
Halifax Sailing Association Newsletter

► October 2025



Photo: Sunfish Class #1 Students

Commodore's Message

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

Hello Sailors!

This edition of my comments is going to be very different from my previous submissions. HSA obviously has challenges going forward, and many successes to look back on — I will not attempt to catalog them here.

What I do want to speak to is the continuing need to infuse our volunteer and leadership positions with a mix of long-standing AND newer members. I never met Doc Kerman, our major founding member, but I'll bet if he was standing here advising us right now he'd say "Keep the experienced folks involved of course, but for the Club's sake, get the new blood in there!"

And he would be right.

We have our annual election for Board positions coming up in two months. I ask each of you to consider if you are willing to serve. Don't worry about the specific position at this moment, just ask yourself, "Am I willing to take a leadership position? Am I willing to be mentored? Am I willing to learn and work with others to keep HSA going strong?"

I will openly say that I am willing to be Commodore for one more year, through 2026, but that will be the end for me. Most clubs Kathy and I have belonged to had a one- or two-year Commodore period, and that's what works for us. Obviously, if someone else runs for Commodore this year and wins for 2026, I will shake their hand and give them my advice and guidance to use as they see fit next year.

Every day, HSA is about sailing and safe fun on the water. At the start of each day, we need leadership, management, and volunteerism to ensure that the club endures.

I simply ask you to consider your potential role in this journey.

Ready About!

Commodore Chris

HSA Fun Facts

Did you know that we have a personal weather station at Halifax Sailing Association (KFLDAYTO241)? Follow this link to see our weather live:

[Personal Weather Station Dashboard](#) | [Weather Underground](#)

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*Special Events



EVERY WEDNESDAY

5- 7PM ~WINDWARD WOMEN'S & OPEN SAILING
Last month! Losing our daylight soon!

EVERY THURSDAY

9:00-2:00~ DROP IN WORK DAY. Come when you can and bring a bag lunch for noon break.

3/4* -CAPRI 16.5 JIB KIT SEWING

9-12, 1-4 pm. Spaces limited. For more info and to sign up, contact kathysinnett1@gmail.com

4 - MONTHLY SAT. WORK DAY

10 AM - 3 PM. Drop in work day. Help with the yard and boats.

5 - 1ST SUNDAY-REILLY'S RUN

11:30 AM ~ **REILLY'S RUN- CASUAL RACING WITH POTLUCK COOKOUT.** BYOB. Bring a dish to share!

4/5 - CAPRI 14.2 CLASS #4

10 -OCTOBER TGI-FRIDAY

5-8 PM **COME TO SAIL,** Bring an appetizer to share. BYOB.

18/19 & 25/26 SUNFISH CLASS #5

19 - FLEET RACE

11:30AM ~**FLEET RACE** WITH POTLUCK COOK OUT. Bring a dish to share. BYOB.

HSA EVENTS

Windward Women: Help Us Prepare for the Pink Ribbon Regatta



Kathi Porter, Captain, Windward Women

The Pink Ribbon Regatta returns Saturday, November 15 — an all-levels day of racing that raises funds for local breast cancer support. Come sail, meet new friends, and be part of a feel-good HSA tradition. Last year's event delivered \$4,800 to local partners; with your participation, we can do even more this year.

Ready to race? Register on the [Regatta Network event page](#): Click "Register," select your boat/class, add crew (if applicable), complete the waiver, and submit payment. The Notice of Race and event updates will be posted there. Questions or need help with registration? Email windwardwomenhsa@gmail.com.

Windward Women are in full planning mode and inviting HSA members and friends to help line up small-but-mighty sponsors. Every dollar we offset in event costs goes straight to the nonprofits we support, and sponsors are thanked in announcements, signage, and post-event communications. If you or a business you know can "adopt" an item — pavilion rental (\$175), one-day golf cart (\$250), beverages (\$200), meals (\$200), or general supplies (any amount) — please share the [Sponsorship Form](#) and send commitments, logos, and questions to windwardwomenhsa@gmail.com. Even partial contributions or in-kind gifts (water, ice, paper goods, or items for the post-race auction) make a meaningful difference.

We're also recruiting day-of volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Helpful roles include registration and check-in, greeters, race committee support, pavilion and meal setup, clean-up, and simple logistics like ice runs or photography. We will have more details in the coming weeks, but until then, **Save the Date: Nov. 15**. Thank you for helping us host a welcoming, well-run regatta that gives more back to our community.

Fiberglass Class at the HSA

Steve Swanson

On Saturday, Sept. 13, a well-attended event at HSA provided members with an excellent overview of fiberglass. Dewey Beliech led the class. He reviewed different types of fiberglass and when they should be used.

Dewey also provided detailed instructions on how to repair various types of damage to our fleet. It was a great transfer of knowledge.

Many thanks to Dewey for his dedication to HSA. The goal is to put all this new knowledge and skills to good use in repairing HSA fleet boats.





HALIFAX AREA YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

Fall Season Underway

Morgan Lee and Dave Dunn



The Race Team is in full gear for the Fall Season of the Halifax Area Youth Sailing Foundation. Our Red, White and Blue Fleet has learned to comfortably handle the varying conditions of the Halifax River--whether it is light air or heavy, rain or shine.

We welcomed a new coach this season. Her name is Hannah Carter. She comes from California. She is helping Coach Dave with practices on Saturdays, and also attending regattas to help coach our Green Fleet on the water. It is also a good time to thank our race team volunteers: Ed Carlson and Mark Baker. We appreciate all of the work our volunteers and parents contribute!

We have four regattas left on our schedule for Fall:

- 19th Annual Inland Lakes Regatta at Lake Eustis (Oct. 25 & 26)
- 4th Annual Pink Ribbon Regatta at HSA (Nov. 15)
- US Sailing Junior Olympic Festival at Jensen Beach (Dec. 6 & 7)
- SAILJAX at the Florida Yacht Club (Dec. 13 & 14)



HSA Joins Global Coastal Cleanup Day

Christine Janesko

On Sept. 20, HSA members and friends came together for a dirty but rewarding task as participants in the 2025 International Coastal Cleanup, organized by Ocean Conservancy. The cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort for ocean health. Our 14 intrepid trash hunters collected 79 pounds of trash around HSA and Bethune Point Park. The most common trash items found were plastic bottle caps and plastic cigar tips.

The group was joined by Daytona Beach City Commissioner Monica Paris, a supporter of HSA. All participants received a Coastal Cleanup tote bag and cookies.





Dan Biringer

Well, it finally cooled down a bit (whew)! Looking forward, we have a little catching up to do. Aside from the usual maintenance, there are a few special jobs that could use a few extra hands. Primarily the four Sunfish that need fiberglass repair, some painting in the pavilion and painting the bathroom floors. The goal is to be shipshape, weeks ahead of our Pink Ribbon Regatta. Aside from Thursday workday, I would make myself available to work with anyone during the week, just shoot me an email and I'll do my best to adjust my schedule.

Thanks, Dan

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