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Hueston Sailing Association

Peters Wins Capri Club Championship

The humble veteran racer jumps into a new boat and weaves his way to victory in the inaugural event. That's him with top crew Ian Mahoney and top boat 3916.

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Camptown Races Go Down to the Wire

It was billed as something of a showdown between three of Hueston Sailing Association's best Sunfish sailors.

The Young Gun vs. the Ex-Collegiate vs. the Perennial Champ. The Young Gun is Kevin DeArmon - the one who ran away with June's Founder's Day Sunfish Regatta and followed that with some nifty skippering in his dad's Y-Flyer the next weekend.

The Ex-Collegiate (Miami University' sailing team) is Laura Beebe, last year's Sunfish Series champ who sails in the 2014 All World Blue and Gold boat that sends shivers of dread through her competitors' hearts.

The Perennial Champ is none other than Bill Molleran - he whose name appears so much on HSA's OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta traveling trophy. The only year he didn't win it, he wasn't entered.

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What's Ahead?

- July 23 Fall Series Begins! All fleets racing. Roger and Bobbie race committee
- July 23 Brunch before racing. Tell Rose if you are coming.
- July 30 2nd Fall Series; All Fleets; Jim Mossman, Don Fecher and John Cannon on Committee.



"The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for future generations." Pope John Paul II

Recse Binder in control of her craft. More about Ladies Camp on page 6

Ladies Camp Photos



Capsizing (on purpose), instruction, sunshine after the storm, and then sailing; more photos on HSA's Facebook page.

Capri Racing Event in Their Own Words



Four competitors line up for a pinwheel of the leeward mark as they chase the frontrunner in one race, likely Roger Henthorn. Pete Peters won the whole shebang but it wasn't decided until the last of all possible moments. See story next page. For more pics, check out HSA's Facebook page.

The number of Capri 14's in the club grows. Two have joined this year and a third is on its way. That's in addition to the two belonging to the club and two who already belong. Here's what champ Pete Peters had to say: "The Capri championship was unique because of the skipper's familiarity with the boat - as in not much. It was fun sailing with different crews. My goal was to survive the elimination and learn to sail the boat. . . Sailing with Rose has made me sharper on the starts and aware of good sail trim. I wanted to be relaxed and have fun and get good sailing for the junior crew."

And from Roger Henthorn who placed second: "Crews did a good job ... but ... I still hate Capris."

Pete Peters Wins Capri Club Championship!

Endurance contest ends with Peters on top in HSA's first ever Capri event;

The sailing instructions were complicated. With seven competitors and five boats, some kind of round robin that involved changing boats every race had to be devised.

If you didn't have a copy on your boat, you just had to trust the race committee. Pete Peters did just what he was told to do and the result after five races was just what he wanted. His name on the first Capri Club Championship trophy.

Peters had to earn a spot in the fifth and final race as did his four competitors. To do that, you had to keep from being eliminated in the first four. Peters did just that. With top seed Roger Henthorn on his fantail the whole way, he kept his craft moving in the light air and positioned himself with typical Peters cunning.

Competitors had to rotate out at least once during the event and change boats, each coming with its own junior crew. Peters worst finish was a fourth in race 3 but he finished 2nd in the other two to qualify for the finals.

Roger Henthorn, the early odds on favorite, won one race and never finished below third in any of his opportunities but the persevering Peters sat on him in the finals until the finish line.

HSA newcomer Ken Wright got off to a bad start in race one with a last place finish but rallied with a second and a third to get into the final race where he gripped third place early and held on tight.



Also making the finals were Charlie DeArmon and Yours Truly who had the misfortune of hooking a long windward mark anchor line in two races, one of which was the final. Both competitors won one of the previous four races to qualify.

The boats belonged to John Shipley, Diane/Michele, and Jerry Brewster and combined with the two HSA Capris to make up the racing fleet. Juniors Megan DeArmon, Ian Mahoney, Clayton Snider, Kayla Draper, and Katie Lockhart stayed with each boat for all five races and did their best to keep each skipper in the hunt.

Jerry Brewster's Capri, crewed by Ian Mahoney, ended up being the boat and crew that did the best with a couple of bullets and no finish worst than 3rd. Thanks to boat owners and junior crew.

1. Pete Peters
 2. Roger Henthorn
 3. Ken Wright
 4. Mike Stratton
 5. Charlie DeArmon
- DNQ: Jerry Brewster, Brett Hart

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When all the July 8th Camptown Races Sunfish Regatta points had been tallied, Kevin the Young Gun had faltered, the victim of a 12th place finish in a disastrous race 2. The Perennial Champ Molleran won two of the four races but a sixth place in race 2 left him just one point ahead of the collegian after 3 of 4 races. He had to beat her in the last race to win it all.

And he was in great position to do just that going into the final leg to the finish after leading the whole way. With Roger Henthorn, Megan DeArmon and Beebe on both of his hips, Molleran succumbed to a wind shift that favored Beebe. She crossed just ahead of him. He fended off Henthorn and DeArmon by a literal bow nose but the damage had been done.

His 2nd place to Beebe dropped him into a tie for first. The first tiebreaker was indecisive since he and Beebe had taken two bullets apiece. It fell to the second tiebreaker, who beat who in the last race, and Beebe was Camptown Sunfish Champion.

Race Results

1. Laura Beebe 4 1 4 1	10
2. Bill Molleran 1 6 1 2	10
3. Mike Stratton 2 3 3 6	14
4. Roger Henthorn 3 5 8 3	19
5. Ken Wright 5 2 6 13	26
6. Kevin DeArmon 6 12 2 7	27
7. Megan DeArmon 10 4 9 4	27
8. Jerry Brewster 8 7 5 8	28
9. Pete Peters 7 9 12 10	38
10. Julie Molleran 12 11 11 5	39
11. Charlie DeArmon 13 10 10 9	42
12. Kayla Draper 9 14 7 14	44
13. Ian Mahoney DNS 8 14 11	48
14. Dominic Everaet 11 13 13 12	49
15. Brett Hart 14 15 15 15	59

Plastic Pollution a Growing Problem

Roland Geyer, an industrial ecologist at the UC Santa Barbara says no one had ever calculated how much plastic people have manufactured since its invention. So he did it. 8.3 billion metric tons. Enough to cover the 8th largest country in the world, Argentina, ankle deep in plastic.

While plastic is very useful, the problem is that it is non-degradable so it will be with us for hundreds of years in our soil, our water supply, and in our oceans. Most plastic gets thrown away. In the U.S. three quarters of discarded plastic ends up in landfills or lost. Most of the rest, about 14%, is incinerated or recycled.

"The environmental effects are due to its phenomenal success," Geyer says. "I think of it as a giant experiment we are performing on this planet and no one knows the outcome."

Nearly half of all plastic produced is used for packaging where it is quickly discarded. The highest point of elevation in most U.S. communities is its landfill. How long can we continue to bury our trash? How much can the oceans absorb before they can absorb no more?

Refuse to use.
Recycle what you can.

HSA Ladies Camp Gets It Done Despite Wind, Rain

After record setting weather at Junior Camp, the HSA instruction and volunteer army welcomed 17 ladies to Ladies Camp the following day and got treated right away to their own little storm. Just as the first time sailors were piloting their boats around some reaching marks, thunder rumbled in the distance.

C Fleet instructor Phil Robertson looked at his weather app and said, "It says here that that lightning strike hit five miles from the lake due west." That was it. The HSA pontoon boats, rubber boat, and rescue boat shepherded 17 Sunfish to the beach and to the cruiser docks like well trained border collies.

With virtually no experience beating to windward, most of B and C Fleet first timers were able to sheet in close hauled and tack their way into the now stronger winds of the approaching weather. The rain hit about half way there.

Fifteen minutes later the sun was shining and they were getting back out on the water. Camp was less than half a day old and they already had stories to tell about capsize practice that morning and their focused beat to shore to get out of the rain and harm's way.

On Friday, it was almost a made to order day for learning to sail and for competing. The AM portion was enough for A Fleet antics on the race course but not enough to intimidate initiates.

Then the afternoon barged onto the water and woke up gusts of hefty wind, which had been napping after pulling some all nighters during the week. A Fleet loved it; B Fleet found new mastery with the challenge; C Fleet was visibly alarmed. There was some PTSD there - post tacking stress disorder.

Debbie Binder, who hasn't sailed in years, managed to stay up and brought her craft a mile and a half to windward and into the dock area. Rhonda Sample followed her example but admitted to being exhausted by the time she got her boat there. Another B Fleeter and Rhonda's friend who had not sailed in a long time, Laurel Canepa, also somehow managed to stay up and on the wind through gusts that averaged 12-14 mph. Debbie's daughter-in-law Reese Binder left before lunch and missed the adventure. Debbie and Laurel received most improved awards in B/C Fleet.

Connie Lippowitsch had to endure two capsizes before getting some stability in the sometimes white capped water and finished the day wet but with everything intact except maybe her dignity. She and new sailor Diane Brown were both trying out the sport in their 60's just because they wanted to.

In the other half of C Fleet with Brown were four other new sailors with the possible exception of Claudia Rocklin (most improved award) who crews for Charlie DeArmon in his Y-flyer. She was new to singlehanded sailing though. Lilia Theobald, a Miami University student, was the youngest member but all age ranges were among the 17 campers.

In C Fleet Rose Schultz complimented her group on their focus and attention to instruction and was particularly happy that some were able to sail in Friday's strong wind. No one got into trouble. "We certainly had some adverse conditions but I think participants did well despite storms and high winds," she said. The Fleet also consisted of Alyssa Darden (most improved) and Jackie Halderman.

As for A Fleet, look to next page for their experience and the results.

Ladies Camp Veterans Get Out on Race Course

The ladies of A Fleet come to help out with the newcomers to Ladies Camp each year. They teach capsizing the first day and help transition them to solo sailing. They also help out in the kitchen where JoAnn Callahan works diligently behind the scenes every year preparing about a ton of food for junior and ladies camp.

But their attention soon turns toward racing and from Thursday afternoon to Friday's awards, they are all about the competition. This year the wealth was spread around with everyone in the A Fleet winning at least one race. In the end, however, the points are tallied and a new ladies champion is crowned.

This year, that honor goes to Rosa Molleran who had just finished three days as an instructor at junior camp. The ladies in A Fleet competed in 20 races to determine the winner.



Junior camp counselor Katie Lockhart jumped into the Ladies Camp A Fleet and took home this second place trophy

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| 1. Rosa Molleran | 54 |
| 2. Katie Lockhart | 63 |
| 3. Tracy Mahoney | 64 |
| 4. Amy Marks | 75 |
| 5. Sarah Lockhart | 89 |
| 6. Erin Coffed | 95 |



At left, A Fleet from left: Erin Coffed, Sarah Lockhart, Katie Lockhart, A Fleet champ Rosa Molleran, Amy Marks, Tracy Mahoney and Jerry Callahan. Rob Hill served as instructor also.



Above in B/C Fleet from left: Connie Lippowitsch, Debbie Binder, Mike, Laurel Canepa, and Rhonda Sample. At left in C Fleet: Lilia Theobald, Claudia Rocklin, Diane Brown, Rose, Jackie Halderman, and Alyssa Darden. Not present, Reese Binder

