

# Halifax Sailing Association

SEPTEMBER 2024



## Commodore's Corner...Lisa Herbster

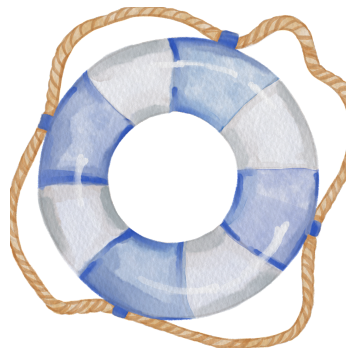
Summer's coming to an end - and what a great summer it has been!!

Our youth program ran 6 weeks of very successful learn to sail camps. In addition, Dave Dunn ran a special race team camp for introduction into racing techniques. The program saw over 70 kids and ended the summer with the 2nd Annual Daytona Beach Optimist Dinghy Championship regatta. More on that below.

Our sunfish classes did well in June, July and August. We have one more class being offered in September. It's full - as were most of our sunfish classes this season. We obtained a few new members through the classes! Welcome!

Chris Herbster, Greg Popp, and Michel LeRoux brought back Wednesday evening dinghy racing/sailing. This was very popular in June and July, with anywhere from 5-10 boats out sailing and racing on a Wednesday evening. Not as many people can get out on a Wed. evening now that school is back in session, but they're going to try to keep sailing on Wednesdays until October.

Our monthly events continue to be successful and lots of fun! This month we'll have Reilly's Run on 9/1 - the All Fleet race on 9/15 - the Sept. TGIF on 9/20. Also this month, we'll have a general membership meeting on Sept. 7, starting at 4 PM, and the ERAU Sailing Team will host the Greg Popp Trophy - a collegiate regatta on Sept. 28. Kathy Sinnett will fill you in more on events.



**Commodore's Corner Cont'd...**

**We'll be entering fall soon - and entering the time to plan and execute a couple of regattas. We'll need volunteers! We'll also need volunteers for our Board of Directors. An election for new officers will take place at our December meeting. The September general membership meeting will be a discussion of what positions will be coming available, what the positions require as far as time and commitment, and a description of the position from the person currently serving in that position. Any HSA member, who is a full-time resident of this area is welcome to run to serve on the BOD. Please join us at this very important meeting.**

**We have lots of activity going on around HSA - sailing classes, our youth race team practices, regattas and fun races, the ERAU sailing team practices and learn to sail clinics! It's going to be a busy fall!! Come on down and join us! Go for a sail! Enjoy the beautiful fall sailing weather!**

**Fair winds,  
Lisa**

**One last note....the sunken boat at our dock is *GONE* after patiently waiting for it to be removed!**



Chris Sinnett-Vice-Commodore of Education and Training

As we enter September, we have our final Capri and Sunfish classes of 2024 quickly approaching. We also have an opportunity to have a Flying Scot class which I will describe now.

Wes Treco is scheduled to teach the Capri class on Sep 7th-8th. Wes is our top Flying Scot sailor at HSA and he has agreed to teach up to three students in a Flying Scot class that same weekend, Sep 7th-8th. If any members sign up for the Flying Scot, you will sail with Wes and I will then teach the Capri class. The cost will be the same as a Capri class, \$250 per student for the entire weekend, and would be payable by check to HSA on Saturday, Sep 7th when the class starts.

I need to stress that the Flying Scot class is for ADVANCED sailors. If you are relatively new to the sport or haven't sailed in a while, this class is probably not well suited for you. This is because the Flying Scot weighs over 900 pounds and you must sail them away from and back to the dock. If a skipper misjudges their approach to the dock, the possibility of serious damage cannot be ignored. That said, they are very stable and fun boats to sail, and they don't capsize. If you are an experienced sailor looking to add a fun boat to your HSA repertoire, you should really consider this opportunity.

If you are interested in signing up for the Flying Scot class, please email me at [JCSinnett25@gmail.com](mailto:JCSinnett25@gmail.com) and put "Flying Scot" in the subject line of your email.

If we do not have any members sign up for the Flying Scot, then Wes will teach the Capri class, which has two people signed up as of August 28th.

Finally, I am looking for a replacement in 2025 as the Vice-Commodore for Education and Training. You do not have to be a sailing instructor to fill this position on the Board, and I will be fully engaged in helping support the next VC during the year as they learn the job. Please email me at [JCSinnett25@gmail.com](mailto:JCSinnett25@gmail.com) if you would like to discuss what the job entails.

## Dave Dunn-HAYSA Youth Optimist Coach

We had an outstanding summer. The Halifax Area Youth Sailing Foundation (HAYSF - the new name of the youth organization) ran 6 very successful weeks of learn to sail camps in June and July. Each week was full (12-16 campers). We saw about 70 kids overall. Some came for multiple weeks of camp. We had good weather for the most part, so we had a great outcome with successful sailors at the end of each week.

In addition, in the last week of July/first week of August, I offered a week of camp devoted to racing skills and techniques. Chris Sinnett helped me run this program, which was very successful!

We finished up our camp season with a regatta held on Saturday, 8/17/24. This was the 2nd Annual Daytona Beach Optimist Dinghy Championship. We had 12 sailors participate. For the 2nd year in a row, Aubrey W. was the winner. In 2nd place was her sister, Maddie. In 3rd was Austin L. In 4th was Evan L., and in 5th was Korben W. Congratulations to all our sailors! Everyone is doing a great job!!

Our race team season began on Sat. 8/24/24. We are starting the season with 10 kids on the team - all Opti sailors. We'll practice most Saturdays from 9 AM - 4 PM. If we're not practicing at HSA, then we're away at a regatta. We're hoping to attend 1-2 regattas this fall. We'll be practicing most weekends in September.

(\*\*Important note - We are currently only working with our race team in Optis. We don't currently have a laser/420 coach who can commit to the time needed to help us run this team successfully. Anyone interested in helping coach lasers/420s? Please contact Lisa or me ASAP.)

From the ERAU Sailing Team & Club Faculty Advisor - Chris Herbster

We had a great summer. We're ready to get back to sailing now that school is back in session. We had a fantastic turn out at our welcome meeting - about 40 new eager faces! We have quite a number who are experienced sailors with instructor certifications! This will be a huge help for us so we can provide more learn to sail clinics for students and faculty this year.

We're also looking forward to a great race season. We are scheduled to host one regatta for SAISA (our national sailing governing body). This will be the Greg Popp Trophy, which will be held on Sat. 9/28/24. We'll have 12 different schools from the Southeast competing. We'll need HSA volunteers to help us run this successfully. Please contact me if you can help. We'll also participate in regattas around the state, as well as throughout the Southeast, on most weekends this fall.

We're looking forward to a great year!

Upcoming Events

Kathy Sinnett-Events Vice-Commodore and Windward Women



# SEPTEMBER 2024

## 01 1ST SUNDAY

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11:30 AM~ REILLY'S RUN WITH POTLUCK COOKOUT

## 07 1ST SATURDAY

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WORK DAY YARD CLEAN-UP & SAILING BEFORE  
4:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE , BYOB

## 15 3RD SUNDAY

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11:30 AM ~ FLEET RACE WITH POTLUCK COOKOUT

## 20 TGI FRIDAY

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5 PM- 8 PM SAIL & SOCIALIZE  
BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE, BYOB

## 28 GREG POPP TROPHY

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8 AM- 4 PM ERAU HOSTS REGATTA AT HSA

**HSA EVENTS**