

Halifax Sailing Association

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Commodore's Corner...Lisa Herbster

Hi Everyone!

Happy Fall!! We have a lot going on this season! Please make sure to read the entire newsletter. Kathy Sinnett's report of upcoming events will be there in full. Briefly, we'll have general membership meetings on the 1st Saturdays of Oct., Nov. and Dec. beginning at 4 PM. In Oct., we'll have Susie Amaro and Kim Wright speaking about serving on the local turtle patrol. They'll explain what they do for our local turtle organization, how they were trained, etc. Come join us! Also, we'll have our Reilly's Run on the 1st Sundays of Oct., Nov. and Dec. We'll have our All Fleet Races on the 3rd Sundays of Oct., Nov. and Dec. We'll have our last TGIF Sail & Socialize in October. Throughout October and early November, we'll be working on cleaning up the facility and preparing for our upcoming regattas!

November will be a busy month! We're hosting our 3rd Annual Pink Ribbon Regatta on Nov. 9th and Nov. 10th. This is now a two-day regatta. Once again, we will be raising funds for Halifax Health, as well as Heartstrings, a prosthetics and clothing store for breast cancer survivors in NSB. The Windward Women are avidly working on the preparations for this event. More information about our need for volunteers will be coming soon!

Two weeks later, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, we will host an HSA long standing tradition - the Turkey Trot Regatta. This will be run by the ERAU Sailing teams, with the assistance of our youth program, HAYSF, and any/all HSA volunteers who can help that day! This is a fun regatta with trophies of a turkey for 1st place, a roasting chicken for 2nd place, and a Cornish game hen for 3rd place. We then host a Thanksgiving meal following the racing. Come join in the fun!!

In December, we will have our General Elections for Board Members who will serve on the HSA board for 2025. This will take place at our December General Membership meeting on Saturday, Dec. 7th, beginning at 4 PM. As previously mentioned, we have a number of positions coming available in 2025. Please consider stepping up and giving some of your time to our wonderful organization!!!! Remember - it takes a village!! We are the village!! We need everyone to chip in and help!!!



Commodore's Corner Cont'd...

Here are the positions we know we need to fill -

- Vice Commodore
- Membership VC
- Secretary
- Events & Social Planning VC
- Education & Training VC

Here are all the positions that serve on the HSA/Sailing Center Inc. Board of Directors (BOD)

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- (Past Commodore - not a position open to the membership)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fleet Vice Commodore
- Membership Vice Commodore
- Events & Social Planning VC
- Education & Training VC
- Affiliates (Not open to the HSA membership. These members serve for and are chosen by members of their organizations)
 - HAYSF - Dave Dunn
 - ERAU Sailing Club & Team - Chris Herbster

All BOD positions (except the affiliates and the past commodore) are open to all HSA members in good standing. Our requirement for board participation is that

- 1) You must be willing to serve
- 2) You must live in this area as a permanent resident year-round.

Board member duties include attendance at monthly board meetings, as well as other responsibilities specific to each position. These positions are yearly commitments. Any HSA member may nominate another member for a position, as long as the person nominating has spoken to and received agreement and permission from the nominee to get their name on the ballot. Any HSA member may nominate themselves for a position. Any HSA member wishing to run for a position on the board may do so, even if the current member serving on the board plans to continue serving. The opportunity to serve in each position is open and available to whomever chooses to run for that position each year. Some fun competition and some new blood help keep things lively on the board. If you are interested in learning more about serving on the board, please contact me (386) 679-6315.

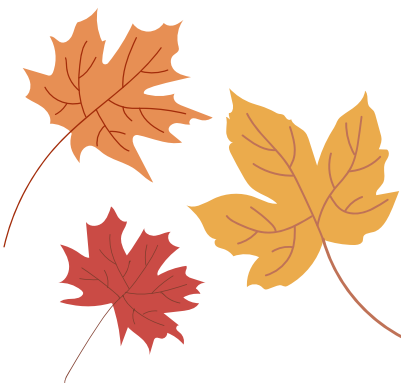


Regarding serving on the BOD in 2025, I have decided that I will not run to serve as Commodore of HSA for 2025. There is nothing wrong. I have personal obligations to attend to, plus, I was approached by Chris Sinnett, who has said that he would like to run to serve as HSA's Commodore. So, knowing that there is a passionate and competent person who wants to continue the growth of this great organization, it is time to pass the torch!!! It has been my honor and a privilege to serve as the 1st female Commodore of HSA in its 67 year history. I have accomplished what I set out to do, to bring about some needed change to the Sailing Center. We have far more events going on regularly. We have a number of monthly events that we run with great attendance and growing participation. HSA is a different place than it was two years ago. It's visibly brighter. It's more active. There are more people sailing. Our affiliates are working together to sail with each other. The Windward Women are a solid, hardworking group. Things are great! So, it's time for a change. I will still be actively involved at HSA. I will serve as the Past Commodore in 2025. I will continue to work with the committee on the HSA website. I will continue to serve on the local sailing consortium committee, a group of local yacht clubs and sailing centers, to work on continuing the growth in sailing around this area, and I will continue to work with and help grow our youth group, HAYSF. You haven't seen the last of me!

As I said, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as the Commodore of HSA. Thanks for having faith in me!! Chris Sinnett will be a fantastic choice as Commodore for 2025. Of course, he has only indicated that he is interested in serving in this position. If any other member would like to run to serve as Commodore, they are welcome to get their name on the ballot. Please speak to me ASAP if you're interested in running to serve as Commodore. If no one else steps up in this capacity, please give your thanks and support to Chris Sinnett!! He's going to help guide HSA to more great things!!

Again, we have a busy fall coming up! Lots of great volunteer opportunities for members. Read on to find out more about helping out. Now that the weather is cooling a bit, come on down and enjoy HSA! See you around the club!

Fair winds,
Lisa



Chris Sinnett-Vice-Commodore of Education and Training

We just finished our final adult sailing class for the 2024 season, totaling fifty-three students in the Adult Beginner Sunfish classes, and ten students in the Intermediate Capri classes. These sailing classes are a fundamental part of our identity as a community sailing operation, and I want to give a special thanks to all our instructors and assistants who volunteer many, many hours of their time to help share their passion for sailing.

Thank You, thank you, thank you!

For 2025, we are looking for a new Vice Commodore of Education and Training (VCET). I will still be around to assist the new VCET during the year, and you do not have to be an instructor or a highly experienced sailor to fill this position. All you need is a desire to serve, and we will help you learn the rest.

The following is the current VCET Job Description:

"The Education and Training Vice Commodore will oversee all activities related to Adult Sailing Classes, and any additional maritime related education and training activities generated for the benefit of HSA members. Although there is no requirement in the By-Laws for a Training and Education Committee, when such a committee does exist, it will be chaired by the Education and Training Vice Commodore."

If you are interested in discussing what the position entails, please email me at JCSinnett25@gmail.com or call/text me at 860-389-7924 so we can set up a time to talk.

Fair winds!
Chris



Dan Biringer-Vice-Commodore of Fleet

Greetings,

I'm looking forward to the cooler weather and the increasing club activities. We dodged the bullet from Helene with very little damage, and I'm very thankful of that. There's always plenty to do and in addition to Thursday we are trying to open up some Saturdays for volunteer time.

The Marooned is in need of repair as are some of our other boats, we have some big events coming up that we need to prepare for, plus ongoing maintenance so please don't be shy ;-). Hope to see you "down at the club"!

Dave Dunn-HAYSF Opti Coach

We are having a wonderful season so far!!! We have 9-10 kids participating on our team regularly! On Sept. 21 & 22, we participated in the Equinox Regatta at the Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville. Our kids did amazingly well! We brought 8 kids with us. For one sailor, it was her 1st regatta. They had a special division for her and other sailors at their 1st regatta. It was a great experience for her. We had one sailor sailing in his 1st Red/White/Blue Opti fleet division. He placed 4th overall out of a dozen or so boats in his division. Our green fleet Opti sailors were fantastic. They placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 12th respectively - out of 22 sailors!!! We are so incredibly proud of how well they're all doing!!! We have a great group of kids and a wonderful support group with their families! Congratulations to our team!!!

We'll be very busy for the remainder of our season. Next up, we'll have some team members going to Ft. Myers for a youth regatta on 10/19-10/20/24. Those not participating in that regatta will have the opportunity to sail with HSA members Todd Stebelton and Chris and Lisa Herbster on their big sailboats in the Brewers Cup. This is a long distance race on the river between NSB and Mosquito Lagoon. It'll be another great sailing learning experience! The following weekend, 10/26-10/27/24, we'll participate in the Inland Lakes Championship at Lake Eustis. And we'll finish up our season at the Turkey Trot regatta. If you're around HSA on a Saturday when the team is practicing, come watch what amazing sailors we've got!!



Chris Herbster ERAU Sailing Club

Thanks to those who competed in, or volunteered at, the Greg Popp Trophy @ ERAU. We had a great turnout with 6 schools traveling from as far as Palm Beach, FL. Thank you to those who volunteered to make this event possible, especially Chris and Kathy Sinnett for their help with a pontoon boat to allow the visiting coaches to be on the water with their teams.

The races results and summary can be viewed at: <https://scores.collegesailing.org/f24/greg-popp-erau/>

Good luck to our teammates that are traveling to Jacksonville, FL this coming weekend to compete in the Dick Trophy at Jacksonville University.

This Saturday, 10/6 we are hosting another Open Sail for students at Halifax Sailing Association! Out Learn to Sail program is off to a good start.

ERAU Offshore Sailing Team

The club has had a great turn out of interest this fall. They have a number of local races they plan on sailing in, while also doing day trips on the Halifax as interest demands. The intercollegiate race team hopes to attend a few regatta over the semester, but the events are by resume and the selection process is still underway.

Kathy Sinnett-Events Vice-Commodore and Windward Women

MARK YOUR Calendar for Events at Halifax Sailing Association!

*****Each Thursday is Workday--bring your lunch!*****

- 10/5 General Membership Meeting 4 PM, Member Workday & Open Sailing-Susie Amaro and Kim Wright will be conducting a brief a presentation about the Sea Turtle Project in Daytona
- 10/6 Reilly's Run 11:30 am Skippers meeting, 12:30 Racing and Potluck Cookout
- 10/20 Fleet Race 11:30 Skippers meeting, 12:30 Racing and Potluck Cookout
- 10/25 TGIF (last one for 2024) 5-8 pm BYO Appetizers to share and Beverages
- 10/26 Kiwanis Duck Race Event at Ball Field with HSA/Pink Ribbon/Sunfish Booth



Events Vice Commodore office to fill!

Want to be in the middle of all the fun at HSA? Consider becoming the Events Vice Commodore for 2025. Duties include shopping for the picnic supplies and having them on hand for club events. The Events VC is on the board of directors which meets once a month. The Events VC helps plan the calendar but does not have to attend all the events! Any questions? Ask Kathy Sinnett, outgoing Events VC, who is happy to help support a new Events VC.