

# Halifax Sailing Association Newsletter

## ▶ May 2025



## Commodore's Message

Ahoy members! Please read the newsletter for news, information on upcoming activities, and recent accomplishments.

### Lease Extension Update

Reminder: HSA's Lease with the city of Daytona Beach currently expires in February of 2035. We've asked the city (in writing) to extend the lease an additional 15 years beyond that date, which would take us to February of 2050. This extension will help us apply for certain grants to get money to help rebuild the docks.

Progress continues. Over the past few weeks we received some questions about HSA's operations from the city's legal department, and we provided immediate answers.

We will continue to do our best to keep this process moving forward, and if any "breakthrough" news arrives, we will share it with all members right away.

### Adult Sailing Classes

The Beginner (Sunfish) and Intermediate (Capri) class listings are now live on Regatta Network. Click the following link to go directly to the "Learn" tab on HSA's website for an easy way to sign up: [Learn | Halifax Sailing Assoc.](#) Thanks to Val Taylor for helping enter the classes into Regatta Network, and to Dorothy Butala for placing the class descriptions and sign-up links on our website!

### Sunfish Classes:

- **Sunfish Class 1:** May 24/25 & May 31/June 1
- **Sunfish Class 2:** July 12/13 & July 19/20
- **Sunfish Class 3:** Aug. 16/17 & Aug. 23/24
- **Sunfish Class 4:** Sept. 20/21 & Sept. 27/28
- **Sunfish Class 5:** Oct. 18/19 & Oct. 25/26

### Capri Classes:

- **Capri Class 1:** June 28-29
- **Capri Class 2:** Aug. 2-3
- **Capri Class 3:** Sept. 6-7
- **Capri Class 4:** Oct. 4-5

### Sunfish and Capri Refresher Clinics

On the past two Saturdays in April, we held Refresher Clinics for members who wanted to "knock off the rust" after not sailing for a while. The clinics were very successful, but we realize not everyone who wanted to attend was able.

If you are still interested in being coached on the Sunfish or Capri, email **Val Taylor** at [vtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:vtaylor@gmail.com) with the dates you are available and which boat you want to sail. We will ATTEMPT to match coaches with sailors on mutually agreeable dates. Please put "Coaching Request" in the subject line of your email.

### Request for Clinic Coaches

If you are comfortable sailing a Sunfish or Capri, and are able to volunteer as a coach, send me an email at [commodore@halifaxsailing.org](mailto:commodore@halifaxsailing.org) and let me know. You **DO NOT** need to be an experienced instructor; this is all about members helping members at HSA. Come help your fellow sailors get back out on the water – the more the merrier!

*Fair winds and Royals all the way,*  
**Commodore Chris**

**A bit of sailing history:** The "Royals" are the uppermost square sails on a square-rigged sailing ship. The phrase "Fair Winds and Royals all the way" is a wish for excellent weather that will let the ship sail with all sails set and drawing.)

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## **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

3:00-5:00 PM ~ **WINDWARD WOMEN'S SAILING**  
COME SAIL & SOCIALIZE. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!  
RSVP TO WINDWARDWOMENHSA@GMAIL.COM

## **EVERY THURSDAY**

9:00-2:00 ~ **DROP IN WORK DAY**. COME WHEN YOU  
CAN & BRING A BAG LUNCH FOR NOON BREAK

## **3 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY**

10 AM-2 PM MONTHLY **DROP IN WORK PARTY**  
HELP US KEEP OUR GROUNDS, FACILITIES  
AND FLEET IN TOP SHAPE! THEN SAIL & SOCIALIZE

## **4 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY-REILLY'S RUN**

12:30 PM ~ **REILLY'S RUN SAIL** FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK  
COOKOUT. BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND BYOB!

## **9 MAY TGI-FRIDAY**

5 -8 PM **SAIL & SOCIALIZE!**  
BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE. BYOB.

## **18 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY-FLEET RACE**

12:30 PM ~ **FLEET RACE** WITH POTLUCK COOKOUT. BYOB.  
BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

**HSA EVENTS**

# ERAU Students Assess the Safety of HSA for Capstone Project

**Kathy Sinnett**



Students on team: Paige Arneson, Justin Lee, John Setford, Syndey Smarsh and Emily Yattoni

The close relationship between ERAU students and HSA paid off this month. On April 15, Commodore Chris, Pete Burg and Kathy Sinnett attended the presentation of an ERAU Homeland Security Capstone project, at which a team of students presented a security vulnerability assessment of HSA.

Their findings included physical hazards, a risk of theft, and environmental and weather related risks. Suggested mitigation strategies included security cameras with lights, motion detection, changing lock codes more frequently, reducing property hazards, and adding additional training — such as CPR and first aid. The students are pictured with their binder which they presented to the commodore for guidance.

## Windward Women: What's Happening

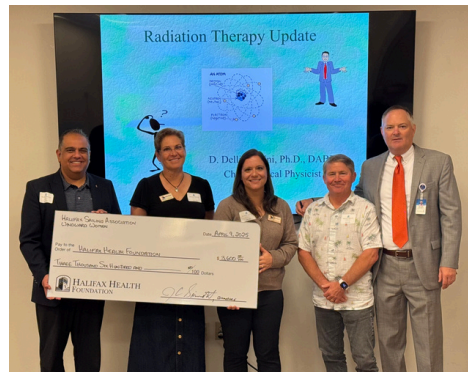
**Kathi Porter**

The Windward Women have had a vibrant spring season! In celebration of our 3rd Annual Pink Ribbon Regatta, hosted in November 2024, we were proud to present a \$3,600 gift to Halifax Health Foundation to support local breast cancer patients. We are in the preliminary stages of planning the 2025 Pink Ribbon Regatta, and we look forward to sharing more details soon — we hope you'll join us!

With warmer weather and longer days ahead, we're also excited to kick off even more activities, including our weekly Windward Women Wednesday afternoon sails and new volunteer opportunities supporting local environmental causes. Stay tuned for upcoming events and ways to get involved!



Windward Women celebrating our 3rd birthday (with Pete Burg celebrating his birthday as well)!



Presenting a check to the Halifax Health Foundation



We presented this "Captain" bottle opener to Kathi Porter, our captain, at our Windward Women birthday party.

VC Fleet



**Dan Biringer**

Progress continues on the trailer rehabilitation project that Dewey Bellich is spearheading. There's always something to do on workday Thursdays, so come on down! We will also be meeting on the first Saturday morning of each month, including **THIS** Saturday, May 3, with maybe some sailing that afternoon? (HAYSF has their racing practice that Saturday as well, so please park outside the gate.) Thanks !

We also have a few more Sunfish to wash down before upcoming classes, and I could really use some help there. Additionally, there are tons of smaller jobs that need attention, so if you have some time to lend a hand, I sure would appreciate the help. Thursday workdays are a great way to get to know each other, and I will continue to make the first Saturday of the month available for those who wish to help out.

**Thank you to ALL our volunteers !!!**

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*\*committee chair, non-board position*



New signage at HSA.



The April 26 Capri Refresher Course.



# HALIFAX AREA YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

The HAYSF Spring Race Team season ends May 10. Stay tuned for end-of-season plans. This season (which runs January through May), the race team has represented the Halifax area at seven regattas all over the state. The team recently competed in the Cowford Cup Regatta, April 26-27, where four sailors placed in the top ten in the Red, White & Blue Fleet. They've learned to race in all types of conditions and are continuing to learn and develop their competitive skills.

Registration for the summer sailing camps is going well but it would be wonderful if you could help spread the word! Please use the flyer attached. Over the course of the summer, we will hold four learn-to-sail sessions and one advanced race week session. The summer will culminate on August 16 with the annual Daytona Beach Optimist Dinghy Championship (stay tuned for more details).



Halifax Area Youth Sailing Foundation

Learn to 

**SAIL**  
sessions.

Your child will learn to sail their own boat,  
gain tremendous confidence and make  
life-long friendships!

**2025 WEEKLY DATES:**  
Week 1 - June 9 - 13  
Week 2 - June 16 - 20  
Week 3 - June 23 - 27  
Week 4 - July 7 - 11

**DETAILS:**  
Sailing will take place on the Halifax River  
at 15 Freemont Court, Daytona Beach.  
Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each  
day.  
This camp is for children age nine to 17  
years old.

REGISTER AT: [WWW.HALIFAXSAILING.ORG](http://WWW.HALIFAXSAILING.ORG)

## Spring Racing Season

**May 10**  
**Last Day of Practice**

**May 17-18**  
**Schools Out Regatta**  
**(Davis Island Yacht Club)**

Fair Winds,  
Dave Dunn, Optimist Head Coach

Lisa Herbster, HSA Past  
Commodore / HAYSF Education &  
Summer Camp Coordinator