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Houston Sailing Association - 65 Years



Past Commodore Jerry Brewster with the Cook Songbird duo

Awards Banquet Song Fest Gets Sailors Singing

In what might be a first for HSA, attendees mixed dinner, awards, and singing in a new format as Montgomery 15 sailors Stephen and Zella Cook led the congregation through a series of musical parodies.

With the Cooks as emcees and headlining performers, the dinner assembly “do dahed” their way across the 2021 sailing season with versions of songs (continued page 3)

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Non-racing awards single out big contributors.

New Officers

A new commodore and a new vice commodore!

Rose Honored!

In about 1995 Rose Schultz agreed to take on the role of Vice Commodore. She may not have known at the time that she would hold that post for the next 25 years, but here we are in 2021 saying goodbye to her in that role.

At the Annual HSA banquet Rose was presented with the Bob's Sportsmanship Award. Few are more deserving if any as she is the consummate sportsman.

JoAnn Callahan paid tribute as well by presenting Rose with a quilt made from junior camp shirts over the years. Rose served longer than 25 years as an instructor at the Junior Camp while Jerry and JoAnn headed that effort.





Pete and Rose go big and then go home.



Brian Callahan topped Handicappers

Handicap Fleet

The Handicap Fleet had a banner year for participation with double digit awards qualifiers in three of the five season series – July 4th, Spring, and Fall. Brian Callahan came out as the dominant force in his Sunfish, winning four of the five series with only the 4th of July Series eluding his trophy grasp.

There were eight different boats winning a series trophy in 2021 with the Fall Series showing a high water mark of 15 boats qualifying. The Brewster team of Jerry and Darrilynn finished second in three of those series. On the rise? Dom Everaet in the Sunfish and Curt Donahue in a San Juan 21 have notably ramped up their game as has Montgomery 15 guy Stephen Cook. Dark horses for next season? Diane Pierok and Ken Wright. Place your bets.

'Twas the Season!

2021 Season capped by strong participation with over 50 racing sailors making an appearance on the race course.

Y-Flyers

In both the Spring and Fall Series, eight boats qualified for awards. The duo of Pete Peters and Rose Schultz won three of the five series but were nudged aside for top billing in the other two.

The season was very competitive and witnessed the emergence of Charlie DeArmon and Amy Marks as serious contenders as well as the improved performances from newcomers Brett Hart, Eric Anderson, and Scott Eversole. Notable too was the crewing from junior Landon Robertson as he is evolving into a skilled competitor.

Sunfish Regatta Series

Laura Peters and Bill Molleran each won seven races in the season long series of four events. Counting only the best 11 finishes out of the 22 raced, however, allowed her to beat Bill by eight points.

Peters had a busy Sunfish year, competing not only our home club's Sunfish events, but also competing in three on the road in North Carolina, Michigan, and Kentucky.

Finishing third behind Bill Molleran's 19 points was Mike Stratton with 20 and Jerry Brewster with 23.



Sunfish Series Champion for 2021 is Laura Peters



Banquet Sailors Songfest (continued from page 1)

from Stephen Foster to Allen Sherman to a well known children's song that sometimes doubles as a drinking song. (No children were harmed in the banquet production.)

After performances that included a women's chorus and a rendition of "Camp Grenada" in which junior sailing camp kids took center stage, the banquet turned to honoring the year's best racing sailors and HSA's special awards. (See the racing awards elsewhere in this issue)

The Special Awards were indeed special. Rose Schultz received the Bob's Sportsmanship Trophy for her long practice of sporting behavior on the water and for her long practice as Vice Commodore and Social Chair, a position she is giving up after 25 years.

Also recognized was Eric Anderson, a Y-Flyer racer who was awarded the Larry Johnson Challenger Trophy for his smooth entry into the Y-Flyer competition. Eric's daughter Lauren, an 8th grader, won the Richard Saunders Memorial Trophy for her emergence as a Sunfish competitor.

Curt Donahue, the gentleman sailor in the dapper chapeau, won the Frank Peters Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy for his competitive efforts in his San Juan 21.

Newsletter/Facebook/HSA publicist Mike Stratton took home the US Sailing Trophy in recognition of his club service.

Club Membership Grew in 2021

**Shot in the Arm (not Pfizer) as
New Members Join HSA**

The club experienced a nice bump this year in membership as ten new families signed on.

In that group, six of the families have a boat and are either sailing/racing or preparing to do so. Some we already knew well or were associate members before, but others are brand new faces. Welcome all.

Here is the list of full membership newcomers:

Full Members

**Glen and Annemarie Nesbit
Kim and Denis Mullally
Ken and Shannon Tudor
Don and Lynn Himburg
Michel and Bethany Bourgeois
Mike and Melissa Marshall
Steven and Michelle Wicks
Carla Myers**

New Associate Members

**Dennis Hensley and Melissa
Steven and Shayestah Lyons**

Three new members were Capri 14.2 certified: Glen Nesbit, Steven Wicks and Michel Bourgeois. Way to go!

HSA Special Awards

With excerpts from nomination letters

Saunders Memorial Trophy – Lauren Anderson

“Shortly after her junior program training, she fearlessly came out on a couple of Sundays to race a Sunfish in the handicap fleet. This young lady held her own in her very first solo performance in an official race and might have won if only someone had explained to her the X pattern race course. After another race, she was not at all discouraged or unnerved by the fact that her hiking stick broke. She maintained her enthusiasm as she recounted the issue and sailed on as if nothing was wrong.”



Johnson Challenger Trophy – Eric Anderson

“This year’s nominee for the Larry Johnson Challenger Trophy became a member in 2020 and has shown much improvement in just one year of sailing in HSA’s very competitive Y-Flyer fleet. He demonstrates good sportsmanship on the water and pitched in to help with HSA’s reimagined Summer Junior Sailing Palooza (it was not a camp this year) off the water.”

Peters Memorial Trophy – Curt Donahue

“This particular sailor is a delight to sail with and against. He has a lovely demeanor, a ready smile, and always has something encouraging to say. (He) says that if a race has gone terribly and he is way behind, he always mentions that he has to win by quite a lot to make up for the handicap adjustment ...”



US Sailing Award – Mike Stratton

“A testament to his hard work is the number of new members that have participated in club activities over the past 10 plus years (and especially this past year) and the fact that most new and potential members recognize him as the face and voice of Hueston Sailing Association.” (best photo available for him) (He’s the wet one on the right.)

HSA's 2021 Racing Awards List

Y-Flyer Fleet

Memorial Day	First – Mike Stratton/Cosette
	Second – Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode
July 4 th Series	First - Pete Peters/Rose Schultz
	Second – Charlie DeArmon/Amy Marks
Spring Series	First – Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode
	Second – Pete Peters/Rose Schultz
	Third - Mike Stratton/Family
Labor Day Series	First – Pete Peters/Rose Schultz
	Second – Charlie DeArmon/Amy Marks
Fall Series	First – Pete Peters/Rose Schultz
	Second – Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode
	Third – Charlie DeArmon/Amy Marks

Handicap Fleet

Memorial Day	First – Brian Callahan – Sunfish
	Second Laura Peters – Sunfish
July 4 th Series	First – Laura Peters – Sunfish
	Second – Jerry and Darrilynn Brewster – Capri 14.2
	Third – Stephen Cook – Montgomery 15
	Fourth – Curt Donahue – San Juan 21
Spring Series	First - Brian Callahan – Sunfish
	Second – Jerry and Darrilynn Brewster – Capri 14.2
	Third – Dominiek Everaet – Sunfish
Labor Day Series	First – Brian Callahan – Sunfish
	Second – Ian Mahoney – Sunfish
Fall Series -	First – Brian Callahan – Sunfish
	Second – Jerry and Darrilynn Brewster – Capri 14.2
	Third – Dom Everaet – Sunfish
	Fourth – Curt Donahue – San Juan 21
	Fifth – Diane Pierok/Ken Wright – Capri 14.2

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HSA Officers for 2022 Bring Change

With Laura Peters stepping down, HSA will have its first new commodore in three years. Sunfish racer and Y-Flyer crew Amy Marks will begin her stint in office in January. She will be joined by Darrilynn Brewster, she of Capri 14.2 fame, who will take over for Rose Schultz as Vice Commodore.

Commodore Amy Marks



Vice Commodore Darrilynn Brewster

Re-elected to Executive Committee for 2022
Rear Commodore Joe Fulford
Treasurer Roger Henthorn
Secretary Dom Everaet

Newsletter Editor Mike Stratton
Past Commodore Laura Peters

2021 Racing Awards List (continued from page 5)

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Memorial Day	First- Don Fecher
July 4 th Series	First – Charlie Buchert
Spring Series	First – Mark Costandi
Labor Day Series	First – Charlie Buchert
Fall Series	First – Don Fecher

Sunfish Regatta Series (Founders' Day/Camptown Races/AuGusto!/OktoberFast) (22 Races)

First – Laura Peters
Second – Bill Molleran
Third – Mike Stratton

