



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB PRESENTS

FRI. SEPT 3 AT 5:30PM ON THE LAWN

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LAKESIDE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ AT 6PM

DETAILS IN THE NEWSETTE AND AT HLCC.ORG

Upcoming Events

September 3 – Danny Bacher Concert
September 4 – All Boat Regatta
September 5 – Clubhouse Breakfast
September 5 – Sailors' Picnic
September 10 – Pool Tournament
September 24 – Back to School Party



Prepping Your House for the Fall/Winter Season

STU BLANK, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

September is here, the days are getting shorter and summer 2021 is starting to wind down. Some of us may be closing our cabins down for the season, while others may do so after the fall. Those lucky enough to live full time in Highland Lakes still need to get ready for the fall/winter season. Whichever it is, you will want to avoid any last minute pitfalls by doing a 360 walk around your property and evaluating what needs to be done before you lock the door and turn the lights out. With the heavy rains, did you experience any erosion close to your foundation or steps, and are they in need of repair? Do you have time to scrape and paint the trim before cold weather creeps in?

Do you have gutters, and if so did you clean them? If they are clogged and the water freezes, that could cause water damage and other issues. Are your downspouts clear and still running water away from your house?

Check your roof for moss or any accumulation of leaves and pine needles. Both of these could lead to premature shingle failure. Look for new nests or holes by your eaves. You do not want some of our four-legged friends taking up residence while your cabin is closed up for the season.

Shut your main breaker if you can, leaving power to circuits that control the alarm and sump pump. Unplug appliances to avoid damage from a lightning strike. If you utilize propane, check with your dealer to review the best option.

Turn off your water and drain your system, starting from the highest point in your house. Remember to drain your outside spigot and hoses. At the same time, store them away, unless you feel like replacing them in 2022.

Put away or bring home summer items and clutter you have accumulated during the summer; somehow we all manage to do that! Leave your closets and drawers open so that air circulates through them.

Spend some time in the kitchen; this is critical, unless you want to come back in the spring to some unwelcome guests. Anything that is non-perishable should be in airtight containers, but a better choice is to bring them home. Clean out your refrigerator, and prop open the doors, so that fresh air circulates in it.

If you have a floating dock or swim platform, secure it to the shore, pack up your kayaks and canoes, inspecting each before you put them away for the season. Clean your lawn furniture, stack it up and place it in a safe place away from the water so that it doesn't end up there in the event of a storm. Ask a neighbor or a friend to keep an eye on your cabin and say good-bye to Summer 2021.

Beach 1 Bus Stop Information

DAVID MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Tuesday, September 7 marks the opening of school and the school bus stop at Beach 1. On Monday evening, September 6, the parking and traffic pattern at Beach 1 will be changed to accommodate school buses and to bar access to parking aisles from the Breakneck Road entrance. This change will be in effect until the end of the school year next June.

Please remember:

- Parking for those who enter the Beach 1 site from Breakneck Road will be restricted to the parking spaces in the "loop road" – there will be no access into either of the two parking aisles along the ball field or children's playground area.
- Stopping/Stopping is prohibited at all times within the school bus loop road.
- Access into both parking aisles will be available from the rear of the site – the Lakeside Drive entrance. You will be able to pass from one aisle to the other in the area at the loop road and at the rear of the site.
- Designated handicapped parking spaces are restricted under all circumstances to those drivers authorized to use them – the Vernon Police will issue summonses for unauthorized use.
- Parents are reminded that the tennis courts are for tennis only – children are not permitted to play in these areas at any time.

Parents who live north of Breakneck Road should use the Lakeside Drive entrance, leaving the spaces in the loop road available to others. Your cooperation is essential in making the school bus stop safe for all children and the drivers of the school buses. Thank you.



Boat Removal Notice from Docks and Racks

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Boats must be removed from all docks and from all racks on the eastern side of Highland Lakes by Friday evening, October 15, 2021.

Please take NOTICE that all boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. on all Club docks must be removed by Friday, October 15, 2021, in order to provide time for the Club's staff to relocate the docks for winter storage. This NOTICE also requires the removal of all boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. stored on the wooden boat racks and on the kayak racks on the eastern side of Highland Lakes by Friday, October 15, 2021.

In alternating years, once the racks are clear the wooden boat racks on the eastern side of Highland Lakes are inspected and repairs are made if necessary in the fall and in the early spring. In addition to maintenance and repair, the purpose of this program is to require that all boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. return home in alternate years, ensuring that for the most part the spaces on these racks are actively used by members and not occupied by boats, etc. as simply storage locations.

Part F. of Club Rule No. 25 provides as follows: F. TRANSPORT TO RESIDENCE, REMOVAL TO STORAGE, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS: Boats, kayaks, windsurfers, etc. of members stored in violation of these Rules which can be identified will be returned to the member's residence. Boats which cannot be identified shall be removed to storage. All boat removals will be subject to a special assessment of \$500.00. A daily storage charge of \$5.00, calculated from the date the boat was removed to storage up to December 15 will be imposed, when a special winter storage fee of \$250.00 will then be imposed. After June 15, a disposal fee of \$250.00 will be imposed. Boats may not be retrieved between December 15 and April 15. The Club may, in its sole discretion, elect to acquire title to any boat that has been determined to be abandoned, in compliance with the "Abandoned Vessels Disposition Law," N.J.S.A. 12:7C-7 et seq.

(Adopted May 16, 2014 / Amended February 15, 2019)

Avoid costly removal and storage assessments – remove your boats from all docks and boat racks as described above by October 15.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time
Clubhouse Committee – Tuesday, September 21 – 5 pm
Communications Committee – No meeting scheduled
Ecology Committee – Thursday, September 16 – 7 pm
Fishing Committee – Thursday, September 16 – 8 pm
Planning Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Road Committee – Thursday, October 7 – 7:30 pm
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, September 8 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, September 17 – 8 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.

Post-Season Beach Hours

KAITLYN NIX, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Due to lifeguards returning to college, which in turn creates a staffing shortage, the following hours will be in effect at our beaches for the remainder of the summer:

- Through September 6
- Beach 1: 10 am – 5:30 pm
- Beach 3: 10 am – 5:30 pm
- Beach 7: 11:30 am – 5:30 pm

Club Garbage Services End

Last pickup – Tuesday, September 7

The Club's ten week summer garbage pickup with Blue Diamond Disposal is ending with the last pickup on Tuesday, September 7 (due to the Labor Day holiday). Please remember - your garbage must be at out by 6:30 am. If you are a customer of Blue Diamond (973-598-9800) or Waste Management (800-633-9096), weekly services to your residence will resume on Monday, September 13.

If you have moved into our community over the summer, please note that you must make your own arrangements with one of these firms for year-round services.

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.

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Beach 1	<1	<1	14.4
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	2.0	1.0	2.0
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	9.7	5.2	3.1
Beach 4 – Bushwick	1	4.1	1.0
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	4.1	5.2	3.0
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	5.2	3.1	27.5
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	4.1	5.2	5.2
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	<1	<1	<1

Wanted – Wanted - Wanted

JOYCE HEALY

Ladies needed for Thursday morning bowling at Pin Street. Any skill level eligible. Great group of ladies looking for YOU to join in. Please call Joyce H. for more info - 845-544-3749.

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September 2021

Highland Lakes Happenings



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Welcome Back to School Ice Cream Party

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Friday, September 24

Hey Highland Lakes Family, I know it sad to say goodbye to summer but it's not quite over, I have a little ice cream party up my sleeve to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall and welcome back to the kids to school. On Friday, September 24, 2021, there will be an ice cream party, games and music. Please come join me for an exciting night. The fun will start at 7 pm. I hope to see you there!

Pool Tournament

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

What What!

Calling All Tweens and Teens, the Clubhouse is having a pool tournament on Friday, September 10, 2021, at 7 pm be there or be square. Please sign up down at the Clubhouse by Wednesday, September 8, 2021. There will be a first, second and third prize. There will be music, pizza, soda and water. Pizza is \$2 a slice. You must wear your badge.



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Halloween Pet Parade

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
EVENTS COORDINATOR

Saturday, October 23 – 2 pm

Highland Lakes first annual pet parade is here. We know you love your pets and want to show them off! Put them in their cutest or not so cute, scariest costume and come to the Clubhouse to parade them around. Prizes for best costumes. Cider and donut refreshments will be offered. Hope to see you there.

Happy Walkers

MARYJANE WISNIEWSKI

Monday, August 30

It was our last official walk, however, we will continue to walk weather permitting. Today we noticed the first sign of fall in the air. We all enjoyed our walk today noticing the different fauna around the lake. Following our walk we enjoyed our annual brunch as is our ritual, and another wonderful summer together. See you all next time.

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Jog-a-thon Recap

NANCY GRIMALDI

Saturday, August 21

We had a fantastic turnout for our 44th Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jog-a-thon with 36 people and two dogs. It was great to see lots of new faces; in fact, first across the finish line was a shirtless Calvin Jordan, clocking in at a mere 32 minutes, 15 seconds; and coming in a very close second at 33 minutes, 10 seconds was Justin Colledge, whose wife, Pamela, and two children also participated. Technically, Henry and Anna crossed the line BEFORE their dad, but only because they were on bicycles. Our fastest female with a time of just 39:54 was veteran runner, Christine Fleming, whose 11-year old son, Derek, surprised everyone with an incredible time of 39:34 as he tried his hardest to keep up with the lead runners.

As always, the Jog-a-thon is for those who enjoy walking around our beautiful lake as well, whether trying to best their previous time or leisurely taking in the scenic views. There were couples, families, friends, and we even had a fun group wearing Hawaiian shirts and leis, including the dogs! A huge thanks to my son, Thomas Grimaldi, who drove the Courtesy Car, giving out cups of water and bowls for the dogs, as well as a ride back to the Clubhouse on his second time around for a runner who made it to the 3 mile mark. Way to go, Jackie! It's wonderful to carry on the Jog-a-thon tradition for my dad who would be so proud and happy to know people are still participating and having fun at this annual event he began so long ago! Thank you to all who joined this year; it was so nice to see all the familiar faces and to welcome all the first-timers; we hope to see you all back again next year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY GRIMALDI



ALL BOAT REGATTA
SATURDAY, September 4, 2021

Awards - Many Awards Including ALL Boat Winner
A Joe Mastrangelo Trophy Regatta - Top Junior Sailor
Sunfish, Force 5, FJ, Windsurfer, Hobie and Open Classes

Any Crew Combinations

Bring your grandmother and your dog. Celebrate the beauty of Highland Lakes. Come sail with friends and have some fun!

Registration Saturday, 9 am / 9:30 am Skipper's Meeting in the Clubhouse

Lunch and awards provided

Donation requested \$5.00 per person. Pizza/Salad
Please try to register in advance so lunch plans can be made

RSVP to HLCCSailing@gmail.com

We will try to get four races in depending on the wind conditions

First race to start at Eckhart Center at 10 am

Annual Trunk or Treat

ANDREA COTTRELL, COORDINATOR

Sunday, October 24

Save the Date – it will be here before you know it.

Calling all ghouls and goblins! HLCC's annual Trunk or Treat and Costume Parade will be held at Beach 1 on Sunday, October 24 at 4 pm (trunks must arrive by 3:30 pm). This year will feature awards for best trunk as well as best adult and best children's costume. We also have some exciting (and not too spooky) things planned!! Volunteers are needed to help plan and set up as well as run the event that evening. Every year we get bigger and better thanks to our volunteers and helpers, and we are always seeking new blood...mwahahaha...If you can't help, please come with a decorated trunk and candy/goodies to give out. If you don't have a trunk you must come with a bag of candy to be given to others to distribute. This is a great community activity with the opportunity to get involved, have fun, and watch the kiddos jump, scream and laugh. Please contact Andrea Cottrell at akc.rrr@gmail.com for more info or to help. HIGHLAND LAKES MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS WITH A BADGE ONLY!



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Bocce News

DORI ZARR

A full contingent of members showed up for the group photos and games. They meet under their coordinator, Joe Pierni on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 pm weather permitting.

They're made up of about ½ men and ½ women wearing their lucky bright green shirts for lots of fun and good natured teasing. For information call 212-535-3270 and thanks to Priscilla Smith, their secretary. Play starts in early June and continues into the fall. Come try it out.



HLCC Men's Golf Classic

RAY LOUGHREN

What a year! On August 6, 131 of you came out to enjoy a day of golf and fun. We had old faces and some new. The competition was strong. Three groups tied with 12 under. The tie breaker went to the foursome of:

Mike Nassar, Chris Smith, Dana Weisbrot and Lou Caponi.

I would like to thank the Black Bear crew who always make us feel welcome as well as my co-organizers Mike Sweeney and Matt Bruenig. Thanks to Vin VanZile for the great polo design this year and thanks to Sue Loughren at Rooster Tees who I drove nuts with all the shirt sizes. Thank you Scott Robertson of Smokeys for their generous donation and to all the golfers who make this a special day. Thank you, and see you all next year. Friday August 5th - Save the Date. Have a safe and healthy year.

Pickleball News

KATHI TAYLOR

Our summer pickleball has been fantastic. Having our returning players joined by new players has made for some great games. It is so refreshing to watch how into the game the new players are. As we enter the Labor Day weekend I'd like to thank all those who have come out to play. We now start our fall season and with that comes new adjusted hours of play.

Ladies pickleball will continue to meet at 9 am on Friday mornings. Our night sessions for all members and their guests will meet at 5:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. As daylight begins to dwindle from week-to-week we will adjust to earlier start times. Throughout the month of September, if you are unsure of the start time, feel free to call Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689 or Peggy Warner 201-317-2654. New players are encouraged to come out and give pickleball a try. Bring your membership badge and wear sneakers. We will supply the paddles and balls.

Mark your calendars –

Friday, October 15th – Psychic Night

Check out the October 2 Newsette for more info

End of Summer Breakfast

RAY ZIMMERMAN

Sunday, September 5 – 8 am to 11:30 am

Tickets are \$7 for adults and children over 10, \$3 for children ages 3-10, and children under 3 years are free. Our chefs will prepare a delicious meal and the company will be the best - your neighbors! If you would like to help, please come down and volunteer for set up or clean up. It takes around 16 volunteers to make this breakfast run smoothly. Please contact Louise Staley at 973-271-9782 or Ray Zimmerman at 973-766-3359. Don't forget to wear your badge.

OnLine Imprints Donation

SUE BURUCHIAN

OnLine Imprints, LLC is pleased to have donated \$125 to the HL Swim Team from the sales of HL Swim Team sweatshirts. Presented to Coach Buchney prior to Awards Dinner. Thank you for supporting the effort.

Adult Halloween Party

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
EVENTS COORDINATOR

Saturday, October 30 – 8 pm – 1 am

I know what you're thinking...it's not even Labor Day yet. But fall, pumpkin and Halloween season will be here before you know it, so it's not too early. Dust off those costumes you didn't get to use last year, call the babysitter and save the date! Our Halloween Party will be back better than ever. Open to HL members 21 and over in good standing and their guests. Dance the night away with friends and neighbors. BYOB, snacks and your party attitude, the DJ will supply the great time. Price of admission is \$15 per person at the door. Tickets also available in advance at the Club office. If you need more information call the office at 973-764-4366.

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# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$83,570	45	97%
2	\$180,142	54	72%
3	\$263,424	29	102%
4	\$372,707	30	58%
5+	No Sales	No Sales	No Sales
TOWN	\$257,360	39	79%

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Brian Kloza captured another rainbow over Highland Lake on August 30.



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BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

The American Mink

We are privileged here in Highland Lakes to share our environment with a great variety of wildlife, bears, foxes, raccoons, wild turkeys, deer, etc. You may not realize that we also are home to the mink. You might see them scampering along the shorelines of our lakes where they fish, hunt and make their dens. In winter when the lake is frozen you might be able to see them playing on the ice near the shore.

Mink fur is usually dark brown with white patches on the chin, chest, and throat areas. The fur is soft and thick, with oily outer hairs that waterproof the animal's coat. The body is long and slender with short legs and a pointy, flat face. The toes are partially webbed, showing the mink's semi-aquatic nature. Body length is usually around 2 feet with up to half of this length being the tail. Females, on average, are smaller than males. Adult females weigh between 1.5 and 2.5 pounds, while males range from 2 to 3.5 pounds. Body length varies as well, with males measuring from 23 inches to 28 inches and females from 18 inches to 23 inches.

Mink are found throughout the United States, appearing in parts of every state except Arizona. They are also present in most of Canada, including an introduced population in Newfoundland. Only along the Arctic coast and some offshore islands are they absent. Although mink are found throughout North America, they tend to prefer forested areas that are close to water. Streams, ponds, and lakes, with some sort of brushy or rocky cover nearby are considered good mink habitat.

During the winter, female mink become fertile and mate with one or more males (who also have more than one mate). Both males and females begin mating at ten months. A female's pregnancy period varies from 40 to 75 days. The young are born in late spring (April or May), with litter sizes usually ranging between 1 to 8 individuals. Each newborn weighs 1/4 to 1/3 of an ounce appears pink and wrinkled, with a thin coat of white fur covering the body.

The young open their eyes at three and a half weeks and are weaned at a month and a half. They remain with the mother through the summer until fall, when they leave to establish their own territories. The average life span of a

mink is ten years

Mink are mostly solitary animals, with males being particularly intolerant of one another. They mark the boundaries of their home range using strong-smelling substances from scent glands. They are mostly active at night, especially near dawn and dusk. Mink are also skilled swimmers and climbers. In searching for food, they can swim up to 30 meters (100 feet) underwater and dive to depths of 5 meters. Mink dig their burrows in the banks of rivers, lakes and streams, or they may use the old dens of other mammals, such as muskrats.

Mink communicate using odors, visual signals, and sounds. They are fairly quiet, but rely heavily on odors for communicating territorial boundaries and for finding mates. Mink have excellent senses of vision, smell, and hearing.

The diet of mink varies with the season. During the summer they eat crayfish, small frogs, fish, ducks and other waterfowl along with small mammals such as shrews, rabbits, mice and muskrats. In the winter they mostly prey on mammals.

Mink have few natural enemies. They are occasionally killed by coyotes, bobcats and other carnivores. Mink, like most members of the weasel are aggressive and fearless predators. They do not hesitate to defend themselves against animals larger than themselves. Mink may be occasionally taken by birds of prey, or young in a nest may be taken by snakes, but they are agile, secretive in nature, and they blend in with their background, so they can avoid most predators.





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Sunday Sunfish

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

Wet Sailing – A Hurricane?? – Sunday, August 22

OK, so after a week off for the General Meeting, we were ready to sail, until mother nature told us that some hurricane thing called Henri was coming. Ahh, baloney – sailing is a wet sport, isn't it?!? Let's see, we might get wet sailing...duh!!! So we spoke with our hearty dock committee...yes, the young ones. The answer from Allan, was, "come on, I've sailed in much worse!" So, it was decided.

Eight real sailors showed up to weather. OK, so it was a few rain drops to start. And slowly came Rich rolling his boat towards the start line as the countdown commenced. At that moment we had our doubts; well, everyone but Rob S. – who is there on Monday waiting for the Sunday races. But as the rain picked up, so did the wind! No thunder with winds of 5-8mph -- come on Henri, you call yourself a hurricane...the hurricane that needs a cane!

Not only was this an enthusiastic field for the day, we even attracted Rob W. for the first time this year! In race 1, we started with course 3 and wound up with a downwind initial leg; this error was corrected to a course 1 in the second race.

Suffice it to say that on this day Rich was victorious regardless of the course. And Chip – awesome day dude, with a 2nd and a fourth – we now know what kind of weather you need! That goes too for JW with a great comeback in the first race to nose out James and Uncle Rob for 3rd and repeat the feat in race 2. James continued his stellar sailing with a fourth and second in race 2, while Rob W. and David had themselves great finishes with 5th places in Race 1 and 2 respectively.

- Race 1
- 1. - Rich Mastrangelo
 - 2. - Chip Ehrhard
 - 3. - John Wayne Wisniewski
 - 4. - James Sullivan
 - 5. - Rob Wisniewski
 - 6. - Mladen Kresic
 - 7. - Rob Schaap
 - 8. - David Goldman
- Race 2
- 1. - Rich Mastrangelo
 - 2. - James Sullivan
 - 3. - John Wayne Wisniewski
 - 4. - Chip Ehrhard
 - 5. - David Goldman
 - 6. - Mladen Kresic
 - 7. - Rob Wisniewski
 - 8. - Rob Schaap

Thanks again to Allan and Brett for bearing the elements and encouraging all the sailors. You really are the best! And a special thanks to our lifeguards, Robbie and JT Wisniewski, who would have had their hands full had the real Hurricane Henri showed up.

Please encourage your friends and family to participate, It's never too late!! For any new entrants, my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102. Spread the word. Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes.

Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

Saturday, August 28

They're back! The Gaston farm team, namely Dennis and George, were recalled from Virginia to once more grace the waters of Highland Lakes with their high-flying 360 degree helicopter tacks and assorted whirligigs (all maneuvers were unintentional). Some of these stunts were clearly visible in the first race as east winds challenged six thrill seeking competitors for the season finale last Saturday. Not the ideal wind direction but the key word here is wind. We had wind.

Race number one featured an exciting photo finish for the Dock Committee and bystanders alike. My nephew Joey (a.k.a. Little Shredder) and I were both coming in hot to the finish line. With about twenty-five yards to go and behind by a board length, I was forced to try something different. I chose a higher line to the wind, which luckily put me on a faster beam reach. I won by a nose.

In the second race, Joey was attempting to perform one of his famous starts. He waits on the dock until there's one minute to go in the starting sequence and usually times it perfectly. Only this time he said that he was being pressured by Dad who advised him to get out there with a minute and a half to go. This threw his timing off which was evident when he was about to cross over the line early. He abruptly did an about face which prompted one racer to declare "Joey, you're going the wrong way." He eventually dug himself out of this early hole and once again found himself knocking at the door. But it was too little too late. It was Justin who gave everyone else a taste of what the future may hold when it was he that ended up at the top of the podium.

A special shout out to the lifeguards for looking after our safety all Summer and to my Dock Committee members Mike and Joe Gaston. See you all at the Sailors' Picnic.

- Race 1 - Open Division
- 1. - Kevin Gaston
 - 2. - Joey Gaston
 - 3. - Justin Murphy
 - 4. - Bob Koeck
- Race 2 - Open Division
- 1. - Justin Murphy
 - 2. - Kevin Gaston
 - 3. - Joey Gaston
 - 4. - Bob Koeck
- Race 1 - Sport Division
- 1. - Dennis Gaston
 - 2. - George Gaston
- Race 2 - Sport Division
- 1. - Dennis Gaston
 - 2. - George Gaston



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SANJL Regatta Highland Lakes

SUE BURUCHIAN

Attention HL Sunfish sailors! Save the date of Saturday, October 2 for SANJL on Highland Lakes. SANJL, the Sailing Association of North Jersey Lakes, attracts sailors of all levels from around the area and gives an opportunity to all to compete in regattas on various northern NJ lakes. This is the last of four regattas for the season with this fun group, come out and enjoy!

- Race day schedule/Regatta Fee \$20
- 8:30-9:45 am: Registration/bagel breakfast
 - 10:00 am: Skippers Meeting
 - 10:30 am: 1st Race
 - No race starts after 4
 - Awards Presentation

Plan on it! Contact info:
Mark Buruchian - HL SANJL Rep
2233 Lakeside Drive West
Highland Lakes, NJ 074222
973.271.0213 (m)

Ladies Sunfish – A Tough One

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

Thursday, August 26

It was hot--really hot. Called a shortened C3 - two marks; white Clubhouse to red in front of island. There were light, shifty inconsistent winds. Six lady sailors came to “play”. Well not so much “fun” on this day- summer’s relentless heat and 2 complete whole lake wind shifts.

There was “bobbing” for wind, “oops I fell out of the boat”, “sailing without a main sheet”, “mark rounding problems”, “well there’s goes my lead” and finally,

“that’s it, I’m just jumping in the lake” kind of day! I give it up to these ladies.

There were achievements (always end on a positive note); Christine was right up in the front and kept her position throughout. Ellen got her bullet win. Kerri finished her first complete race. Patty did cross second but due to a “wrong way mark rounding” got a DSQ. Jessica DID have a beautiful lead and Mary Jane, thanks for letting us know the water was nice!

Let’s just mark this one “over”. Looking forward to wind next week.

Results as sailed over the line were:

1. - Ellen Wisolmerksi
2. - Christine Alber
3. - Jessica Castiglione
4. - Kerri Bednarick
5. - Mary Jane Kresic DNF (too hot!)
6. - Patty Thompson DSQ (finished second in line!)

Season Scoring Standings on the Club Board. As always, thanks to our HL Safety Boat, and Mark Buruchian as Dock Committee/Help.

All Boat Regatta: Saturday, Sept 4 - \$5 - Registration 9am at the Clubhouse. Annual Awards Sailing Picnic: Sept. 5 at Clubhouse 4 pm - all invited to attend.



Sailors’ Picnic

All Sailors...

Don’t miss the picnic on Sunday, September 5 at 4 pm in the Lake Room. Bring either an appetizer, salad or dessert. A small fee will be collected for the meal.

Force Five

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN

Saturday, August 28

Someone must have prayed for wind, because HLCC delivered! A very odd course 2, with some nice gusts in there. As we have done this year, we held three races to enjoy the good wind. A lovely end to the season. Thank you to Sara Gillooley for dock committee and to the safety boat.

Race 1

1. - Erika Rodger
2. - Mike Gillooley
3. - James Sullivan
4. - Justin Murphy
5. - Lou Iannucci
6. - Chip Ehrhardt
7. - Ray Mann

Race 3

1. - Justin Murphy
2. - Erika Rodger
3. - Lou Iannucci
4. - Chip Ehrhardt
5. - James Sullivan
6. - Mike Gillooley
7. - Ray Mann

Race 2

1. - Justin Murphy
2. - Chip Ehrhardt
3. - James Sullivan
4. - Lou Iannucci
5. - Erika Rodger
6. - Mike Gillooley
7. - Ray Mann



Catamaran Action

CHRIS ALBER

Saturday, August 28

Our last races of the 2021 season saw good strong winds from the east, allowing us to run 3 full course races to the red buoys on a course 2 pattern. In the first race, Reed, with his next generation crewmates Will and Doug, took a quick lead, with Rick and James following closely. Anthony and Chip followed, switching positions. In the second race, Chip took a fast lead with Anthony in close pursuit, and James and Rick closing in, but no boat was able to catch Chip. Although the third race started with the boats clumped together, Reed, Will and Doug came from the back of the line to round the first mark ahead of the other boats. Rick and James took an inside tack and passed all boats. Chip rounded the mark and took the lead, although in the final stretch of the race, Reed, Will and Doug closed in to give a nail-biting finish to Chip.

Race 1:

1. Reed/Will & Doug
2. Rick/James
3. Chip
4. Anthony

Race 3:

1. Chip
2. Reed/Will & Doug
3. Rick/James
4. Anthony

Race 2:

1. Chip
2. James/Rick
3. Reed/Will & Doug
4. Anthony

Thank you to the racers and everyone who made our season a success, especially our wonderful lifeguards! For questions about the fleet, contact Rick Thompson at captski@gmail.com or Chip Ehrhardt by phone or text at (973) 222-6755.

Sailing Tube Storage

LOU IANNUCCI, SAILING COORDINATOR

Remove by September 30

Please note all sails must be emptied from Eckhart Sailing Center and Comet Row sailing tubes by Thursday, September 30. There are no exceptions. Please comply accordingly. Thank you.

Sunday Sunfish

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

Nice and Cool! – Sunday, August 29

This was a week where we lost some vacationing sailors as well as younger ones having gone back to school. With unseasonably cool weather, the 8 sailors that showed up had high expectations, and the winds did not disappoint. With a steady course 1 (well, as steady as any winds in HL gets), we sailed modified red red white.

In the first race after some fouling at the start by yours truly (sorry Mark), and circles, the fleet had a very nice run down the middle-west of the lake with Mark and Rich jockeying for position. By the second mark, Mark had a narrow lead on Rich with me a close third (how?). The two leaders took off after the leeward mark not to be seen again other than the finishing horn sounding when Mark crossed the finish. JW made a miraculous recovery after almost losing his rudder to finish fourth just behind me. The rest of the order was James, Rob S., Chip and David. The second race was uneventful, with the same order for top 4, and Rob finishing 5th just ahead of James, followed by Chip and David.

Sunfish sailors, we are looking forward to our final races on Sunday – let’s get everyone out there (regular time – 2:30)!!! Also, we have the sailors picnic at 4 pm on Sunday, right after our two races. Also, next Saturday is the All Boat Regatta – bring everyone – all boats welcome (thus the name) for 9 am registration.

Race 1

1. Mark Buruchian
2. Rich Mastrangelo
3. Mladen Kresic
4. John Wayne Wisniewski
5. James Sullivan
6. Rob Schaap
7. Chip Ehrhard
8. David Goldman

Race 2

1. Mark Buruchian
2. Rich Mastrangelo
3. Mladen Kresic
4. John Wayne Wisniewski
5. Rob Schaap
6. James Sullivan
7. Chip Ehrhard
8. David Goldman

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