

February 2013

Club Calendar	COMMODORE'S CORNER Vic Simon
<p><i>Beach Opens</i> Saturday March 2!!</p> <p><i>First Restoration</i> Saturday March 2nd from 9am</p> <p><i>Fleet Meeting</i> Saturday March 2nd</p> <p><i>Race Meeting: Racing Rules</i> March 4th 7:00-9:00pm Keyport Yacht Club</p> <p><i>Following Restoration Days</i> Saturday March 9th Saturday March 16th Saturday March 23rd Saturday March 30th</p>	<p>Sandy is behind us as we head into the 2013 season. We have work to do in front of us to bring the club back to the way it was. The beach is our first goal and then the bath and shower area. If the funding works in our favor we could be back earlier than anticipated. Work weekends are set up for the month of March. We are asking that if each member puts in a good day's work it will help us through this period. Aaron has set up a sign-up sheet (attached here) to be submitted to the club at your convenience, the earlier the better. Please continue to check the website for updates. I hope to see you down there assisting in this effort.</p> <p>The early sign-up was a success. We are starting off with 110 boats signed up. This is the highest number going into a sailing year. After going through the wrath of Sandy, this gives us a great push to move forward. On Saturday 3/2 9am we start off with our first restoration project and we will have a fleet mtg immediately following this work day. Should be around 3-4pm. Beverages and food for those who show-up for the work party and beverages and snacks for the fleet mtg. We will be starting with the beach first and move to the bath/shower area next. Hope to see some of you there. Thanks again for this early commitment to the club.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Vic</i></p>

News



Our own Race Committee Chair Greg Raybon had the honor of being appointed Rear Commodore of the New Jersey State Yacht Racing Association. This is an honor for Greg, his family and SHBCC. He is the only Officer to be a dedicated catamaran sailor. Way to go Greg! Now get that sport jacket on and the organization patch sewn in place. When Greg was asked if he accepted the position and said yes, he was informed that sports coats for the men are mandatory at meetings. Don't think about bringing that ritual over to the beach at our Officer Meetings. Congrats!

Jenna

RACE

Greg Raybon

Kathy Kulkoski Brings Home the Gold

Hobie 14, Hobie 16 Women's and Hobie Wave North American Championships

Fleet 250 was well represented at the North Americans held at Rehoboth Bay Sailing Club in Dewey Beach Delaware. Seven boats were sailed by club members and several other members were there in support. The event was a 3-day event wrapped around a regular Hobie division points regatta. The weather for each day was quite different providing a challenge for the sailors. Friday was a nice warm sunny day with light winds, Saturday was still warm but winds ranged from 15-20 mph all day, and Sunday was downright miserable with temps in the 50's and rain.



Kathy Kulkoski teamed up with Annie Gardner for the first time since their victory in the 2005 women's event and successfully defended that title by winning the Women's Hobie 16 championship. The women's fleet was a very competitive fleet filled with former NA champions and a couple of top F18 sailors. Emily Rathburn competed in her first North Americans with crew Nancy Kornblum and had a great time despite seeing the sterns of some of these top teams.



In the vintage Hobie 14 fleet, Mark Modderman was tied for 2nd going into the last day but the guy in 2nd threw down the gauntlet and won both races on Sunday leaving Mark with 3rd place overall. Never satisfied with 3rd place, Mark is already plotting his course to unseat the 1st and 2nd place finishers for next year. Congrats Mark.

In the Wave fleet, upstart Judy Raybon shocked the regatta coming away with 3rd place. She's been around the scene for a long time, but this was the first time she skippered a race outside of the SHBCC women's race. She may have received the biggest cheer when the

trophies were announced. Closely following Judy was Scott Rathburn in 5th place and Bill Raska in 8th place despite missing the first day of racing. Bill was participating in his first event outside of SHBCC and you can read his impressions of his first North Americans in the accompanying article.

Fleet Racing

The Fleet racing season came to a close at the annual Nutsfreezer race. The race lived up to its name. Winds were blowing 15-20 to start the race and despite the sunshine, it was a bit chilly by the end of the race that took around 3 hours for most sailors. The race was a two-lap distance race around the bay with two trips out to G17 (or R18 if you listened to Peter S. at the Skippers meeting). The skipper's meeting was one for the ages as Peter wanted all of us to go to R18 instead of G17. For those who are not racers, these are channel markers that mark the Sandy Hook Channel that runs off the tip of the hook. Most of us know where G17 is and the crowd became onerous when Peter insisted that we were going to go to R18. It was all pretty comical and I think that was Peter's goal. The race was won by a non-fleet member, Rich McVeigh on a Hobie 16 followed by myself and Mike Evans (H16) and then Mark M and Laura (H16). It was a 16 kind of day with a long reach and high winds.

The skipper and crew of the year trophies were awarded at the wine down.

Congratulations are in order for George Evans our skipper of the year for the 2nd year in a row who finished with a perfect score and to our crew of the year Al Dewan. Final standings are posted on the web site. The Hobie Division calendar is already posted on the Hobie Division 11 website (<http://www.div11.hobieclass.com/default.asp?Page=7350>) under regatta info. Our points regatta is scheduled for the first weekend in June and the Statue of Liberty race is set for July 6th.

First Road Trip to a Regatta

This was my first time sailing in a regatta away from my homeport. It was the Hobie 14, Hobie Wave, and Hobie 16 Women's North American Championships held on Rehoboth Bay, DE, from Friday to Sunday, October 7, 2012. Registration was easy to do online and the NOR (notice of race) had information about a special Hobie rate at the Bay Resort Motel. I sent an email to the event organizers to let them know that I would not be there Friday but would be there early Saturday morning. Jim Doty's friendly reply made me feel welcome and that this was going to be a fun event.

The first race on Saturday was scheduled to start at 10 am, so I needed to get there early to have time to rig my Wave, store the trailer and be on the water ready to race. Google told me the trip would be almost 4 hours. I got everything ready to go on Friday, so I could leave by 3:30 am on Saturday. The trip was shorter than expected and my gps guided me directly to Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association Lane, Dewey Beach, DE. I pulled in slowly to survey the facilities and saw the many trailers and campers that arrived before me. It was still dark but the sun was starting to light the evening sky. No sooner than I finished my breakfast bar, I was greeted by Jim Doty who heard me pull in. He gave me the grand tour of the club. I was impressed that tables were already setup for breakfast. Friday's results were on the bulletin board. I saw many familiar names from SHBCC.

Rigging my Wave went smoothly. The beach that is used to store and launch the cats is much smaller than I'm used to. At high tide, there is not much room between the water and the marsh. The sand is almost as white and soft as baby powder. I put my Wave on the beach and stored the trailer where Jim directed me to put it. I parked my truck on the tennis court. It doesn't look like they play much tennis there. As I raised my sail, I met Elizabeth Burrowes. She was glad to see another fellow Wave sailor.

By 9:30 I was on the water getting used to the new surroundings. It felt strange to not be sailing on Sandy Hook Bay. In no time, I was comfortable sailing on this clean body of water. It's bigger than I imagined from reviewing the maps. It was a warm day for October and hardly a cloud in the sky. The wind averaged 10 mph but there were sustained gusts up to 15. When the wind picked up, so did the waves. The racecourse was a trapezoid with an extra loop around the A and C marks. The finish was supposed to be a broad reach but it was more of a beam reach. It was my favorite part of the course. There was one boat with a white sail that was always out front. In between races, I got to meet that

sailor, Jim Glanden. Somehow he noticed I wasn't tacking correctly and told me to release the main sheet when tacking. I didn't blow a tack for the rest of the day.

After 5 races, I was back on the beach by 3:45. Members from the Rehoboth club walked along the beach to check on us guests to see if we needed anything. They also informed us where the high tide comes so we would know our boats would be safe. I was concerned my boat would float away, so I pushed it almost into the marsh to be safe with a little help from my neighbor. I met Elizabeth again and helped her pull her boat into her spot on the beach. I told her how much fun it was to be in a race with 11 boats of all the same class. She told me about the regattas in the Florida Keys that all of the Wave sailors go to.

In the evening there was a social that included bbq chicken, corn on the cob, crab cakes and beer. They sold chances to win door prizes. There were so many prizes almost everyone had to be a winner. After the social we went into town for ice cream.

The weather on Sunday was very different than Saturday. The temperature dropped about 20 degrees, it was cloudy and rain was in the forecast. I didn't think the race committee would go out in this weather but they put on their rain gear and motored out to setup the course. After seeing the race committee head out, I raised my sail and headed out after them. They got the first race started before the rain came. It was cold and at times I wished I put on that extra layer. The wind was from a different direction, so the course I knew wasn't in the same place and there was less wind. Despite this, I was happy to be out sailing. At the start and upwind, I forgot about the cold.

There were only 2 races on Sunday but it was my best day. I got a 3rd on the first race. After the last race, I think there was a final race to the beach. There was plenty of time to put my boat on the trailer and to take a warm shower. There was more food (and beer) at the awards ceremony.

The Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association did an outstanding job with this event. I was impressed with how many volunteers they had. There were race committee boats at each mark. They had people to prepare and serve the food. There were people to handle registration and hand out goodie bags.

The next day I googled the regattas Elizabeth told me about. My next regatta will be the 2013 Tradewinds in the Florida Keys.

FROM THE WINDY SIDE

Jenna Meyer

December 2012

It is December 29th and it is snowing steady large flakes outside. I have a feeling that we will see a lot of snow this winter as our summer was rather wet also. We did have a couple inches of snow on the ground and in the air for Christmas Eve here in Hunterdon County. The holiday day season is about to come to a close and the cold dark days of winter have begun in earnest. The bright news is that the sailing season is just around the corner as the days begin to get longer again. Until then I will spend a lot more time inside keeping myself busy doing those things we neglect during the sailing season. I certainly have been procrastinating on preparing my Infusion for the new season at the club. I haven't even moved the A-Cat in doors yet and did manage to take the Infusion apart before Sandy arrived and put it in my basement along with the sailing pram. I even got lots of carpet and painting work done on my home. It was one of those summer seasons of hard decisions; do I sail or work around the house? Sorry house you lost.

I spent Christmas Eve morning wandering the upland woods of Worthington State Forest with a friend muzzleloader hunting the last day of the season in the big woods. There is just something about being alone in big woods that appeals to me. It is those times I do some of my best self-review and analysis of my life thus far. Something that helps me better the person that I am. I won't take inventories of others but it may be a good practice to get into themselves. Hehe. But I digress yet again.

It was cold but rather peaceful as we made our way about the hilltop, swamps and rock ledges high above the Delaware River. Justin felt obliged to sleep in and avoid the cold air. I can't say I blame him. I am not one to walk a trail in the woods but rather ramble about heading in a general direction this way and that exploring following animal trails. The wildlife knows that the humans use the manmade trails regularly and for that reason I avoid them. So the best way to enjoy the vast diversity of the woods is to join them off the beaten well-worn path of the Appalachian Trail into unmarked wilderness. I have ambled into many bears that way and along with deer, coyote, porcupines, turkeys and a variety of birds. I did find a lone porcupine routing for nuts and insects in the leaves of a rocky area and spent time taking pictures of him with my iphone while he attempted trying to hide from me. I can't say nuts and incest make a

good Xmas meal but who am I decide what their dinner is. Jeff and I spent a little more than half the day there before heading home for a hot shower then began preparing a ham dinner with all the trimming for my family and a close friend. It was a warm wonderful night of over indulging and enjoying the love that family truly brings this time of year. I only used my traditional bah hum bug line a few times. I made it until 12:02 am before the weight of my eyes won the battle to stay awake and I fell into a good night's sleep. All was right within my world.

I mentioned that I am avoiding working on my Nacra getting ready for the coming season. I did order new spinnaker and boom pole materials. In the correct dimensional sizing before fall season came upon us and have started the process of converting them into the correct sizes and re-fixing the correct parts over from the bent old ones. I also did some light sanding with wet dry sandpaper and found that black high temperature Rustoleum grill spray paint matches the old finish rather well. I used some fine steel wool to rub them down after they dried and was pleasantly surprised at how well they came out. Unlike the old boom the paint didn't chip away when I tried to chip it off. I have a hunch the old boom had been replaced before and painted using a normal black spray paint. It was chipped up all over the place. I really need to remember how well that worked out for the future. Murrays wanted \$500 for an OEM boom so this turned out to be a great find even thou they are not anodized. Seeing how easily they get bent it probably is a waste of money to get them anodized anyway. I also ordered the correct size cradles and mounts for my trailer to fit the wider hulls of the Infusion. I ordered the wider ones for the Cat Trax for the trailer. I will order Fatcat cradles for my beach wheels that are more beefy in construction. They should better endure the twisting of the boat while getting it to and from the water this summer. They are a lot more money but I think it will be money well spent. I am one of those folks that would rather do it right once then doing it again thus wasting money in the long run. I think I may have to sell my Willy's Jeep to make room for working on the hulls of the A-Cat and the pram as my basement space is rather taken with all my junk. I just can't get myself comfy with the idea of putting the Willy's outside at all. Oh well maybe spring will come early. Here is to global warming of which I am a proponent. Haha.

Looking backward at Hurricane Sandy and the wrath she heaped upon on our club and the surrounding community isn't really hard to do. Just take a ride to our club beach and your memory will be refreshed very quickly. It was a very sobering experience for me. For those members who have not had the time to work at those work party functions soon after the storm it certainly is a wide eye opener for sure. Those that didn't heed the warnings that the storm would be significant in our area will have a profound new understanding when it might be a prudent decision to get your boat off the beach when warned to do so.

We have made great progress at removing much of the debris to outside the club fence for the town to remove. We have even made progress at putting things back where they belong for the most part. But the real recovery work is waiting for the weather to turn when we will need to do the intensive labor and write the checks that will replace all that was damaged and lost. I know that Scott and Vic have spent a lot of time making sure that we proceed correctly, while being well thought out in this difficult time in our club history and that our funds are spent correctly. I can tell you that I don't envy either of them right now and I will be there to lend support as they request. This storm damage is certainly above and beyond what we have endured in the past. We will however come back stronger and with more resolve to keep SHBCC one of the leading catamaran clubs in the country. Our growth and progression of new members in the past year will insure our future success. The dedication of your Officers and Board members would be hard to be matched elsewhere.

2012 will certainly be a memorable year, one for the history books most certainly. Our club and New Jersey had a great sailing season and a huge disaster to follow. Our country still has societal problems that need attention in a big way and our economic rebound has begun and will hopefully continue if our leaders work together and make the right decisions. I am not sure they are capable of that but have my fingers crossed hoping they stop the bickering and focus on returning us to a world leader.

Here is to a successful and safe 2013 with great winds and excellent sailing in the New Year with Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club's bright future firmly in place.

See you on the water!

NEW!

Picture Caption

Contest: In each newsletter we will provide a picture in need of a caption. You can submit your caption to Ersang at sunnyinch@gmail.com and we will share the best ones with you in the next issue. If you have interesting pictures, please send them over too!

This Week's Contest:



THE WINNING CAPTION

"Hey Vic, are you sure Al said this was the best available beach spot?"

Al Dewan

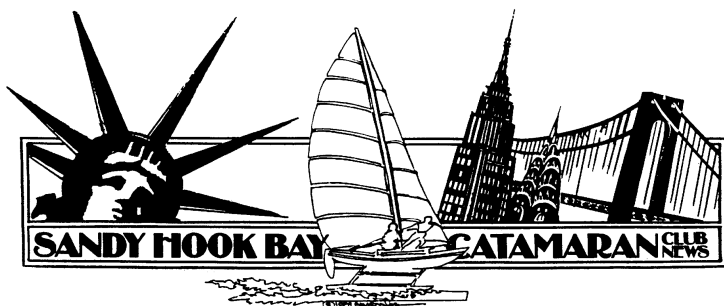
Runner-up

"I told you we should have left the A mark to port."

Noah Herzon

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PRESS RELEASE February 10, 2013

AHPC, Red Gear Racing and Fun in the Sun Servives, Inc. announce a \$5000.00 Sponsorship Grant and Scholarship program for the both the C2/F18 and VIPER/F16 Multihull Classes.

Fun in the Sun, with AHPC Catamarans and Red Gear Racing Coaching programs announce a \$5000.00 combination Sponsorship/Scholarship for both the C2/F18 and VIPER/F16 classes.

The Sponsorship/Scholarship will be awarded based on a brief one page sailing resume and 1000 word or less essay on why this award is deserved. All resumes must be submitted to funinthesunweb@gmail.com and received by February 28, 2013. Recipients will be notified prior to March 15, 2013.

The Sponsorship portion of this program will award a \$2500 .00 grant towards the purchase of any new or used AHPC Catamaran in stock from Fun in the Sun. Recipients will have 30 days to use the Sponsorship portion and 1 year to use the Scholarship portion of this award. If the award is not used in this timeframe, the award may be forfeited and presented to another deserving candidate.

The Scholarship portion of the program will be entry into any two, 2-3 day training camp of Red Gear Racing. Camp sizes are limited, reservations required and do not include housing.

This award is non transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash. Applicants must disclose any currently owned boats. Recipients must agree to not sell any boat acquired as a result of this program for a period of one year. Recipients do not have to be a current catamaran class member. Minors applying must also have the approval of parent or guardian.

Please contact Fun in the Sun if you have any questions at 727-734-0799. Please pass this on to any sailor from any class you may know.

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