

# Halifax Sailing Association

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER...LISA HERBSTER

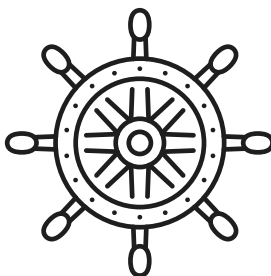
HELLO HSA MEMBERS,

WELCOME TO THE FIRST HSA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO TONYA SANDS FOR CREATING THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND GETTING IT OUT TO THE MEMBERSHIP!!! WE APPRECIATE YOU HELPING US IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS! FOR 2024, A COUPLE OF BIG MEMBERSHIP ITEMS HAVE CHANGED.

THE FIRST IS THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP - FOR ALL HSA MEMBERS (SINGLE, MARRIED, FAMILY) - HAS INCREASED TO \$300 FOR THE YEAR. IF MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD STANDING, THEY MAY ALSO OBTAIN EITHER A GOLD OR SILVER MEMBERSHIP. THERE IS CURRENTLY A WAITING LIST FOR GOLD AND SILVER SPOTS. THESE MEMBERSHIPS ARE ADDITIONAL YEARLY COSTS. A GOLD MEMBERSHIP COSTS \$400/YEAR. A SILVER MEMBERSHIP COSTS \$200/YR. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO? THE SIZE OF THE BOAT AND THE WAY THE BOAT IS LEFT IN THE YARD (MEANING IS IT LEFT ON A DOLLY OR IS IT ON A TRAILER.) A BOAT ON A TRAILER REQUIRES A GOLD MEMBERSHIP. A BOAT LEFT ON A DOLLY IS A SILVER MEMBERSHIP. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO HAVE A STUDENT MEMBERSHIP, WHICH HAS NOT CHANGED. THIS COST IS \$100. THIS MEMBERSHIP IS FOR STUDENTS AGES 18-24. THEY MUST PROVE THAT THEY ARE ATTENDING CLASSES. THE SECOND CHANGE IS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT. STARTING IN 2024, ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE 24 VOLUNTEER HOURS WITHIN THE YEAR. THAT'S 2 HOURS/MONTH. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE AN ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. THIS IS HOW WE KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP FEES SO LOW. (YES, THEY JUST WENT UP, BUT WE ARE STILL THE BEST DEAL AROUND!!!) WE EARN OUR FUNDS THROUGH MEMBERSHIP FEES AND OUR CLASSES. THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WE OFFER AND THE QUALITY OF THE SAILING FLEET THAT MEMBERS HAVE AVAILABLE TO THEM IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE ASSISTING US. WE RELY VERY HEAVILY ON OUR VOLUNTEERS - AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY!

\*THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS IS THAT WE NEED 1-2 HSA MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE ON THE TASK OF ORGANIZING THE MEMBERSHIP TO DO VOLUNTEERING AND COMPLETE THESE REQUIRED HOURS. WE NEED (A) VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR(S). WHO'S INTERESTED? PLEASE CONTACT LISA HERBSTER!



### COMMODORE'S CORNER- CONTINUED

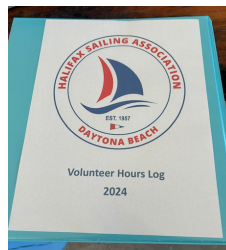
#### HOW CAN MEMBERS VOLUNTEER?

(VOLUNTEER HOUR REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET WITH THESE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES.)

1. THE BOD HAS RECENTLY CREATED VARIOUS COMMITTEES THAT EACH BOD MEMBER WILL LEAD. EACH OF THESE COMMITTEES WILL NEED 3-5 HSA MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THEM. WE ARE OPEN TO HAVING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (OR GET TOGETHERS) VIA ZOOM, AT THE CLUB, AT SOMEONE'S HOME, WHATEVER WORKS BEST FOR THE GROUP. THESE GROUPS WILL WORK TO CREATE A GROUP OF PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THEIR AREA OF THE SAILING CENTER.
2. MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED TO HELP ASSIST WITH OUR ADULT SAILING CLASSES. MEMBERS INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMS ARE WELCOME TO ASSIST WITH THIS AS WELL. PLEASE SPEAK TO LISA HERBSTER OR DAVE DUNN RE: HELPING WITH YOUTH.
3. COME HELP ON THURSDAY WORK DAYS IF YOU CAN. WE ARE PLANNING TO SCHEDULE 4-6 SATURDAY WORK DAYS IN 2024 AS WELL. CHECK THE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON OTHER WORK DAYS.
4. BECOME A BOAT CAPTAIN FOR ONE OF THE BIGGER BOATS ON THE DOCK. MOST BOATS NEED A NEW/CURRENT BOAT CAPTAIN. ALL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BOAT CAPTAIN, MUST FIRST BE PROPERLY CHECKED OUT BY ONE OF OUR QUALIFIED BOAT CAPTAINS.
5. HELP US WITH OUR REGULAR TWICE A MONTH SUNDAY SAILING EVENTS - THE REILLY'S RUN ON THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND THE ALL FLEET RACES ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. OR HELP US WHEN WE'RE PLANNING A REGATTA. WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP BOTH ONSHORE AND ON WATER FOR THESE TYPES OF EVENTS. WE NEED A LOT OF HELP WITH REGATTAS AND SOCIAL EVENTS!!!
6. HELP BEHIND-THE-SCENES. ARE YOU GOOD AT FUNDRAISING? PLEASE GIVE US SOME IDEAS AND HELP! DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER BACKGROUND? PLEASE HELP WITH OUR WEBSITE. ARE YOU A WRITER OR HISTORIAN? PLEASE HELP US GET SOME HISTORY AND DOCUMENTATION OF HSA AND ITS AFFILIATES ON OUR WEBSITE AND OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA. ARE YOU A NUMBERS PERSON? PLEASE HELP US ON THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE.
7. IF YOU, PERSONALLY, HAVE AN IDEA FOR A WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP CONTRIBUTE TO HSA AND THE SAILING CENTER, PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO! WE ALL SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY. SOMEONE MAY HAVE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION THAT OTHERS MAY NEVER THINK OF DOING. SPEAK UP ABOUT HOW YOU WANT TO HELP HSA.

#### HOW WILL MEMBERS KEEP TRACK OF THE VOLUNTEER WORK THEY DO?

CURRENTLY, WE HAVE A NOTEBOOK IN THE BOX WITH THE BOAT LOG OUT/LOG IN NOTEBOOK. IT WILL BE LAID OUT ALPHABETICALLY. EACH FAMILY/MEMBERSHIP NEEDS TO COMPLETE ONE OF THESE SHEETS EVERY TIME WORK IS DONE. WE HOPE TO MAKE THIS TASK ELECTRONIC EVENTUALLY. WE EXPECT WE WILL CREATE A QR CODE THAT EACH MEMBER WILL SCAN. THEN THERE WILL BE A FORM ON THE APP THAT CAN BE COMPLETED BY THE MEMBERS. THIS IS ALL A WORK IN PROGRESS FOR US. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AS WE WORK THINGS OUT.



VOLUNTEER NOTEBOOK

COMMODORE'S CORNER CONTINUED

THERE ARE, AND WILL BE, MANY DIFFERENT WAYS FOR MEMBERS TO COMPLETE THIS VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT. AS WE GO THROUGH 2024, WE'LL DISCOVER WHAT WORKS WELL AND WHAT DOESN'T AND WE'LL TWEAK OUR EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT WORKS FOR YOU AND WHAT DOESN'T. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT BRINGS MEMBERS DOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN SAILING AND SOCIAL EVENTS. WE DON'T WANT MEMBERS TO FEEL OVERWHELMED. PLEASE REMEMBER, THIS IS ALL FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR SOCIALIZING, SAILING, AND FUN ON THE WATER! NONE OF THIS IS ABOUT ANY OF US! IT'S ABOUT THE SAILING ORGANIZATION! PLEASE READ ON TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF WORK OUR BOARD MEMBERS HAVE PLANNED.

FAIR WINDS,  
LISA



**DAN BIRINGER-  
FLEET VICE-COMMODORE**  
THURSDAY WORK DAYS HAVE BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE. OUR INTREPID AND AMAZING VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ON MAINTAINING OUR FLEET AS WELL AS THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS. IF WE CONTINUE AT THIS PACE, WE CAN EXPECT TO HAVE REACHED THE GOAL OF REORGANIZING THE SAIL ROOM AND ANNEX WELL BEFORE MAY. ADD TO THAT, THE CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR DROP KEEL FLEET SHOULD ALSO BE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME!

THANK YOU ALL!!!  
ON ANOTHER NOTE, ANYONE CONSIDERING GETTING AN FCC RADIO LICENSE CAN TAKE A FREE PRACTICE TEST HERE, [WWW.QRZ.COM](http://WWW.QRZ.COM), THEN CLICK ON RESOURCES TO FIND PRACTICE TESTS. SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN DO WITH NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE; YOU MAY SURPRISE YOURSELF!

**CHRIS SINNETT-  
TRAINING AND EDUCATION  
VICE-COMMODORE**

IF ANY MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO SET A COURSE AND START RACES, EMAIL CHRIS SINNETT AT [JCSINNETT25@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JCSINNETT25@GMAIL.COM). WE CAN SET UP A TRAINING SESSION AND START TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF COMPETITIVE SAILING.

I WILL ALSO BE REACHING OUT TO THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BEING ON THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, TO SET A DATE AND TIME FOR AN INITIAL MEETING IN 2024.

**KEITH AMARO-  
VICE-COMMODORE**  
WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THE GROUNDS THIS MONTH. WE HAVE BUILT A RAMP TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR OUR MEMBERS TO WALK UP TO THE PAVILION. SAFELY. WE HAVE LAID PAVER BASE DOWN AGAINST THE PAVILION TO LEVEL OFF THE TRANSITION FROM THE GROUND AND THE PAVILION FLOOR. MAKING IT MUCH SAFER FOR OUR MEMBERS.

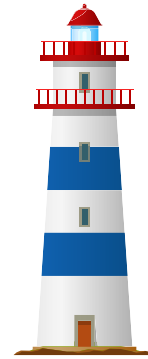


**KATHY SINNETT-  
EVENTS VICE-COMMODORE AND  
WINDWARD WOMEN**



THE WINDWARD WOMEN OF THE HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTED BY LISA HERBSTER, KATHY & CHRIS SINNETT, PRESENTED THEIR DONATION CHECK OF \$2,100 FROM THEIR 2ND ANNUAL 2023 PINK RIBBON REGATTA FUNDRAISER. THIS DEMONSTRATES THEIR COMMITMENT TO RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR ONCOLOGY SERVICES AT HALIFAX HEALTH. THIS PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPACTFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN HALIFAX HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

**CHUCK WRIGHT-  
MEMBERSHIP VICE-COMMODORE**  
MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE BY JANUARY 31. PLEASE PAY THESE ASAP BY GOING TO [HTTPS://HALIFAXSAILING.ORG/JOIN](https://halifaxsailing.org/join) THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IS ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH VARIOUS DUTIES UNDER THE MEMBERSHIP UMBRELLA. PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS IN WITH OUR GROUP.



**TONYA SANDS-SECRETARY**  
THANK YOU TO THE BOD AND THE MEMBERS FOR THE KIND WORDS AND THE ATTENTION TO MY EMAILS TO GET THE WEEKLY REMINDERS AND THE NEWSLETTER UP AND RUNNING. I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE NEWSLETTER THAT I HAVE PUT TOGETHER. IT HAS BEEN LABOR OF LOVE, TO SAY THE LEAST. EXPECT YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH BY THE END OF FEBRUARY (I AM SHOOTING FOR FEBRUARY 27).



### DAVE DUNN-YOUTH OPTIMIST COACH

OUR YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING A NEW 501C3 NON-PROFIT STATUS FOR THE GROUP. WE WILL UPDATE YOU ON THIS AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS INITIATIVE.

OUR YOUTH RACING TEAM IS DOING VERY WELL! WE HAD 20 SAILORS PARTICIPATE IN OUR FALL SEASON. WE HAVE 14 SAILORS ACTIVELY SAILING WITH US THIS SPRING. WE ARE PREPARING OUR SAILORS TO GO TO A NUMBER OF REGATTAS THIS SPRING - MT. DORA, SAIL EUSTIS, THE COWFORD CUP IN JAX. THE KIDS ARE SAILING WELL AND ARE REALLY IMPROVING EACH TIME THEY SAIL.

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL HOLD 7 WEEKS OF SUMMER CAMPS IN 2024. THREE WEEKS IN JUNE, THREE WEEKS IN JULY, AND ONE WEEK AT THE END OF JULY THAT WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY FOR SAILORS TO WORK ON ADVANCED SAILING SKILLS AND RACING TECHNIQUES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL HOST OUR 2ND ANNUAL OPTIMIST SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP IN MID-AUGUST. SAIL CAMP DATES AND THIS REGATTA DATE WILL BE PUT ON THE HSA WEBSITE SOON.

IF ANY HSA MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH OUR YOUTH RACE TEAM AND/OR OUR SUMMER CAMPS, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE DUNN OR LISA HERBSTER TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

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### CHRIS HERBSTER-ERAU CLUB AFFILIATE

THE ERAU SAILING TEAM IS HAVING A GREAT SEASON. ERAU IS HOSTING TWO REGATTAS THIS SPRING, ONE ON SATURDAY 2/10 AND ONE ON SATURDAY 2/17. WE CAN ALWAYS USE HELP FROM ANY/ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM HSA FOR THESE EVENTS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK HSA FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR HOIST TO REPAIR OUR MOTOR. (\*\*NOTE TO YOU TONYA - THIS IS WHERE YOU HAVE THE SNIPPET OF WHAT I SENT EARLIER FROM TIM. INCLUDE THIS INFO AS YOU SEE FIT HERE.)

WE'RE THRILLED TO USE HSA AS OUR PRACTICE FACILITY AND ARE HAPPY TO WORK WITH HSA AND OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS TO BRING GREAT SAILING AND SAILING INSTRUCTION TO THE DAYTONA BEACH AREA!! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP THE ERAU SAILING TEAM, CONTACT CHRIS HERBSTER ([CHRIS.HERBSTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHRIS.HERBSTER@GMAIL.COM); (386) 679-6314). THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THE CLUB HOIST TO WORK ON OUR MOTOR. WE WERE ABLE TO FIX OUR PIVOT TUBE.

### IMPORTANT NOTE!!!!

THE ELECTRONICS OF THE GATE SYSTEM GOT FRIED A FEW WEEKS AGO. WE ARE NOW USING THE COMBO LOCK AND CHAIN TO KEEP OUR GATE LOCKED AGAIN. THE CODE IS STILL THE SAME (5300), BUT PLEASE REMEMBER - TO OPEN THE LOCK, YOU MUST HAVE THE 4 #S LINED UP CORRECTLY. YOU MUST ALSO HAVE THE 4 #S LINED UP CORRECTLY TO CLOSE THE LOCK. WHEN YOU HAVE CLOSED THE LOCK, YOU MUST MOVE THE NUMBERS IN THE SPINNER. DO NOT JUST CHANGE 1 NUMBER!! YOU MUST CHANGE ALL 4 NUMBERS SO PEOPLE CANNOT FIGURE OUT THE CODE. PLEASE HELP US KEEP THINGS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

## PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 2/3/24-GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. 4 PM

SUNDAY 2/4/24-REILLY'S RUN-12:30 SKIPPERS MEETING FOR  
(CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER)

SATURDAY 2/10/24- YOUTH SAILORS PRACTICE 9-3 PM AND ERAU COLLEGIATE REGATTA #1

WEDNESDAY 2/14/24-WEEKLY WINDWARD WOMEN'S SAILING 2-4 PM --IF WE CAN'T SAIL DUE TO WEATHER, WE  
WILL WORK ON KNOTS AND HAND-SPLICING!

THURSDAY 2/15/24 WEEKLY HSA WORKDAY. COME TO HELP WITH CURRENT PROJECTS. AT NOON, BRING OUT  
YOUR BAG LUNCH TO SOCIALIZE. THEN BACK TO WORK. COME WHEN IT WORKS BEST FOR YOU. BE SURE TO LOG  
IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS IN THE NEW LOGBOOK IN THE TUB WITH THE BOAT CHECK OUT BOOK.

SATURDAY 2/17/24-YOUTH SAILORS PRACTICE 9-3 PM AND ERAU COLLEGIATE REGATTA #2 AT HSA 9-4 PM

SUNDAY 2/18/24 -HSA FLEET RACE. 12:30 SKIPPERS MEETING. WE WILL NEED 3-4 VOLUNTEERS TO START AND  
RUN THE RACES BECAUSE CHRIS SINNETT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND. PLEASE LET LISA KNOW ASAP IF YOU  
CAN HELP WITH THIS.

COME EARLY TO GET A SPOT ON A CLUB OR PRIVATELY OWNED BOAT, SPACE-AVAILABLE.  
WE HAVE A POTLUCK COOKOUT AFTERWARDS. THE CLUB PROVIDES THE HOTDOGS AND HAMBURGERS. BRING A  
DISH TO SHARE AND BYOB. VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE! TABLE SET UP, GRILL MASTER AND CLEAN UP.  
CONTACT KATHY SINNETT @ [KATHYSINNETT1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KATHYSINNETT1@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT.

TUESDAY 2/20-DEADLINE FOR ADDITIONS TO THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 2/21-WEEKLY WINDWARD WOMEN'S SAILING 2-4 PM

THURSDAY 2/22-WEEKLY HSA WORKDAY

SATURDAY 2/24/24 -HSA INFORMAL SOCIAL. DAYTONA PLAYHOUSE TO SEE CHRIS SINNETT PERFORM. 7:30 PM.  
TICKETS GOING FAST!!!

WEDNESDAY 2/28-WEEKLY WINDWARD WOMEN'S SAILING 2-4 PM

THURSDAY 2/29-WEEKLY HSA WORKDAY

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