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Crowded mark roundings were common but if you got there ahead of the crowd, you could do well.



OktoberFast Results

OktoberFast Finishes Season on High Note; Peters and Molleran Shine in Sunfish

HSA's Laura Peters only won one of the eight races that comprised the season ending OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta this past weekend. But she only finished outside of the top three once and ended up second over all just five points behind LaCrosse, Wisconsin's Mark Kastel, the OktoberFast champ.

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1. Mark Kastel (LaCrosse) 1 2 1 1 (3) 2 1 2 11
2. Laura Peters 3 1 3 (4) 2 3 2 2 16
3. Bill Molleran 2 3 4 (5) 4 1 4 1 19
4. Mike Stratton 5 4 (6) 2 1 6 3 5 26
5. Tom Katterheinrich (Lake St. Marys) (15) 9 2 3 14 5 6 6 45
6. Gail Turluck (Michigan Gull Lake Sailing) 4 (11) 5 6 6 11 7 7. 46
7. Don Fritz (Toledo Jolly Roger) 8 (19DNF) 7 8 13 3 4 5 4. 49
8. Megan DeArmon 13 6 (17) 11 12 7 9 8. 66
9. Charlie DeArmon 6 7 13 13 10 8 11 (15). 69
10. Bill Sanderson (Mohican Sailing - Lucas, OH) 7 10 8 10 5 13 (16) 16. 69
11. Rose Schultz 11 5 12 9 (16) 12 10 12. 71
12. Kevin DeArmon (17) 12 16 7 8 9 8 11. 71
13. Brendan Draper 10 8 10 (14) 9 14 12 9. 72
14. Amy Marks 9 15 9 12 15 16 13 (18). 89
15. Stephen Cook 12 13 14 17 7 (18) 15 17. 95
16. Ken Wright 16 16 11 16 11 (17) 17 14. 101
17. Brett Hart .14 14 15 15 17 15 (18)13. 103
18. Dominiek Everaet DNC DNC DNC DNC DNC 10 14 10 110

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Who are these HSA sailors? This is how they looked in high school, except the one in the upper left. (Unless he was some kind of prodigy.) (Probably not! HA!) We'll put them on Facebook unless someone objects and tell you there who's who.



The Cooper Family

The Coopers are one of our featured couples in HSA's "Sailing Marriages" series.

Cooper Boys Have Grown Up Sailing

At left is a picture of Jack (left) and Charlie. Both boys grew up sailing with the family, either on dad's boats or on their Uncle Shelby's. Charlie is a sophomore at Talawanda High School in Oxford and runs cross country. Jack graduated last year and now plays on a hockey team with the Atlanta Capitals NA3HL Junior Hockey team and hoping to be a goalie in college soon.

Charlie, in red life jacket, sits on Uncle Shelby's boom with his cousins.



"Captain Kitty" at Dock B

The Coopers' 26 foot Macgregor power-sailer is pictured at right. The boat is rigged with its camper top here. The Coopers have stayed on the lake at night several times over the years.



Jim Grows Up on Boats

At right, Jim Cooper as a boy sailing on family friend Dan Roberts' boat. (That's him in the background) His brother Shelby is in the foreground. Jim has continued to combine sailing and family ever since. Jim works as a Cincinnati Public Defender for the Juvenile Courts there. Jenny works in client services supporting corporate clients' compensation teams for Fidelity Investments Stock Plan Services.





At left, dad Jim with a young Jack steering "Captain Kitty". At right, Jenny shows she has some helmsmanship as she steers "The Kitty" with younger Charlie left and Jack at right.



Jenny Cooper on Her Sailing Marriage with Jim

Jim and his brother Shelby learned to sail in Michigan as kids from a lovely friend of their mom's named Dan Robert. They took many sailing trips and Dan patiently taught both young Jim and Shelby many lessons that started their love of sailing.

Jim and I married and always loved a good rafting, canoe or kayak trip. Our first sailboat was a 20 ft. Hobie that we would trailer on the back of our Toyota Corolla and take to Cowan Lake and then on camping/sailing trips to Hunting Island and other South Carolina destinations with friends and family.

Along came kids and the Hobie was sold. Then, our neighbor Judge Matt Crehan virtually gave us his Rhodes Bantam. The boat sat for a few years and then we took the small Cooper boys out for a sail on Acton Lake, resulting in a memorable capsized.

Instead of the "racy" Rhodes Bantam, we opted for our next purchase, a 26' Macgregor cruiser named "Captain Kitty". It has been an awesome family local adventure over the years.

(We have had) family togetherness, problem solving, get togethers with friends, and clearing of mind with a sail on a beautiful day. As for conflict? (We have not) handled it well. You can avoid conflict? I am not familiar with this concept. We still have Children's Services tailing us after taking the suggestion from the salty HSA sailors to send young Charlie up the mast to get our wayward main halyard. ☺

Jim acknowledges my preference for "smooth sailing" by dumping the main sail if things get too wild from my perspective. Over the years I've gotten more comfortable with as much adventure as Acton Lake can muster!



At left, Charlie up the mast to retrieve halyard in a bosun's chair. At right, Jack at the helm of his uncle's boat in 2015 on a trip to Mystic, CT. Both boys are alumni of HSA's junior camp.



HSA's Newest Family – The Mullallys!

We catch up with the Mullallys at CrusierFest 20. Welcome Denis and Kim and Family to HSA and to their boat - a Catalina 22 - *Tupelo Honey*.



We live in Oxford and have enjoyed Hueston Woods State Park for lots of fun outdoor activities. We are excited now to start sailing our Catalina 22 on Acton Lake.

There are five of us in the family - Kim and Denis and our three sons; Daniel (16), Stephen (14) and Patrick (11).

Our sailing (and life) adventures began in 1999, when we met after being invited to crew by a friend on his S2 for some racing on Brookville Lake, Indiana.

We acquired the *Tupelo Honey* in 2000, and sailed there for the next eight years. Our boat has burnished gold accents, a swing keel, and was manufactured in 1972 as hull number 1155. During the time we sailed in Indiana we were active members of the Brookville Lake Sailing Association.

Our most memorable experience during that time was a trip to Key West for the J-World week-long racing school. Our arrival exactly coincided with a weather front bringing rain and sustained winds of 40 mph for the first four days. We held on and learned what we could.

Married in 2001, we started a family shortly thereafter, and our free time for sailing was not what it had been. However, we could not bring ourselves to let go of the *Tupelo Honey*, and put it in storage from 2008 until this spring.

The recent curtailment of summer youth sports and other activities gave us the opportunity to return to the great pastime of sailing. Working hard to make the boat fit to sail again has been a good family project. Our hope was to be cruising Acton Lake before season's end, but with unanticipated repairs and the low lake level, we'll put that off until next spring.

One of the first things we did after deciding to sail again was join the Hueston Sailing Association. We are happy to have met quite a few of the members at the fish fry after the September "cruise-in" event. It is great to be part of a sailing club again. Thank you for making us feel so welcome.

Fall Series Sees Peters Family at Top in Two Fleets; Fecher Gains Hobie Crown

There were no big surprises when the Fall Series came to a close in September, although all three fleet championships for the Fall Series were technically up for grabs.

Don Fecher did well enough in the Series that a late threat from **Mike Wier** didn't materialize, especially after Mike left himself high and dry on the Series last day. Trouble at the launch ramps caused him to miss the start of race one and Don had the fall season sewn up.

The Hobie Fleet has an uneven record when it comes to participation, but 2020 has seen a uptick in that. Mike Wier has sailed a great deal more than in the recent past, probably due to the freedom he now enjoys on Sundays due to COVID cancelling his Sunday musical events in a band.

Charlie Buchert, always dangerous, has returned to the playing field and won the Round the Lake Race last week. New Hobie owner **Kevin DeArmon** has shown signs that he intends to compete in that fleet as well.

In the Handicap Fleet, **Laura Peters** led by a few points going into that last weekend, but she mastered the course and the nearest competitor, the **Brewsters**, handily by winning the final race in strong wind and finishing second to **Brian Callahan** in the other.

The Handicap fleet has had an interesting season. Not only have the **Brewsters** become more of a threat (they finished second overall), **Dom Everaet** has shown marked improvement and enthusiasm while including son Noah and daughter Skylar on occasion in

his racing plans. Noah may have become the youngest HSA members to ever race in a club competition without ever having been to junior sailing camp or soloed in a Sunfish.

The Fleet has also seen remarkable performances by pocket cruiser skipper **Stephen Cook** who took first place at CruiserFest and then turned in a stellar finish in the Round the Lake Race, finishing third overall.

In fact, nearly every member of the Handicap fleet has shown something of note in 2020. **Curt Donahue** in his San Juan 21 continues to impress with his enthusiasm and skill piloting his cruiser around the course and putting pressure on the swift boats in front of him. Likewise with Flying Scot devotees Joe and Leigh Ann Fulford who have not only gotten the Scot moving very fast this season, but have also recorded their first bullet in the Scot back on August 16th.

Last but certainly not least in the Impressive Season List (ISL) are Capri competitors **Diane Pierok and Ken Wright**. The fleet leaders must now also be looking over their shoulders at these two as they challenge for the season ending silver.

The Fleet had 15 different skippers on the line this year and has seen its biggest surge in competition in a while. And we haven't even mentioned two of the fleets more stellar sailors – Megan DeArmon and Kayla Draper. The cousins did not qualify for the Fall Series but anyone who knows them knows that they are both skilled racing sailors. Don't turn your back. (continued next page.)

Fall Series (continued from previous page)

As for the Y Fleet, we would have to say that things are looking up. Pete Peters and Rose Schultz once again captured a Series title after finishing third in the Spring Series. And the team of Roger Henthorn and Bobbie Bode continue to be a Series champ threat, but the Y contests are heating up.

The Henthorn boat won the Spring but the Peters boat won both holiday series as well as the Fall. Things seem to be changing, however.

Mike Stratton has benefited from the family crew mandate that COVID laid on us and that has resulted in a few sterling finishes at the expense of the Peters and Henthorn boats as wife Dawn and kids Kofi and Cosette got more time on the jib sheets and excelled.

Stratton finished second in both the Spring and Fall as well as the Labor Day Series and won two races in the Fourth of July Series before having to miss the second day. The Peters and Henthorn teams had gotten used to being the only ones in the dialogue for top dog.

But Stratton isn't the only one intent on moving in on the usual suspects for a title or two. Charlie DeArmon with crew Amy Marks

finished strong in the Spring Series, taking two seconds on the last day. Then they turned around in the Fall and nearly took two bullets in the Third Fall weekend, settling for one but sending notice of arrival in the trophy conversation.

Phil Robertson, who sailed and raced a Y a good deal back in the day, has returned to the field of battle with grandson Landon and nearly pulled off his first bullet in this, his second year of a return to racing, finishing with two seconds in the Fall Series.

Newcomers Brett Hart and Scott Eversole are keen and enthusiastic, Hart winning his first race ever back in August. The two are both packing new experience under their belts and looking for a breakthrough.

Newest skipper Eric Anderson has smoothly made the transition from crewing on an Interlake to skippering a Y. Eric didn't start racing his Y with us until August but, with daughter Leda (among others) crewing, he has shown that he is climbing the learning curve with speed.

At the Round the Lake Race, he brought his boat in third in the raw finishes.



The Y Fleet in action Labor Day



At left, OktoberFast Champion Mark Kastel gliding to victory. At right, a photo taken by Joe Fulford from the cabin side of Acton Lake



Left to right, first to fifth places: Mark Kastel, Laura Peters, Bill Molleran, Mike Stratton, Tom Katterheinrich



Kastel Wins HSA's Sunfish Series Also!

The season long Sunfish Series at Hueston Woods concluded Sunday with OktoberFast. The three Sunfish regattas HSA held this season make up the series. The champion is determined by counting half of the total races and using only the best finishes.

A total of 15 races occurred over the three regattas with eight of those figuring into the final results. Because OktoberFast was eight races, everyone who participated there ended up qualifying for the Series trophies. Kastel, who won OktoberFast, also won the Series, but it was a tight three-way race between him and HSA's Laura Peters and Bill Molleran. Here are the standings: (24 participants – 25 pts for a DNC or DNF).

OktoberFast 2020 (continued from page one)

Laura was not the only HSA Sunfish racer to shine. Bill Molleran won two races over the course of the two-day event and came in third overall as HSA took three of the top five trophies. Molleran was in form with no race worse than his throwout fourth place.

After a couple of races on Saturday, eventual champion Mark Kastel, who is used to winning on the Sunfish circuit, asked those near him between races, "*Who is that guy! He is really good.*"

The wind forecast was never good for the event, but Mother Nature once again proved that she is unpredictable. Wind speeds seldom dipped below 5 and sometimes ranged into the double digits both days.

There were 18 boats in the competition, which brought HSA's season to a close. **The annual banquet, normally held in November, has been postponed until April of 2021.**

The Haulout takes place next Saturday, October 10th and brings HSA activity to a standstill until spring, but some Sunfish racers will be in Louisville on October 17-18 for the Louisville Sailing Club's Pumpkin Regatta on the Ohio River. Come join the campout!

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6. Gail Turluck 4 5 6 6 7 7 3 3 41
7. Jerry Brewster 25 1 4 5 4 5 2 4 50
8. Megan DeArmon 6 7 8 6 7 9 3 8 54
9. Kevin DeArmon 7 8 9 8 11 8 1 5 57
10. Tom Katterheinrich 15 9 2 3 14 5 6 6 60
11. Charlie DeArmon 6 7 10 8 10 9 5 10 65
12. Don Fritz 8 7 8 13 4 5 4 25 74
13. Dom Everaet 10 10 12 11 6 7 6 12 74
14. Brendan Draper 10 8 10 9 12 9 10 10 78
15. Amy Marks 9 9 12 13 8 10 10 9 80
16. Ken Wright 11 16 11 14 7 6 8 8 81
17. Bill Sanderson 7 10 8 10 5 13 16 16 85
18. Pete Peters 4 8 4 2 10 8 25 25 86
19. Brett Hart 14 13 11 11 12 11 14 11 97
20. Stephen Cook 12 13 14 7 15 12 15 14 102
21. Mike Wier 25 25 25 25 25 4 9 7 145
22. Kayla Draper 25 25 25 25 25 6 12 13 156
23. Eric Anderson 25 25 25 25 25 15 13 9 162
24. Noah Everaet 25 12 25 25 25 25 25 25 187