

# Acton *Action*

The Depths of Winter Issue!



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**Hueston Sailing Association**  
**2023 TENTATIVE Racing Schedule**

Updated 1/23/2023





**The 2023 racing season and social calendar is now available for your review! Note that we have moved back to a six-race format for the Spring and Fall series to give more opportunities for a Regional Regatta, a Sailing Adventure Day in support of the Park, and a just-for-fun race. New Rear Commodore, Bill Molleran, has last year's RC assignments to help populate the empty column at right. Be the first on your block to send in your sailing committee date preferences. Stand by for more news on member volunteer requirements in support of HSA Programs and Hueston Woods State Park.**

Date	Event	Fleets Scheduled	Race Committee
Apr 15	Launch R/C Boats	All Fleets	HSA Team
Apr 23	1st Spring	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
Apr 30	2nd Spring	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
May 6	Founder's Day Sunfish Regional Regatta	Sunfish	
May 7	Founder's Day Sunfish Regional Regatta	Sunfish	
May 14	3rd Spring	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
May 20	Intro To Sailing	Introduction To Sailing	
May 21	4th Spring	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
May 28	Memorial Day Series	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
May 29	Memorial Day Series	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
June 4	5th Spring - Race Clinic	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
June 11	5th Spring	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
June 18	Special Fun Race - Details To Follow	All Fleets	
June 24	Intro To Sailing	Intro To Sailing	
June 25	6th Spring (Potluck)	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
July 2	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Series	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	

July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Series	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
July 9	Camptown Races Sunfish Regatta	Sunfish	
July 10	Junior Sailing Camp	Sunfish	
July 11	Junior Sailing Camp	Sunfish	
July 12	Junior Sailing Camp	Sunfish	
July 15	Junior Regatta	Sunfish	
July 16	Race Clinic	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
July 22	Intro To Sailing	Intro To Sailing	
July 23	1st Fall (Brunch)	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
July 30	2nd Fall	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
August 6	3rd Fall	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
August 13	4th Fall	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
August 19	Intro To Sailing	Intro To Sailing	
August 20	Augusto! Sunfish Regatta	Sunfish	
August 27	CruiserFest	Cruisers	
September 3	Labor Day Series	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
September 4	Labor Day Series	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
September 10	5th Fall (Potluck)	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
September 16	Sailing Experience	Public Program	
September 17	6th Fall	Handicap, Hobie, Y-Flyer, Cruisers	
September 24	Around The Lake Race	All Boats	
October 1	OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta	Sunfish	
October 7	Haul Out	All Fleets	HSA Team
November 4	Annual Banquet	Barn-N-Bunk	Everyone Invited





## Executive Committee January Highlights

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On January 7<sup>th</sup>, HSA's Executive Committee met to discuss the annual calendar and other business:

- The club's finances are in great shape—a good thing as our Harbormaster acknowledges our sturdy little rescue boat is reaching the end of its life and will require replacement sooner rather than later. Anyone need a unique yard feature?
- New dry moorage eligibility rules and volunteer expectations and requirements will be finalized and added to the HSA year book for 2023.
- A fresh look at HSA's insurance needs is underway with research ongoing regarding costs and coverage levels for the club's programs, equipment, and volunteer members. Two tragic accidents at other sailing clubs are driving a closer look at liability exposure across the US: <https://www.sailingworld.com/how-to/accidents-force-a-shift-in-coverage/>
- The committee formally approved the new position of Public Programs Coordinator to facilitate interactions with the public and park staff as they host programs like ODNR's Ohio Women's Outdoor Adventures weekend.
- A Public Programs website is being developed (complimenting HSA's current website) for public on-line sign-ups and HSA club member volunteer sign-ups. It will be monitored by our new coordinator.
- The committee continued its brainstorming on ways to better include its much-valued cruiser members and the entire Acton Lake sailing community in its public programs and racing calendar events.





# Racing “Ladder Rungs” & Bob’s Acton SkyCam



Our very own Bob Taylor passed the FAA’s rigorous commercial remote pilot exam a couple weeks ago and received his Unmanned Aerial Vehicle certification! So now that HSA has its very own legitimate SkyCam operator, one might ask “how much wind do those little propellers generate on a windless August Sunday and do the US Sailing rules allow Bob to fill his sails with this new-found wind?”

Well, Bob’s intent is less nefarious. He looks forward to photographing some of our races from above to better understand tactics at the starting line and along the course. Acton Lake is famous for its wind shifts and he hopes to share how various skippers play these shifts to their advantage (see graphic).

No doubt Bob will also be visualizing the course’s conceptual “ladder rungs” from above as they pivot left and right with the shifts. Like the international date line, these ladder rungs are not painted on the water surface. However, they are certainly present in a winning skipper’s mind just as clearly.

Graphics courtesy SailZing Tutorials at

<https://youtu.be/xit8oBOMMDo>

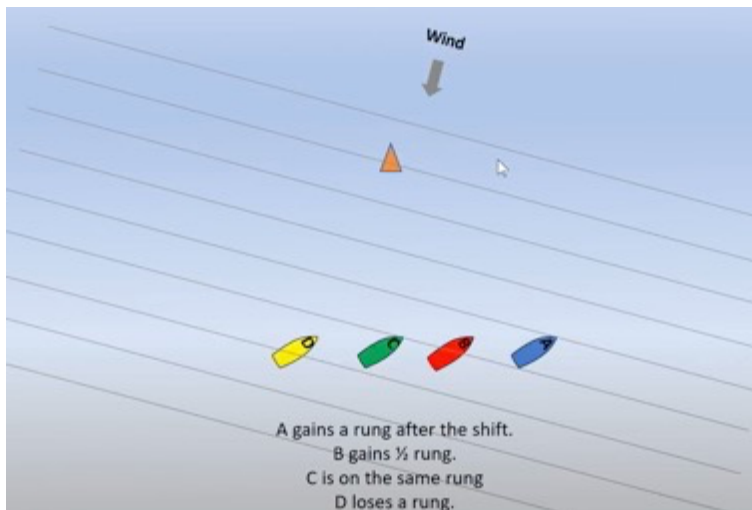
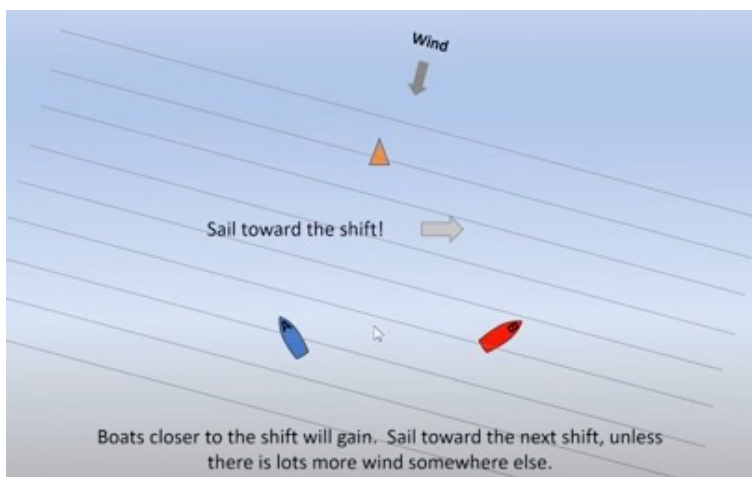
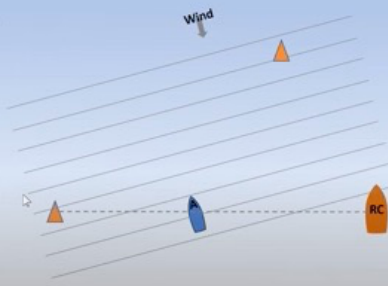
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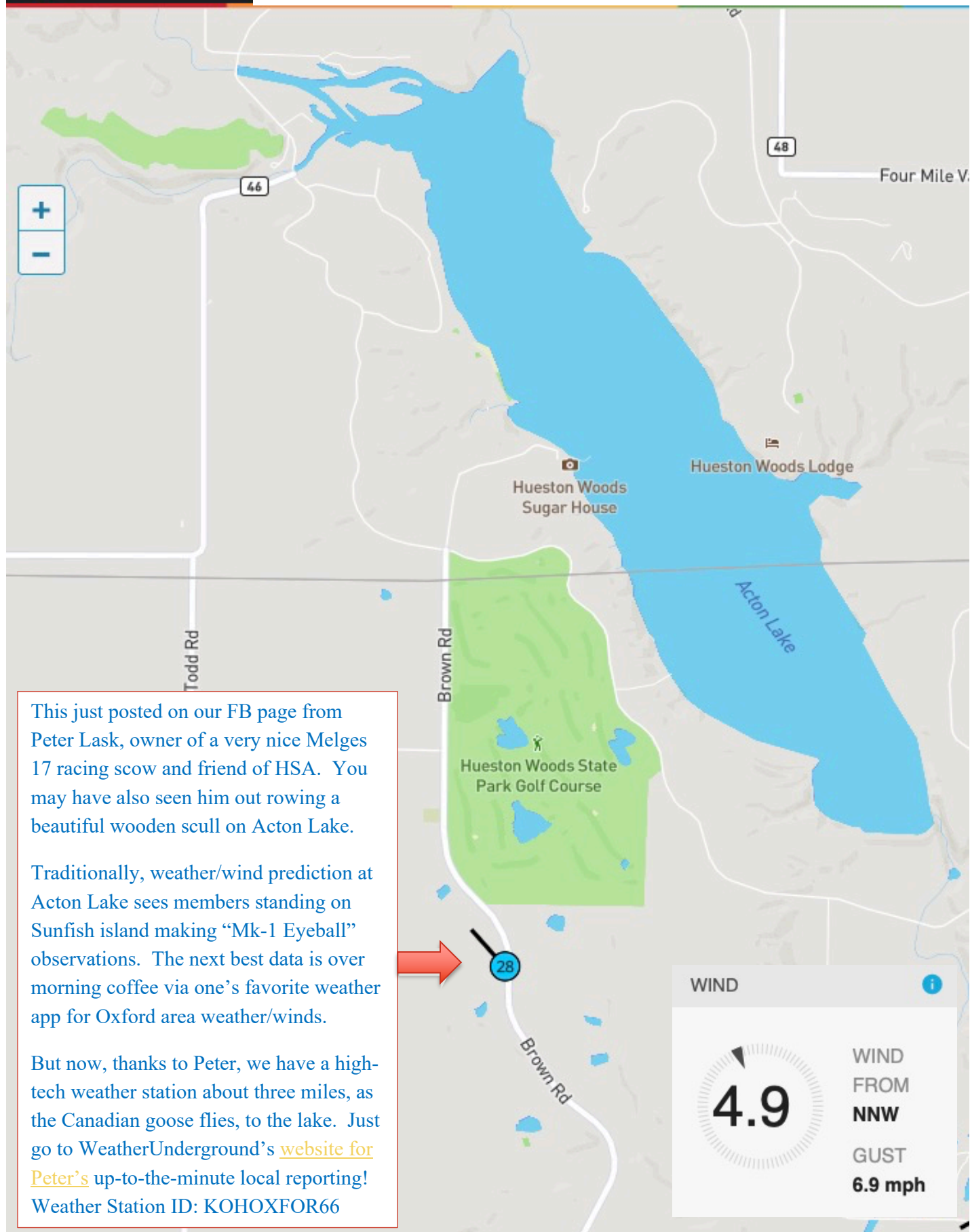
- If you know your boat’s upwind sailing angle, you can picture the ladder rungs on the water.
- For example, in medium wind, most boats sail upwind at about 45° from the wind direction.
- Imagine two lines, each 45° from the centerline of your boat.
- One line shows you the wind direction and the other line shows the direction of the ladder rung.



## Using the Ladder Rungs – Favored End

- Which end of the line is favored?
- How could you tell on the water?
- Answers
  - The pin end is on a higher ladder rung and therefore is favored
  - If you point the boat head to wind in the middle of the line, your bow will point more closely to the favored end.







# Acton Lake and Hueston Woods Resort—Hidden gems!

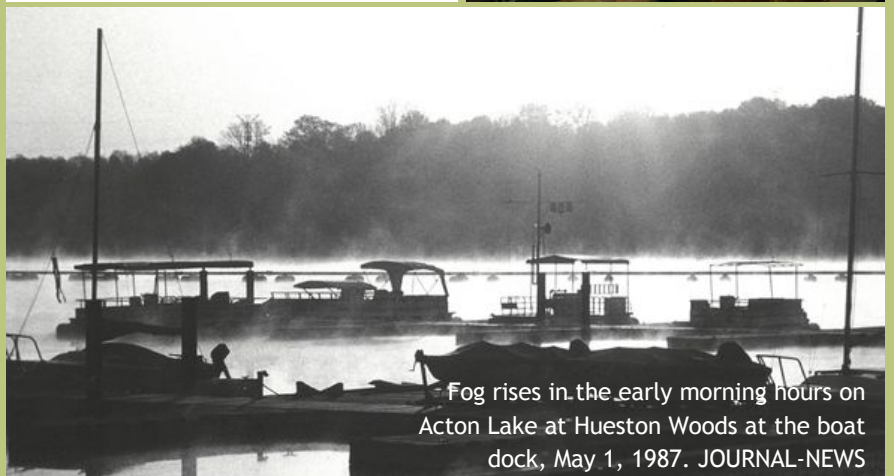
Looking for a winter getaway? HSA members are truly blessed to have a wonderful sailing lake, with a resort lodge nearby. Ohio only built nine resorts and ours is hidden in plain sight, complete with swimming pools, a restaurant/bar, and a choice of lodge rooms or rustic cabins! Many don't know about the plethora of winter rate discounts at Hueston Woods. Thru the end of February, rooms are 15% off and they also have Golden Buckeye & Savvy Senior discount rates. And yes, if you have kids, they still give a \$10 discount for every "A" on your student's report card. Where else can you go, without a lot of travel, to get an indoor pool, cozy fireplaces, and amazing resort amenities at a winter discount? [www.huestonwoods lodge.com](http://www.huestonwoods lodge.com)



Only nine  
OH lodges!



A cozy fire!



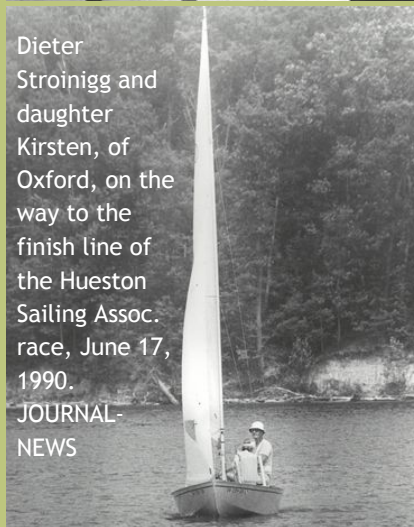
Fog rises in the early morning hours on Acton Lake at Hueston Woods at the boat dock, May 1, 1987. JOURNAL-NEWS



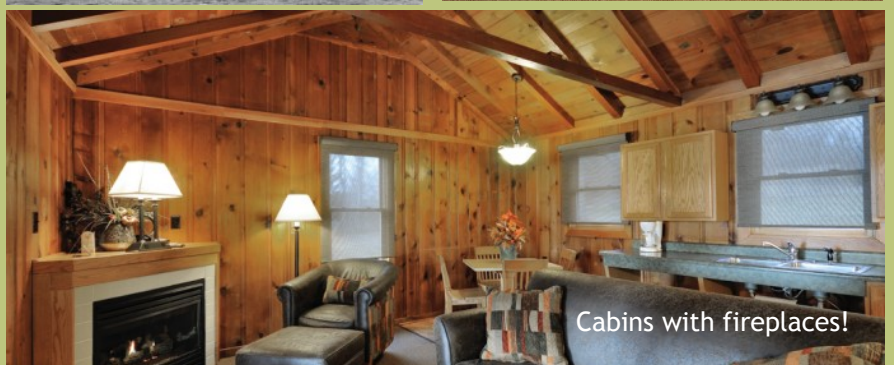
That night, Captain MacIntyre was killed by a following sea.

In our next issue... standby for member's sailing stories of "following seas" and other winter adventures in the warm coastal waters of Florida, the Carolinas, the BVI, and more. And rest assured, unlike this Far Side cartoon from Gary Larson, all HSA members returned safely to Ohio!

Dieter Stroinigg and daughter Kirsten, of Oxford, on the way to the finish line of the Hueston Sailing Assoc. race, June 17, 1990. JOURNAL-NEWS



Indoor heated pool in the lodge!



Cabins with fireplaces!