

Action Action

Hueston Sailing

Beverages and Boats!

Saturday, February 16th

1:30 at Heather's Cafe

505 N. Main

Springboro



Last year, the Snider family, always on the lookout for a good deal, found this Capri 14.2 at a Goodwill auction. Yes, got it for a song. This Capri stallion will soon join HSA's stable of Capri 14's and made available for sailing, racing, and instruction. The Sniders already own another Capri in a growing HSA fleet of this hardy boat.

Dave Scotford

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New Officers on the Move

Beebe, Fulford Lead Off Season Activity

HSA's newest officers are taking their roles seriously. New Commodore Laura Beebe chaired her first Executive Committee meeting back in December. She is also heading up a committee working on Junior and Ladies Camps for 2020. They met just last week and have begun the process of starting a new chapter in the club's history.

New Rear Commodore Joe Fulford has been busy as well. As a

member of that same camp committee, Joe has been our liaison with the park and working on new approaches to the club's summer offerings. Joe has also been actively pursuing the ongoing overhaul of the club's Flying Scot. He and wife Leann have already made numerous upgrades to the boat's running rigging, including restoration of the spinnaker system. Now they have delivered the boat to a shop that will restore the hull. You might not recognize



this boat when you see it next.

With the retirement after this year of Jerry and JoAnn Callahan as camp organizers, Beebe is wasting no time in getting geared up for the change. After nearly four decades of dedicated leadership and hard work, the Callahans will be leaving that position.

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The Callahans have guided this very popular and successful program for a long time, marshaling the forces of family, friends, and volunteers each July summer. The result is a landscape littered with young people and adults who have indelible memories of camp, sailing, friends, and JoAnn's kid friendly cooking.

Laura's committee consists of Joe Fulford, Jerry Brewster, Chris and Meredith Snider, and Connor Snider. They plan to have a new plan for camps in 2020 ready by time this year's camps get underway.

When the deep freeze of January finally let its grip go, warm air flooded back into the region and got many HSA members

thinking about those boats idling away in garages and barns.

Working on boats in February will be hit and miss as temperatures soar into the 50's and 60's only to dip suddenly back into a frozen and cruel reminder that January and February are in fact winter. Still, some progress can be made. What about that wood on your boat that you wanted to re-varnish? Those sails that need repair or cleaning? That twisted stay that needs replacing?

Ok, enough of that. The fact remains that a little boat maintenance in the winter months can not only help avoid a bunch of work in the Spring, it can also just make you feel good because messing around in boats is so

therapeutic.

While the sailing calendar is pregnant with activity, it is still a few months away from dropping its first foal on the ground.

You can, however, join in the joy of sailing fellowship and wallow in the warm spa of all things sailing by attending this month's **Beverages and Boats, Saturday, February 16th at Heathers Cafe in Springboro at 1:30.**

There we will eat, drink and be merry as we fill ourselves with the heady breeze of a new season of fun, racing, socializing and adventure on the water.



A Life Well Lived: Dave Scotford, teacher, HSA sailor/racer, passes at age 98

Editor's Note: Dave Scotford, a long time HSA member and Thistle sailor at Acton Lake, passed away recently. Pete Peters, our unofficial club historian, passed along this obituary that appeared in the Hamilton Journal recently. Pete tells us that Dave joined in 1962 and sailed in a Rhodes Bantam before becoming part of the Thistle fleet. "It was an honor to have known him," he said. Not many of us in the club today remember Dave, but this obit is worth reading. Remarkable.

SCOTFORD, David Mattison - David died January 31, 2019 at the age of 98 in hospice care. A resident of Oxford Ohio, he lived a long life full of adventure and love. Born the youngest of three, he spent his youth in Cleveland, OH and Mt. Vernon, NY. Once he discovered older brother Johnny was nauseated by the smell, David took younger brother revenge by chasing him around with a peeled banana. One of the many bits of mischief that David and

Johnny got up to was to build a tar covered flat bottomed boat that promptly sank upon launch in Lake Erie, an ambitious start of what would become a life-long passion for sailing, covering many a nautical mile. David entered Dartmouth College in 1940 but left in January of 1943 to train as a pilot in the Army Air Forces.

In January of 1945, he joined the 21st fighter, 531st squadron of the 7th Air Force, shipping off to Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater. His squadron was only able to land on Iwo after some 6,800 marines and sailors gave their lives. In the assault and brutal five-week battle of Iwo Jima recall the iconic photograph planting the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi. The night before he went ashore, some of David's group were killed when Japanese troops attacked their camp. He flew the North American P-51 D (Mustang) fighter on 10 short range and 9 long range missions as Marine

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ground forces continued to clear the island of entrenched remnants of enemy forces. After the war, David returned to Dartmouth, graduating in 1946. He then moved to Chicago to start graduate studies at the University of Chicago, meeting his first wife, Patricia Taaffe, at a dance at Ida Noyse Hall on campus.

They married in September of 1947 and moved to Baltimore MD where David finished a doctorate in structural geology at Johns Hopkins University. The couple moved to Oxford, OH in 1950 where David took a job at Miami University as professor of Geology. He enjoyed his students and would get the attention of first year first day students by running around the lecture hall demonstrating pterodactyl flight.

With his doctoral students, David mapped portions of mountains in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. He also took groups of graduate students on tours of English and Scottish geology which would culminate in drinking a dram of whiskey on top of some impressive geologic features. David taught at Miami University for 38 years, retiring in 1987. He was

chairman of the geology department from 1960 to 1979. In 1964 David earned a Fulbright Scholarship and took his family to Izmir, Turkey where he taught geology at Ege University. Then in 1980, he was a fellow at Liverpool University in England. One of David's passions was sailing. In the early 1960s he built a 14-foot sail boat in his basement and it floated!

He spent many weekends racing this and ensuing sailboats on Acton Lake with his wife, children, and students as crew. Later he upgraded to a small cruising boat and sailed on the Great Lakes, off the coast of Maine and in southern Florida. At retirement and after the death of his first wife, Pat, he bought, Dalradia, a 39' allied ketch that he used to sail throughout the Bahamas each winter. More than 50 different friends and family joined David and his second wife, Melba, on this adventure over eight seasons.

At age 75, he earned a Coast Guard Master's License. He then was able to captain other boats and sailed to Cuba, Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala. David continued sailing on the 26' sail boat, Corky, cruising the Ten Thousand Islands out of Naples, Florida into his nineties. David's other passions

were travel and photography. He participated in numerous Elder Hostel trips and was able to travel to over 20 counties, taking many photographs along the way.

He was not afraid of new technology and took a Craft Summer Course in Photoshop at Miami University, setting up a webpage for a photo repair service. He displayed his photographs in shows in Oxford, OH and in Naples, OH.

David was predeceased by his first wife Patricia Taaffe Scotford, second wife Melba Gilmore Scotford, sister Ruth Hartshorne (Steve) of Hamilton, NY and John Scotford Junior (Anne) of East Thetford, VT. Survived by: his very special partner of many years, Eleanor Vail, his children; Barbara Scotford, David C. Scotford, Nancy Scotford, and Laura Scotford-Fedora (Mark Fedora), granddaughters; Adrienne Fedora and Rachel Fedora and informally adopted children; Sarah and Steve Pace, Mark and Gylaine Gilmore. Oxford.

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Dues Due: Do Your Dues-ty

Let's pause for a moment and allow my apology for such a lame play on words to take hold.

OK, time's up. It is that season in which we pass the collection plate that keeps HSA afloat, so to speak. Early dues payment allows for a smooth transition into the New Year. Don't be a slaggard. Send in your crowns. Soon.

Dues are still a shamefully low figure at \$105 for a family membership. Of course when you think of all that you get for your money, it makes you want to give more, doesn't it.

No? Well, then enjoy your 2019 membership at this great inflation free rate. Pay your dues by the end of this month and you will receive a sterling silver nameplate for the cabin passageway in your new Catalina 275 sport cruiser! Cruiser and nameplate are free to the first 25 people who re-up by February 28th. Really.

[Membership Information – Click Here](#)

As the Oceans Go, So Go Us All

The ocean is the life support system for the planet, providing 50% of the oxygen we breathe and regulating climate.

Plankton, the most important group of plants and animal species on earth (excluding bacteria), has been diminished by 40% since 1950. That could accelerate as corporations are now targeting plankton for animal feed.

The reason? They are running out of fish to turn into human and animal feed.

The danger? They are messing with the very base of the food chain. What's more it's not just this plankton harvesting that is harming plankton. It is also acidification from excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, pollution, habitat destruction, and a rapid killing off of whale populations. (Whales fertilize plankton.)

What can we do? We can start now by eating only sustainable seafood, so that fish species can recover from decades of overfishing. Here is a list of what is still sustainably caught. According to the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch list, the Marine Conservation Society, the Blue Ocean Institute, the Marine Stewardship Council, and the Environmental Defense Fund, here are the species you can munch on with a clear conscience, including, if you like, squid and octopus. (Don't eat list next page)

- King Salmon
- Sockeye Salmon
- Pink Salmon
- Chum Salmon
- Wild Striped Bass
- Soft Shell Crab
- Pacific Rock Fish
- Wild Yellowtail
- Swordfish
- Farm-Raised Abalone
- Farm-Raised Arctic Char
- Farm-Raised Barramundi
- Catfish
- Clams
- Mussels
- Oysters
- Pacific Cod (Alaska only)
- King Crab
- Snow Crab
- Tanner Crab
- Dungeness Crab
- Lionfish
- Spiny Lobster (Mexico only)
- Freshwater Prawns
- Spotted Prawns
- Rockfish
- Sablefish/Black Cod
- Sanddab
- Farm-Raised Scallops
- Farm-Raised Shrimp
- Tilapia
- Farm-Raised Rainbow Trout
- Wild Albacore Tuna
- Wild Skipjack Tuna
- Wild Yellowfin Tuna
- Branzino
- Black & Red Grouper
- Lobster
- Monkfish
- Octopus



Don't Eat These, Please

- Bluefin Tuna
- Farm-Raised Salmon
- Eel
- Farm-Raised Yellowtail
- Wild Abalone
- Basa/Pangasius/Swai
- Cod (Atlantic, Russia, Japan)
- Crab (Asia and Russia)
- Atlantic Halibut
- Spiny Lobster (Belize, Brazil, Honduras, and Nicaragua)
- Mahi Mahi
- Orange Roughy
- Pollock
- Atlantic Sardines
- Sharks
- Imported Shrimp
- Squid (China, India, and Thailand)

Dead Whale Found with 1,000 Pieces of Plastic in Stomach

Plastic pollution in our oceans is real. A 31 ft. sperm whale recently washed up in Indonesia with 13.2 pounds of plastic waste in its stomach.

Officials found 115 plastic cups, 25 plastic bags, two flip-flops, four plastic bottles, and over a thousand other plastic items in the whale's stomach.

It is a too common story. In June a short-fin pilot whale died in southern Thailand and was later found to have ingested over 17 pounds of plastic bags and packaging.

Not only are these important creatures dying from plastic pollution, they are still being hunted commercially. We can't do anything about that, but we can refuse to use single use plastics. After a few moments of use, they last hundreds of years in the environment. Recycling, a good thing, is woefully inadequate since most plastic produced ends up out there in the world.

Case in point, last October a 47 year old plastic bottle washed up on a beach in the UK, its brand still clearly visible.

Refuse to use. We can do this.