



## Weekly Reminders for January 15-21

Ahoy, sailors! Along with your weekly reminders, Lisa and I will be working to put together a monthly newsletter which will give you a snapshot of the activities going on at the club and special notes from the board and members. I'm going to do my very best to supply you with accurate and thorough information, but I am sure there will be some hiccups. If you would like to add something to the monthly newsletter, please email me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, so that I have plenty of time to include it. I appreciate your patience with me as I navigate this new position. \*\*Tonya\*\* [Ltsands@bellsouth.net](mailto:Ltsands@bellsouth.net)

### **Important Dates:**

**Monday Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**--ERAU team is hosting a "Learn to Sail" for ERAU students

**Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>**--HYS kids practice 10-2

**Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>**--January HSA Fleet Race. The skippers meeting will start at 12:30pm and the first signal at 1:30pm. We need approximately 7 volunteers to help with this so this is a great opportunity to get some of those volunteer hours taken care of. There will be a potluck cookout to follow racing. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. BYOB The club provides hotdogs and hamburgers. We do have a veggie burger option as well. Bring a friend to watch and to see the club!

**Thursday, February 1**—Amateur Radio Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the HSA pavilion. There are more details about ordering materials for this on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page!

### **Announcements:**

- Thank you to all members that have paid their 2024 dues! If you have not, please try to do so as soon as possible. To renew online you must go to our website - [halifaxsailing.org](http://halifaxsailing.org) - click on the "join" button, then click on the "more info" button under the membership you're renewing. As a reminder, our dues have gone up this year. Our yearly membership fee is now \$300/yr. for a general membership. Silver and Gold memberships have also increased. All memberships are now required to complete 24 hours of volunteering to maintain a membership in good standing. We are still working on various committees that we need help with, as well as other activities that can be completed for this requirement. We hope to have these items ready for you to look over in the next week or so. Again, thanks for your patience with this.

- Our new website is up and running. You will still type in - [halifaxsailing.org](http://halifaxsailing.org), but it should look new to you. Because we have just recently made this switch, we are having a few small glitches, which we are working on now. Please be patient with us as we get this up and working smoothly.
- If any members are interested in learning how to set a course and start races, email Chris Sinnett at [JCSinnett25@gmail.com](mailto:JCSinnett25@gmail.com). We can set up a training session and start to get more people involved in the different aspects of competitive sailing. Chris will also be reaching out this week to those who have expressed an interest in being on the Training and Education Committee, to set a date and time for an initial meeting in 2024.
- Join us on Thursday, February 1st at 6:00 pm at the HSA pavilion for our first amateur radio meeting. We're thrilled to announce HSA has received their own radio call sign from the FCC, we are **N4HSA**! Whether you're a curious beginner or an experienced enthusiast, this is an opportunity to delve into the world of wireless communications.

In this interactive session you will:

1. Learn the basics of both marine and amateur radio operations.
2. Discover how amateur radio connects people globally.
3. Gain hands-on experience with radio equipment.
4. Explore the diverse aspects of this engaging hobby.

Those interested in obtaining an entry-level Technician license (no Morse code) should purchase a study guide and begin the journey. HSA has experienced radio operators if you need coaching and free practice tests are available at [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com). Find the recommended book in the link below.

[https://www.amazon.com/ARRL-Ham-Radio-License-Manual/dp/1625951558/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=2BTLA6SZMYVCF&keywords=arrl+ham+radio+license+manual+5th+edition&qid=1703715527&srefix=Arrl%2Caps%2C116&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/ARRL-Ham-Radio-License-Manual/dp/1625951558/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2BTLA6SZMYVCF&keywords=arrl+ham+radio+license+manual+5th+edition&qid=1703715527&srefix=Arrl%2Caps%2C116&sr=8-1)

- **URGENT**-The gate at HSA is not working electronically. We are going to return to using the combination lock and chain to close and secure the gate daily for the time being. We will send updates on the progress of fixing this as we learn more. Thank you for helping us keep the facility locked, as best we can, for now. As a reminder, and for new members, the combo lock # is 5300. Please contact Lisa if you have any further questions or problems using the gate ([lisa.herbster@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.herbster@gmail.com); (386) 679-6315      )
- Have a great week, and we will see you at the club!