

# Acton Action

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## Fall Series Starts

Summer is still in full swing but the Fall Series is here . Feel a chill in the air?

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## Remember the 4th?

Incidents and accidents mar the weekend but champs emerge unscathed.

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## Peters/Schultz Untouchable Near and Far; Extend Streak

### Late Start Doesn't Deter Junior Clayton Snider in Handicap Action

The Snider Family arrived as most boats were already pushing off from the docks, and they arrived at the start line after the gun for their start had already echoed off the hills. Despite that decided disadvantage, 16 year old Clayton Snider overtook the entire fleet and got his first bullet in competition with his senior cohorts.

Snider, who is know for his ability to make a Sunfish do about anything he wants it to, followed with a 4th in race 2 and, with veteran Laura Beebe just a point ahead, nearly won the day.

Y-Flyer racing saw Pete and Rose tighten their grip on Fleet 25, fighting off a close challenge in race one but opening up a wide lead in race 2. The Y's all finished race one within a minute or two or one another, but in the 3 lap race 2 the time lapse from first to last was much longer. In fact, the first two Y crews were in Oxford drinking beer before the last place boat hit the dock.

In Hobie's, Charlie Buchert swept the field and never looked back. Race results on page 3.



### New Launch Technique Debuts

No, it isn't photoshopped. That's a 10hp Tohatsu boat motor in the back of that pickup. Aquacars have been around since the 1950's but this may be the first Aquatruck.

The owner said it comes in handy. "I don't have to back my boat up to the ramp anymore, which is hard. I just drive right in and launch it from the water. Then, drive right back out."

We didn't get a photo of that.



That's Cosette at the helm of Papa's boat. The 16 year old finally got to take control and skipper the Y during the second day of the July 4th Series. In her first two races as a skipper she rang up a couple of thirds. The girl knows how to beat to windward.



At left, Pete and Rose look to see if they have hit the layline as they appear to be getting a lift. The two were on their way to a Series win and three of the four races, as they continue their quest for dominance in Fleet 25.

At right, Charlie DeArmon seems to have the lead but maybe not higher on the ladder during day 1 of the 4th of July Series. That's the Peters and Henthorn boats in pursuit; or in control, one or the other.



# Fall Series Launched July 23rd; Club Hit with Champagne Weather Bottle - Doesn't Sink

It didn't start out well. Just ask Rose. The power went out in the Hueston Room and her three casseroles for the brunch just sat there in a cold oven.

Then there was the morning rain, then some indecision, and then some folks went home. Brunch got scuttled but there was enough optimism about the racing to hang out for a while and it paid off.

By 12:30 the skies had cleared and the wind was puffing its chest out, slapping our faces with its little wind gloves as a challenge, and daring us to come out on the lake.

We went. And it was delicious. The breezes stayed in the 8-12 range, our club sweet spot, and we had what can only be described as a perfect sailing day.

Pete/Rose got one runaway victory and one tough close one to take the day in Y's. Joe and Kelly Buchert literally flew around the three lap course in race 2 in about 30 minutes. You don't want their boat sneaking up on you, which they can do. When they deploy

their asymmetrical, it often does so with a huge popping sound as it billows out of its snuffer.

Callie Miller, a MU student and club sailor, joined Ryan Servizzi on his Hobie. O'Day sailors Scott Eversole and his dad Paul joined the committee boat crew and helped with duties on board.

Brett Hart got his Y flying but a short line in race one saw him arrive at the pin just a bit early. The result was a jibe and a re-start but in race 2 he found himself first at the windward mark. Nice.

## Hobies

1. Joe and Kelly Buchert 23:04 33:23
2. Charlie Buchert 29:51 38:54
3. Ryan Servizzi 28:33 49:17

## Y-Flyers

- |                                |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1. Pete Peters/Rose Schultz    | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2. Brett Hart/Mike Stratton    | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 3. Charlie DeArmon/Laura Beebe |   |   |   |
|                                | 2 | 3 | 5 |

## Race Results for Second Fall Series

Hobies - 1. Charlie Buchert 1 1 2 2, Dave Munday/Victor 2 2 4

Y-Flyers -

1. - Pete Peters/Rose Schultz	1	1	2
2. Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode	2	2	4
3. Charlie DeArmon/Claudia Rocklin	3	3	6
4. Brett Hart/Mike Stratton	4	4	8

## Handicap

1. Laura Beebe	3	1	4	2. Clayton Snider	1	4	5
3. Ken Wright	4	3	7	4. Jerry Brewster	2	5	7
5. Megan DeArmon	DNS	2	11	6. Chris Snider	5	6	11
7. Collin Snider	6	8	14	8. Kayla Draper	DNS	8	16

# Anatomy of a Series

by Jerry Brewster

## Race One, Day One:

*Darrilynn and I had a great start in our Capri 14.2 and made it to the windward mark ahead of the rest of the fleet (Julie Molleran, Ken Wright, and Jack Cooper in Sunfish, and Diane Pierok/Michele Elsaesser in their Capri 14.2). On the downwind leg, Julie caught and passed us. Ken Wright and Jack Cooper gained on us too, but did not beat us to the leeward mark.*

*The second lap was similar, we beat Julie to the windward mark and she caught up on the downwind. I could tell it was going to be a close finish on the final upwind leg. However, Julie was on the far right of the course and I lost track of her. I didn't see her until we were within 20 feet of the committee boat. She appeared from out of nowhere and cut in front of us at the finish line.*

*I couldn't stop in time and hit her broad side near the rear of her boat. To retaliate, her boom hit Darrilynn in the head. Since she was on a starboard tack and we were on port, we did our penalty turn and finished in a photo finish with Ken Wright. Jack followed, but Michelle and Diane were way off in the distance. Had they wandered off? Were they looking for a mark in region 5 or 6? We'll probably never know.*

## Race Two, Day One:

*We had another good start and beat the fleet to the windward mark. As usually, Julie Molleran caught up and passed us on the downwind leg. On the second lap, we found success on the upwind leg again. We feared that Julie would catch and pass us once again on the last downwind leg.*

*As we prepared to round the leeward mark we looked around for our nemesis. She was nowhere in sight. Then we noticed that she had capsized during a gybe and had begun righting her boat. This was the break we needed to win.*

*There was only one problem, Ken Wright was still breathing down our necks. Fortunately, we made it to the finish line with no issues and redeemed ourselves from our first race finish faux pas.*

## Race One, Day Two:

*Julie Molleran and the Elsaesser/Pierok duo chose not to come to the lake today. Today, we brought a secret weapon to help improve our downwind speed: a whisker pole! Darrilynn had never used it, but after only one brief practice set (during the Hobie sequence), she was ready to go.*

*As we crawled to the leeward mark, I prayed that the committee would sound the horn and shorten the course. Unfortunately, they didn't do it in time (technically.) However, once we got within earshot, Bill Molleran shouted from the committee boat, "Jerry, why don't you just come this way and we'll shorten the race."*

*Being in the lead, I wasn't going to complain. Shortly after the last boat crossed the finish line, the skies opened up and cooled us off for about 10 minutes.*

## Race One, Day Two:

*Bill Molleran moved the pin due to a 180 wind shift and the committee reversed the course to a clockwise triangle with starboard roundings using the same marks in the exact same positions.*

*We watched the Hobies start, then the Y-Flyers, then the wind started to shift BACK to coming from the dam. Quickly, we had to figure out a strategy to start on a run. I thought we had it figured out and we were about to hit the line at the horn at full speed. Unfortunately, the reversal of the wind had caused the committee boat to turn 180 degrees. Since I hadn't noticed this minor detail, I was assuming in my head that the committee boat mast was toward the first mark. I realized the painful truth when I heard Bill Molleran say, "Over early, Jerry!" "Are you kidding?!?" I shouted back.*

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## July 4th Handicap Race Results

1. Jerry Brewster/Darrilynn Brewster

2 1 1 2                    6

2. Ken Wright

3 2 2 1                    8

3. Jack Cooper

DNS 3 3 3                15

4. Julie Molleran

1 4 DNS DNDS        17

5. Kevin DeArmon

4 DNS DNS DNS       22



At top: Joe and Kelly Buchert meet Don Fecher, both on port tack. In center photo, it's Jerry vs Julie; Below, Five Y's line up for a nice orderly rounding of the leeward mark, all on the Fourth of July Series. Joe and Kelly, Jerry and Darrilynn, and Pete and Rose were champs.





Second Fall Series saw a few breezes where you might actually have had to hike but it was a short hike and very easy on the legs. The rest of the time was light air listing to leeward as these photos show. The race committee must have had different wind; they expanded race 2 to three laps. And had to wait a long time for the last boat to finish.



Upper left, Laura Beebe on her way to winning the day but it was a tight win; middle right, The Roger gets close but no cigar; above, Jerry and Darrilynn Brewster flog their steed but whipping doesn't work; at right, the Handicap Fleet flocks up on their way to the windward mark.





# July 4th Holiday Series Event For Y's Was... Eventful!

It was supposed to be Phil Robertson's day at the lake, filled with family fun at a beach picnic and a little Y-Flyer racing with good ole Fleet 25. The wind was good, the weather was perfect for both beaches and boats. It only took about five seconds for the competition part of it to end.

With seven Y-Flyers out and a crowded line to contend with, Robertson had chosen a good spot near the pin. That is, until Roger Henthorn, starting on port tack at the pin end, lost control of his Y and dove bow first into the side of Phil's boat. The sound and the result of that little collision were not pretty.

Phil's Y had a pretty good sized hole in the port side and since it would take on water if on starboard tack, he had to retire to the beach. Henthorn, who broke his rudder several weeks ago, was apparently trying to avoid the collision but his new rudder wasn't responding. Collisions that damage are rare in club racing but this was one of those moments.

Pete Peters and Rose Schultz went on to capture the title for the July 4th Series, winning three of the four races. Henthorn and crew Bobbie Bode took a 4th in the race with the collision but recovered with a bullet on the second day to take second. Six Y's started the weekend. Another Y was out with the DeArmon/Draper girls taking friends, four of them, out on DeArmon Y #2.

## Race Results - July 4th Series

### Hobies

1. J and K Buchert	1 1 2 1	5
2. Don Fecher	2 2 1 2	7
3. Ryan Servizzi	DNS DNS 3 3	12

### Y-Flyers

1. Pete Peters/Rose Schultz	1 1 1 2	5
2. Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bodie	4 2 2 1	9
3. Mike Stratton/Cosette	2 4 3 3	12
4. Charlie DeArmon/Claudia	3 3 4 4	14
5. Brett Hart/Ryan Servizzi	5 5 DNS DNS	18
6. Phil Robertson	DNF DNS DNS DNS	



Don Fecher and crew Kayla Creter look for wind in the Hobie portion of the July 4th Holiday Series back on, uh, July 4th.

## Anatomy of a Series (continued from page 4)

*It was then I glanced over to the committee boat and saw Bill staring down the line from the committee boat mast at the "REAR" of the pontoon boat.*

*"Damn! Who moved the mast in the middle of my good start??" Now I've got to dodge Ken and Jack and dip the line. We struggled to do so, but eventually we were in the running.*

*We caught Jack about halfway through the first lap, but we never could catch Ken and ended up finishing about 10 seconds behind him.*