

Halifax Sailing Association

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A Message From Your Out-Going Commodore's...Lisa Herbster

2024 is winding down, as is my time as HSA's Commodore. On Sat. Dec. 7, 2024, we had our December general membership meeting. The new 2025 BOD was voted in unopposed and unanimously! Congratulations! Here's a warm welcome to the 2025 HSA BOD. We wish you well!

Commodore - Chris Sinnett

Vice Commodore - Michael Packman

Secretary - Kathy Sinnett

Treasurer - Carolina Martin

Fleet VC - Dan Biringier

Past Commodore - Lisa Herbster

HAYSF - Dave Dunn

ERAU - Chris Herbster

Membership VC(s) - Clay & Katherine McDonald & Steve Keiper

Education & Training - people are speaking w/Chris about this

Events - we have no one who has stepped up to fill this position



It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as HSA's first female Commodore. I/we have accomplished a lot for HSA, for the ERAU sailing team, and for our youth program - HAYSF. We have improved our facilities physically with paint and gutters. We've improved our drinking fountain, as well as our internet and phone line. We have reinvigorated our youth program and now have a talented and active race team, as well as a robust summer sailing camp program. The ERAU Sailing team regularly hosts 1-2 collegiate regattas at HSA per semester and their team continues to grow and flourish as they practice at HSA multiple times a week. Our women's group - the Windward Women - continues to grow and shine in multiple ways, most visibly through the very successful Pink Ribbon Regatta. Until the recent demise of our dock, we had people sailing all types of HSA boats regularly and we have had more active participation in club activities and events. Lots of wonderful things have been going on at HSA during my time as your Commodore! Thank you!!!

Commodore's Corner Cont'd...

To finish my term, mother nature decided to leave us a challenge - the destruction of our dock by Hurricane Milton. We - the BOD - have been researching requirements to rebuild a dock, talking to dock builders to get quotes, and trying to figure out how to raise funds to accomplish this giant task! We are applying for grant monies, but this process takes time. We are trying to raise funds for this in a couple of other ways too.

1) I have created an online crowdfunding page through Donorbox. You can click here to make an online donation to this cause - <https://donorbox.org/please-help-hsa-rebuild-our-docks>

2) You can pay us in cash. Please make sure to hand deliver this to our treasurer if possible, or any other BOD member. Please tell them that it is a donation towards the dock.

3) You can write us a check. Please make it out to Sailing Center, Inc. In the "For" line on the lower left, please write - "Dock Rebuild Donation". You can hand your check to our treasurer, or any other BOD member, or you can mail it to - Halifax Sailing Association, Attn: Dock Rebuild; PO Box 2031, Daytona Beach, FL 32115-2031

Thank you very much for your donations to this dock rebuild! Any amount - large or small - will make a huge difference to this cause! Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you again for the honor of serving as HSA's first female Commodore. I look forward to seeing you on the water!

Fair winds,
Lisa Herbster



A Message From Your Incoming Commodore Chris Sinnett

I would like to start by thanking our Board members who served through 2024 and those who have volunteered to serve in 2025. As Lisa mentions in her comments, much has been accomplished, and there are challenges facing us as we move into the new year.

We still have a Board vacancy in the Events Vice-Commodore position, and there is discussion about having volunteers sign up for specific events during the year. This will allow members to support specific events without having to make a full-time, year long commitment. We also need help with keeping the paper goods, and picnic and cleaning supplies stocked at the club. Anyone willing to volunteer should email Kathy Sinnett at KathySinnett1@gmail.com.

We will be working to set the calendar for 2025 so that members can see what is happening and when. Two regular events that will remain the same are the Riley's Run events held on the first Sunday of every month, and the Fleet Race held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. We are looking to build the group of members who can run these events, to help spread the support workload. If you are interested in volunteering to run these events, please email me at JCSinnett25@gmail.com. If you're interested but don't know how to run races, we will teach you. It's a fun way to be involved and learn by observing other sailors.

HSA succeeds because of the volunteer spirit and passion for sailing shared by our members. Yes, we have significant challenges in front of us, but we also have a strong history of overcoming similar challenges in the past. I look forward to working with all members, as we navigate our course through 2025!

From the HAYSF Opti Coach - Dave Dunn

Our youth race team has had a wonderful fall race season. We've had 8 active sailors, all of whom have improved tremendously and love to sail fast!!! We participated in 4-5 different regattas this fall. All our racers did well in all regattas. Everyone placed in the top ranks each time, many times bringing home trophies. We're very excited with the growth of our sailors and our youth program!!

We have a busy and active spring season planned. We'll begin practicing again right away - on Sat. Jan. 4, 2025. Our first regatta of the spring season will be the following week. We plan to try to attend 4-5 regattas this spring too.

The only thing we're missing are more qualified coaches. If you have sailing coaching experience, especially with lasers and/or 420s, we can really use your help! Please contact Dave Dunn if you're interested in helping our great youth team! (ddunn44116@aol.com).

Chris Herbster ERAU Sailing Club

The Sailing club at ERAU has been doing really well. We had a fantastic fall season. Our sailors were busy most weekends at SAISA regattas or they were helping with learn to sail events. Our offshore team was one of ten teams - nationwide - invited to sail in the National Keelboat championships. They placed 9th! Quite a feat for us!!! Go teams!!!

On another note, our offshore team, which had been a separate club, is now rejoining the Sailing Club at ERAU. Combined we'll have a new name, but our goals of bringing the competitive sport of collegiate sailing and ocean racing will remain the same. Like HSA, and HAYSF, we strive to educate people about sailing and to provide a variety of experiences and opportunities on the water. We're looking forward to an active year in 2025!

Windward Women-Kathy Sinnett

As the year 2024 draws to a close--I want to thank you all for your amazing contributions this year to our Windward Women's group at HSA--from the HSA leadership team, to creating new events with community members at our club, running another successful Pink Ribbon Regatta and of course sailing in the small and big boats together. Our strength comes from all the expertise, creativeness and energy from all of you. We are getting to know each other and what a great thing to make new friends of all ages! The only requirement to be a Windward Woman is you need to be a current HSA member. No sailing skills required. We welcome all to be part of this growing group of amazing women.

We will be looking for new officers for the new year. Kathi Porter has volunteered to be our new captain. Please consider volunteering to hold an office. We are looking to fill-- Vice Capt., Secretary, Treasurer and to align with the Florida Women's Sailing Assn, we would like an Interclub Chair and an Education Chair. Kathy Sinnett will host a gathering/meeting in January (date/time TBD) to socialize, make plans and to vote in a new slate.

Dan Biringer-Vice Commodore Fleet

Greetings ,

We made great strides in 2024 and I expect 2025 will be even better. Our keelboat fleet, though not in the water, is available for us to make ship-shape, and our Thursday work crews are working towards that end. There's scads of jobs to do and we generally have good fun doing them so come on down!

One of the more difficult jobs is to keep track of what happens, to what boat, when. Over this past year, we've developed a logging system to help us Log what it is we do, and when we did it. It's very simple, it takes just a few minutes and you'll be helping us more than you could imagine. To access the log, simply click the link, or scan the QR code. <https://tinyurl.com/hsaboatwork> , try it now !

Again thank you for all your hard work this past year, I'm looking forward the lots of sailing, in 2025.

Kathy Sinnett-Outgoing Events Vice-Commodore
and Windward Women

MARK YOUR Calendar for Events at Halifax Sailing Association!

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

- **Sunday, January 5-Reilly's Run; skippers meeting at 11:30 a.m. Potluck cookout to follow.**
- **Monday January 13—10 AM-12 EST FWSA hosts Zoom class with Dave Perry on 2025 new racing rules (Registration required, \$20, due by 1/7/25)**
- **Wednesday, January 17, 2025, 9:30- 1:00 PM FWSA General Membership Meeting. Hosted by Windlasses in Clearwater FL. Carpooling available. (Registration required, \$26 for lunch, due 1/10/25). Presentation on Tampa Sailability program. Home - Sailability Greater Tampa Bay**
- **Saturday Jan 18th—9AM-4 PM Kiwanis Duck Race & HSA booth at Jackie Robinson Stadium to promote HSA and our programs.**
- **Sunday, January 19-All Fleet Race; skippers meeting at 11:30 a.m. Potluck cookout to follow**

**Any questions, want to register for FWSA events or carpool to FWSA meeting?
Contact Kathy Sinnett, 860-884-8316 or kathysinnett1@gmail.com**