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HSA Moving to Summer Schedule As Solstice Arrives

Camps Coming Up, Capri Championship, Intro to Sailing, And... The End of the Spring Series! Ta Da!

After canceling last week's racing (5th Spring) due to the threat of thunderstorms by the time we would get out on the water, HSA moves swiftly into the heart of the sailing season with this week's activity. Fifteen people showed up for the rare cancellation last Sunday, but it was gray, drippy wet, and there was that menacing red on the radar. This week we try again with the final weekend of the Spring Series followed by a flurry of club functions.

The weekend of the Summer Solstice (or Sailstice if you like) will find us deep in day 2 of our second sailing school on June 23-24. Then the Boys in the Boat will be headed for Chicago on *Goodnight Moon* for a week on Lake Michigan - destination Chicago. Pete, Jerry, and Mike will be keeping you abreast of the trip via Facebook. They might even try some live streaming, assuming any of them know how to do that.

After this weekend's contest, the next race date is the Fourth of July Series. If they haven't ended up in Upper Peninsula, the three travelers should be back by then. The 4th of July Series starts on Sunday July 1st and then takes a few days off before finishing on Wednesday, July 4th. The potluck, however, comes on Sunday. Bring a dish to share, place settings, and friends/family.

Camps start the week of July 9th but not before we begin the week with a Sunfish extravaganza - the Camptown Races - on July 8th. HSA's busiest week of the year ends the following Sunday with the Capri Club Championship. Sign up now! (See story at right.)



Capri Championship Coming

Defending champion Pete Peters will be on the course daring anyone to unseat him. Last year Peters won the inaugural race after surviving four or five rounds of elimination racing.

This year the format will be similar. Skippers who want to race need only register with Yours Truly by July 1st. Competitors will once again have a junior crew assigned to each boat and skippers will rotate from helm to helm for each race. Can Pete re-pete? He believes he can.



Volvo Ocean Race Update - June 14

Team Brunei, skippered by Dutchman Bouwe Bekking, finished leg 10 into Gothenburg, Sweden a bare two minutes ahead of second place Mapfre, skippered by Spaniard Xabi Fernandez. Dongfeng Race Team finished four hours later. The remaining four boats are still on the ocean. Turn the Tide on Plastic has slipped to 5th place. One leg remains - the final sprint to The Hague on June 21st. Vestas 11th Hour Racing, skippered by American Charlie Enright, is in 6th place.

Volvo Round the World Race Finds More Than Adventure

They call it the Everest of Sailing. Nine months, 12 ports, 45,000 nautical miles long. The Volvo Ocean Race is one of the most grueling sporting events on the planet.

As they near the end (it began last October in Spain), the seven 66 ft. long yachts are on their way to Europe with only 61 seconds separating the two leaders.

In addition to the adventure, the danger, and the intensity of the competition, they have found something even more disturbing. On a spot in the Southern Ocean 1,670 miles from the nearest inhabited land and so remote that the closest human activity is the astronauts at the International Space Station 258 miles overhead, they have found plastic pollution.

"We travel to some of the most remote places on the planet, and sadly, we're seeing the reality that microplastics are existing even in the Southern Ocean," says Brit Dee Caffari, who skippered one boat and was the first woman to sail solo, nonstop around the world in both directions.

Caffari is the skipper of "Turn the Tide on Plastic" and leads a mixed crew of multinational, 50-50 male/female crew, most under the age of 30. Their focus as well as the focus of this

edition of the 37 year old race is sustainability. Their mission is to amplify the UN's Environment's "Clean Seas: Turn the Tide on Plastic" campaign through the months of the race.

That race is now on nearing its final legs from the East coast of the U.S. to Wales and then to its conclusion in the Netherlands. Caffari's boat is in fourth place.

Public awareness of the severity of the plastic pollution problem in the marine environment began in 1997 when another sailor, Captain Charles Moore, was crossing the Pacific in a yacht race and ran into what is now known as the Great Pacific Garbage Gyre. There are five such gyres, one in every ocean on earth, each covering thousands of square miles.

In 2014 sea trash was not a global headline until the Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 went missing. Searchers reported hundreds of objects off the Australian coast as possible aircraft parts but they turned out to be discarded fishing equipment, cargo containers, plastic shopping bags, and plastic trash.

Recycling, while important, isn't getting the job done with only about 10% making it into reuse. Refuse to use has to become the norm.

New Members Column: Meet the Mears Family!

Curtis and Michelle Mears didn't waste any time. Shortly after buying a Sunfish from HSA late last year, both of them have made an appearance on the race course this spring. They take turns.

"Our first foray into racing was pretty ugly," says Michelle. "We each spent a lot of time in irons. The second time wasn't much better."

The Mears have also been on committee duty already this year along with their three children. Toby, who is 12 and a tennis player, will be in junior camp this year. Lucy, age 10, also has a competitive streak - as a swimmer though. Jay, 5, according to his mom, is into the trying-everything-out phase.

The Mears live in Vandalia although the former Preble County residents (where they both grew up) lived in North Carolina for six years before the move to Vandalia in 2010.

Curtis works as a civilian engineer at Wright Patterson. Michelle is a stay at home mom. The family is into other outdoor endeavors. They also like

to camp and hike when they aren't slugging it out with other boats around the race course.

Michelle had never even been on a boat before the family bought the Sunfish but she is going all in, even signing up for Ladies Camp next month.

When you see the Mears family at the lake, give them a big HSA welcome!



The Mears Family on committee duty back in what looks like the winter time.

Quotation in Long Form

"I've never been quite sold on the concept of Father's Day. For one thing it was declared a national holiday by Richard Nixon so it might not even be legal." Dave Barry

Mother's Day Racing Results

After a weekend that saw 23 boats on the line, only a third that many made it out the following weekend. Blame it on mom. Don Fecher was the lone Hobie - Ken Wright and Stephen Cook the only handicappers. The Y-Fleet came out in force, however, deciding to pay tribute to moms everywhere by cavorting with Mother Nature (in a good way). Rookie racer Scott Eversole showed that he came to race. The Eversole boat was pin end and moving fast out in front at the 2nd start. Unfortunately, they were few seconds early. Still their boat was at the windward mark with the others after restarting. "If you ain't over early a few times, you ain't tryin' hard enough." (quote from an Old Salt)

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| 1. Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode | 2 1 | 3 |
| 2. Pete Peters and Rose Schultz | 1 3 | 4 |
| 3. Mike Stratton and Kofi | 4 2 | 6 |
| 4. Brett Hart and Laura Beebe | 3 4 | 7 |
| 5. Scott Eversole and Paul Eversole | 5 5 | 10 |



Sunfish North American Championships Anyone?

Want to try some big fleet racing? The Sunfish NA's are, for the first time in years, being held relatively close by. The host club is Lake Bluff Yacht Club in Chicago on August 1-4. It is likely there will be 40-50 boats entered, some of which will be trying to qualify for the Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru in 2019. And then there are the rest of us.

Locally, Laura Beebe and Mike Stratton are competing. Here is the link to the NOR (Notice of Race).

https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/nor_2013/2018_USSCA_NAs_NOR_final.pdf

You can do this!

Y -Flyers approach starting line on Memorial Day. Three different boats shared bullets as Y's move toward parity.

Memorial Day Race Results; Bucherts, Peters/Schultz, Beebe top Fleets

Memorial Day racing was a Tale of Two Winds. On Sunday, May 27, a lot of boats showed up but the wind didn't. Here are the recorded wind speeds on committee: 1,1,2,1,1,1,0,1, 0,1,0,1.

On Monday, it was better though not by a great margin. Still things were a movin' with wind in the 3-7 range with a few gusts beyond those recorded.

In all 22, boats participated with 28 racing sailors on board which nearly matched the Spring Series high of 23 boats on Mothers' Day.

The potluck was a success as was the Book Fair where dozens of sailing related titles were on display and there for the taking. The books not taken will make another appearance at the July 1st potluck before going to a new home at Goodwill.

Hobie Corrected Scores:

1. Joe/Kelly Buchert	1 2 1 1	5
2. Mike Weir	2 1 3 4	10
3. Don Fecher	3 3 5 3	14
4. Charlie Buchert	DNS DNS 2 2	16
5. Ryan Servizzi	DNS DNS 4 5	21

Y-Flyers

1. Pete Peters/Rose Schultz	1 3 3 1	8
2. Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode	2 2 1 4	9
3. Charlie DeArmon/Claudia Rocklin	3 1 4 3	11
4. Mike Stratton/Kofi	DNS DNS 2 2	16
5. Brett Hart/Maggie	DNS DNS 5 5	22

Handicap Fleet (corrected for time)

1. Laura Beebe	1 1 4 1	7
2. Ken Wright	2 3 2 2	9
3. Kevin DeArmon	3 2 6 3	14
4. Jerry Brewster	4 4 3 4	15
5. Danielle Marks	5 5 7 6	23
6. Joe Fulford	DNS DNS 1 5	32
7. Stephen Cook	DNS DNS 5 9	40
8. Dominiek Everaet	DNS DNS 8 7	41
9. Curtis Mears	DNS DNS 9 8	43
10. Megan DeArmon	DNF DNS DNS DNS	47
10. Kayla Draper	DNF DNS DNS DNS	47
10. Kelsey	DNF DNS DNS DNS	47



Club Capri Gets New Cover and New Checklist for Users

HSA's club Capri #1 has a new look! A few days ago it shed its old green canvas for a new polyester suit and she looks fabulous. The boat is also getting an upgrade in hiking straps this week as she readies herself for club use on race weekends but also for the upcoming Club Capri Championships coming up on July 15th.

In addition, club users of the two Capris will pick up a checklist for each boat when they stop in the storage shed for sails. The checklist is there to remind users about how to get the boats ready for sailing, rigging, and returning to dry moorage. Be sure to check out the checklist the next time you sail one. There are reminders about things like putting the plug in the stern, something that sometimes gets omitted but could result in, uh, embarrassment at the least.

The Capris are almost as easy to rig as a Sunfish and one of the easiest boats to right after capsize, should that unlikely event ever occur. Check them out. No, really. Check them out. Mike Stratton is the contact person. Capris are available every day of the week and Sundays too.



Top- Kevin DeArmon and Mark Costandi cross Mike Stratton's track to windward mark, then the two battle for the lead back up wind on lap 2 in the picture below it. In third photo from top, a brace of boats fight the gusts that often exceeded 20 mph as they race tightly on the leg to the finish. Bottom photo shows what happened to several boats that day. All part of the fun on the Founder's Day Regatta June 3.

Intro to Sailing School II Coming Up; Other Classes Available

The second of HSA's two weekend sailing introduction class will arrive next weekend, June 23-24. This class has had a full roster since early May and is sold out. The wait list is growing, but few cancellations happen. That leaves those wanting to get on the water a few other options. One is to sign up for a weekday class where it is one on one with an instructor.

HSA uses Capris, Y 's, or the Flying Scot for the one on one Intro to Sail classes and has already seen some who couldn't get into a group class take advantage. The class is for one day and cost just \$75 or \$125 for a couple. Kids can be added for \$25.

Need a refresher class? HSA instructors can schedule those any weekday as well.

Most who wish to go on with their learning to sail adventure often take HSA's certification class after the prerequisite Intro to Sailing. That class allows them to go solo at the helm with an instructor and eventually take HSA's boats out by themselves to practice anytime once becoming a member of the club.

Want to use HSA's boats? You can! Just get certified and join the club and you have a boat at your disposal! (Not the right word, I know.) A boat at your command! Better.

Intro to Sailing 's May 19-20 class dodged rain, endured anemic wind on Sunday and survived a couple of moments of panic in gusty wind on Saturday. In the end it was all good. After coming off the water they were all smiles. Even the ones who found out the water was wet.



Left to right, Greg Reid, Mike, Jonah Reid, Susan Reid, Grace Reid, Renana Gross, Steve Kristoff, Caroline Tomlinson, Stephen Dellar, Erin Tomlinson, Kristin O'Brien, Olivia Albrecht, David Frey, and Kelly Deiters.