

# Halifax Sailing Association Newsletter

## ▶ April 2025



## Commodore's Message

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

### Lease Extension Update

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.

Our most recent update from Parks and Recreation was on April 2 and stated, "Our legal department just sent an email with a couple of questions in regards to your request. Things are still moving forward. We should have more news in the very near future."

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

HSA will offer the following classes in 2025. These listings will be live on Regatta Network within the next few days for those who want to sign up. Beginner Sunfish classes will accept a maximum of 10 students per class, and the Intermediate Capri classes will accept a maximum of eight students. Each class costs \$250 per student.

#### 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

#### Adult Sailing Classes, continued

#### Capri Classes:

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

#### Sunfish and Capri Refresher Clinics

On the last two Saturdays of the month, April 19 and April 26, we will host **Refresher Clinics** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for members who want to "knock off the rust" after not sailing for a while.

First and foremost, you must already be certified to sail the boat you are seeking the refresher in. These clinics are not "learn to sail" classes. Email me at [JCSinnett25@gmail.com](mailto:JCSinnett25@gmail.com) if you want to register for a clinic, and please put "Refresher Clinic" in the subject line of your email. We may have to limit the number of spots available, depending on how many coaches are available.

#### Request for Clinic Coaches

If you are comfortable sailing a Sunfish or Capri, and are able to volunteer as a coach on either April 19 or April 26, send me an email and let me know. You **DO NOT** need to be an experienced instructor; these clinics are 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**

# April 2025



## **EVERY THURSDAY**

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

## **05 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

## **06 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY**

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

## **11 APRIL TGI-FRIDAY**

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

## **19, 26 REFRESHER CLASSES**

11-3 PM ~ **REFRESHER SAIL FOR SUNFISH & CAPRI 14.2 SKIPPERS. SIGN UP ON THE CALENDAR ON THE CLUB WEBSITE**

## **27 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**

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

**HSA EVENTS**

## First TGIF Sail of the Year!

### Kathy Sinnett

Weather for our first TGIF for 2025 was fantastic, including a perfect breeze for Capri 14.2 sailing and clear skies for a rocket launch, along with a gorgeous sunset and moonrise! New members and long-time members got out on the water, played some cornhole, and shared tasty appetizers while relaxing at the pavilion.

The next TGIF is planned for the 2nd Friday of the month, on April 11, from 5-8 p.m. Guests are welcome. Bring an appetizer to share and BYO beverages.



## Windward Women

On March 24, members of the HSA's Windward Women presented a check for \$1,240 to the Heart Strings Breast Care Boutique. The money was raised from the 3rd Annual Pink Ribbon Regatta Nov 9-10. The check was delivered to store owner, Ulrike, and store manager, Paige, both professional fitters. The funds will be used to cover undergarments, breast prostheses, or compression sleeves for women who are uninsured or underinsured. The Windward Women team in attendance included Valerie Taylor, Kathi Ackerman Porter, Lauranne Marsh Hess, and Kathy Elston Sinnett. Way to go, Windward Women!



## Thank you note we received from Heartstrings:

*To the Windward Women of the Halifax Sailing Association:*

*We want to thank you for the amazing and generous donation to Heart Strings. We are honored to be a small part of your regatta. It is always a wonderful day by the water. We can't wait to begin giving this money directly to the women who need it. We have had three women in the past couple of weeks that are so badly underinsured that they did not get much of anything. And now they will have more brand new bras in their futures!*

*Thank you again. Sincerely, Pat, Paige and Ulrike*



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VC Fleet



**Dan Biringer**

Our Sunfish fleet is looking much better with the scrubbing they received, only a few more left to finish! The important work will continue on trailer rehabilitation; we will be ready for any contingency. If we get the time, I'd like very much to run all our outboard motors this weekend. Lastly, do take a few minutes to look at the fabulous work Mike Hrywnak is doing on Flying Scot repair! (Site 22)

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, April 5th, with maybe some sailing that afternoon? (HAYSF has their racing practice that Saturday as well, so please park outside the gate.) Thanks !

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# HALIFAX AREA YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

We are coming off a great weekend in Mount Dora! Our six Opti sailors competed very well in the RWB Fleet at the 72nd Annual Mount Dora Regatta. The Mount Dora Yacht Club did an exceptional job hosting everyone for a wonderful weekend. Our sailors should feel very good about all the hard work they are putting into sailing.

This weekend is Sarasota SailFest, so we will not hold practice. Our season is coming to an end on May 10. Stay tuned for end-of-season plans.

Please make sure to register for any Summer Sailing Camps your sailors plan to attend. Registration fees will increase after May. Registration is going well, but it would be wonderful if you could help spread the word! Please click on the image below to download, and then send to family and friends.



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

**April 5-6  
SailFEST  
(Sarasota Sailing Squadron)**

**April 26-27  
Cowford Cup Regatta  
(Florida Yacht Club)**

**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