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Highland Lakes Receives Study Results

BRENDA FLANAGAN, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

What's the main nutrient feeding algal blooms in Highland Lakes? How big a role do septic systems play? Where does storm water runoff present the biggest problems? For years, folks around the lakes have debated those issues. But now, new reports are providing the Club with hard data — three critically important studies that will ultimately help improve water quality in Highland Lakes.

And we have a preview for you! The Club's Voting Board a few months ago ordered environmental engineering companies to document and analyze stormwater runoff, nutrient loads and lake sediments. Taken together, the reports can inform Club members and guide the Voting Board, as it moves to develop a comprehensive management plan to keep Highland Lakes healthy.

"I thought it was important that we took a holistic approach, and look at the entire watershed," said General Manager David Martin. "That is the state-of-the-art approach." The data gives an up-to-date snapshot of lake conditions, and Martin hopes it will catch club members' attention — "particularly for those people who like to fill my inbox with pictures of algae and say, it's the worse they've seen in 20 years," he noted wryly.

STORM WATER MAP

A company called Crew Engineers mapped how storm water flows into the lakes. It inventoried and inspected every catch basin, swale and runoff path rainwater travels -- and highlighted structures that need attention and/or repair. Top of Martin's list: two points along Canistear Road, where the map clearly documents runoff directly into Lake Four, from Vernon Township infrastructure. Club officials have met with Vernon to discuss a remedy, and negotiations are ongoing.

COMPLEX HYDROLOGIC MAP

Princeton Hydro engineers drew up a detailed topographical map of Highland Lakes, that shows different land use categories (like parking lots, woods and residences.) Using decades of climate data, they crunched the numbers. "They can do a predictive model of where the water flows, if you get 'x' number of inches of rain... They can actually calculate how much sediment gets dumped into each lake," Martin explained.

Princeton Hydro also analyzed each lake's so-called "nutrient budget" — the individual amounts of phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment (road dirt) that feed the algae. Martin said, results brought real clarity to the issue, because phosphorus from septic systems topped every lake's nutrient load. "Far and away — not even close — septic systems contribute more nutrients to the lake than any other, out-of-the-lake sources," Martin reported — adding, the data will be crucial to devising an overall strategy to combat Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs.)



BATHYMETRIC MAP

"It's basically a process of sonar sounding, where they take a boat out on each lake, and they go in a grid pattern — back and forth — across the lake, taking readings," Martin said. The sonar pings measure sediment depth — and the Club hopes Princeton Hydro's data will prove useful in tracking nutrients already embedded in the lakes.

Results included a surprise: the lake with the thickest layer of sediment isn't the largest; it's Lake Four — one of the smallest lakes — that contains more than twice the thickest sediment layer as any other lake, Martin said. And it has a history of algal blooms. "Lake Four, we know, has been problematic. We've had to close the beach for several years in a row. Fortunately, we haven't had to do that yet, this year." The Club has treated Lake Four with a technology called EutroSORB, with some success.

All of this hard data gives the Voting Board a sound, scientific foundation on which to base a holistic management plan. "We're working with the vendors to condense all of the reports, presentations, and recommendations into next steps," said Voting Board President Michael Gelfand. "It's still too early for vendors or the Voting Board to say exactly what's needs to happen, what order projects will all occur in, or how much it will cost. It's very complex, and will take many years to fully address, however we're treating lake ecology efforts with urgency, and we will discuss expected next steps and priorities for 2022-2023 in depth at the upcoming annual meeting later this month."

In the meantime, Martin urged homeowners to take some preventive measures: avoid fertilizing your lawn; build a rock-and-plant buffer along your shoreline; create a rain garden to contain erosion; and pump your septic system. And he emphasized, this applies to everyone — even if they live on a hill, blocks away from the lake. "Water runs downhill. The lake's at the bottom. It all ends up in the lake," he said.

And please keep an eye on the Highland Lakes website -- for new, interactive features with all kinds of info on keeping our lakes beautiful and healthy -- at www.hlcc.org

All Star Sunday Night

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Sunday, August 14

The first annual "All Star Sunday Night" will take place on August 14 to celebrate all of this summer's athletic program participants. This event will also mark the end of summer athletic activities. We will recognize our HLCC athletes, dance, and have fun!

On Sunday August 14 at Field 1 (Beach 1), we will have hitting contests including a home run derby and hitting contests for our younger softball participants, as well as a water balloon contest for anyone who would like to join the fun. The event will start at 5 pm and go until approximately 7:30 pm.

The home run derby and the hitting contests will be divided into divisions based on age, so the hitters will hit against the same people they have played with all summer. There will even be an "Open Divisions" for the home run derby for any parents who would like to join in the fun!

Parents are encouraged to hangout around field 1 and cheer on our athletes. Please plan on bringing blankets and beach chairs, as well as your own beverages and some food to snack on. The beach hut will also be open!

DJ Ryan of "Hi Energy Entertainment" will be providing music and entertainment during the event. We will celebrate all of our athletes, so please plan on attending. Please complete the attached survey about your child's participation, parent involvement and volunteer work to help support the event. Thank you for all of your support this summer.

Attention Junior Volunteers

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 17

If you are a Junior Volunteer and have donated 10 or more hours to a Club activity or event, we look forward to seeing you at Junior Appreciation Night on August 17 at 6:30 pm. Event and Activity coordinators have submitted names of eligible Junior Volunteers - please pick up your invitation at the Activity Center. If there is no invitation for you, please contact the chairperson / coordinator of the activity or event where you have donated your time, or contact Louise Staley at juliaisland@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

August 12 – Swim Team
Champions Dinner
August 13 - Swim Team
Championships (A)
August 13 – Women's

Auxiliary Covered Dish
August 14 – Senior Gala
August 14 – All Star Sunday
Night

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, September 7 – 7 pm
Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Communications Committee – Saturday, August 13 – 10 am
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, September 28 – 8 pm
Fishing Committee – Thursday, August 18 – 8 pm
Planning Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Road Committee – Thursday, September 1 – 7:30 pm
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, August 17 – 7:30 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, September 16 – 8 pm
Annual Meeting – Sunday, August 21 – 2 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.

Summer Office / Activity Center Hours

The Club Office is open Monday through Friday to see members from 10 am to 3 pm and Saturday 10 am to 1 pm.

The Activity Center is open Monday through Friday 9 am to 3 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm for payment of dues and badge pickup. Please make sure to bring copies of vehicle registrations to the Club Office in the event you need to make a change to your parking permit information.

2022 Swim Team Meet Schedule

August 13	“A” Championships @ Packanack
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Beach Water Testing Results

Below are the results of the most recent E. coli testing at the Club's beaches and swim lanes performed by Garden State Laboratories, Inc. Weekly tests are required by the State of New Jersey, and results must not exceed 320 organisms per 100 milliliters. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	7/20	7/26	8/3
Beach 1	24.1	8.5	25.9
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	3.1	<1	6.1
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	8.6	1.0	79.4
Beach 4 – Bushwick	3.1	2.0	2.0
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	9.7	2.0	11.9
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	42.2	7.3	4.1
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	5.2	<1	1.0
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	7.5	2.0	2.0

Beach Hours

Beach 1 – 9 am to 7 pm
Beach 2 – 10:30 am to 5 pm
Beach 3 – 10 am to 6 pm
Beach 7 – 10 am to 6 pm
Beaches 4, 5 and 6 – 11:30 am to 5 pm (openings will vary depending on availability of lifeguards)
Please Note: Swim Lessons will start at 1 pm on Beach 3, we apologize for the inconvenience, but we do have a teaching staff shortage.

Don't Miss the ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 21
at 2 pm

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Adult Appreciation

Friday, August 19 — 7:30 pm
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AUG 15- AUG 19

CLUBHOUSE	MONDAY AUG 15	TUESDAY AUG 16	WEDNESDAY AUG 17	THURSDAY AUG 18	FRIDAY AUG 19
10:00 AM	Clothespin Airplanes	Toilet Paper Roll Race Car	Picture Bingo	Bottle Airplanes	Traffic Lights
10:30 AM	Paper Plate Car	Paper Plate Boat	Kids Story Time	Hot Air Balloon	Paper Plate Submarine
11:00 PM	Make a Dump Truck	Truck Painting	Make a Helicopter	Boat Derby Race	Mini Soap Box Derby Race
11:30 PM	Popsicle Bike	Paper Plate Police Car	Egg Carton Fire Truck	Tractor Popsicle	Space Rockets
6:00 PM	Ceramics				

SUNDAY AUGUST 21 AT 7:00 PM - HALLOWEEN TEEN DANCE (MUST BE 12 AND OLDER)

Disney and Superhero Week

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

We had a small gang for our annual parade with the kids showing off their Disney and superhero costumes. The kids had a blast making their cap so that they could be in the parade. Parents and spectators cheered them on as they walked the path waving to the crowd.



PHOTO COURTESY ROE HALL



Kidz Clubhouse

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12:00 PM	Clothespin Airplanes	Toilet Paper Roll Race Car	Picture Bingo	Bottle Airplanes	Traffic Lights
1:00 PM	Paper Plate Car	Paper Plate Boat	Kids Story Time	Hot Air Balloon	Tye Dye
2:00 PM	Make a Dump Truck	Truck Painting	Make a Helicopter	Boat Derby Race	Tye Dye
3:00 PM	Popsicle Bike	Paper Plate Police Car	Egg Carton Fire Truck	Tractor Popsicle	Space Rockets
4:00 PM	Closed	Popsicle Bus	Make an Excavator	Make Your Own License Plate	Make Train Tracks
5:00 PM	Closed	Lego Monster Trucks	Construction Paper Bulldozer	Popsicle Train	Paper Plate Submarine

IN CASE OF RAINY WEATHER, HEAD TO THE CLUBHOUSE TO ENJOY ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS INDOORS.

Next Newsette:
August 20, 2022

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club office at hlcc@warwick.net. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!

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<div><div></div><div>August 2022</div><div></div></div> <div>Highland Lakes Happenings</div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 5:00 PM All Star Sunday Night 5:00 PM Sr. Gala	15 5:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Ceramics	16 10:00 AM W/A Meeting 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Women's Fitness Class 6:30 PM Swim Team Awards Dinner	17 5:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Jr. Appreciation	18 1:00 PM Bocce 7:00 PM Stitching 7:00 PM W/A Mtg. 7:30 PM Chess Club 8:00 PM Fish Comm. Mtg.	19 7:30 PM Adult Appreciation (Doors Open at 7 pm)	20



Pickleball News

KATHI TAYLOR

Most of us have heard about the incredible growth of pickleball. It truly is the fastest growing sport in the country. We see that every week here in Highland Lakes as more and more newcomers join in on the fun. If you have never played or if you have played but never in Highland Lakes, come on out and give it a try. It has been nice having summer members join us. Some play at their winter homes while others are new to the game. There are many opportunities available to play. Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm are open to players of all abilities. Advanced players meet at 5 pm on Tuesdays for competitive games. Fridays at 9 am are set aside for women's play of all abilities. If you are planning to play Mondays at 6 and have played before, lessons with Keith McCotter are available an hour earlier at 5 to help improve your game. Beginners should come at 6 pm and we will get you playing in no time. Wear sneakers and your badge and we will see you on the courts! Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689 and Peggy Warner 973-764-5126



Women's Auxiliary Report

JENNIFER ZIEGLER, PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

On August 2, 30 members were present at our meeting. Immediately after our meeting our members were busy decorating the Seckler Room for our Fundraising Event that night, Game Show Sensation. The tables and room were fun and festive thanks to our decorating committee.

Billy Mann Productions challenged our guests to a Jeopardy-like game. Four teams consisting of 3 tables battled it out in three rounds. The team named, "The Brainiacs" were victorious and now have bragging rights! Billy told me Highland Lakes was the smartest group he has ever seen! I am sure he doesn't say that to every group he does his show with. Why would he lie?! Of course, we are the smartest, we all have chosen to be in Highland Lakes. Our "Live Auction" and door prizes were appreciated by the crowd. We are so happy it was a successful evening, and we will be able to make very nice donations to the local fire, ambulance and community Goodwill Fund.

I want to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the evening and all the local businesses/donors who supported our event.





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Rule and By-Laws 2022 Annual Report

NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIRPERSON,
RULES AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The Committee works at the pleasure of the Voting Board. This year we were tasked with reviewing the STR (Short-Term Rental) policy regarding family members' use of homes in the absence of residents (renters or family). We also reviewed policy on Fire Pit usage, policies regarding Officers and Voting Board members conduct, and absentee policy of Board members. We revisited the proposed change to the By-Law - Article X Section IIA regarding purchase of property with no new recommendation. We made changes to Rules 5, 6, 7 and 29.

The Rules were consolidated into a single document which includes the process of enforcement, review and penalties.

HLCC Tradition – 62nd Annual Art Show

JOYCE HEALY, CHAIRPERSON

Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28

It's that time of year again, and we are very excited to advertise this special event. It's a lovely 2-day tradition we maintain. On Saturday, August 27 from 6-9 pm there is a "Meet & Greet" the professional artists in our Lake Room. A wine & cheese reception provides a wonderful way to enjoy the beautiful artwork on display. Talk with the artists and think about perhaps making an art purchase.

Sunday, August 28 all the talented artists here at the lake are welcome to bring their creations from 9-10:30 am. There is a tiny registration fee of \$.50 per piece. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE we kindly request that your drawings & paintings be framed or matted ready for display. We don't have enough time to frame or matt the art before the judges begin their quest for the winning pieces.

Everyone is invited to participate: children, teens, adults and in many different mediums; painting, sculpting, drawing, ceramics and pottery, photography, textiles, quilting & more. Doors open at 2 pm for the Amateur Show, prizes will be awarded Sunday afternoon at 3 pm. Our special theme this year is WILDLIFE.

Come one and all and enjoy the wonderful creations of the HL Amateur Artists on display in the Seckler and Craft Rooms. Hope to see you there and personally greet you on Saturday night and on Sunday, Aug. 27 & 28. With best regards, the Art Show Committee.

Road Committee 2022 Annual Report

RICH SPOERL, CHAIRMAN, ROAD COMMITTEE

The design for road and drainage improvements along Lakeside Drive East and Shadow Lane is completed. In addition to changing the road profile and cross slope and installing inlets, sedimentation tanks will be installed prior to discharging the water into the lake. The work is to be completed this summer. The committee also has recommended to the Board a number of roads to be paved.

The speed limit on our roads is 25 mph. There are many sections of our roads where this speed is not practical due to poor visibility, limited width, and other factors. So, please slow down in these areas. Reducing our speed is the easiest and most economical way to make our roads safer.

I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work, Dave Martin & Jim Zabrieski for all their help and the Voting Board for their support.

The Road Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Lake Room. All members are welcome. If you have questions or comments you can contact me at richspoerl@warwick.net.

Goodwill Fundraising Committee 2022 Annual Report

NANCY EISENBERG AND LIZ HOLDA, CO-CHAIRWOMEN,
GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Goodwill Fundraising Committee had a busy and successful year. We are proud of our ability to help families in need and eligible Seniors with dues. The community has once again been supportive of our efforts. This year we raised funds through the Yard Sale, Path to Goodwill, Spring Boat Auction (9 boats were auctioned) and the Highland Lakes Sign Auction. We had 116 members involved in various aspects of Goodwill fundraising.

Grasshopper and Butterfly League Recap

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Tuesday night we had the best turnout in over 3 years at Grasshopper/Butterfly Softball. There were 10 boys and 12 girls, and once again the girls challenged the boys to a game (so far the girls have won all 3 times against the boys this summer). The game was close for the first two innings and then in the third, the boys broke it open with a home run by Nick, a string of hits, and aggressive baserunning. At the end of the third inning the boys were leading 9-3. It was getting late, and we announced that the fourth inning would be the last. Since the girls were up first, they needed to get to work. They did just that with a string of singles by Ramona, Abigail, Allison, Sarah, Emma, CiCi, Addison, and Ella. Delilah, Taylor, Eva, and Zoey combined to tie the game 9-9. The boys came up with the score tied in the bottom of the fourth, and pushed across the winning run. All of the boys played well; Silas, Tristan, Keegan, Jack, Owen, Chase, Bryce, Matt, John and Nick.

The Thursday night turnout was 3 boys and 7 girls, so we selected Nick and Olivia as team captains and they chose their teams. After a scoreless first inning, Coach Anna arrived after work, and the kids decided that she would bat for both teams to help score some runs. Nick's team scored 7 runs in the second inning with big hits from Nick, Keegan, Taylor, Addison, and Rose. Anna helped with a long triple. Olivia's team came back with 3 runs in the bottom of the second with hits from Olivia, Ella, Ramona, Tristan, and Delilah. Nick's team added to their lead and won the game 12-7 in 4 innings. Our kids are getting better each week, and they are learning the importance of accurate throws and catches.

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Family Day Highlights

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Quadrathlon winners - congratulations to Mike P., Robbie W., Hannah W. and Brian M. for coming in first place.

Family Day Recap

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Sunday was Family Day and what can I say, it was a huge success! The day consisted of many different events, activities and contests. It took a huge amount of time and organization to put the day together. My staff and volunteers planned on making this run without any hiccups. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who had helped out at the different activities and the grill masters Ray Zimmerman, Chuck LaRocca, and all the volunteers who were taking pizza orders as well as handing out food, Security, Jim and Steve from Maintenance for getting the grills ready, lining the grass to make sure everyone could participate in the egg, water balloon toss and potato sack races, and lastly the Highland Lakes Fire Department to make sure the fireworks were set off safely. I would also like to thank Mark Izzo for fantastic music, the kids, parents, and staff all really enjoyed dancing until the fireworks started. And a big thank you to my Highland Lakes family for coming out to have a fun time. Traditionally, this is a day where families and friends of all generations come together for a day of fun and unity.

Many of our people in our community have come up to me and raved about our day, but it wasn't all my doing. I would like to give a big shout out to the Highland Lakes staff, they did such an incredible job with running all the different events we had. Family Day is such a huge undertaking with a lot of activities to partake in and without the help of Natalie Cartier, Julia Blakely, Aiden Arias, Kylie Burns, Aiden Da Silva, Joseph Delany, Michelle Dinger, Michelle Dobrowolski, Jacob Gelfand, Josh Gelfand, Elise Giroux, Jonas Hardin, Violet Kelly, Anthony Lapore, Mia Levens, Zoe Napolitano, Natalie O'Keefe, Sadie Smaldino, Ozzie Tobin, Jack Turner, Mia Touw, and Rose Wolthoff. They are the ones that make it a success. Thank you to each and everyone of you for your hard work and participation for without you it would not be what it is. May we continue to have a wonderful 2022 summer season.



Bike and Baby Parade

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

The kids had a blast decorating their bikes and the parents had a blast dressing their adorable children up for the parade. It started with bikes leading the way for all the incredible munchkins. We had children dress up from Aladdin all the way to German country. Kids decorated their bikes with streamers, balloons, stickers and crepe paper, everyone had a ball placing them all over the bikes. The kids were so excited to be able to put things all over their bikes and not get into trouble for it, it was incredible to see their joy.





**Please VOTE for me,
Melissa Hardin,
for Trustee 6 at the
Annual Meeting on
August 21, 2022 @ 2pm**

I strongly believe in the importance of volunteering and having a community that knows each other. I believe in bringing all aspects and points of view of our membership.

I want to preserve the uniqueness of our history in Highland Lakes as well as work towards a strong future.

Please feel free to reach out to me and contact me in regards to any topic you wish to discuss.

I will do my best to do what is right for the Community. My door is always open, (973) 764 1433.



Stuart Blank, Candidate for Section 7 Trustee

STUART BLANK

Dear Neighbors,

I am running for Trustee of Section 7. My wife grew up coming to Highland Lakes to stay with her Grandparents. She brought me here years ago and I quickly appreciated the warm sense of community here. We purchased our 1938 log cabin in 2011 and restored it soon after. I am a member of the Communications Committee, and volunteer at the HL yard sale and spring clean-up.

I volunteered with the March of Dimes for 25 years overseeing the walks in northern Bergen County, and received their award for volunteerism. I've been a Secret Santa for the past 30 years, collecting and delivering toys to inner city children and families.

I have over 40 years' experience in Emergency Services in three disciplines, having been a volunteer firefighter since 1979 rising to the rank of Chief in 2002; a Police Commander, serving since 1985; and involved in Emergency Management since 1996. I have a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, with a minor in education from William Paterson. I am a Police Instructor, as well as a Level 2 New Jersey Fire Instructor. I hold a Level 3 Incident Management Certification. I also hold National Type III Incident Management credentials. I graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University and received a Certified Public Manager certification.

As your voice on the Board, I will work to:

- Prioritize the health of our Lakes and natural resources as our #1 concern.

- Maintain the traditional family- and member-oriented atmosphere of our community.

- Improve transparency and timely communication between Management, the Board and the Membership.

- Explore options for remote and hybrid meetings to allow Board members to fulfill their responsibility to the Membership throughout the year.

Thank you for your consideration and good luck to my fellow candidates!

Jacquelyn Green, Candidate for Section 7 Trustee

JACQUELYN GREEN

I attribute my deep connection to this lake community, to my good fortune of having grown up on it. I played HL athletics, joined the swim team, coached and later became a lifeguard. I have beautiful memories of fishing these lakes with my Dad, and now my children fish the same lakes, using the same boat.

Through the years, my husband and three children have all enjoyed the various amenities the Clubhouse offers. From Family Day to tie dye activities, to pool games and movie nights, to emceeing the Talent Show and Baby Parade, handing out worms at the Fishing Derby and earning ribbons in the Annual Art show. We have helped out with and taken part in, a little bit of everything, including the Fishing Committee and Vernon EMS. More recently, I've been a member of the Communication Committee, organized Adult Ceramics, helped clean up on Community Clean Up Day and I am a member of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Simply saying, "Highland Lakes is a great community", is an understatement and yet, it says it all. I would love for Highland Lakes, to be all that it has been for me and my family, to be the same for you and yours, for generations to come.

I believe in preserving the nostalgia of our community while continuing to move forward and maintaining the integrity of our lakes for all. If you agree, vote for me, Jacquelyn Green, at the Annual Meeting, August 21, 2022.

Climeen Wikoff, Candidate for Secretary

CLIMEEN WIKOFF

My husband and I moved to Sussex County in 1996 and chose Highland Lakes as the place to raise our two children because we were so impressed by the community. We love living here and appreciate all that the community has to offer from peace and quiet and natural beauty to wonderful activities and events.

Over time, we came to understand the important role that the Voting Board plays in maintaining this community. I worked for the Club as the Recording Secretary from 2002 to 2004 before joining the Voting Board as Secretary in 2004 and then continuing as 2nd Vice President from 2007 to 2013. I have been back on the board as Secretary for the past three years. I have been a member of the Communications Committee for a long time and, for many years, was responsible for creating website posts and email blasts on a weekly basis. I have also been on the Admin Committee and Planning Committee, as well as various board sub-committees.

The board plays a significant role in the management and direction of our community and requires board members who are committed to doing the work necessary for supporting and enhancing the community. I hope to bring a fair and open-minded perspective to the board and appreciate your consideration.

Dominick Beninati, Candidate for 2nd Vice President

DOMINICK BENINATI

Dear friends, family, and HLCC community members. My name is Dominick Beninati and I am the Nominee for the 2nd Vice President in this year's election during the Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 21, at 2pm.

My history in the Highland Lakes community dates back to the early 1970's, when my parents rented and then bought their summer home. Along with my two brothers, we spent our summers in Highland Lakes enjoying the community and all that it has to offer.

After graduating St. John's University with a degree in Pharmacy in 1992, I purchased my own home on Indian Lake. Since then, my wife, two sons and I have cherished the memories we've created in this community throughout the years.

This year marks the end of my second term serving as the Trustee of Section 8. I have outstanding attendance over the last six years and have proudly enjoyed representing the community and association. I have been on the Admin. Committee, Planning Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Boat and Dock Committee, as well as various special committees during my two terms. Along with my work on these committees and the Board, I have volunteer experience in the community including extensive work with the swim team and setup for their events including the B Invitational and all home meets since 2012. Most recently, I have served as co-captain for the Jr. Sunfish sailing program since 2018.

Over the span of my terms, my professional relationships with our new General Manager, our former General Manager, Club office staff, security, peers on the board, and members of the community have remained strong. Being a member of the Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association executive board is a responsibility, not a privilege. I take my role very seriously and diligently prepare for our discussions and votes during our meetings. Since serving as a member of the Board, my appreciation for our community has only grown stronger, and I look forward to continuing my services.

Our main priority will continue to be lake management and a long-term solution for our lake conditions. Please show your support by attending the Annual Meeting to vote in person. If unable to attend, you can pick up your absentee ballot at the clubhouse to submit by August 17.

Sincerely,

Dominick Beninati

Lost

A very sentimental cross was lost at Beach 1 on Saturday, August 6, either in the lake or on the sand. A reward is being offered if found. Please contact HL Security or the office if you find it. Thank you.

John McNally, Candidate for Section 7 Trustee

JOHN MCNALLY

Hi, I'm John McNally. I fell in love with this area on a ski trip in 1970 and knew this would be my home someday. I bought my first fixer upper home on the main lake in the 90's and fell in love with what appeared to be 1937 everyday. I sold 9 years later and came back 8 years ago to rebuild an "as is" foreclosure, 2 years later I bought another "as is" disaster. We drastically improved every home and our land. We love Highland Lakes.

My many careers: I was a social worker out of college working with abused children. I later owned several successful restaurants and worked in film and television. I've had hundreds of employees over the years who tell me I was fair and kind. I'm a big volunteer guy. We raised 4 guide dogs for the blind including the first dog to work in Hong Kong. We host blind events at our lake house for Guiding eyes. If you ever saw the giant busses outside our house, it was trips from the Ronald McDonald house. We are the only private house on their camp trips. We take care of Beach 3 as a family. I have served on over 40 breast cancer walks. Served many special Olympic events. We have a special friend on the HL fire dept and have hosted for them. I will work to improve Airbnb transparency making sure fees and taxes go to our community. We need to rent to families. We use the service and work to improve advertising who comes to our lakes.

I like to volunteer. I want to be the rep for Section 7. I heard from a friend that a very good man was also running. So it's a win-win even if I don't win. But I'd like to serve and bring fresh blood to the meetings. I've been to many meetings and have seen how hard it is. They do a great job. I'd like to work hard there too.

Save the Date

Saturday, September 3
Get Your Country On
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Annual Jogathon

NANCY GRIMALDI

Saturday, August 27

Welcome back joggers, walkers, families, babies in strollers, and children on bikes; and not to forget, our four-legged - or three-legged - participants, too! The 45th annual Frank Henninger Memorial Highland Lakes Jogathon will be "running" on Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 am. For those who might be new this year, the course follows a scenic route around our beautiful Big Lake, approximately 4 1/2 miles. As always, we have our "courtesy car" providing ice cold water for people and pets, as well as an offer for a ride back if needed. Water and OJ will also be provided before and after the race, along with some carb-filled donuts. Please arrive at least a half hour before if possible to sign in and have some fun social time with our HL community. We hope to see familiar faces as well as some new ones!

Jennifer Ziegler, Candidate for Secretary

JENNIFER ZIEGLER

My name is Jennifer Crane-Ziegler, I am running for the Secretary of the Highland Lakes Voting Board. My family has been a part of Highland Lakes from its inception. My grandfather built our cabin in 1937, and my parents moved our family here in 1974. When my husband and I purchased it from my parents in 2004, I became the third generation to live in this cabin.

My experience serving Highland Lakes community began as an active volunteer. I taught tennis to the 9-12 year-olds for eleven years and contributed to the Highland Lakes Teen Council for over three years. This includes setting up their own board and instructing the group on Robert's Rules. I have also volunteered as a badge checker for three summers.

For the Highland Lakes Women's Auxiliary, I served as Secretary for two terms, Vice-President for two terms and am currently the President. I have also been the coordinator for the Women's Auxiliary's main summer fundraiser for the past eight years.

Having recently retired, I look forward to devoting more time to the community. Because I have been both a year-round and a summer resident in Highland Lakes, I believe that this gives me a fuller perspective of the needs of all the community, and feel that I have strong qualifications for the position of Secretary.

Additionally, I held leadership positions as the Event Coordinator for the Ridgefield, CT Film Festival for three seasons. I am a Girl Scout Leader, and after nine years, I am overseeing my troops' Gold Award projects. I also served on the board of the Stamford, CT Women's Club, focusing on scholarship fundraising for Stamford, CT High School students.

Currently I am on the Milford Pennsylvania Readers and Writers Festival Board and part of the Founding Committee. I also serve on the MainStage Committee, Fundraising Committee, and I am the Author's Reception coordinator for the Milford Readers and Writers Festival. I am also the Grants coordinator for the festival. The need for writing grants has been a topic of discussion at the voting board meetings. The grants can be used to aid in maintaining the health of all of our lakes which is a top priority. My expertise can be an asset for the Highland Lakes Voting Board to apply for grant funding.

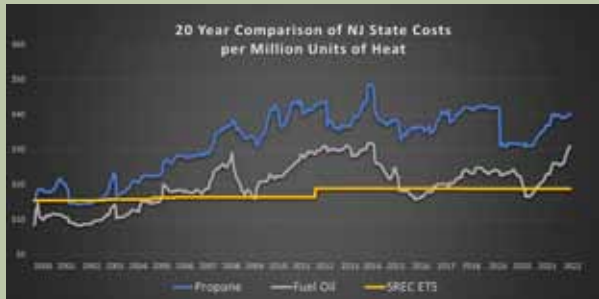
Highland Lakes has been an important part of my life, and where I have served in many capacities. I would be honored to now serve as Secretary of the Highland Lakes Voting Board. Thank you for your consideration.



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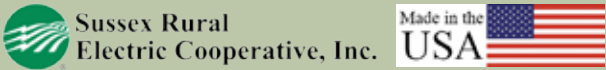
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The Mighty Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

We send tons of love & healing thoughts to Bob Gellner and Steve Hastie...you always have our heart!!

Peace, joy, love and hugs to my wonderful Senior Club. If you're wondering why I sometimes call us The Mighty Seniors, it's just a throwback to high school days. Do you remember the energy and enthusiasm we all had sitting in the bleachers cheering for our varsity football team or basketball team? Do you remember the cheers led by the pep squad? At good old GHS, one of those cheers went like this: "We are the seniors, mighty, mighty seniors, everywhere we go people want to know who we are," so we tell them...repeat the cheer. And let me tell you our Senior Club is full of energetic "Queenagers" and "Kingsmen" up here at the lake. We're involved in so many facets of lake life and lovin' it! Our current paid-up membership is at 90 Queenagers and Kingsmen. No joke. I'm proud to acknowledge our very active group.

How can you become a member? Easy, peasy. We meet during the summer season on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of May-Sept. at 7 pm in the Lake Room. Then our year continues with some activities and/or luncheons held at 12pm.

Do you want to know our schedule of events? Come on down and meet the Mighty Seniors. Ask questions, meet wonderful Queenagers and Kingsmen.

We'd love to have you join us for our Barbeque in September, San Gennaro Feast, Oktoberfest, The Lantern Walk, the CRAFT FAIR and a bunch of other biggies.

Have questions? Give me a call or text: Joyce H. 845-544-3749.



Patty Thompson, Candidate for 2nd Vice President

PATTY THOMPSON

Hello Members. My name is Patricia Daly Thompson. I am stating my intent to run for the position of Second Vice President.

My husband and I have lived in Highland Lakes for the last thirty years in section 3. My parents purchased a small cabin in 1963 over by the pink house (section 10) then purchased an all year round cabin in 1973 off 638 (section 3). We wanted our sons to experience the fun and freedom I had here every summer, so we purchased a home across the street! I was told by many seniors here it's like living and going to camp with your kids. I couldn't have agreed more.

I worked commuting into Manhattan because I knew I would always be back in HL and that was so refreshing. I worked as an Open Heart Recovery Room critical care Registered Nurse for twenty eight years, a year in Mount Sinai on a 43 bed HIV medical unit and a 26 bed Scoliosis unit at Hospital for Special Surgery.

When our boys were small, I ran HLCC T-ball and attempted to play Ladies Softball at field 2. Oh, the good 'ole days!

Now on my days off, I'm presently active on the Clubhouse Committee, Ecology Committee, Badge Checking and Ladies Sunfish races. I am currently the Section 3 Trustee for 5 years where I have learned how the Voting Board operates. I will continue be an asset to the Voting Board because my priority is to help common sense plans to make our lakes, streams and properties as clean and healthy as possible. Carl and I continue to make wonderful friends in HLCC including with the HLCC Voting Board and Committee involvement. I look forward to helping the Voting Board to increase more communication on all they do especially to the membership.

Please consider me for the Second Vice President position. I'm dedicated to the future of our community in a fiscally stable plan which centers around the lakes and properties. Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Reffelt, Candidate for Section 12 Trustee

BOB REFFELT

I moved to HL in 2007 from Midland Park, Bergen County, to kayak, fish, sail, and swim in our beautiful lakes. I'm a year-round resident of HL for 15 years and regularly attend Voting Board workshops and monthly meetings.

1. Current member of Ecology Committee (15 years). Former EC Chairman. Arranged for discounted septic pumping for HL members. Ensured rain garden was part of parking lot paving project. Dedicated to ongoing efforts to improve lake quality.

2. Current member of Fishing Committee (15 years). Help run annual kids fishing derbies and fish stocking program. Encourage children to enjoy fishing.

3. Charter member of the Conservation Club of HL. Current leader/coordinator of CCHL. Working to improve, protect and enjoy HL environment.

4. Current member of Boat and Dock Committee (14 years). Helped evaluate and select boat dock replacements. Hope to improve method of assigning boat docks/racks to members.

5. Current member of By-Laws Committee (5 years)

6. Current member of Buildings & Grounds Committee (5 years)

7. Former member of Roads Committee (12 years)

8. Former member of Planning Committee (3 years)

9. Treasurer of HLCC Senior Club

10. Admin for Facebook Group, Nature at Highland Lakes

Founder of ESP Prototypes, Inc, a software engineering company. Now retired.

US Army Captain, Vietnam Vet.



Vernon Township Housing Market Report - June 2022

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# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$114,086	38	102%
2	\$252,824	36	103%
3	\$340,057	47	102%
4	\$449,778	55	104%
5+	No Sales	No Sales	No Sales
TOWN	\$317,976	45	103%

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Highland Lakes “B” Invitational is Huge Success

CRAIG BERNIER, PRESIDENT, PARENT ORGANIZATION

We are the Hostess with the Mostest

On Saturday July 30, the annual Highland Lakes ‘B’ Invitational swim meet was held at the swim lanes. Those of us who have been around this event in the past know it is a huge volunteer effort. All current swim team parents and several from prior years all chip in and perform one or more activities. These activities ramp up the day before the meet where the program is put together, the entries are finalized in the computer, food orders and deliveries are made, prep is done in the kitchen, the Lake Room is set up for the luncheon, the marshalling tent assembled, and the grill area is set up. In addition to the parents, the HLCC maintenance staff are a big help in setting up fencing around the lawn, putting out extra garbage bins and generally lending a hand if needed.

We then all have to get back at it early the next morning with some duties starting as early as 6 am. Several hearty Highland Lakers who volunteered all day Friday also partied through Friday night at the Club’s 80s party and were right back early to volunteer all day on Saturday! The stories of this epic weekend with back to back events will be talked about for years to come.

While the parking guys work on squeezing hundreds of cars into the Clubhouse lot, the set up crew prepares the starting and timing systems. During those same early hours the kitchen and grill teams get things warmed up. And by 7:30 admissions begin and concessions are underway - and will not stop until the end of the meet. July 30 happened to give us near perfect weather for a HL summer day: sunny with a daytime high of 80. And as visiting families set up across the lawn taking in the views of the lake there were plenty of good moods and smiles all around. Our visitors this year included teams from Erskine Lake, Fayson Lakes, Lake Mohawk, Packanack Lake, Pequannock, Wayne Township, and West Milford.

In the Lake Room final scratches and deck entries are made while warm-ups begin in the lanes. Final heat sheets are printed and sent to marshalling which means we can soon get the meet rolling. By 9 am, timers and officials take their spots, while Sara Werner takes the mic for announcing duties. Jenna Brennan then sings a beautiful national anthem and Event 1 started at 9:10 nearly right on schedule.

As the volunteers continue to run the meet the coaches get the swimmers focused on their races. Michael Buchney coaches the Highland Lakes team again this year with Catie Lovett returning as assistant and senior swimmer Sofia Staley taking an assistant coach role for the first time this season. For those swimmers who have not yet qualified for the championship meet on August 13, the B’s goal is to achieve fast enough qualifying times to enter events at that meet. For the many swimmers who have already qualified for championships, they get to enter the open events at the “B” where they compete in heats based on seed times. This often means competing against swimmers of various ages, and this is where we usually see some of the coaches jump into one or more open events.

A signature highlight of our invitational is the official’s luncheon that takes place in the Lake Room during the 30 minute intermission. Officials and coaches are fed a lunch



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prepared and donated by families. The lunch is coordinated by Nicole Puccio and the Wooton Family with the help of others. This unique feature of the “B” receives accolades across the league. Special thanks to all those who make it happen every year!

At the end of the day several fast times were swum and many qualifying times and/or personal bests were achieved. The swimmers were having such a good time we had several late entries into the relay event at the end of the meet and had to make a second heat. This was a good sign of swimmers and families having a good time and not wanting the day to end too soon. By the time cleanup finished around 3pm, volunteers were tired but the satisfaction of another great event made it all worthwhile.

Ecology Corner

BOB REFFELT, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Test Soil Before Treating

Do you know what your soil really needs? Our gardens and lawns require nutrients for optimum growth, namely Nitrogen (N), Phosphorous (P) and Potash (K). The ability of different plants to absorb these nutrients also requires different levels of acidity vs. alkalinity, i.e., the pH level. Most homeowners and some lawn maintenance contractors routinely use fertilizers (add nutrients) without determining the actual condition of the soil being treated. In many cases fertilization is NOT required, and in some cases adding more fertilizer can be damaging to your plants and sod as well as to our streams and lakes. In NJ lawn fertilizers containing phosphorous are banned except when starting a new lawn, and there are limits on the time of year for treatment.

So what should you do? The first step is to have your soil tested professionally or to test it yourself using inexpensive home test kits available online or at garden supply stores. These tests measure current levels of N, P, K, and pH. Based on the test results you can make a more informed decision on whether or not you should add more nutrients and/or balance the pH. Keep in mind that different plants prefer different nutrients and different pH conditions, so there may not be a “one size fits all” treatment plan for your entire yard. In most situations the application of organic nutrients vs. manufactured chemical fertilizers is preferable. Decayed grass clippings and leaf mulch provide a cheap source of organic fertilizer. So save some money and fertilize only when needed by testing before you treat.

Here are some additional resources regarding soil testing options available to home owners:

<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs797/>

<https://bestreviews.com/lawn-garden/gardening/best-soil-test-kits>



A great group of members at aqua aerobics at Beach 1

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Jr. Photographer Reflections

CHASTITY CORTIJO

It’s always interesting to see how each photographer interprets their challenge keyword. That’s the beauty in creation! Their last challenge was REFLECTIONS and their

subjects are as diverse as their perspectives. Welcome to our new photographers!



Jax, 7 years old



Joshua, 16 years old



Isabella, 13 years old

Ladies Bowling

PAT WOOTTON, LYN KAPLAN, JUDI SUNDA, COORDINATORS

Week 5

Despite some moaning and groaning, remarkable achievements are being seen each week. The final weeks are approaching, and the competition is becoming tough. Socializing continues and everyone appears to be enjoying their Wednesday morning get-together.

Notable accomplishments follow:

- Lyn Kaplan - 6/10 split
- Paula Kloza - double, 153
- Dolores Gaspari - 2 doubles, 152, 155
- Marian Benedicto - 4/6 split
- Susan Stone - 4/5/10 split



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Senior Sunfish

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

Whitecaps and...!

For a super-hot day, the winds were awesome...maybe too awesome. Twelve hopeful sailors turned out to test the whitecaps at 12 knots with gusts up to 16+. And some saw those whitecaps more closely than anticipated.

As it was Family Day, we decided to sail two quick course 1 blues with a white to the dam to inspect the family day activities. Well, given the conditions some of our challenger division sailors decided sailing backward would shorten the race. But once all got going, there was a race to be had with Mark taking a solid lead after the second mark when JW brushed the mark and had to do a circle. They finished 1, 2 racing to the finish, with James S. a close third and Susie, Bob and James N. coming in from California to do himself proud. In the water were a number of sailors giving plenty of work to our safety boat that had numerous rescues all day, including with our friends, the FJs in the morning.

A few sailors dropped out for the second race given the challenging conditions; and we lost our safety boat that was busy rescuing Allan from the dam, while the dock committee had some issues getting the attention of the rest. As a result, we had a challenging start. Nevertheless, Mark was off in the lead, with James in close chase despite losing his main sheet in the middle of the first leg. That was the finish with David, Bob and Col. Wayne 3, 4, 5 followed closely by Rod and JW coming from way behind given the communication challenges at the start.

Thanks very much to our stellar dock committee, Allan and Brett, back from a week off, and thanks to Luann for the usual assist. Most importantly, thanks to our safety boat lifeguards, JT Wisniewski and Duke Staley, who had more than 7 rescues on the lake today between the FJ's, Sunfish and other craft enjoying the whitecaps!

Sunday Sunfish team, please have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday. Spread the word! If you want to join us, come on down Sundays at 2:30. Or just reach out to me; my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102.

The default for every week is 2 races. Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates.

August 7 Race 1

- 1. Mark Buruchian
- 2. John W. Wisniewski
- 3. James Sullivan
- 4. Rob Schaap
- 5. Susie Witt Stillo
- 6. Bob Tomsey
- 7. James Napolitano
- 8. Roger Kirchner
- 9. David Goldman
- 10. Chip Ehrhardt
- 11. Wayne Wisniewski
- 12. Alan Napolitano (dnf)

Race 2

- 1. Mark Buruchian
- 2. James Sullivan
- 3. David Goldman
- 4. Bob Tomsey
- 5. Wayne Wisniewski
- 6. Rob Schaap
- 7. John W. Wisniewski
- 8. Susie Witt Stillo
- 9. Roger Kirchner
- 10. James Napolitano
- 11. Alan Napolitano (dnf)
- 12. Chip Ehrhardt



2022 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

MARK BURUCHIAN, SAILING COORDINATOR

Flying Junior (FJ) Races – Sundays at 11:00 am Arrive by 10:45 am
James Sullivan: 201-741-4235
August 14, 21, 28 / Sept. 4
Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm
Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102
August 14, 28 / Sept. 4
Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45
Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and
Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165
August 17, 24
Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am
Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227
August 18, 25 / Sept. 1
Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11:00 am
Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and
Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165
August 12
Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:00 am
Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092
August 13, 20, 27
Hobie Races – Saturdays at 12:30 pm
Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and Chip Ehrhardt 973-222-6755
August 13, 20, 27
Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm
Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923
August 13, 20, 27
All Boat Regatta - Sept. 3
Sailors' Picnic - Sept. 4
SANJL Championship Sunfish Regatta – October 1st
Mark Buruchian: 973-271-0213
Registration – 9:00 am / Skipper's Meeting – 10:00 am / 4 races starting at 10:30
Questions? Call Mark at 973.271.0213 or hlccsailing@gmail.com

Force Five News

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 30 and August 6

I can't believe it's already August! This heat wave is no joke. Sailors, please remember to bring water on your boat. As I have personally seen, days with no wind and direct sun can get rather brutal. But days with some wind, like this Saturday, provided a picturesque and lovely summer's sail!

If you have a Force Five and don't know how to sail it, and would like to learn, please reach out to me. If you have a Force Five and are looking to sell it, please let me know. If you are looking for a Force Five, please also let me know!

Thank you to Sara Gillooley for dock committee, and to the safety boat.

Results - 7/30

Race 1:

- 1. Kevin Murphy
- 2. Justin Murphy
- 3. Erika Rodger
- 4. Rob Wisniewski
- 5. Lou Iannoucci
- 6. Mike Gillooley

Race 2:

- 1. Kevin Murphy
- 2. Justin Murphy
- 3. Erika Rodger
- 4. Chip Ehrhardt
- 5. Lou Iannoucci
- 6. Rob Wisniewski

- 7. Mike Gillooley
- Results - 8/6**
- Race 1:**
- 1. Erika Rodger
 - 2. Chip Ehrhardt
 - 3. James Sullivan
 - 4. Mike Gillooley

- 5. Rob Wisniewski
- Race 2:**
- 1. Erika Rodger
 - 2. Chip Ehrhardt
 - 3. James Sullivan
 - 4. Mike Gillooley
 - 5. Rob Wisniewski

Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

Staley Saves the day Part 2

Randy Staley, for the second weekend in a row, saved the day for the windsurfing fleet by just showing up and thus keeping us from canceling a race on a beautiful sunny afternoon. How did Saturday's weather turn out to be so good when the forecast just a day or two earlier called for thunderstorms. In fact, Family Day was postponed because of the forecast.

Ok, so the weather was nice, but did we have wind? The answer in a nutshell is yes. Winds howled in from the southwest at around 10 mph gusting to 15 at times. A number one all blue course was the call which happens to be my personal favorite because of the more steady less shifty wind direction, or so I thought. It was just after my second tack of the first leg of race number one as I was approaching the upwind buoy Mother Nature decided to wreak havoc on me. The wind shifted from southwest to southeast so quickly that I didn't know what hit me until I emerged from underneath my sail to see Randy closing ground on me. Lucky for me the recovery was quick enough to hold the lead.

Although Randy lost both races, the good news is he got two second places which is a silver medal and a place on the podium. He has also positioned himself in the summer season standings quite nicely with everybody else. In my mind, he deserves a gold just for showing up.

Kudos to Dock Committee Commander Mike Gaston for not being distracted while Chip was trying to converse with him during the crucial countdown.

Last but not least a big shout out to our lifeguards, Richie and Colin for looking after us and clearing the course of pontoon boats that were parked right in front of the starting line. Join in the fun every Saturday at 3 pm. Questions? Call me at 845-893-2923. See you on the line.

Results for August 6

Race 1

- 1- Kevin Gaston
- 2- Randy Staley

Race 2

- 1- Kevin Gaston
- 2- Randy Staley



Randy Staley

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