

Halifax Sailing Association

MAY 2024



COMMODORE'S CORNER...LISA HERBSTER

Hi there! Welcome to the beginning of our active summer season! We have a couple of different groups going in different directions at this time of year - one easing down from an active racing season and the other ramping up for a fun summer season.

First, our youth affiliates - Schools will be winding down soon. ERAU will finish in the first week of May, with most students going elsewhere for the summer. Hopefully, a couple/few may assist with our summer youth sailing camps. Speaking of our younger sailors, the school year racing team will also finish up in mid-May, and the kids will finish school at the end of May. Our summer camps for youth, ages 10-17 will begin in June. We're running 3 weeks of camp in June and 3 weeks of camp in July. Register before May 15th for a discount. Here's the link - <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27709> Please share this information with friends, family, neighbors, classmates, etc. We want to spread the word about camps far and wide! Please read on for more info about our great youth sailing programs!

Next, we have our HSA activities -

- Our adult sailing classes have begun. Check out our website calendar to see when classes will be offered. (<https://www.halifaxsailing.org/calendar>) Read on for more info from our Education VC.
- Our Fleet VC has been very busy getting the boat yard reorganized and cleaned up. Read on for more info from Dan.
- We started up our TGIF Sail & Socialize in March and continued in April. They were both successful. We'd love to do these 1-2 times a month! Extra help is always appreciated! Read on for more info from our Social Events VC.

We've got fantastic weather most days!! Let's experience this beautiful environment we call home by getting out on the water and enjoying all that nature has to offer us!

Fair winds,
Lisa



Chris Sinnett-Training and Education Vice-Commodore

We have a sunfish Class (Adult - Learn to Sail) starting THIS Saturday (May 4th) and running for the next two weekends. Charlie Cornett is instructing, and there are a few slots available for students. If you've been on the fence about learning to sail, or it's been many years since you last sailed, this is a tremendous opportunity to get back out on the water.

I will be out of town on Sunday, May 19th, so I am asking for a volunteer to run the Fleet Races for that day. If you're available, please email me at JCSinnett25@gmail.com,

We've had some great wind and weather the past few weeks - come on out and join us on the water!

Upcoming Sunfish Class

If you are an experienced Sunfish sailor and available to assist with this upcoming class, please let me know. It's always helpful to have someone sailing around the buoys that the students can follow and observe, while the instructor is in the powerboat. Thanks!



Dan Biringer-Fleet Vice-Commodore

I want to thank everyone for all the work we've done over the last couple weeks. Just last Thursday, 4-18, for instance, we washed half of our sunfish and checked all the hardware in preparation for classes. Much of the grass was cut, it was weed whacked and weeds were pulled, lots of yard work. The Jack stands got another coat of paint and the wooden pads are ready to go on; soon they'll be ready for service. We have "number plaques" cut and painted. These will be used to identify each "parking space" for all the boats in the yard.

Cracked windows in two of our keel boats are being taken care of. The annex is beginning to look a little better, one loft has been cleaned and the workshop/tools area is coming along. This was just one day, amazing!!!

Our final push before hurricane season is upon us and we'll looking to get the ground anchors in and be certain we're prepared for whatever mother nature throws at us. There will be a Saturday work day coming up on May 4th, for those who want to lend a hand, but can't make it on a weekday. Again, thank you so very much!!!

Chuck Wright-Membership Vice-Commodore

Dan Biringer and I have worked diligently to clean up and reorganize the yard to make room for the members who have been patiently waiting for a spot. We have all the member boats identified and numbered for 2024 with HSA stickers and corresponding numbers on the boat and trailer, where applicable.



Welcome New Members!!!!

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

Chad Isley

Bill Wells

Howard Weiss

Christopher Bishop

Nathan Willhite

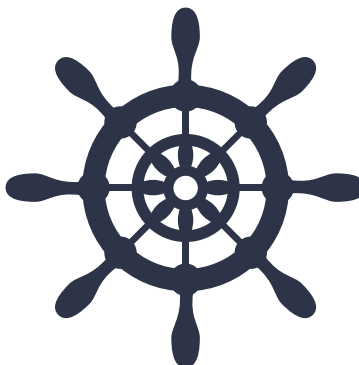
Guy Gregoire

Viggi Marie de Zerne

Casey Scott/Jackson

Ki Hyeong Lee

Brian Stevens



Chris Herbst-ERAU Club Affiliate

The ERAU Sailing Team and Club has had a great year!! We have focused a bit more on the racing aspects of the team this spring, and they've done very well. For the second year in a row, the team qualified to participate in their conference championships! Go Eagles!!!

With the return of ERAU students in the fall, we are hoping to spend more time and effort with our Learn to Sail events so we can open up the wonderful world of sailing to more students!



Dave Dunn-Youth Optimist Coach

Our youth team has been practicing and competing vigorously this spring! Our sailors have participated in 2-4+ different regattas around the state this spring and they're bringing home the trophies!! At the end of March, the kids participated in the 71st Mt. Dora Regatta. Two of our sailors placed 2nd and 3rd overall, while our other sailors all placed very well in a field of 33 competitors! On the weekend of April 20-21, our sailors also did amazingly well at Sail Eustis in Lake Eustis. We had 6 Opti sailors racing. We had one sailor place 3rd overall. 5 of the 6 competitors placed in the top 10, with our 6th placing just a few spots behind, again out of a fleet of more than 30 Optis. We had 2 laser sailors participate and do well too! On the 1st weekend of May, our team will compete in our last regatta of this season at the Cowford Cup at FYC in Jacksonville. Wish them luck!!! The race team will wrap up its season on Saturday, May 18th.

This summer our youth program will offer 6 weeks of summer camp, plus a 7th week of camp specifically geared towards participating on the race team next year. Please help spread the word about our fun and educational summer sailing camps. Click here to register <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27709>

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.

Saturday, May 4-Workday at the club starting at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 5-Reilly's Run. Social Sailing Around the Buoys! 12:30 pm Skippers meeting and crew line up. On the water start at 1:30 pm. Stay for the Cinco de Mayo themed potluck cookout! Surprise us with your best dish to share! BYOB

Thursday May 16th --Join us for a day's road trip to St.Pete to attend the FWSA (Florida Women's Sailing Association) Annual meeting. Maria Regeci and Kim Steiert are our delegates. \$30 per person for lunch and tons of fun! We will carpool.Contact Kathy Sinnett for any questions.

Friday, May 17- May TGIF Social Sail. Meet at HSA at 5 pm for weather, sailing briefings and crew line up. Sail in company and return for potluck appetizers and music! BYOB

Sunday, May 19-May Fleet Race. Low key racing --come to learn more about racing. 12:30 pm Skippers meeting with on the water start at 1:30 pm. Followed by potluck cookout. BYOB. This is a great time to talk with our club racers!

Friday May 24-A NAUTICAL BASEBALL SOCIAL!

The Boat Club (DBBC) will be having an old fashioned social and your club is invited!! We have Box seating, on the 1st base line, for 200 at a Daytona Beach Tortugas game on Friday, May 24th.The price of \$29.00 includes admission and dinner with Coke products, beer is available separately if desired. We have invited the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron as well. So there will be a strong nautical presence among us. It could be fun for the kids who might like baseball too! Let's wear HSA gear! Please RSVP to Kathy Sinnett, HSA Events--kathysinnett1gmail.com by May 17th!

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

Every Saturday-Youth Sailors 9-4 pm

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