

Halifax Sailing Association

NOVEMBER 2024



Commodore's Corner...Lisa Herbster

Well, we survived Milton! We were very lucky! We had minimal damage to boats and some small, repairable damage to the building and grounds. Yes, our concrete dock was destroyed, but it was already at the end of its life. We were fortunate to use it for as long as we did. Dock rebuilding/repairing will consume much of the next year. We'll figure things out. Finding funds is the first item of order. We'll keep you posted on what is discovered. If you know of ways to get funding and/or know how to research for and write grants or how to reach out to local philanthropists, please speak to a BOD member ASAP!

November is our big regatta month! The Windward Women of HSA are hosting our 3rd Annual Pink Ribbon Regatta on Nov. 9th & 10th, 2024. This will be a two day regatta, which is a fundraiser for the Halifax Health Foundation and Heartstrings. These are two local organizations that help Breast Cancer patients and survivors. More info on this later in the newsletter. Our 2nd regatta of the month will be an HSA tradition, the Turkey Trot Regatta, which will be held on Sat. Nov. 23, 2024. This is a one day regatta and will be hosted by the ERAU Sailing Club and our youth program, HAYSF. Registration is available for both events. Click on these links -

To register, donate, and/or sponsor the Pink Ribbon Regatta -
<https://www.halifaxsailing.org/calendar/pink-ribbon-regatta>

To purchase swag for the Pink Ribbon Regatta -
<https://halifax-sailing-association.square.site/s/shop>

To register for the Turkey Trot Regatta -
https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28865#_docs

In December, we will vote for our new Board of Directors (BOD) for the Sailing Center for 2025. This will take place at our December General Membership meeting on Sat. Dec. 7, 2024, starting at 4 PM. However, we need to be actively thinking about who will run for positions now!

Commodore's Corner Cont'd...

We will discuss this at our November General Membership meeting on Sat. Nov. 2, 2024 at 4 PM. Please join us!!!

Below are the Sailing Center BOD positions. Anyone who is interested in serving on the BOD, and is a year-round resident, is eligible to run for any position.

Commodore - Chris Sinnett is running to serve in this position for 2025.

Vice Commodore - needs to be filled

Secretary - needs to be filled

Treasurer - Carolina Martin is willing/interested in continuing on the BOD in 2025

Past Commodore (This will become me - Lisa. Pete Burg has served in this role.)

Fleet VC - Dan Biringer is willing/interested in continuing on the BOD in 2025

Membership VC - needs to be filled

Events VC - needs to be filled

Education & Training VC - needs to be filled

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

Please remember the Sailing Center runs as it does because of its volunteers! It takes all of us to run this well. Please consider running to serve on the BOD! Anyone (who is a year-round resident) is eligible to run for ANY position they are interested in, even if someone else is currently in that position and has indicated their willingness to serve in the coming year. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in serving on the Board.

November should be a great sailing month, with our regular monthly events, plus two great regattas coming up and beautiful weather for sailing! Come join us on the Halifax!!!!

Fair winds,
Lisa



Chris Sinnett-Vice-Commodore of Education and Training

Just a reminder that we are seeking a new Vice Commodore of Education and Training for 2025. A person does NOT need to be an experienced sailor to fill this position as it is primarily a scheduling and management role. I will be available to assist the new VC during the year so that they have a very manageable learning curve.



From the HAYSF Opti Coach - Dave Dunn

Our youth race team continues to do incredibly well! We participated in the Equinox Regatta in Jacksonville and our team placed very well. We also recently participated in the Lake Eustis Inland Lakes Championship Regatta, where our team continued to dominate. Our green fleet Optis all placed in the top 10 of 30 competitors, and our Red/White/Blue Opti fleet sailor placed 2nd overall in a field of 12! The team is doing amazingly!!!!

We'll be practicing through November and will finish for the fall season with the Turkey Trot Regatta on Sat. Nov. 23, 2024. This will be our last regatta for the season. We'll return to practice in late January/early February. We're looking forward to an awesome spring race season!!!

Chris Herbster ERAU Sailing Club

The ERAU Sailing Club and team is doing well and having a great semester.

The students are involved in sailing in many ways -

They have had a few learn to sail events for students. These have been successful. "Learn to sails" involve an experienced sailor working with 1-2 students on a Saturday to teach them how to sail.

Students participate on a weekly basis in regattas around the Southeast. They practice 3-4 times/week and travel to compete. Most recently, they competed in the SAISA Fall Fleet Race Champs in Charleston, SC.

The Offshore Sailing Team is also doing very well. They will be sailing in the Keelboat Nationals at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD! Go Eagles!

This team is making a good name for ERAU! The teams host 1-2 regattas at HSA per semester. In addition, they sail well at regattas and have brought knowledge of ERAU to others around the Southeast! Sail fast team!!!



Chuck Wright-Vice-Commodore Membership

Please welcome our newest member to our club!!

John Prodoehl

Kathy Sinnett-Events Vice-Commodore and Windward Women

MARK YOUR Calendar for Events at Halifax Sailing Association!

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

- **11/2 General Membership Meeting 4 PM, Member Workday & Open Sailing**
- **11/3 Daylight Savings time "Fall Back" so we start events later now!**
- **11/3 Reilly's Run 12:30 Skippers meeting, 1:30 Racing and Potluck Cookout**
- **11/7 Final Prep at HSA for regatta**
- **11/9 & 10 Pink Ribbon Regatta & FL State Championship for Aeros--
NEED RACERS AND VOLUNTEERS!**
- **11/17 Fleet Race 12:30 Skippers meeting, 1:30 Racing and Potluck Cookout**
- **11/23 Turkey Trot Regatta sponsored by ERAU**

