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DO ONE THING
AT A TIME
THIS MONTH



April 12! Launch day!

Volunteers!

We will meet at 10am
Helpful, hungry Sailors
needed for:

Launching boats
gardening around the office
cleaning and working on
racks

In the Hueston room:
table set up
food
clean up afterwards

Membership drive

If you have not turned in membership form, please do that as soon as possible!

We need these so Committee boat/Rescue boat assignments can be published
Thank you!!

Dave Dellenbaugh clinic



March 9th clinic held in Farmersville

attendees:

Mike Stratton

Eric Anderson

Dom Everat

Noah Everat

Pete Peters

Jackie Guntle

Our clinic this month was all about wind shifts, Persistent and Oscillating .

Sailing your shortest course

Rum line vs lay line

What effects wind shifts-

temperature:

water ground air cloud shadows

Commodore's Corner

State of the Club Address



A hearty Ahoy to all HSAers, both young and “seasoned.” Well, it is the beginning of HSA’s 69th sailing year and what better time to provide a *State of the Club* address.

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers this off season, we not only have a refurbished race committee boat but one with enhancements such as a timekeeper’s foldout table, wind sock, port and starboard PA speakers, new signage and paint, overhauled signal shapes, and a new mast. The old green rescue boat, once nearly sinking, has been replaced by a jaunty tri-hull Boston Whaler. It is roomy, stable, and enjoys customizations for efficient and safe race course work.

Club leadership now attends Hueston Woods Convention and Visitors Bureau monthly meetings to discuss enhancements of the park and lodge. In fact, the Bureau already graciously offered to purchase the grill-out food for our public sailing experience days (on 5/17, 9/20). Remember, if you volunteer on these days, you get a dry moorage credit. Call Brett now for our May 17th event!

Out on the water this season, you’ll notice the Y-Flyer fleet has hatched a plan to pair our best sailors with those who want to “up their game.” Lifted tacks, wind ladders, favored ends, and all those go-faster nuances will be revealed by the veterans. And unlike my high school track coach who said at the end of an eight-lap two-mile race: “Fulford, did you get lost?” our HSA veterans promise a bit more positive coaching experience. Well done, Y-Flyer fleet veterans!

Looking forward, our website, with its non-secure http URL, is overdue for a make-over. We will use the same low-cost web host service but update the security underpinnings (https) using their design tools to also refresh the look and feel. Not only will we “refinish the brightwork” but also add features to make membership forms and event registrations easier. Suggestions welcome!

Finally, we ended 2024 with a healthy budget balance of \$22,535. 1st quarter 2025 expenses for the completion of refurbishment of both boats, along with insurance premiums, US Sailing club membership, Lunch & Learn lodge room rental, and a new retrofitted furling jib system for our Precision 18 learner boat, will impact that balance but HSA has a healthy contingency reserve.

Work has been steadily continuing on our Race Committee boat!



April 5th Lunch and Learn at the lodge was a huge success despite the weather! We were unable to end our talk at the marina on the R/C boat. But the presentation from Commadore Joe Fulford and Treasurer Roger Henthorn did much to shed light on:

- Boat safety
- wind direction
- setting the marks
- rescue procedures
- racing rules

how to operation of R/C boat

items available for use in a rescue situation

As always there were great questions and even better camaraderie! We are all looking forward to April 12th

Launch date!



New Member Introduction



Meet Guy Hemmer! Guy started sailing as a teen when his dad bought a Sunfish, and they sailed in South Carolina. In 1986, the family upgraded to a 16-ft Prindle catamaran, making their beach vacations more exciting. Later, his dad bought a 42-ft catamaran that was chartered in the Abacos, where Guy sailed between the Bahamas, Florida, and the east coast. After moving to Little Rock, Guy bought a 21-ft sloop and sailed year-round until relocating to Kentucky. He restored the family's old Sunfish for his son, eventually upgrading him to a Force 5, a larger, more stable version of a Laser.



Dr. Robert Hemmer, Guy's dad, got into sailing, and Guy followed suit, learning along the way. As Guy's boats grew larger, he gained experience in sailing, maintenance, and repairs in various locations.

Guy began racing when Jerry Carter, docked across from him on Lake Maumelle, asked him to join his crew. Jerry was adventurous, often flying the spinnaker in strong winds with just the two of them. Guy once wrapped it around the keel during a challenging takedown. He raced his S2-24 boat in the winter keelboat series and used a club boat to race Flying Scots in the summer, choosing the Scot for its comfort and symmetrical spinnaker, which helped improve his skills.



Launching Blew By You - 16ft Prindle - with Guy's Dad on the boat



Racing with Jerry Carter on his S2-24 at the ocean after Guy patched it up



Cat Can Do with Spin -42-ft Lagoon

Guy brings a wealth of experience and passion to the group, and we're thrilled to have him aboard.

One of Guy's favorite sailing memories comes from a special trip with his dad aboard a 42-ft catamaran. During the adventure, Guy used his newly-acquired Dead Reckoning skills to navigate the unlit entrance to No Name Harbor on Key Biscayne, all in the dark. The waters between Miami and Key Biscayne are shallow, and they had to keep at least six feet of clearance beneath the boat during a falling tide. Armed with a paper chart, Guy meticulously plotted the course, calculated time and heading for each turn, and after navigating some tricky zigs and zags, they arrived safely at the harbor without hitting any sandbars. In another memorable moment, Guy's dad owned a catamaran called Cat Can Do, which was frequently in the company of another 37-ft catamaran named Ecstasy. Over time, the boats became known on the VHF radio as "Agony" and "Ecstasy," entertaining many fellow sailors in the Abacos with their playful exchanges. Long before social media existed, their fun exchanges created a buzz, with boaters even jokingly "following" them across the waters.

We look forward to many more stories and shared adventures with Guy in our sailing community!



Sailor Spotlight: Noah Everaet **From Fishing Poles to Racing Goals**

If you've been on the water at Acton Lake recently, chances are you've seen Noah Everaet cutting across the waves with skill and focus. But his journey into sailing wasn't always so straightforward.

Noah's sailing story began when his father, Dominiek, signed him and his sister up for Junior Sail Camp. There was just one problem — Noah had his heart set on fishing, not tacking. But Dad had a clever rule: one race, then you can fish. That first race sparked something in Noah, and soon he was sailing in as many races as he could, steadily building confidence and skill as a skipper.

In 2024, Noah competed in the Louisville Regional Regatta, representing our club with pride — and he's already gearing up for a return this year!

Last fall brought a big leap forward: when Charlie DeArmon listed a Sunfish for sale, Noah—encouraged by "higher powers" (we suspect Dad again!)—made the leap and purchased his own Sunfish racing boat. Since then, he's been all in, attending Dellenbough clinics, participating in Mike Stratton's "Lunch & Learn" sessions at Hueston Woods Lodge, and sharpening his skills around starting tactics, barging rules, and reading the favored end of the line.

While Noah is driven to improve and race competitively, his heart is still anchored in the moments that first drew him in. Ask him his favorite memories, and you won't hear about trophies or finishes—you'll hear about Moonlight Sails and Family Sail Days, those peaceful, shared moments that capture the magic of our club.

Let's give a warm cheer for Noah—fisherman-turned-skipper, racer, learner, and a true sailor in the making. The wind is at your back, Noah, and your club is right there with you!

Welcome to the fleet, Captain Everaet!

