



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## A Look Back In Time

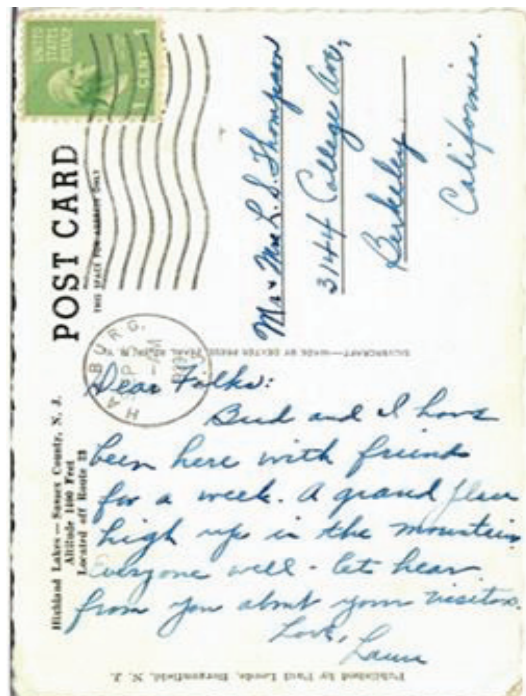
STU BLANK, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

When I said I would write an article about the history of Highland lakes through postcards I thought I had bitten off more than I could chew. After all, I am not a second or third generation Highland Laker, but a first generation with eight years under my belt. My wife is a second generation, so I have listened to her stories about growing up here; how big the beaches and the lakes were, etc. But then again, when you have been coming here since you were five, everything looked bigger...maybe because you were smaller? Since moving to the Lake we have collected postcards of Highland Lakes, and



they always seem to show a simpler, less chaotic time.

Take a look at the first postcard, postmarked Sept. 1939. It boasts an "Altitude of 1400 feet" printed right on the back of the card. The message is quite simple, yet powerful, "Have been here with friends for a week. A grand place high up in the mountains." Sounds like the perfect review of Highland Lakes.



## Petitions for Trustee Positions Available

ARTHUR D. DAWSON, Ph.D., ELECTIONS CHAIRPERSON

### Filing Deadline - Monday, July 27, 2020

At this year's Annual Meeting on August 16, 2020, elections will be held for full, three-year terms commencing October 1, 2020, for Trustee positions for Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5.

In order for a candidate's name for Trustee to be on the ballot, a petition must be filed with the Elections Chairperson containing five signatures from members in good standing in the section electing a Trustee. Petitions are available at the Activity Center only, Monday through Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm. The petition must be received at the Club Office or Activity Center at least twenty (20) days before the election, which means no later than 4 pm on Monday, July 27, 2020.

Once the petitions have been certified by the Elections Chairperson, Absentee Ballots will become available. The Absentee Ballot must be received at the Club Office, either by mail or in person, with your validated 2020 Membership Card enclosed in the provided envelope no later than Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 4 pm.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on August 16, 2020. If you do not use an Absentee Ballot and plan to vote at the Annual Meeting, please make sure that you have your 2020 Membership Card and badge with you.

## Upcoming Events

July 10 – Friday Night Lights



The rear of this postcard simply says "A typical Vacation Home." This early log cabin, with a unique starburst pattern above the window, was memorialized in this early colorized postcard. This card postmarked from August 1964 had the message "Every year things change, and there is something new to see."



Don't Miss the  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, August 16  
at 2 pm

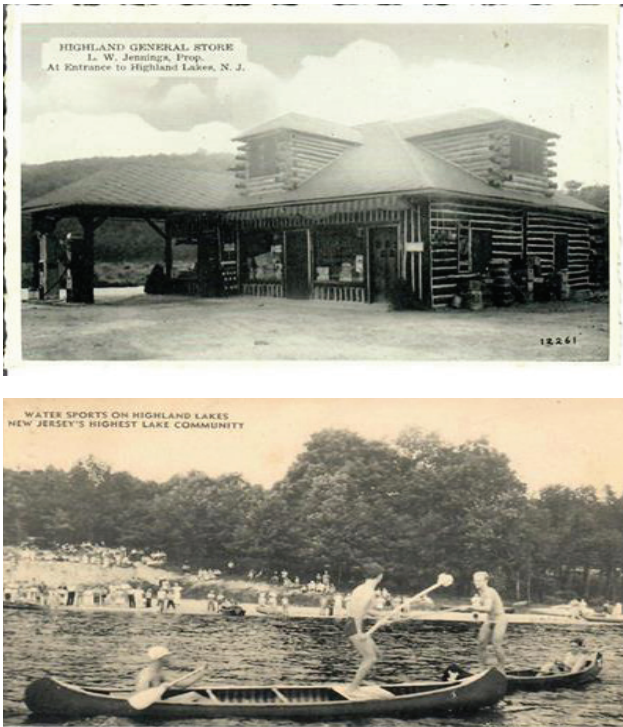


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While the General Store has been around since the mid 30's it looks a little different today than what was printed on the postcard. However, if you walk around inside the General Store today you can see hints of what it looked like. Imagine the log building pictured here, with its covered gas pumps.

Imagine yourself in the back of your parents' station wagon, sitting between your brother and sister (facing backwards!) looking at the cars while sitting at one of the many traffic lights on Route 23 thinking about how long it takes to get to the lake, and asking the typical question, "Are we there yet?" Only to hear the standard reply, "We'll get there when we get there."

Whether you fish, sail, canoe, swim or just want to hang out on the deck looking at the lake, there is something for everyone to do at Highland lakes. These postcards are a snapshot of the history of Highland lakes and even though things have changed, the beauty of this place remains constant. If you know where these hidden gems are today and you want to send an updated photo, feel free and we will share it on social media and in the Newsette.



## Guest Badge Policy Effective July 2

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

### Limits Established for Beaches per Day

In order to open and operate its beaches and facilities during the ongoing health crisis, the Club is required to maintain social distancing requirements established by Governor Murphy and other state and local regulatory authorities. As such, the Club was required to file a mitigation plan with the Sussex County Division of Health that specifies, among other things, the maximum capacity levels for each of our beaches.

Recognizing that we wouldn't be able to accommodate an indefinite number of members and guests on our beaches at all times, the Voting Board recently approved a policy that establishes limitations on the availability of guest badges—and guest parking passes—from now through Labor Day. It was carefully planned and thoroughly discussed, and while it may not be perfect, it achieves a reasonable balance between maintaining our regulatory compliance while providing for equitable access to beaches for members and their guests.

The major changes are:

A. General

1. for guests at beaches, a beach guest pass (BGP) will be issued.

2. for other guests (parks, fishing, courts, etc.) - the "normal" guest badge (GB) that is not valid for beach access is continued.

3. both BGPs and GBs are available from the Activity Center ONLY, open seven days weekly from 9 am to 4 pm. Lifeguards and Security personnel will not have access to beach guest passes or guest badges.

4. after Labor Day, guest badges will be available for

all Club facilities from the Club Office only, during normal business hours.

B. Beach Guest Passes (BGP)

1. members may purchase under their membership number not more than two BGPs daily for one designated beach upon presentation of the membership card or owner's badge, and personal identification. No guest parking passes for beaches will be issued.

2. beach guest passes will be sold for the day ONLY - advance purchases are not permitted.

3. the following BGP limits per day are established: Beach 1 - 15; Beach 2 - 10; Beach 3 - 7; Beach 4 - 2; Beach 5 - 2; Beach 6 - 2; Beach 7 - 2.

4. BGPs shall be valid ONLY for the purchased beach and not valid at other beaches or Club facilities.

5. if the BGPs do not permit entry to the purchased beach due to capacity limitations, BGPs are exchangeable upon presentation for other available beaches or refundable.

C. Guest Badges (GB)

1. guest badges are valid at all Club facilities except beaches and the swim lanes.

2. a member may purchase not more than twenty GBs per day for use at Club facilities (parks, courts, fishing, Clubhouse) except beaches upon presentation of the membership card or owner's badge, and identification.

3. advance purchases of GBs are authorized, provided that the purchase date is four days (including the purchase date) or less from the requested date. All purchases are final, not exchangeable and not refundable.

## Beach 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 milliliter. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	6/10	6/18	6/23
Beach 1	14.8	1.0	8.5
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	1.0	3.1	2.0
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	2.0	5.2	14.8
Beach 4 – Bushwick	4.1	1.0	4.1
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	185.0	1.0	5.1
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	1.0	1.0	2.0
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	3.1	8.5	12.0
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	3.1	22.8	17.3

## Badge Checkers Needed

URSULA FAHMY, CHAIRPERSON, BADGE CHECKING

### Join Our Committee – Get Appreciated

Volunteers are desperately needed for badge checking for the 2020 season. What a great way to accumulate your 20 hours and also enjoy our lovely beaches. If you are interested, please call any of the following captains. Let's all do a little something for our community!

Beach 1 Ursula Fahmy	973-764-6539
Beach 2 Sue Buruchian	973-271-0227
Beach 3 Mike McCleary	973-764-9131
Beach 4 Pat Gillooley	973-764-4459
Beach 5 Madeline Brancato	973-764-7486
Beach 6 Joann La Rocca	973-764-7329
Beach 7 Herbert Wetzler	973-764-2703

## Beach Hours

Beach 1..... 9:30 am – 7 pm  
Beach 2.....11:00 am - 5 pm  
Beach 3..... 10:30 am – 6 pm  
Beach 7..... 10:30 am – 6 pm  
Swim Lanes....12 pm – 4 pm  
Beaches 4, 5 and 6....12 pm – 5 pm – these beaches will be open based on staff availability- see postings at beaches.



## Activity Center Open

The office remains closed to the public. The Activity Center is open for your convenience seven days a week from 9 am to 4 pm. At the Activity Center you may pay the balance on your account, pick up your badges and permits, and purchase guest badges. Note: see the revised policy about guest badges and the new beach guest passes elsewhere in this Newsette.

## Athletics Clinics Planned

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

### Social distancing among children required

We welcome Orlando Gomez to our staff as Athletics Director who will be assisted by Kerri Culhane. They are joining our staff during very difficult and concerning times, with news headlines as this article is written indicating an uptick in corona virus cases in New Jersey, the reversal of certain relaxations, and the potential for further restrictions.

Based on the reduced volume of registrations and permissions slips received, combined with the prohibitions against sports activities recently lifted, we understand and share with parents the concerns we all have about the ongoing public health emergency and the safety of our children. We have determined that the Club's athletics activities for children this summer must be scaled back due to the requirement for social distancing and the requirement that equipment must not be shared.

It is also clear that softball competition among teams is not possible, and that no equipment is to be shared by youngsters. Parents: please make sure your child comes to tennis or softball with their own racket, baseball glove, batting helmet, and bat. When not actively at play, we are asking parents to help ensure social distancing among the children, and to practice social distancing among themselves.

We have determined that the best course to pursue is to delay the commencement of athletics activities until Monday, July 13, while continuing to encourage parents to register their children so that the number of children participating in activities may be properly estimated. This delay provides time for parents to consider the Club's athletics programs for their children this summer, and to complete the registration forms. During the week of July 6, schedules will be developed based on enrollments using the registration forms, and meeting times and days will be posted on the Club's website and in the Newsette of July 11.

Note: it may be necessary to alternate weeks of a particular program if enrollments are so high that social distancing cannot be maintained. Not only must children participating in activities maintain their distance from others who are not part of their household, parents and guardians must do the same while watching their children from the sidelines.

Registration forms are available on the Club's website at <https://hlcc.org/oldsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Events-Activities-and-Athletics-Permission-and-Registration-Form-Final-2020.05.12.pdf>

Below are the summer clinics with all days and times tentative:

- Softball / T-Ball
  - Boys Farm Team ages 4-5 Beach 1 ballfield - Mondays, 9 am
  - Girls Farm Team ages 4-5 Beach 1 ballfield - Thursdays, 9 am
  - Boys Mosquito League ages 6-8 Beach 1 ballfield - Tuesdays, 9 am
  - Girls Gem League ages 6-8 Beach 1 ballfield - Fridays, 10 am
  - Boys Grasshopper League ages 9-11 Beach 1 ballfield - Thursdays, 6 pm
  - Girls Butterfly league ages 9-11 Beach 1 ballfield -

Tuesdays, 6 pm

- Boys Little League ages 12-16 Field 2 - Canistear Park Ballfield - Fridays, 6 pm

Softball Beach 1 ballfield 1 and Canistear Park ballfield:

Competitions will be avoided. Instead, clinics will take place, focusing on the basics of the sport. We will work on proper hitting techniques as well as defense and base running. Each clinic session will end with a discussion of the importance of teamwork and how crucial it is in order to build championship character on the field of play.

Boys and Girls Basketball Ages 8-14 Beach 1 courts - Mondays, 5 pm:

The focus of the basketball clinics will be on conducting drills that will concentrate on the introduction of the game. Drills will include proper footwork on defense, dribbling techniques, as well as learning some offensive positioning. Clinics will end having a question and answer session on the strategies on the days' lessons.

Boys and Girls Soccer Ages 5-8 and Ages 9-12 Beach 1 ballfield - Fridays, 9 am

The objective of the soccer clinic is to establish small groups of players who will rotate among defined skill stations placed around the field during a reasonable amount of time. The stations will rotate during the course of the summer clinics so that the children would have a chance to maximize and address as many of the basic skills as possible.

Tennis - Beach 1 Tennis Courts

Mondays: 9 am ages 11-12

Mondays, 10 am ages 9-10

Wednesdays, 9 am ages 7-8

Wednesdays, 10 am ages 5-6

Youth summer tennis program for ages 5 and up.

Offers fun, exercise, and youth interaction through tennis. Includes one-on-one and group learning. Skills clinic and game play are included in every session.

Questions: please email Orlando Gomez, Athletics Director at [hlccathletics@warwick.net](mailto:hlccathletics@warwick.net) or leave a message on the Athletics Hotline by calling 973-764-6674.

## Friday Night Lights

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE  
ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

### Teens 13 – 18 – 6:30 - 9 pm, Clubhouse

Food and competition starting Friday, July 10. Team competitions to include: cornhole, dodgeball, badminton, egg tosses, water balloons, ladderball. Burgers and wings will be served for dinner. Age restrictions will be enforced, both young and old. Sorry parents, this is strictly teen time. Club Events, Activities and Athletics Permission form will be required.

Social distancing requirements will be in place--bring a mask. Be ready to laugh and be hungry, this informal competition will be on Fridays throughout the summer.

## Clubhouse Activities

ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

### Week of July 13 – 18 –Welcome Summer

We are going to run these activities and more. Check the Club's official Facebook page - [facebook.com/highlandlakesnj](https://facebook.com/highlandlakesnj) for daily/weekly updates.

Monday – July 13

9:30 - 10:30 am: leather craft (ages 3-6)

10:30 – 11:30 am: kickball on the lawn (ages 6+)

1 - 2 pm: make and take craft (ages 6+)

2 - 3 pm: kickball on the lawn (ages 6+)

Tuesday – July 14

9:30 - 10:30 am: bingo (ages 4+)

10:30 – 11:30 am: ping pong (ages 6+)

1 - 2 pm: bingo (ages 4+)

2 - 3 pm: ping pong (ages 6+)

Wednesday - July 15

9:30 – 11 am: tie dye day (all ages)

11 am – 12 noon: ladderball (ages 6 – 10)

1 - 2 pm: tie dye (all ages)

2 - 3 pm: ladderball (10 +)

Thursday – July 16

9:30 – 10:30 am: make and take craft (ages 2-4)

10:30 – 11:30 am: badminton (ages 8+)

1 - 2 pm: make and take craft (ages 4+)

2 - 3 pm: badminton (ages 8+)

Friday – July 17

9:30 am – 10:30 am: make and take craft (all ages)

10:30 am - 11:30 am: water balloon bonanza (ages 2 – 4)

1 - 2 pm: make and take craft (all ages)

2 – 3 pm: water balloon bonanza (ages 4+)

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Thanks to Bonnie Rubin for sending in this wild flower spotted near Beach 1



Beach Hut – Opening  
Saturday, July 11

No Bills over \$10

The Beach Hut will open Saturday, July 11 from 12 – 6 pm with limited offerings of soda, candy, ice cream and snacks. In order to minimize the amount of cash our staff must handle, the Beach Hut will no longer accept bills over \$10. Thank you.

For Everyone's Safety  
**DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**  
*During Races*  
**NO ONE PERMITTED BEYOND THIS POINT**  
*Except Sailors and Sailing Committee Members*  
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Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Last week’s edition talked about “What’s that floating on the Water?” This week we will talk about “What’s that stuff in the water.”

Orange Slime or fluff

Orange stuff is produced by a group of bacteria that uses iron as an energy source. This is the same group of bacteria that created oily sheens. The masses of bacteria create slimy or fuzzy-looking material as they grow and reproduce, and the slime becomes coated with rusty iron hydroxide. This is usually a natural phenomenon and is generally associated with acidic soils, however in large amounts orange fluff that fills a stream bed iron bacteria might indicate pollution.

In some areas, iron-rich groundwater may seep to the surface, and the iron drops out as it becomes exposed to air. In this case, the iron will appear as an orange crust or stain and will not be fuzzy looking. To distinguish between an oil spill and iron bacteria, break up the oily sheen on the water with a branch. If the sheen immediately goes back together the substance is oil; if it remains broken, then it is most likely iron bacteria. If iron bacteria is detected avoid skin contact, but feel free to continue monitoring.

Freshwater sponges

Greenish spongy-looking clumps attached to submerged sticks and plant stems in clear well-oxygenated lakes might be freshwater sponges. There are about 150 species of freshwater sponges that are often mistaken for aquatic plants or algae. Most sponges are green because they have algae living in their tissues. Freshwater sponges vary in size from less than an inch to three feet. They are most commonly seen in summer or fall. They may appear sporadically and be abundant in a lake one year and absent the following year. They are usually finger-shaped and can look soft or hard. Sponges are strong enough to be picked

up without falling apart, unlike many kinds of algae.

Bryozoans

There are other jelly-like blobs that can be confused with egg masses. Bryozoans, sometimes seen attached to submerged sticks or docks, are animals similar but unrelated to corals. What looks like an individual is a colony of animals, each with a whorl of swirling tentacles. Different species look different: some are wispy and moss-like (giving rise to a common name of “moss animals”), others are large and round, gelatinous, firm, and slimy to the touch. While they may be unsightly on piers and docks, bryozoans are not a water pollution and in fact help to filter water.

Egg Masses

Jelly-like masses and clumps floating on the surface of shallow, calm, waters or attached to sticks under the water might be the egg masses of insects, fish or amphibians. Frog eggs usually look like a round mass and float on the water surface. Salamander eggs are huge masses with lots of jelly and may or may not be attached to plants or sticks below the surface of the water. Toad eggs are laid in a string and usually are attached to plants and sticks. While amphibian

eggs are found in masses, fish eggs and other eggs may be found individually or in small groups. Long, flat, purplish ribbons that wrap around plant stems or lie over sand bars and brush are yellow perch eggs. These can be seen in early spring.

More on this topic in next week’s issue. However, with regard to algae in general, the presence of algae in a lake or stream does not mean the water is polluted. A diverse community of algae is healthy. Algae are important sources of food and oxygen for other plants and animals in the water. With the right temperature, light, and nutrients in the water, the rare organism might multiply rapidly, forming a bloom. When an algae bloom is persistent or occurs routinely, too many nutrients may be entering the water. Nutrients, (especially phosphorous) fertilize the lake just like they fertilize your lawn or garden, causing microscopic plants in the lake to grow.

Lake Management continues to work closely with Princeton Hydro and Solitude Lake Management to ensure the health of our lakes.

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# The Return of Sunday Sunfish

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

## Sunday Sunfish July 4 Series – July 3 and July 5

In this very untraditional year and time, beginning our 2020 sailing season on July 3 with the first two races of our traditional July 4 Series was a great reminder to all of us how lucky we are to be here in Highland Lakes. While the winds were not great and heat and humidity were high, no one complained – we all consider ourselves fortunate.

Before the season even began, all sailing captains met with our commodore, Lou, to ensure that we set the standards for safe racing at HLCC. The note that I sent to all sunfish sailors following that meeting, as updated, is published in a separate article. Sailing sunfish, or any other singles boat, for that matter, has always been about social distancing, unless you have a close encounter with a bunch of your favorite competitors rounding a buoy...The good news is that, at 13'9" and a 4 ft beam there is natural spacing.

OK, so the winds on July 3 were not the greatest – 4-5 mph gusts (at best) and we did some baking in the heat and humidity. While winds were typical HLCC variable, we sailed a short course 3 both races. We had 11 boats and welcomed 1 new senior, Joe Weingram and a couple of experienced juniors (Richie Amato and Dennis Jimenez).

In Race 1, I was fortunate to get a good start rounding the first buoy ahead of the pack going for the downwind (so we thought) leg towards the island. Approaching the island mark yours truly thought he had a good lead until I heard that very uncomfortable sound of an onrushing boat (boats) in the middle of a gust. Just as I rounded the mark, Rich "I am baaack" Mastrangelo ducked inside me and...was gone. Pulling up right behind me was David G. And that was the order of the finish with some disconcerting pauses in wind action before the end of the race. Our top junior in that race was Dennis, followed closely by James with Col. Wayne outdueling son JW at the finish for father/son honors. Rounding out the fleet were Richie, Joe, Maryjane, Luca and

Allan Napolitano.

In Race 2, Rich was ahead at the start. As he and I rounded buoy 1, we heard some jostling behind with the pack all seemingly approaching the mark at the same time. This allowed us to run ahead on the downwind leg. The competition for 3rd place was heavy as James just beat John Wayne and Maryjane, at the finish. Dennis, once again had a strong showing, followed by David G., Richie, Colonel Wayne, Luca, Allan and Joe crossing the line in order.

For Sunday, July 5th, we had a good crowd of 13 sailors, including 12 seniors. Welcome Kayla Murphy for the first time with the Sunday seniors! And welcome back Roger, Bill, Bob and Mark. While Sunday's winds were a bit stronger than Friday, the shifts were "vicious"...Ok, Ok, so at 5-7mph "vicious" is not exactly the right word, but not only did the winds shift, the pace varied from baking to decent gusts. In the first race, we agreed on course 3, yet less than ½ way down the first leg the wind turned 180 degrees. Mark put pressure on Rich, despite having an early season "rigging" problem. At the first buoy the groups began separating with Mark and Rich in the lead followed by yours truly. The second pack was led by James with our only junior Richie and David G. Bill, the colonel and Maryjane were jockeying for next position while Bob was trying to take them on the outside at the (what was supposed to be) the downwind mark. Before the island mark there was some anchored pontoon boat action that could have had consequences, but this expert fleet avoided any notion of disaster. The last leg provided some good gusts (yes, course 3/course 1/course 3...), accelerating the finish, with Rich beating out Mark, me and James and our junior, Richie, in fifth with David close behind followed by Bill, Wayne, Maryjane, Bob, Kayla, Roger and Luca.

For the second race of the day (4th of the series), we changed our minds 3 times prior to the start, eventually deciding on course 1, wait... 3...yes, yes 3 it was! Well no

matter, as the horn blew and the wind swirled, most of us (actually all 13) were stuck at the line like bobbing duckies in a bathtub. Eventually we got going, some down the middle of the lake and some closer to the east shore of the island. This made for an exciting turn at the leeward mark. The first 6, Rich, Mark, James, Richie, David and I managed a clean turn with some buoy room calls, while we heard the next group with some slightly louder calls. All clean...at the windward mark (or was that one leeward...oh yes...course 3), Rich, Mark, James and I managed to pull a bit ahead, but James and I got hung up right after the mark with some sail locking, which allowed the 2 front runners to race ahead, and almost caused the colonel and David to either chase us down or pile on. At the finish, Rich and Mark were in a true photo – with Mark nosing out Rich, James and me following a few lengths behind, with Colonel Wayne, David, Bob and Kayla close behind. Richie, Luca, Bill, Maryjane and Roger rounded out the fleet. Congratulations to everyone on good competitive races!

Thanks to all who showed up for the July 4 series. We hope to continue having a great turnout throughout the season! For any new entrants, my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102.

Thanks Allan and Brett for once again doing a fantastic job calling all the races, and especially Brett, who heroically rescued all dock committee stuff during a tumble into the water walking from the dock to shore. Brett, we are glad you are OK!

Sunday Sunfish team, please continue to stay safe and healthy. To that end, please read the 2020 Sailing Season article which mentions some of the rules for our continuing sailing enjoyment. I look forward to seeing you all every Sunday at 2:30 pm, if weather and the wind gods cooperate. Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates. The default for every week will be 2 races.

- July 3 - Race 1
- 1 - Rich Mastrangelo
  - 2 - Mladen Kresic
  - 3 - David Goldman
  - 4 - Dennis Jimenez
  - 5- James Sullivan
  - 6 - Wayne Wisniewski
  - 7 - John W. Wisniewski
  - 8 - Richie Amato
  - 9 - Joe Weingram
  - 10 - Maryjane Kresic
  - 11 - Luca Bonardi
  - 12 - Allan Napolitano

- July 3 - Race 2
- 1 - Rich Mastrangelo
  - 2 - Mladen Kresic
  - 3 - James Sullivan
  - 4 - John W. Wisniewski
  - 5 - Maryjane Kresic
  - 6 - Dennis Jimenez
  - 7 - David Goldman
  - 8 - Richie Amato
  - 9 - Wayne Wisniewski
  - 10 - Luca Bonardi
  - 11 - Allan Napolitano
  - 12 - Joe Weingram

- July 5 - Race 3
- 1 - Rich Mastrangelo
  - 2 - Mark Buruchian
  - 3 - Mladen Kresic
  - 4 - James Sullivan
  - 5 - Richie Amato
  - 6 - David Goldman
  - 7 - Bill Weiss
  - 8 - Wayne Wisniewski
  - 9 - Maryjane Kresic
  - 10 - Bob Tomsey
  - 11 - Kayla Murphy
  - 12 - Roger Kirchner
  - 13 - Luca Bonardi

- July 5 - Race 4
- 1 - Mark Buruchian
  - 2 - Rich Mastrangelo
  - 3 - Mladen Kresic
  - 4 - James Sullivan
  - 5 - Wayne Wisniewski
  - 6 - David Goldman
  - 7 - Bob Tomsey
  - 8 - Kayla Murphy
  - 9 - Richie Amato
  - 10 - Luca Bonardi
  - 11 - Bill Weiss
  - 12 - Maryjane Kresic
  - 13 - Roger Kirchner





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## Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

Our first race of the season kicked off on the 4th of July with a bang. NOT! Picture, if you will, windsurfers sailing through another dimension, a dimension not only void of sight and sound but of wind. A journey into a sea of nothingness. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition and it lies between the pit of sailors’ fears and the summit of their knowledge. This is the dimension of empty air. It is an area we call the Highland Lakes Triangle.

Let’s just say the wind was so light, it had the wind meter spinning backwards. In other words we were sucked into a vacuum, a vortex of sorts. We eventually emerged into an alternate universe where snapping turtles were passing us at lightning speed. Windsurfer chatter soon filled this air void with comments like “Am I moving?” and “Why am I going backwards?” At one

point we told Randy to pump. A voice came back from a black hole, “There’s nothing to pump”. The #3 red/finish course proved to be too long. Two of the eight challengers not only couldn’t finish but never even reached the red mark. Needless to say, the second race was canceled but as the cliché goes, we were all in the same boat (pun intended).

Sometimes there’s more to write about when there’s no wind than when there is. The good news is that it can only get better from here. The fleet welcomes our newest members, George Gaston and Dennis Jimenez. See you in the triangle.

- Results
- 1 - Kevin Gaston
  - 2 - Justin Murphy
  - 3 - Joe Gaston
  - 4 - Joey Gaston
  - 5 - Randy Staley
  - 6 - Dennis Gaston
  - 7 (tie) - George Gaston
  - 7 (tie) - Dennis Jimenez

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## Note to Sunfish Sailors for 2020 Season

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

Hello Sunfish Sailors. First, I hope this note finds you healthy and successfully weathering the unfortunate situation of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of us, who are not full-time residents at Highland Lakes have been sheltering here for the past few months and have seen a continuous uptick in lakefront activities in anticipation for the summer season. Of course, for most of us, the number one priority has been to ensure the health and safety of all our family members. Yet, we still look forward to the break provided by summer sailing activities.

Given clarifications to Governor Murphy's executive order 149 allowing organized outdoor activities, HLCC has supported our beginning the Highland Lakes sailing season, as scheduled. So, we are going to begin racing, with the following notes and rules (please note that any traditional rules not mentioned here still hold):

1. The first 2 races took place on Friday, July 3, at 11:30 am, followed by Sunday, July 5 at the usual 2:30 time slot.

2. The default on all of our regularly scheduled Sundays will be 2 races, beginning at 2:30, unless, prior to the first race, the dock committee in conjunction with the fleet captain make a determination to sail 1 race (e.g., due to insufficient winds). The exception will be no race day on the day of the HLCC Annual Meeting.

3. In case of high winds or storms, the race may be called by the captain earlier in the day. If we can use the hotline, we will, and I will send an email. It would be great if I could text everyone, so please provide me your cell phone numbers that can receive texts. Should conditions change while we are in the middle of a race (e.g., lightning), the race will be automatically called and any sailors should immediately head for shore and shelter, as is normal safety practice.

4. Our race season will include one throw-out for every 4 races (assuming a mini-

mum of 5 races). So, if we sail 16 races, there will be 4 throw-outs. This is what we the senior sunfish have always done, but we are making it standard across all fleets.

5. Given that safety is our number one priority, we are instituting the following rules and recommendations for this summer:

- While we should have an HLCC safety boat for all our races please note that sailing at Highland Lakes has always been at your own risk. So please remember that **ALL RACERS SAIL AT THEIR OWN RISK**.
- To maximize safety and minimize the need for rescue, all sailors are highly encouraged to wear life vests, even if you are used to sailing without one. You should certainly have one in your boat even if you do not wear it.
- To prevent turtling, and make it easier to right your boat, you may want to tie a jug (20 oz or milk jug – with a top on, or filled with foam like Great Stuff) to the top of your mast.
- To protect our dock committee (and the sailors), there will be no gatherings on the sailing dock before or after the races. Only the starting committees should be on the dock.

Please contact Lou or myself if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you all on the lake, a boat length apart.

## 2020 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

LOU IANNUCCI, SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2020 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road.

**\*Please note there will be no Jr. Doubles Sunfish races on Fridays this year.**

**\*\*Tentative Dates: All Boat Regatta - Sept. 5; Sailors' Picnic Sept. 6; SANJL - Sept. 26**

Sunfish Races – All races Sundays at 2:30 pm

Mladen Kresic: 973-764-0452

Note: 4th of July Regatta – July 3 - 2 races starting at 11:30 am

July 5, 12, 19, 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / Sept. 6

Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45

Krissy Amato 512-206-6717 and Dominick Beninati 917-

566-3136

July 8, 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26

Ladies Sunfish Races – Thursdays at 11 am

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

July 9, 16, 23, 30 / August 6, 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3

Force 5 Sailing Races – Saturdays at 10 am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

July 4, 11, 18, 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Flying Junior Fleet Sailing Races – Sundays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45am

Mike Gillooley: 973-764-4185

July 5, 12, 19, 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / Sept. 6

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3 pm

Kevin Gaston: 973-764-7332

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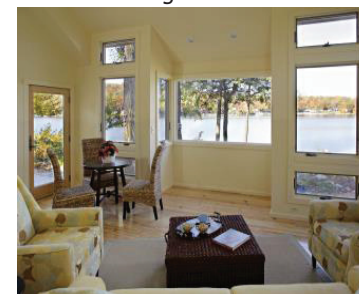
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## Next Newsette: July 18, 2020

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