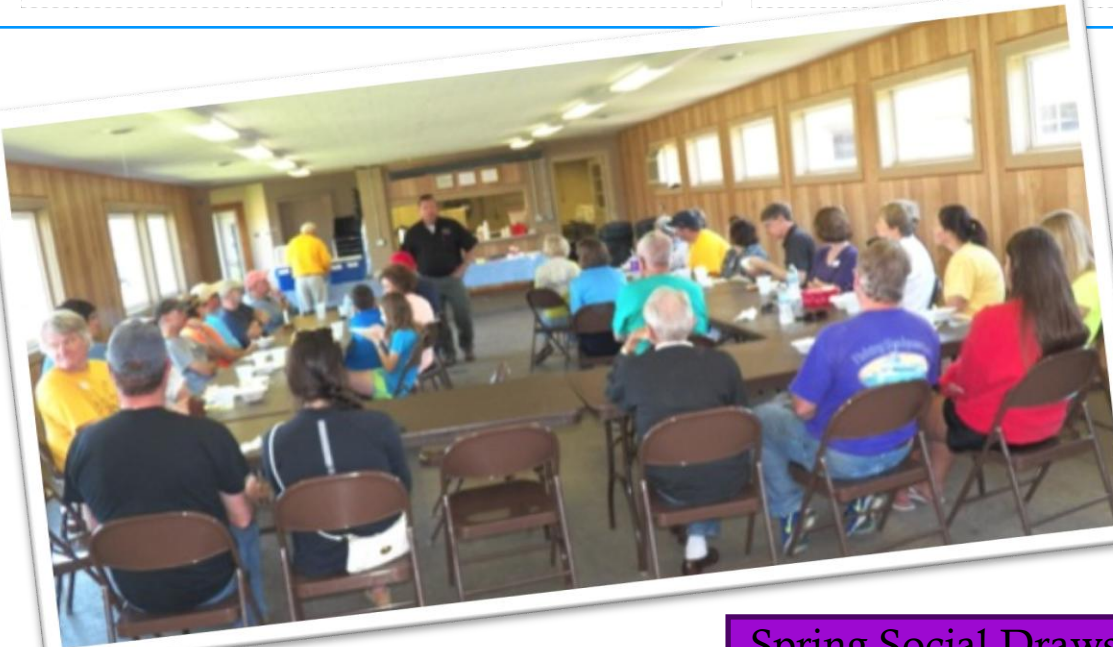
HSA loves to work on boats. This time its prep of newest club boat.

Saturday

May 14

More fun in the boat yard at the lake as HSA cleans and rigs.





Spring Social Draws a Crowd

Above, Interim Park Manager Scott Fletcher talks to the club after lunch and brings everyone up to date on the state of the state park.



Lean, Green Machine Is Readied for Action

Above, the HSA work party gives the newly acquired rescue boat a makeover, which consisted mostly of transforming a fishing boat into a mark and safety boat. At above right, some of the twelve HSA geocachers are shown in the woods on their GPS adventure after lunch. At right, Brett Hart and Commodore Jerry Brewster discuss the technique Bobbie Bode is using on a piece of stainless. They decided she needed close supervision. They didn't decide it out loud.





A Hobie 16, a Coronado 16, and a Catalina 22 like those pictured above - left to right - will be among those boats auctioned off by ODNR on Saturday, April 30. The auctioned boats will likely not look as good as these, but you could begin your boat ownership adventure here. As is.

Boat Auction Coming Soon at Hueston

If you have ever been in the dry moorage area, you have no doubt noticed, with some degree of heartache, that some sailboats there have been neglected and/or abandoned.

Some have been neglected to the point of not having paid the rent for the spot. The State of Ohio has stepped in and impounded several of these boats and is selling them in a sealed bid auction on Saturday, April 30.

According to Assistant Park Manager Dave Wesler, there are seven sailboats for sale and a few more might be added before the auction.

You could also bid on a Ford tractor and some mowers but all are slow on the water even in a good breeze. Here is a list of what is on the block:

1980 Coronado Capri; 1982 and a 1978 Hobie Cat 16; 1977 Aquarius; 1988 Catalina 14.2; 1980 Catalina C-22; 1973 Ouachita 16J; 1992 Pro 120; 1966 Windmill.

The bid sheets will be available from 9-11 that day. Sealed bids will be opened after 11:00 am. If you have the high bid, the boat is yours. You will have ten days to pay and remove the boat. You never know. Could be you. Check at the park office and then check out the boats.



HSA Finds Boat

Capri 14.2 added to club fleet inventory for instruction and member use

HSA recently found a Capri 14.2 on Craigslist in Columbus. The boat, which will be used for instruction and for members to use, is a model 1 from the 1980's but is in good condition. The boat came without sails and rudder but before purchasing, Commodore Jerry Brewster found both from another Craigslist source in Virginia. Using his knowledge of Trump's Art of the Deal, the Commodore was able to secure the boat, the sails, the rudder and a few other items for what we can only characterize as a "huge" deal for us. Brewster also found and was chief negotiator for the "new" rescue boat. He would like to be known now as "The Jerry".

"New" club boat awaits its coming spa treatment at this Saturday's work party.

Spring Social Photo Ops

Geogaching!

At right, members of the Tomlinson family pause from the hunt for hidden treasure on the Hueston Woods Covered Bridge. From left to right are Caroline, Erin, Sammy, and Chris. A group of a dozen HSA explorers found five caches and never got very far from the marina.



Boat Yard

At left Scott Johnson and Brett Hart hold the pattern while Bill Molleran tries to skillfully execute a complex incisor, crossplex davit cut with the Sawz All. The result was an exterior, cross grain, double dado cut, which was completely unintended. Fortunately, it still worked.



Boat Yard and a Half

In three hours, the work crew transformed a Rich Line fishing tri hull into a working race duty boat. While Harbormaster Done Fecher was away at Walmart for supplies, the group pictured here played with the power tools.



Blast from the Past

At left are Mike Wier (yellow shirt) and Mark Costandi talking over the vagaries of the Hobie life style choice. The photo was probably taken in the last century sometime but we're just not sure when. Mark and Mike both still have those Hobies. Both have Sunfish. Both men are virtually the same. Except Mark, about 35 now, who doesn't have all that hair. A few more pics from our glorious past are on page 6.



Saving Sailing: The Value of Time

(Editor's Note: In the past few issues we have been culling some ideas from Nicholas Hayes' book Saving Sailing in which he not only describes the decline of what he calls "Life Pastimes" like sailing, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and other activities that involve intergenerational cooperation, family bonding, and mentoring, but also what we can do about it as people who know the value of time and choose to use it in boats. Here is our latest installment.)

"In the chartered life we walk from one rollercoaster ride to another in between yellow don't-cross-the-line ribbons. In a chartered life the rules and paths are laid out for us. Parenting is more about keeping kids inside the lines and moving them forward, than it is about living through original experience and the making of memories...

"(P)eople who embrace a Life Pastime - who choose to fill their time with complex, learned group activities - live longer, happier, healthier and more satisfying lives than those who cannot, do not, or will not.

"When we sail a boat or sit over a fishing hole or in a duck blind or play a duet with kids,

we are blessed with a built in set of natural laws... that reveal a set of timeless, ageless truths about the human condition, and that we will recall throughout our lives...

"We will catch a fish if we are patient; if we practice, then we can play this song together; we need the wind, the water and this little boat to get to the other side of the bay. We need each other to do it safely....

"Time is the only family measure of value. In fact, it is the only human measure of value, because time is our only birthright. Making the most of it ought to be our only goal. If we do, the Lifeline will take care of itself, and the Grand Benefits will flow uninterrupted...

"I posed the question of whether the Life Pastime is worth saving or not. I have argued the case, through stories and facts, that the way we use our free time has enormous positive consequences for us, the people around us, and potentially for the generations that follow. I have suggested that people who embrace a Life Pastime - who choose to fill their time with complex, learned group activities - live longer, happier, healthier and more satisfying lives than those who cannot, do not or will not. ..

"We must have the audacity to stand fast against powerful social norms and sidestep the charter, choosing to shape their lives around a better use of time...

HSA 60th Anniversary

This undated photo from the 1980's shows Yours Truly helping junior campers carry a boat. But notice what junior camper is on the bow.



Back in 2008, these six won some exotic trophies for their performance at the OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta. Left to right, Peter Peters, top junior Henry Fulford, Joe Fulford, Roger Henthorn, Neil Harrell, and Yours Truly. (Probably turd place)