

Halifax Sailing Association

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Commodore's Corner...Lisa Herbster

Well, we're officially in the midst of summer now, and HSA is busy!!!

- **We completed our 3rd week of youth summer camps at the end of June. July will be full of youth summer camps! Camps are a huge success!!**
- **Our Summer Sailstice, which we held on Friday, June 21st, was another great success. We had approx. 30 people show up to go for a sail - about 20 of them were totally new to sailing and wanted to learn more about HSA! New members joining soon, we hope!! We had about 35-40 people overall. Thanks very much to our skippers and crew - Keith, Chuck, Karl, Glenn, Dan, and Norm. Thanks to Dorothy Butala for helping under the pavilion and for spreading the word on social media!**

Now that we're half-way through the year, I'd like to remind members of a couple of things

- **We're here! HSA is always here! If you're a member, please come sail. Isn't that why you joined? Come use the facility more!**
- **Remember, we've added volunteer hour requirements. Many members have accomplished this by helping in a variety of ways -**

Some members are helping from behind the scenes by doing things like -

- **Joining our website committee**
- **Participating on the Windward Women's Pink Ribbon Regatta Committee**
- **Creating and printing 3D sailing parts that work well on our sunfish**
- **Helping with Social Media content and output**
- **Helping to create items to make storage easier**

Some are helping on site by:

- **Helping to set up/clean up/organize for an event**
- **Helping on the water with an event**
- **Keeping things clean and organized in the pavilion**
- **Helping with adult classes and our youth activities**
- **Repairing and improving boat parts**

****Please volunteer as you can! Remember, we are an ALL volunteer organization. Those of us who give a lot of volunteer time to the Sailing Center can only do so much. We need ALL members to chip in and help in whatever ways you can. It absolutely takes a village to run an all volunteer non-profit organization. Your help is needed and appreciated!!!!**

Finally, please remember we are NOT a boat storage facility! There are requirements for gold and silver members in relation to the opportunity to pay to keep your boat at HSA. #1 - SAIL your boat!!!!!! We understand people are busy, but you've made a commitment with your boat. Please use your boat and the Sailing Center! Even though we just restructured the boatyard and got everyone in who was on the waiting list, we already have a new waiting list of 5 boats that want to come to HSA. If you're not going to be using your boat, we'd like to allow someone who wants to sail their boat to use our facility. Come sail your boat!!!!

Another requirement of gold and silver members is to make sure that owners' boats are properly secured and tied down at all times. This is the responsibility of each owner. We have put in secure anchors next to every boat in the yard. All owners need to tie their boats to these anchors everytime the boat is used or worked on. All boats need to be prepared for adverse weather - hurricanes, tropical storms, and also afternoon FL thunderstorms. The latter of these can be extremely damaging to property if a downdraft hits the yard as it did last year, destroying a carbon fiber mast! Please get down to HSA and secure your boats properly. Unsure what to do? Please contact me or Dan Biringer.

This is a hot summer, but it's wonderful down at HSA!! Later in the afternoon, when the breeze really kicks in - it's lovely!!! The breezes cool you off and the atmosphere makes cares melt away!! Come on down and join us for fun on and around the water!! It's one of the coolest places in town these days!!!! I hope to see you around!!!

**Fair winds,
Lisa**

Dan Biringer-Fleet Vice-Commodore

We're putting together a list of people who can help in the event of a hurricane.

Drivers.

We will need drivers with vehicles capable of pulling the small Capri's (4), the medium sized swing keel boats (5) and one for the larger Second Wind. With the Proline, that's just 13 boats. Please let me know if and when you will be available (or unavailable) and what you can pull from the public ramp, 100 yards, to our yard.

Ground crew.

If we had a few people at the loading ramp to assist as the boats came in and a few more people in the yard to unhitch and tie each boat down, that would be perfect.

Support.

We will need support people to fill in on all the unanticipated tasks that seem to pop up out of nowhere and to simply lend a hand where needed.

Any and all help will be appreciated, but I need to have an idea of how many people I can count on, and again, when they will be available or unavailable. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this potentially critical matter.

Please email or text your information.

Dan Biringer, 732 609 5183

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I'll be unavailable from August 1 through September 7, other than that I'm available to help. I can pull any boat/trailer or serve as ground crew/support.

Chuck Wright-Membership Vice-Commodore

Welcome New Members!!!!

**We are so glad to have you in our club and
look forward to getting to know you!**



**Louis Augier
Nolan Orlando**

Dave Dunn-Youth Optimist Coach

As of May, our group has a new official name. We are the Halifax Area Youth Sailing Foundation (HAYSF). We are running our summer camps under this new name.

Speaking of Summer Camps - We ran and completed 3 very successful weeks in June. We are offering 3 more weeks in July. The 1st week (7/8 -7/12) is now full, but we still have availability in our last 2 regular camp weeks - 7/15-7/19 and 7/22-7/26. Interested? Click here to register - <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27709>

We are also offering an additional week at the end of July that will focus on Advanced Sailing skills and Racing Techniques. This is an invitation only camp. If you're interested, please contact Dave Dunn (ddunn44116@aol.com or (386) 679-5202)

We will host our 2nd Annual Optimist Dinghy Championship Regatta on August 17, 2024. More info on this will be in next month's newsletter.

The youth program is doing great. We look forward to 4 more successful camps with happy sailors!!!! Check us out!

Upcoming Events

Kathy Sinnett-Events Vice-Commodore and Windward Women

For all club events-family and friends welcome. Please be sure to have any guests (non-members sign a waiver) The forms are in a file box on the shelf by the men's bathroom.

We're hoping to get more people out to join us for -

- Wednesday evening dinghy races. Come down after work and sail!
- Our Sunday events - Please come sail!!!!
 - 1st Sunday - Reilly's Run and
 - 3rd Sunday - All Fleet Races
- Thursday work days - Please help around the facility, as well as socializing.
- Our monthly TGIF Sail & Socialize. June's was a HUGE success!!

Windward Women

We will continue sailing on Wednesdays from 2-4 pm, weather permitting. We may skip some weeks with the summer camp starting up. Please watch for an email!



On-Going Monthly Events

Every Wednesday 2-4 pm--Come join us for sailing and all things nautical-club women with all levels of experience welcome!

Every Thursday-HSA Workday

20th of Every Month-Deadline for entries in the following month newsletter