
Halifax Sailing Association Newsletter

► August 2025



Photo: Sunfish Class #1 Students

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 currently expires in February of 2035. This past February, we 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.

Success! The City Council voted in favor of approving our request at the Aug. 6 council meeting. I was in attendance to witness the vote, and they gave us five more years than we asked for, so we are now able to stay in our current location until Feb. 28, 2055.

Dock Fund

We've raised approximately \$24,650 dollars for the dock repair fund so far. Thank you very much to those members and benefactors who have donated to the cause.

Anyone desiring to donate can write a check and give it to any board member, who will send it to our treasurer, Caroline. Please put the words "Dock Fund" in the memo line. We also have a [DonorBox](#) page where you can donate online. The address is: <https://donorbox.org/please-help-hsa-rebuild-our-docks>. All donations are tax deductible.

Dock Fund Grant Request

I attended the July meeting of the Daytona Beach Racing & Recreation Fund, the first agency we submitted our grant request to. They had about \$300,000 to award and roughly \$670,000 in requests. Unfortunately, we did not receive any funds at this meeting. We will continue to submit our request to other agencies, now that we have our lease extended through 2055.

Membership

I'm pleased to note that we have had 13 new members join HSA (and one renewal) in the last two months since we changed how our membership requests are processed through our HSA website. Help spread the word — our members are our best advertisers! We will hold a **New Member Social** (for all members!) to welcome our new members on Friday, Aug. 15 at 6 pm. More details are in the newsletter.

HSA Night at the Daytona Tortugas

On Friday, Aug. 29 at 6:35 pm, come join your HSA friends at one of the last home games before the minor league season ends! We have reserved the Cold Stone Patio which holds up to 30 people and is in Section A, behind home plate. The cost is \$29 for adults and \$24 for kids, and includes your game ticket along with hotdogs, hamburgers, CrackerJacks, chips, Pepsi drinks and a water station. Send an email to: Commodore@halifaxsailing.org to reserve one or more spots. We will pass along payment options soon.

Fair winds and Royals all the way!

Commodore Chris

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2025

*Special Events



EVERY WEDNESDAY

5- 7PM ~WINDWARD WOMEN'S SAILING

6 PM- Wednesday Night Sailing -COME JOIN IN!

EVERY THURSDAY

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

3 - 1ST SUNDAY-REILLY'S RUN

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

8 - AUGUST TGI-FRIDAY

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

15* - NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

6 PM, ALL MEMBERS WELCOME! COME MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS! Please bring an appetizer to share. BYOB.

16* - OPTI CHAMPIONSHIP

9 AM - 4 PM. HALIFAX AREA YOUTH SAILING HOSTS END OF SUMMER REGATTA. Contact Dave Dunn if you can volunteer.

17 - FLEET RACE

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

16/17 & 23/24 SUNFISH CLASS #3

29* - HSA AT THE BALL PARK!

6:30 PM Tortugas home game at Jackie Robinson Stadium \$29 includes dinner, soft drinks and group box seats!

30* -WINDWARD WOMEN SOCIAL

7 PM- Social at 95 and Vine, Pt. Orange. Sara Strickhouser plays live!

HSA EVENTS



Want to be an Environmental Rock Star?

Be our coordinator for the **International Coastal Cleanup 2025** at HSA on Saturday, Sept. 20. This event takes only a couple of hours but makes a lasting difference.

Last year, in a couple of hours, our HSA team pulled 55 pounds of trash off our waterfront! We weighed, photographed, and recorded the results to share with Green Volusia County. Our participants all received a beautiful gift of an International Coastal Cleanup beach towel.

Please contact Kathy Sinnett, 860-884-8316 if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

*WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING — JULY & AUGUST at 6 pm, weather permitting!

Come out for mid-week racing on Wednesday evenings in club and privately owned boats! This is informal racing with sailors taking turns with race committee over time.

We will help you learn, so no experience required!

Windward Women: Movies and an Upcoming Concert!

Kathi Porter, Captain, Windward Women

Windward Women hosted a successful movie night at Sara Strickhouser's home, where eight members gathered to watch *Maiden* and enjoy an evening of camaraderie and connection.

At the recent Daytona Community Day, we connected with several women interested in learning more about HSA and sailing with Windward Women. We're actively working to strengthen these relationships and engage newly certified Sunfish and Capri sailors in upcoming activities.

Planning for the 2025 Pink Ribbon Regatta is underway, with upcoming meetings scheduled with the Halifax Health Foundation and discussions beginning around logistics and event structure. We're excited to build on the momentum from last year's event and make this our best regatta yet.

Don't Miss! Come enjoy live music by our very own Sara Strickhouser at 95 and Vine in Port Orange on Saturday, Aug. 30 from 7 - 10 pm. Sip your favorite beverage, relax to the sweet sounds of her acoustic guitar, and enjoy a fun night of camaraderie with fellow HSA club members. Sara's talent and warm stage presence make for an evening you won't want to miss!



New Member Spotlight: Barrett B.

Christine Janesko

On any given Saturday, you're likely to see Barrett B., one of HSA's newest members, rigging a Sunfish or coming back from a sail. Barrett finished the HSA's Sunfish class in June — yet she has already logged more than 20 sailing sessions at the center.

"I like being out on the water and challenging myself with new things," Barrett explains. She also takes to water naturally; she's a surfer and does stand-up paddleboarding. In fact, Barrett thinks the HSA could find other new members among surfers. "I think we need to connect with the surfing community. People typically don't surf when it's windy, so it's a good complementary sport," she explains.

In the meantime, Barrett is making friends with the sailors around HSA. She has a new favorite saying: "It's easier to make new friends who sail than it is to convince your old friends to sail!"



Barrett, sailing in her first Reilly's Run.
Photo: Kelly Timmons



HALIFAX AREA YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION



Morgan Lee and Dave Dunn

The Halifax Area Youth Sailing Foundation has had a very successful summer so far. We ran four weeks of learn-to-sail summer camps and taught or refreshed 62 participants on how to sail in Optimist dinghies, Lasers, and 420's. We also ran one week of advanced sailing camp where ten participants learned advanced racing techniques in Optimist dinghies. The following individuals helped with the camps as either instructors, junior instructors, or camp support personnel: Ava Garrett, Ed Carlson, Greg Popp, Chris Sinnett, Dave Anderson, Zech Franz, Jay Hay, Natalie Stebleton, Dory Dunn, Morgan Lee, Davis McDonald, Austin Lee, Evan Lee, Aubrey Wyatt, Madie Wyatt, Ben Freidenzohn, and Corbin White. Several parents of campers have joined HSA and/or signed up for the adult sailing classes offered by HSA.

The Daytona Beach Optimist Dinghy Championship will be held on Saturday, Aug. 16. The Notice of Race was sent to all who participated in summer camps this year and last year. If anyone would like to help, they should call or text Dave Dunn at (386) 679-5202. We have several new sailors interested in joining the race team for the fall season. We will have sailors participating in Green fleet Optimist dinghies, RWB Optimist dinghies, and 420s for the fall. If anyone is interested in coaching, especially the Green fleet Optimists and the 420s, we could use the help. Please contact me if anyone in the club has an interest in doing this.

Set Sail in Style! Halifax Sailing Association Logo-Wear Sale **LAST CHANCE to ORDER!**

- Printed items (all on light blue):
 - **Cotton t-shirts:** Short & long-sleeved crew neck or ladies v-neck, short-sleeved shirts.
 - **Sun-protectant shirts:** Short sleeved, long sleeved, with or without a hood.
- Stitched Items:
 - **Polo shirts:** Short-sleeved, mens & women's in light blue, white, or navy
 - **Tote bags:** Logo options: HSA or Windward Women. Cotton 11" x 14" with navy straps

All orders must be prepaid. *We are now offering the option to ship for an additional charge.* Order forms and photos of all items are available at HSA.

Order here: <https://halifax-sailing-association.square.site/s/shop>



Or go directly to the order page with this QR code-->





Dan Biringer

It's been a bit warm but we still managed to get a few things done and have a little fun. The trailers are all mechanically sound thanks to our intrepid team, Dewey and Steve, Thank you !

There has been little tropical activity — let's hope that continues. Either way, we're well prepared for whatever nature decides to throw at us. We have three Sunfish in need of fiberglass repair and this an opportunity for us to give a class on fiberglass repair. I'll send out an announcement as soon as we can put it together, but it will probably be on a weekend in early September. Until next time, be well and we hope to see you for Workday Thursday.

Thank you all for all you do!

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**committee chair, non-board position*

Members with Boats in the HSA Yard!

Please be sure to mow your space and have your boat tied down for storms.

The grass is growing like crazy with our recent rains. Barbara shows us what a delight it is to keep a neat space for her Sunfish!

